

Annual Sacrifice: Unusual Opportunities



“And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.” Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

Today’s offering is the Annual Sacrifice Offering. When you hear the word “sacrifice” you might think of animal sacrifice in the Old Testament or burnt offerings. But the word “sacrifice” has many meanings. Yes, surrendering a possession or animal as an offering is the most popular definition, but it can also mean “the act of giving

up something valued for the sake of something else, regarded as more important or worthy”. That’s how this offering got its name: giving up something of value for the sake of those who don’t know Jesus.

This offering started when the Adventist church’s overseas mission program was about to be shut down because there wasn’t enough money to keep it running. Adventist members sacrificed to keep it going. While the financial challenges aren’t as dire today, we still have a tremendous mission challenge. Only one third of the world’s population is Christian, meaning that two thirds of the earth still doesn’t know Jesus.

Jesus gave His life for the sake of those who are yet to know Him. We have to ask ourselves what we are willing to give up for the millions that don’t know Jesus.

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Give as generously as you can to the Annual Sacrifice Offering, and help Global Mission send workers to carry hope in Jesus to unreached people.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us give up the things of Earth so that others may have eternal life. Amen.