

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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**MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK**

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**PRAISE** - We want to thank you for your prayers and support concerning the opening of the Kindergarten at Ntydiambougou after a long delay with the COVID-19 pandemic. We officially opened January 25, 2021 with more than 23 children.

**PRAY** - For wisdom as we have a friend in Bamako who has operated a school for the last 20 years. She will soon retire and return to her native country. She has approached us about buying the school, specifically as Christians, so that the Gospel continues to be shared.



## Declare The Gospel By Supporting

Jesus gave the church a very clear command—evangelize the world. But each church cannot do this alone. The only way we can reach the world before the “night cometh when no man can work” is to support the work of pioneering missionaries.

I first learned about faith missions giving while preaching in a missionary conference at the Marquette Manor Baptist Church in Chicago. I had been a missionary to Japan for five years and even pastored before going to Japan, but I had never heard of faith missions giving. When I heard the pastor teach on the subject from 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, I was convinced that this was God’s plan for financing missions. When I returned to my sending church after the conference, I could not wait to tell my pastor what I had learned. We agreed to present this to our church at the next missions conference. I well remember taking a faith missions card at that conference in 1968 and committing to give \$5 per week to missions. We have made over fifty faith missions commitments since then, and Virginia and I increased our giving every year.

Second Corinthians 8 and 9, two entire chapters in the Bible, are given to one subject—an offering. The offering was not for the church at Corinth. Instead, it was to be given for causes outside the church. When we think of our church financially supporting causes outside our own church, we naturally think of missions. It is an offering that is given through the church but not for the church.

God has a perfect plan for supporting missions with the offerings of the members. Paul points out that everyone should give: “Every man as he purposeth in his heart so let him give” (2 Corinthians 9:7). He makes it clear that this is an offering by grace (2 Corinthians 8:7). It is not something we have to do but something we get to do. He tells the believers that it is good for the giver: “This is expedient for you” (2 Corinthians 8:10). God’s provisions are promised to those who give. “He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6). “God is able to make all grace abound toward you” (2 Corinthians 9:7). These are only a few of the great truths taught about faith missions giving in these two chapters.

With faith missions giving, once a year every member of the church is challenged to give something above his tithe and regular offering to his church for missions. When these commitments are collected and counted, the missions budget for the new year is established. Perhaps the greatest benefit of faith missions giving is that it teaches us to trust the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 says, “Without faith it is impossible to please Him.” It works in any geographical location, and it works in any economical situation. God’s Word says, “Give and it shall be given unto you” (Luke 6:38).

Source: 3 Reasons Faith Missions Giving Is Effective by Dr. Don Sisk

## KEY VERSE

Philippians 4:15 (NKJV)

*Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: Philippians 4:14-23; Matthew 6:19-21**

### Introduction

1. Have you ever been part of a successful team or partnership? What made it successful?
2. Describe the partnership that Paul had with the Philippian church.

**Tuesday: Philippians 4:14-18; I Corinthians 9:13-14**

### See The Value

3. What was the role of the Philippian church in Paul's ministry?
4. Why is it important to give to missions? Who does it benefit?

**Wednesday: Philippians 4:19; Romans 8:14-15, 31-32; Psalm 37:25**

### Remember The Promise

5. List the promises found in today's scripture readings. Which one impacts you the most?
6. Describe a time when Philippians 4:19 was true in your life.

**Thursday: Philippians 4:21-23; Luke 16: 9-10; Romans 16:19-20**

### Invest In Eternity

7. How does Paul describe the believers who are with him and those in the Philippian church?
8. How often do you think about believers in other countries as being a brother or sister? Why is it significant that Paul refers to both the Philippian church and believers in Rome with Paul as God's people?
9. In what way is missions giving an investment in eternity?

**Friday: Malachi 3:10; II Corinthians 9:8-11, 10:15-17**

### Participate In The Offering

10. What are some reasons why people should participate in giving to missions? What are some reasons why people don't?
11. What role does faith have in your giving?
12. Our church has a Faith Promise Missionary Offering system. The commitments you make allow us to determine the number of missionaries we can support. Pray for the Lord's guidance in determining your level of giving in this area.