

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
NATIONAL GOAL: \$165 MILLION EBC GOAL: \$20,000

As I have done the last several years let me suggest several levels of giving that also give examples of how the money is used to reach people for Christ. I ask you to pick a level that enables you to give generously & sacrificially.

- **\$3000:** production of gospel film in a new language to reach unreached people group
- **\$1800:** sewing training station to teach self-sufficiency to women coming out of sex trafficking (\$80 to purchase a sewing machine for a class)
- **\$800:** five tier training event over five years for Muslim believers to reach other Muslims with the gospel
- **\$500:** provides travel for a national believer to share the gospel in a neighboring restricted access country
- **\$445:** training, food, and travel for more than 90 pastors, leaders, & believers
- **\$350:** translation of a Bible story into sign language to present the life-changing gospel of Jesus to the deaf
- **\$230:** two sheep for a family to start animal husbandry work in order to share the gospel in an area difficult to access with the gospel
- **\$150:** one month in country language study for a missionary
- **\$100:** one-year website domain name renewal as a tool to spread the gospel
- **\$50:** 5 evangelistic packets with gospel tract and DVD for places where it is publicly dangerous to share the gospel
- **\$20:** 10 New Testaments to reach the 180 million people who do not have access to any Scripture in their language
- **\$2:** provides one SD card filled with audio Bible and Bible lessons used in places where it's dangerous to publicly share the gospel (excellent challenge for small children to see how many SD cards they can provide).

*Make checks out to Edgewood Baptist Church designated "Lottie Moon"

GOD'S FINANCIAL COUNSEL WHEN I'M DOWN & OUT

1. Rejoice in my spiritual wealth (James 1: 9).

KEY TRUTH: Look on difficult financial circumstances as an opportunity to demonstrate that true joy is not found in material possessions but in possessing CHRIST.

2. Follow the example of the Macedonian Christians in 2 Corinthians 8: 1-5.

- Give despite your CIRCUMSTANCES. Let the wealth of your generosity disguise the depths of your poverty (vs. 1-2).
- Give ENTHUSIASTICALLY. Let the spontaneity of your giving preclude the need to be asked (vs. 3-4).

- Give knowing you cannot **OUT GIVE GOD**. Let the sacrifice of your gift be an expression of your love for and trust in God (v. 5).

GOD'S FINANCIAL COUNSEL WHEN I AM PROSPEROUS

1. Remember the temporary nature of material blessings and their inability to give lasting joy (James 1: 10-11).

KEY TRUTH: It is not **MATERIAL** resources that will bring me through life's trials; it is **SPIRITUAL** resources.

2. Follow God's instruction in 1 Timothy 6: 17-19:

- Never confuse **SELF** worth with **NET** worth (v. 17a).
- Never confuse money in the bank with **SECURITY IN LIFE** (v.17b).
- **INVEST** your resources to impact the world for Christ & receive eternal rewards (vs. 18a & 19).
- Become known more for what you **GIVE** than what you **POSSESS** (v.18b).
- Give **SACRIFICIALLY**, not merely out of surplus funds (v. 18c).
- Become **PERSONALLY** involved in the work of Christ (v. 18d).

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

- Sacrificial giving is an act of worship which reveals the **WORTH** I place on my relationship with Jesus Christ.

...for where your treasure is there will be your heart also. Matthew 6: 21

- Sacrificial Giving is an investment which yields eternal dividends. The amount of my return is not determined by the **SIZE** of my gift, but the **DEPTH** of my sacrifice.

Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, all she had to live on. Mark 12: 43-44

- Sacrificial giving is a spiritual barometer which determines if God can entrust me with **SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**.

And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? Luke 16: 11 (NLT)