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In The United Methodist Church, we support over 450 mission projects and worthy causes worldwide. We feed the hungry, heal the sick, house the homeless, encourage and give hope to the poor and oppressed, educate children and adults, and offer training and support in a wide variety of trades and vocations. We save lives. We do great good. And to fully fund all the mission work around the world and in our own neighborhoods and communities, it costs just \$1.79 per week, per member or regular participant in our churches.

This is less than \$100 a year! What we give through the church is a powerful force for good. Starving and sick children are given a future. Families are kept healthy and whole. As we live our discipleship through the gifts we give, the world is truly transformed. What we give – even if it is a small amount – makes a huge difference.

Our challenge this year is to “live, give, and love... beyond all expectation.” This means each of us is called on to do more – a little or a lot. To give more time. To commit more energy. To share more of our resources. To step out of our comfort zones and not just do good things, but to do GREAT things to honor and glorify God.

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