

## Treasuring His Word

### From the Pastor's Heart:

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

This is the Week of Prayer for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This provides a way for us to “lay up treasures in heaven.” There are 180 million people without access to any Scripture in their heart language, and another 1.5 billion do not have a full Bible, but only portions in their first language. \$10 will purchase a Bible in a local language. \$20 buys 10 New Testaments, and \$60 secures Bible study materials for new believers.

Reaching non-literate societies or the Deaf requires creativity to seek out methods that accurately present the life-changing gospel of Jesus. \$10 provides USB for unreached Deaf peoples, and \$350 funds translating a Bible story into sign language.

Unreached communities can often be accessed through medical workers providing desperately needed healthcare in hard-to-reach places. \$5 purchases 20 clean syringes. \$28 secures diabetes test kit and strips. \$300 funds the renewal fee for an IMB doctor's professional license.

There are so many different ways our Lottie Moon dollars are used to get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people around the world. Thank you for giving above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to see this great ministry flourish. Having received the 2019 Proposed Budget for First Baptist, please take the time to notice the different ways we are blessed to be part of the work of the kingdom of God. We will formally present the budget on Sunday, December 9, and we will discuss the budget on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 PM in Room 210. Then, we'll vote on the budget by ballot on Sunday morning, December 16, without discussion. Much appreciation goes to all of you who continue to be so faithful in your giving!