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GENEROSITY

Have you ever noticed that the
most generous people
do not necessarily have
a great deal of money?



The widow gave all she had, which amounted to less than a penny, yet she was blessed as a generous giver! In reference to this Bible story, I am faced with this question: Am I a generous giver? What I have learned is that the bigger our heart for God is, the more generous we grow in giving our time, money and abilities.

This year's Big Give emphasis has been designed to challenge and equip us to have a bigger heart for God and for others. Believing what God says about the depth of our generosity, our hearts will begin to imitate the heart of God. A heart of generosity is vital to accomplishing the heartbeat of The MET; connecting people to Jesus.

Our church is doing amazing things. Because of our belief and generosity, people around the world people are receiving Christ and giving thanks to God. I pray that our church's heart continues to beat in rhythm with God's, "For God so loved the world that He gave..." and I believe that God will do an incredible work and bless our generosity! I believe, do you?

Pastor Sal

*For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will be also.
(Matthew 6:21)*

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,
which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
(2 Corinthians 9:11)*



What is the Big Give all about?



From **November 22 – December 31, 2009**, everyone who calls The MET home will have the opportunity to participate in our missional offering called the Big Give. This special offering supports our worldwide missional endeavors; from what God is doing on our Jones and Fry Road campuses to what He is doing in our orphanage in Africa.

QUICK FACTS:

- Offering should be above and beyond your regular tithe.
- Funds will be dispersed to our **Global, National, Community and Multisite missional endeavors.**
- In 2008 we raised \$868,000 for these endeavors.
- A churchwide emphasis in which every ministry is involved.
- Check out BigGiveAtTheMET.org for additional stories, photos and tips on increasing your offering.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Sunday, November 22 Bag Distribution**
(Bags will be available throughout the Big Give emphasis at the entrances to the Worship Center and in the church office.)
- **Sundays, December 13 – 27 Bag Collection**
(Church office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23.)



“I cleaned
his dirty feet

and he discovered
what it meant



to connect to Jesus”

recounts Allen Owens, Camp Director at the Mexico youth camp. His name was Oscar, and when he returned home from the first camp his family immediately noticed a difference.

God had changed him and restored his family. Oscar no longer uses or deals drugs, he is no longer violent, he does not carry a gun and he is regularly going to church and reading the Bible every day with his wife and children. So he is back. But he is not alone. He is at this camp with his wife and two little children!

Your financial generosity to
the Big Give offering will result

in life change.



YOUTH CAMP LOCATIONS

Cambodia
Pakistan
Philippines
Mexico **China**



The MET co-sponsors camps around the world with the Rawlings Foundation and the Baptist Bible Fellowship. God has done some amazing things with last year's Big Give offering. We have seen:

- 100,000 youth go through our camps worldwide in 2009 (That is double from 2008)
- the first set of Youth Camps in China
- over 10,000 teens attend a Youth Camp in Mexico alone
- Over 35,000 people have come to Christ

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)

2010 EXPANSION

First ever Mobile Camp in the Philippines – goal of 5,000 teens.

Continued development of a new Youth Camp in Saltillo, Mexico.





She was abused by her husband

homeless, hungry,
naked and alone with
two little children!

This is the story of Jen who found Christ through The MET's ministry with our church plant and feeding center in Jinja, Africa. Led by Pastor Henry Sseviiri, Jen gave her life to Christ! Soon to follow, she became a cook at the Feeding Center and now has a renewed hope; hope for a better life and hope for a better future for her children. Your Big Give offering supports Jen's salary and the daily feeding of some 660 children in Kibera and Jinja, Africa.

Your generosity is overwhelming!



FEEDING CENTER
AND ORPHANAGE

Jinja Africa

We are nearing completion of our first building on our Nile river property in Jinja, Africa. This multi-purpose structure will house orphans and at risk children until family style cottages are built.



Blessed is he who is generous to the poor.
(Proverbs 14:21)



Then we'll be able to use this multi-purpose structure to house our people on mission trips, train area pastors, minister to the local village, house a medical clinic and a church start.

People all across the metro Houston area

are facing
uncharted challenges.

From family strains to financial stresses, it is during these times that people turn to something. The question is what will the something be? Most are looking for something bigger than themselves. Many find it through substance abuse, financial indebtedness or unhealthy relationships. The MET's multisite strategy positions us in communities around Houston to reveal that hope lies in a life-changing relationship with Christ. Now is the time for our church to continue its multisite expansion. To connect more people to Christ. To challenge our friends and neighbors to *live for more*.

Your Big Give offering is essential
to our ability to fulfill our mission
and multisite strategy.



