## GO INTO ALL THE WORLD

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**God’s grace is never exclusive or selective. He “so loved THE WORLD that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOEVER believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**

All the neighborhoods, all cities, all countries, and the whole planet are objects of His mercy and forgiveness, and His sacrifice had worldwide effects!

John saw that this everlasting gospel would be preached to all inhabitants of the earth, “to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6). Jesus’ instruction for His disciples is that after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit, they should be His witnesses in Jerusalem (or locally), all Judea and Samaria (which represents a regional context), and to the end of the world (meaning a global outreach). (Acts 1:8). That is why God has a worldwide message, a worldwide people, and a worldwide ministry.

And it is by following this pattern, established by Jesus, that tithes and offerings should also be distributed locally, regionally and globally. But how would tithes and offerings fulfill their regional and worldwide purposes, if they would be entirely used to support only the local church, or local projects of the worshiper’s preference? All local, regional, and worldwide missionary needs are equally important in Jesus’ master plan, and therefore need to be supported by His true disciples!
Ellen G. White says that "God's money is to be used not only in your immediate vicinity but in distant countries, in the islands of the sea. If His people do not engage in this work, God will surely remove the power that is not rightly appropriated." (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 7, p. 215).

Tithes and offerings are essential components of God's divine plan to advance the work of salvation on a global scale. They must encircle the Earth so the church may accomplish what Jesus told us to do together.

The Promise offering, given as regularly and systematically as the tithe, and distributed according to Jesus' master plan—locally, regionally, and internationally—will introduce Jesus to people residing in areas ranging from mountain villages to large cities.

It is following Jesus' master plan indicated in Acts 1:8 that the Combined Offering Plan suggests that 50 to 60% of your total Promise offerings should support the missionary work of your local church; 20 to 30% should aid regional missionary initiatives of your conference, union, and division; and 20% should be directed to the World Missionary Fund (or World Budget), which sustains overseas missionaries, missions, programs, projects, and educational institutions with a focus on preparing more missionaries.

Together we do more, go farther and faster. As we return our tithe and Promise, regular and systematic offerings, may we put our desires last and God first.