



Giving from Our Resources

There are two Bible stories of giving that come to mind as I write this. The first is the story of the widow and the pot of oil and flour she used to provide a meal for the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17). The second is the example of the widow giving her two low-value coins as she entered the temple (Luke 21).

For NMI, the November, December and January focuses on Thanksgiving Offering, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), and Volunteer Ministries respectively. Sure, NMI is concerned with the raising of funds for World Evangelism Fund through the Thanksgiving Offering. There is, however, more to “Giving” in NMI than finance.

The NMI objective of Giving is based on giving from our resources. Our resources extend beyond finance. It is therefore appropriate that the three areas of Thanksgiving Offering, NCM, and Volunteer Ministries are sequential in our calendar. As we bring from our financial resources, we are also encouraged to consider giving of other resources—time, gifts, skills, and talents:

- Pray (and give) for the projects requiring support from NCM.
- Ask yourself if you have gifts and skills to take part in a volunteer ministry.
- Give time to pray, donate your time to volunteer, give from your finances to support those who “Go” as career missionaries. There is more to giving than finance.

Of the two stories to which I referred at the opening of this short article, only one involved money. The point was not that the widow gave two low-value coins, but rather that she gave from her resources and her all.

Let us continue to support World Evangelism Fund, but let us also look and seek the Lord for how He would have us give from all of our resources.

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Philip Weatherill
Global NMI President