FUTURE PROJECTS

**Master Planning of Fry Road Campus
and Kids Space on Jones Road Campus**
Further Development of the Hispanic Campus
Discovery of Additional Multisite Campus

**This past year was an amazing year for the
launch of The MET's multisite strategy.**



The Fry Road Campus launched in February of 2009 and has already seen 24 people baptized and averages over 350 people attending the weekend services. The Jones Road campus continues its impact by baptizing over 100 people. All together God has placed over 3,000 people on all of our campuses.

*Whoever is of a generous
heart, let him bring the
Lord's contribution.*
(Exodus 35:5)





He was a hearing impaired 5 year old



with no one to care for him, trying to find his voice!

He arrived at Boys and Girls Country in Houston unable to speak, fearful of the unknown and missing the foundational years of kids his age. Children are placed with around-the-clock caregivers in residential cottages. Lisa Johnson remembers the first time she met this little boy, "He could barely speak, we could not understand a word that he said. Our Life Group adopted the cottage and began to reach out to all of its residents." The Life Group makes on-campus visits each month providing general improvements to the cottage, bringing a meal to the

residents, providing relief to the caregivers, encouraging and teaching the children and flooding them with love, encouragement and occasional gifts!

If you ask Lisa why their Life Group gives so freely of their time and money it is a simple answer.



Because God calls us to be generous. He calls us to make a difference in the life of a child.



They were thirsty,



they were curious,

they were at their annual powwow where The MET provides free water and a gospel presentation of the evangi-cube. The six girls walked up to the water station in search of refreshing water, but they left the station having received the Living Water. The MET's financial support and ministry volunteers through the Big Give enable Bruce Plummer to connect Native Americans to the real Jesus in a real way.



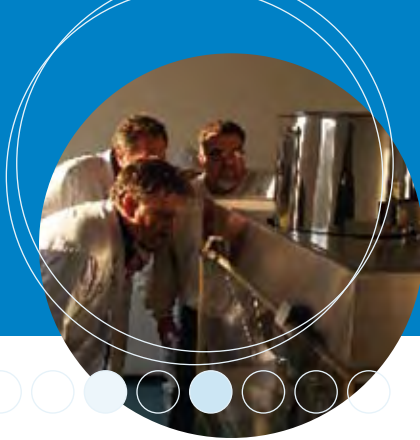
The MET's 2010 contribution to the work in Montana will go toward purchasing 40 acres of land. We will be able to increase our opportunity to minister through the building of a church, hosting VBS for children and impacting the lives of Native Americans in Montana.



The righteous are generous and give.
(Psalm 37:21)



Children are dying all over the world



and some of life's most simple
medicines can cure them.

This global need is one of the reasons why The MET has built a medicine manufacturing facility in North Korea. Our relationship with this lab will open doors and these medicines provide physical healing to thousands of children. Even though we currently produce over 20,000 pills each month, the need is even greater. Medicine is so scarce that a single aspirin or antibiotic pill is often times cut into parts and shared.



By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others.
(2 Corinthians 9:13)

Only God could connect The MET to Missionary Charlie Ross and open the door for service in a nation like North Korea to provide these critical medicines. This ministry has allowed us to build relationships, earn trust and demonstrate the love of Christ through compassion and service to the people of North Korea.



Your generosity will help see this vision continue and expand.



It seems to be happening all around



Over the next four weeks:

- All Life Groups will study what it means to be generous.
- We will participate in a churchwide challenge to *walk in their shoes* to better understand the needs of the people we serve.
- Both campuses will participate in exciting and inspiring worship services.
- We will celebrate the Big Give on Missional Sunday, December 13, by returning our Big Give bags.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.
(1 Timothy 6:18)



Generosity



How can I make a difference?

- P**ray about the ways you can participate in the Big Give.
- F**ill your Big Give bag with a sacrificial offering.
- R**eturn your Big Give bag on Sunday, December 13, 20 or 27.
- S**erve in a mission endeavor (**Global, National, Community, Multisite**) in 2010.

Read more about the Big Give at BigGiveAtTheMET.org

*Connecting people each day
to the real Jesus in a real way.*



Will God find me faithful?

- I/We are including our Tithe (regular budget giving) \$ _____ in our Big Give bag.
- I/We are returning our Big Give offering with \$ _____ enclosed.
- I/We would like \$ _____ from our Big Give offering to be applied to our REHOBETH commitment.
- I/We would like to be contacted about the many serve opportunities available through the mission endeavors (**Global, National, Community, Multisite**) available at The MET.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

All gifts will be applied to our **Global, National, Community and Multisite** missional endeavors.

Your Big Give gift will make
an eternal difference!



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