

Here's why you should join the movement of those who give generously, faithfully and intentionally:

1. You can be part of something greater than yourself. Ultimately, this is what we all want. Isn't it?
2. You might never see the fruit of your sacrifice. Financial giving doesn't get more selfless than this.
3. The only thing greater than giving with zero hope of benefitting from it is getting a glimpse of the impact you are having. Your heart might follow your money, and take you on a mission trip.
4. Saving up for Special Missions trains us in restraint and long term strategic giving.
5. Thinking about how the other 99% of the world lives helps us re-calibrate our life as part of the 1%. Perspective is beautiful.
6. It teaches us that a group of determined followers of Jesus can do amazing things together.
7. Giving up a few lattes a month, adds up to much more than you thought. Are there other things you are overspending on?

What else has giving to Special Missions taught you?

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• ***Gerry Fredrick (1946-2014): A Hero of Hope***

Randy Jordan & Mike Fontenot — Monday, 28 April 2014

At HOPE worldwide, we faced the news of Gerry Fredrick's passing with heavy hearts. Gerry and his wife, Jeannie, served for many years on the HOPE worldwide team at headquarters. Gerry served as HOPE worldwide's first Chief Administrative Officer...

• ***HOPEww Brigades in Guatemala Bear Fruit In Many Ways***

David Mitchell, Randolph NJ — Monday, 28 April 2014

I received some amazing news last night. This mom (pictured on the far right) came out this past February to the HOPE worldwide Community Service Brigade in Guatemala. We started talking while she was at...

• ***London, England: A One Year Challenge City Disciple Adventures*** — Thursday, 24 April 2014

The London International Church of Christ is looking for disciples looking to get trained through their One Year Challenge. With a city of 8 million people and over 40 universities, there are a lot of opportunities...

• ***Register Now for 2014 New England Christian Conference***

Tom Caswell, Worcester, MA — Wednesday, 23 April 2014

This inspiring, faith changing weekend will bring disciples from all our New England churches together on August 1 -3 in Providence, Rhode Island to unite our fellowship and deepen our faith as we hear life...

7 Great Reasons to Give to Special Missions

• **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2014 HOPEworldwide Global Summit

Long Beach, CA USA
May 16-18, 2014

US International Campus Ministry Conference

St. Louis, Missouri, USA
July 4-6, 2014

Vietnam Church 20th Anniversary

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

July 5-6, 2014

New England Christian Conference

Providence, Rhode Island, USA

August 1-3, 2014

ICOC International Leadership Conference & Delegates Meeting

Singapore

August 22-30, 2014

International Singles Conference

Denver, CO, USA

September 26-28, 2014

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One of the most remarkable characteristics of ICOC churches worldwide has always been our missionary spirit. Every year, ordinary Christians all over the world show extraordinary generosity so the gospel can spread. Every year, there is a Special Missions offering, and tens of thousands faithfully give. Missional giving has become part of our DNA.

I've been both on the receiving side and the giving side of Special Missions. In 1995, I was one of the many transformed by Jesus in Moscow, Russia. Through the years, I have had the chance to look into the eyes of disciples, without whose sacrifice I would have not been saved. It's a powerful experience. Even more powerful is the sense of joy and purpose they all seem to carry with them.



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