

Treasuring His Word . . .

From the Pastor's Heart:

“He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed... He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered... He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor” (Proverbs 19:17; 21:13; 22:9).

Each October, Southern Baptists work together to focus on Global Hunger Relief, responding to the issues of hunger in the United States and around the world. 100% of all gifts to the Global Hunger Relief offering go directly toward meeting hunger needs. Here in the United States of America, 1 out of every 6 people struggles with hunger. In sub-Saharan Africa, 1 out of every 4 people suffers from hunger. Worldwide, poor nutrition causes 45% of deaths of children under the age of 5. Giving to Global Hunger provides us with an opportunity to be faithful to the Scriptures above.

How is my dollar spent when I send it to the Global Hunger Offering? When any dollar is contributed, unless the donor designates it otherwise, the first 25% stays within the state of Alabama to assist Associations with food pantries. Of the remaining portion, 80% is sent to the International Mission Board for overseas hunger projects, while 20% is channeled to the North American Mission Board to support hunger projects in the United States and Canada.

Because personnel and volunteers are already in place, and promotional expenses come through other budgets, 100% of your gift is used to minister to the hungry in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is not always easy to discern the overhead and administrative costs drained by some television and internet ministries. But when you give to Global Hunger, you can be assured that ALL of your offering actually goes to assist those who are hungry, and it goes with the Gospel of Christ. Feeding hungry people around the world and sharing the “Bread of Life” with those who hunger for the good news of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, is a wonderful way to be the Body of Christ on this earth. Global Hunger Funds are available to Southern Baptist missionaries to meet food-related needs such as assisting people with receiving food, buying food, growing food and/or using property designed to develop a harvest. Most of us are so wealthy in comparison to the rest of the world, there is no reason we cannot help be “gracious to the poor” and “lend to the Lord” in the process. Give to Global Hunger this month!