

This month we are focusing on efforts to raise money for our missionaries.

- Missionaries are perfect examples of people who like Paul and Silas traveled to other regions of the world to preach the Gospel but led by the Spirit to do so.
- We support over 50 missionaries each month.
- Some are global and some are local.
- With your support we can continue to do so
- Reality is, without your support we cannot do so.
- These missionaries are dependent on God, through us and we are dependent on you.

Supporting ministry is biblical

- Luke 8:1-3 lists 3 women, Mary, Joanna and Susanna who supported Jesus ministry saying "These women were helping to support them out of their own means"
- Paul' ministry was supported by a church in Philip Philippians 4:15-18 15 As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. 16 Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. 17 I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness.18 At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Let it be said that if no other church gives, the Lighthouse will give
Let it be said that we gave more than once (that is a monthly commitment)
Let it be said our missionaries have been generously supplied with gifts we sent them
Let it be said that we will receive a reward for our kindness and that God will supply all of our needs according to His riches and His glory.

I am asking you to prayerfully consider to be led by the Spirit in making a monthly faith promise to give to missions, either for the first time or to do so once again this year.

Questions for discussion:

- In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit lead you in a decision you had to make?
- Was there ever a time you did not listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- Have you ever been led by the Spirit to give?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today about ways you support the ministry of our missionaries?

