

New Lifer News



General Fund Giving Shortfall

by Dave Troyer

The Director Team keeps an eye on our giving and spending patterns for the elders. This past Tuesday, our Finance Director, John Austin, came to the elder meeting to report on our current giving and spending patterns. Our target for the 09-10 fiscal year for general fund giving is \$1,000,000. Our current projection shows the possibility of a **\$65,000 shortfall by August 31st 2010 if our current giving pattern continues.**

Our spending pattern continues to be restrained. We have asked our staff and leaders to make cuts and hold down spending. In addition, the staff did not get increases in 2009. So we have all felt the pain. We continue to look for ways to make cuts that will not impact our overall mission. However, there isn't much discretionary spending left where cuts can truly be made.

So why is the general fund giving down? It may be a number of factors. The most obvious reason is that we're in the middle of an economic recession. The economy has begun to recover, but there are still many who don't have jobs or are working reduced hours. If this is your situation, don't feel guilty. Do what God calls you to do and let the rest in His hands.

However, we are calling New Lifers to pray about giving to the General Fund. If we all do our part, I am sure God will provide. If you have been blessed by the mission, vision, and ministry of this church, please consider giving toward the shortfall.

Whenever, I pray about my own giving, I go back to Mal 3:10. It says: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." NIV

My Mom used to challenge me in my giving in a different way! She'd say, "You can't out give God." There's a verse in Luke 6:38 that says: Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." NIV

I've often said, that if you use a thimble sized container to give to God, He has a thimble sized container to bless you back. If you have a barrel sized container to give to God, He has a barrel sized container to bless you back. I'd sure like my container to be barrel sized. Because the measure you use is also the measure that God uses to bless you. The picture is of a blessing where there's not enough room to contain it.

So please pray about your part in giving to the general fund. I tithe to my local church first and then give above and beyond the tithe to other worthwhile ministries. Let's join together in prayer and giving to overcome the shortfall.

We believe that the New Life church family has always been generous in their giving. Whenever, we let you know about a need, you have always stepped up and met the need. The elders are asking you to pray about your part in overcoming the shortfall. Would you join us in praying for an increase in the giving over the summer months! That's normally a time when people are away and giving goes down. If we all do all part, we can see the shortfall dealt with.



Faith Promise Making a Difference

by Dennis Sohn

In 2008 a New Life Missions team met with Arek & Julita and their leaders to help formulate a plan to reaching the youth of Poland for Jesus. Out of this meeting came the Vision: *to reach the unreached young generation in order to influence the reality of the country and induce a spiritual renewal of the people of Poland.*

What came out of that planning was, "The Academy of Conquerors. Leadership Training Course". Twenty-four (24) young people have been meeting regularly for the past year to learn how to minister to others about the Lord.

New Life was able, through Faith Promise giving, to provide the funds for the first year for the entire program! Over \$ 10,000 USD was given to pay for the leaders, meeting space, materials and supplies.

In 2009 New Life challenged this small but growing church to establish Faith Promise giving in their church. The small church has outgrown their rented space and was praying for a way to buy land to build a new building. The New Life Global Missions Team wanted to be able to help, but also encourage the Polish church to give sacrificially for the need of funds to buy the land. So a partnership was established between New Life and the Polish church, that for every dollar the Polish church could raise over a six (6) month period, New Life would give them three (3)! The idea behind giving 3 to 1, is that the conversion rate to the US dollar against the Polish dollar is three to one.



Missionary/Pastor
Arek & Julita Rachwalski

HIGHLIGHTS

- May 2nd, the team from New Life presented to the Polish church, \$ 15,000 USD towards buying land. The Polish church raised \$5,000 USD which is a miracle, given the fact that the average income in Poland is about \$ 7,000 USD a year!
- The New Life team was involved in the Academy of Conquerors graduation of the 24 young people on May 8th.
- The New Life team and the local Polish ministry was involved in outdoor evangelistic outreaches on three nights, by showing the movies Fireproof and Facing the Giants outdoors. New Life obtained the license to show the films in a group setting.



New Life Poland Mission Team

Please continue to pray for our partners in Poland, *as well as giving towards the Faith Promise* giving which helps our missionaries around the World fulfill their ministry "Dreams."