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Local Church Budget

The family was car-pooling on their way to their son's graduation in Tennessee when someone asked, "What is ministry?"

Someone else asked, "What ministry is most impactful to the community?"

The lively discussion paused when the GPS directed them off the highway for no apparent reason. At the stoplight was a man who had a sign asking for food. The temperature that day was close to 100-degrees Fahrenheit. The man was turning red and was covered with sweat. He looked as if he were moments from fainting.

The driver pulled a sandwich, a dessert cup, and a bottle of water from the cooler. The man shouted that this was an answer to prayer. He had prayed that the Lord would send food and water so he could survive in the intense heat.

That's when the GPS redirected to the exit.

As the family resumed their trip, the driver joined the discussion and stated, "This is ministry. When you touch the lives of the people, not only to convert them, but to minister to their needs, that is ministry."

Each church understands the needs of their community. When you give to the local budget, you are being part of the ministry of the church to reach the community for Christ. What is ministry? Here are the words from Jesus. "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Matthew 25:45