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Local Church Budget

The pastor received a phone call. "Is your church looking for a Christmas project?"

"What do you have in mind?" he asked.

"Many children in our community will not receive any Christmas gifts this year. Their families are struggling. Can the church do anything to help?"

The pastor and his team brought this need before the Lord. God led them to begin a ministry called "The Christmas Project."

They asked the church members, "Can you bring a list of names of anyone from our community who might appreciate a Christmas gift?" The deacons passed out forms with blank spaces to list the age of the child and gift suggestions.

For four weeks, the members brought gifts to the church. A corner of the platform filled with wrapped presents in bright colors. Each gift had an address attached to it.

After the last service before Christmas, members took various gifts and gave them to the parents. All they said was this: "We are your friends from the Adventist church around the block. We want to let you know we are here for you. God's blessings on you and your family." Because of this outreach, many parents and children attended the church.

Give to your church local budget today and support the ministries that bless your community. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17