

Give Global

The Easter Offering for World Evangelism is a great opportunity to “give global” and make a tangible difference in the lives of others. Historically, this offering has greatly impacted our ability to fund the missions and ministries of the global church. This year, we face a forecast of substantial “lost ground” in mission giving. Our challenge is to *connect World Evangelism with the faces and places* that it funds.

Utilize the stories that can be hatched from within your local church... former missionaries, W&W participants, volunteers, community organizers, etc. Ask them to share how giving in local churches dramatically changes the face of missions here and around the globe. How are our dollars stretched ten-fold in Africa or Central America? What do we take for granted in North America? If you have the capabilities, work with your A/V people at church to produce a short (1 to 2 minute) clip to show several Sundays in a row before taking your offering.

Lastly, take ownership of World Evangelism! This is **OUR** church. This is **OUR** ministry. This is **OUR** offering and we give it thankfully, fearfully, and willingly.

Additional thoughts on stewardship can be found at www.nazarene.org/stewardship, www.nazarenemissions.org, and www.nazareneblogs.org/marklail.

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What does the empty grave mean for Gama?

Gama worked the streets as a prostitute in Malawi. Many things in impoverished countries lead women to sell their bodies: hungry children to feed, husbands dying of AIDS, impossible debts to pay. We don't know what lead Gama into prostitution; we do know what freed her.

The *JESUS Film* team in Malawi welcomed Gama to a showing one evening. Could something so simple change the life of a woman so broken? She watched the film that night and left quietly. Had she heard the good news? Would the empty grave mean new life for this prostitute?

A few nights later, Gama returned, this time with her parents. Not only had she given her life to Christ; she is already jumping into to Christ's mission to bring all people into salvation!

What does the empty grave mean for you?

- Sacrificial giving to the World Evangelism Fund...
- Provides for missionaries who coordinate *JESUS Film* teams – teams like the one that showed the film in Gama's city.
- Supports local churches in Malawi that will disciple Gama as she grows in her Christian walk.

- Sponsors ministries to rescue women like Gama from prostitution and sex slavery.
- Underwrites regional strategy to effectively minister in particular culture contexts like Malawi.

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How Much is Enough?

Could you be leaving too much money to your heirs? There is growing concern and evidence that a large inheritance may be more of a curse than a blessing for children who are unprepared for a sudden inheritance. An inheritance that is too large can damage self-confidence, create feelings of guilt and inadequacy, and destroy the will to be productive in society.

The best indication of your heirs' preparedness to wisely manage their future inheritance is how financially responsible and capable they are today. Remember, if someone is not faithful with a small amount, they will not be faithful with a large amount. Many parents are using charitable planning tools to create an annual income stream for their children to go along with an outright gift of estate principal.

Don't forget that all we have is the Lord's and we are stewards of it. Think carefully about your heirs' ability to wisely manage the wealth they will receive through your estate. There are alternatives. A combination of direct gifts to children and charitable planning with Charitable Trusts, Deferred Inheritance Trusts or a Family Foundation could make the inheritance you leave a real blessing to your children and to the Kingdom of God.

The Church of the Nazarene Foundation would be happy to assist you with charitable giving ideas and strategies. You can contact us toll-free at 866-273-2549 or visit our website at www.nazarenefoundation.org.

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Organizational Transparency in Finances

GMC releases 2008 donor report and audit statement

Global Treasury Services is pleased to release the 2008 Annual Financial Summary to our donors and the general public. It can be downloaded from the [Nazarene Media Library](#).

This partial financial statement, in US dollars, is part of the complete audited financials for fiscal year 2008, issued by the independently certified accounting firm, Grant Thornton LLC, as reviewed by the Audit and Finance Committees and approved by the General Board in their February meeting.

This is the second year the Global Ministry Center has provided this report to demonstrate our commitment to accountability and stewardship standards. Additionally, as a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, our financial information is also available on EFCA's Web site, www.ecfa.org.

General Treasurer Marilyn McCool credits and thanks Nazarene donors and friends for generations of giving. "It is through faithful and sacrificial gifts that the Church of the Nazarene's mission to make Christlike disciples in the nations can continue to advance even during these days of global financial uncertainty," she said.

Hard copies of the summary will be included in spring charitable contribution receipts to individuals and churches. Hard copies will also be available at General Assembly on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Questions related to the Annual Financial Summary may be addressed to donorservices@nazarene.org. Individual contributions to World Evangelism Fund and designated ministries can be made at web.nazarene.org through our secure online giving system. Gifts sent by mail for World Evangelism Fund and other designations should be addressed to:

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