

# Thankful Giving for World Evangelism Fund

## Giving Thermometer

Set up a large display area or use the main bulletin board at your church to advertise the upcoming Thanksgiving Offering. Below the words, “Thanksgiving Offering” and the date(s) your church will receive the offering, place a large thermometer chart (made from heavy construction paper or other suitable material). Sections representing sums of money raised should be marked to the side of the thermometer, and your church’s giving goal posted at the top. Below the thermometer post the words, “Give thanks with a grateful heart” or “God loves a cheerful giver.”

## ‘Thank You’ Notes

A few weeks prior to the offering, encourage members to submit cards with thoughts, quotations, and/or Bible verses that centre on giving thanks. All should be involved—children, youths, and adults. Encourage each person to submit as many cards as possible with a different reason for thankfulness on each one, placing his/her name on each card. On the back of one of the cards, the individual should indicate the amount he/she plans to give for the Thanksgiving Offering with the words, “My thanks to God means \$\_\_\_\_\_.”

As the offering is received over the weeks, it should be tallied and the gauge of the thermometer (mentioned above) will reflect the increase so that all may see the progress made. (If your church will receive the offering on one day, the pledges for the offering can be marked on the thermometer.)

Throughout the period of collection, several of these verses/quotes should be displayed at strategic points throughout the church so people will be constantly reminded of cultivating an attitude of thankfulness.

On the day of the final offering, decorate the entrance of the church with anything depicting “harvest.” As people arrive, they should be engaged in the singing of hymns/choruses reflecting thanks. Recognize the individual who submitted the most thoughts/quotes. A brief explanation should be given on the purpose of the offering, using PowerPoint. The message for the day should also be geared towards the importance of giving to missions with a heart of thanksgiving.

At the end of the service, an announcement should be given, stating the level of the Thanksgiving thermometer. If the church is short of its goal, an appeal for additional giving may be made.



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