

# Local Church

## Go Into All the World

John 3:16 — “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

God’s grace is neither exclusive nor selective. God loves all mankind unconditionally. When He looks at planet Earth, all its inhabitants are objects of His mercy and forgiveness. The redemptive vision is given to all, and His grace is extended to each human being on the face of the planet. No one, however sinful he or she may be, is unreachable by the love of God.

When Christ was nailed to the cross, He was thinking about the salvation of all mankind. He gave himself as an offering of salvation (Ephesians 5:2), and His sacrifice had worldwide effects.

God has a worldwide people, a worldwide message, and a worldwide ministry. He offered His Son as a sacrifice of salvation with worldwide reach. In like manner, tithes and offerings are presented to the Lord for worldwide purposes. For tithes and offerings to fulfil the mission of preaching the gospel all around the world, they must not be used only in the local church, but rather circulate the world. Ellen G. White says: “God’s money is to be used not only in your immediate vicinity, but in distant countries, in the islands of the sea. If His people do not engage in this work, God will surely remove the power that is not rightly appropriated” *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 215

Tithes and offerings are part of the divine plan to carry forward the worldwide work of salvation. They must circle the earth so that the church can reach the goals defined by the Lord.

Our faithful Promise offerings, given as regularly and systematically as the tithe and distributed as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan, introduce people who live in mountain villages and large cities to Jesus. The Combined Offering Plan proposes that 50 to 60% of your Promise offerings should help support the missionary work of your local church; 20 to 30% should support the regional missionary endeavours of your conference; and 20% go to the World Missionary Fund (or World Budget), which supports overseas missionaries, missions, programs, projects, and institutions focused on preparing more missionaries.

**Appeal:** Let’s give faithfully so God’s work can be finished and we can meet again in heaven.