Felipe dedicated his life to sharing the love of Jesus with others. But it wasn’t always this way. Felipe was once searching for a meaningful relationship with God, but he couldn’t seem to find it in the churches he had attended.

One day Felipe passed by a store and saw a cap in the window that caught his eye. As a lover of interesting baseball caps, he stepped into the store and bought it without realizing the significance of the logo on the cap. Throughout the day, his colleagues asked him if he knew the meaning of the logo, but he didn’t.

Someone looking at the cap asked him if he was an Adventist, and he answered, “No. I’m not an Adventist.” But Felipe’s fellow workers’ questions made him curious, so he searched for an Adventist church. Felipe saw a man selling orange juice and asked if he knew about Adventists. “I’m an Adventist,” the orange seller said, and immediately invited Felipe to attend an Adventist church the following weekend. Felipe agreed. When the two men arrived at the church, Felipe felt welcome and decided to return. Not long after, Felipe was so sure that he had found God’s church and plan for his life, that he asked to join the Adventist church.

God has a thousand ways to get people’s attention, and can use even a baseball cap, but He wants us to have a part in introducing others to Jesus, too.
There are multiple ways through which we may spread the gospel to those around us personally. But we may also reach those far from us through our tithes and offerings. Tithes and offerings are of equal importance and crucial for our mission but have different applications. While the tithe can only be used to support the work of the authorized pastoral work worldwide, offerings have a wider range of utilization, covering all other expenses of our mission. Today, as we return the Tithe and Promise, regular and systematic offerings, we can all be part of God’s broader evangelistic efforts, which should reach all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. May we put our desires last and God first.