

## **One Shot**

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If you had a single chance to make a positive impact in someone's life, would you take it ... or let it pass you by?

Unusual opportunities don't knock on your door every day. So, when they show up, you simply need to seize them.

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In 1992, after the Iron Curtain fell, a lifetime opportunity arose for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The former Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries that were entirely closed for spirituality, were now

opened to the gospel.

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Fortunately, the church was able to organize more than 250 evangelistic series in Russia, one of them, conducted by Mark Finley, inside the Kremlin—the very center of a power that had declared religion as dead and the atheism as the state religion!

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The following year, the Olympic Stadium was rented for another five-week series, also with Elder Finley. As a result of these endeavors, the number of Adventist members in the former Soviet Union jumped from 35,000 to 85,000 in just three years after the fall of the Berlin Wall! ("Super evangelism in Moscow". Ministry Magazine, Nov. 1993, page 15).

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In the spiritual world, opportunities to spread hope will cross your path, requiring a rapid response. This being said, the General Conference created a special funding pool called *The Unusual Opportunities Offering* that enables the church to respond rapidly to urgent projects as soon

as they arise.

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When distributed as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan, 50-60% of your Promise will support your local church, 20-25% will help to fund your field's missionary projects, and the other 20-25% will provide for worldwide missionary projects, like the Unusual Opportunities Offering fund.

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You may also give your freewill offerings directly to this fund, beyond and above your Promise, by marking Unusual Opportunities Offering on your envelope, or by visiting AdventistMission.org/donate, and selecting "GC Unusual Opportunity Fund."

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Let us seize the moment and speed up the work of the gospel by giving generously, anticipating God's miraculous acts!

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May we put our desires last and God first.

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