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Local Church Budget

A new church plant, with only 25–30 attending each Sabbath, wanted to invite a speaker for an evangelism effort.

“How much will it cost?” they asked. When the pastor told them the amount, they knew they could not afford the price. How could they raise that much money?

The church met for a business meeting to discuss the idea. The pastor listed the costs of the meetings: airfare, car rental, motel, meals, and so on.

One family said, “We don’t have any extra money, but we do have a nice guest room. We can invite the evangelist to our home. That will save the cost of a motel. He can also eat breakfast with us each day.”

Another family said, “We can provide evening meals.”

A third family offered, “He can use our pickup.”

In the back of the room, three families whispered among themselves. “We can pay for the airline ticket,” they announced.

Within a short time, plans were complete. The evangelist came, and the church plant rejoiced to see the fruits of their giving.

When a church comes together, what seems impossible can become possible. Each family gave what they had. As a result, the Lord’s work went forward. “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.” Deuteronomy 16:17 Today, let us come together and give as our wonderful God has blessed us.