



Advancing the Gospel through Generous Living

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Welcome to the *Acts 1:8* Project! In lieu of a typical building campaign, for the next 12 months, we feel led to advance the gospel using the outline Jesus gave us in Acts 1:8 including our Jerusalem (city), Judea (region), Samaria (country) and to the ends of the earth (world).

Overview

The chart on the back lists our missions partners and examples of the funds they would receive if we collectively give \$750,000 (left column), \$1 million (center column), and \$1.25 million (right column). These are just examples. The actual amount they will receive is based on the amount given. Each of our missions partners will get a set percentage of the total offering, minus the \$250,000 loan payment that is due on our North Campus property.

How were our partners chosen?

Our partnerships are based on a principle taught by Jesus: *"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much...'"* (Matthew 25:23) We've been working with each of our missions partners long enough to know they will be responsible with the funds. These people and organizations are missions all-stars.

How will the funds be distributed?

Brock Cummins, our Discipleship & Missions Pastor, has developed a plan for disbursing our offerings throughout the 12-month period of our *Acts 1:8* Project. When one of our teams goes to Tanzania, for example, they will take a check for 90% of the pledged amount for the orphan ministry in Mavuno Village. The remaining percentage will be given at the end of our campaign based on our actual receipts.

This will protect our church from over-extending our missions budget if receipts fall short of pledges. It will also allow us to spread out the gifts to our missions partners over the whole year instead of waiting until the very end of the project. All monies received by Forest Park will be given away according to the percentages listed on the back of this document.

How will the funds be used?

Naturally, the loan payment will reduce our debt. Our partners have work they've been wanting to do and have been praying for God to provide the funding. The offerings we forward to them will be an answer to their prayers! Each organization receiving funds will report back to us how the money was used and how God used it to change lives. We will deliver these reports to the Forest Park family making 2018 an exciting year of celebration. Note the Millers, Smiths and Enochs are part of the Forest Park family and the gifts to them (3% of the total) will be given as love offerings to use for their personal needs. All three of these families have made large sacrifices (financial and otherwise) to extend the gospel, and our gifts will help keep them on the field.

How can I get involved?

November 19 is commitment Sunday. Anyone who feels led to participate will bring an offering (over and above our regular giving) and/or a pledge for how much we intend to give over the next 12 months. Begin asking God to show you His will. Most importantly, begin praying for our missions partners. Ask God to use the *Acts 1:8* Project to advance the gospel around the world.

Acts 1:8 Project

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Pledged Total				
Description	%	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
Jerusalem (Our City)				
Balloon Payment (North Property Loan)	Fixed	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Mission Joplin / WMU House	3%	\$15,000	\$22,500	\$30,000
Forest Park Servant Evangelism	2%	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000

Judea (Our Region)				
Watered Gardens	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
LifeChoices	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
Missouri Missions Offering	2%	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Smiths (Baptist Student Union)	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000

Samaria (Our Country)				
North American Mission Board	8%	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$80,000
Samaritan's Purse (Disaster Relief)	2%	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Centro Familiar Cristiano - Kansas	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Sojourn Church - North Dakota	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Friesens - Rhode Island (Campus Crusade)	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000

Ends of the Earth (Our World)				
International Mission Board	25%	\$125,000	\$187,500	\$250,000
Forest Park Missions	9%	\$45,000	\$67,500	\$90,000
Pioneer Missions - Brazil	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
Bangkla Baptist Clinic - Thailand	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
Mavuno Village - Tanzania	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
Grace Mission - Haiti	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
In His Hands Orphan Outreach - Haiti	5%	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$50,000
Forest Park Missions Trip Scholarships for First-Timers	4%	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
Baptist Global Response - Disaster Relief	2%	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Delmas Baptist Church - Haiti	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Ammi Baptist Church - Mexico	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Millers - Middle East	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000
Enochs - Kenya (Rift Valley Academy)	1%	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000

Total	100%	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000
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If the campaign exceeds the \$1,250,000 goal, all additional funds will be used to make another loan payment on the Forest Park North debt.