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## **Local Conference Advance**

Houston, like most large cities today, has large numbers of homeless people. Some have urged laws to prohibit their citizens from helping the homeless.

The Houston church took a different position. They said, "These people are the children of God."

The church formed a small group. Twice a month on a Sabbath afternoon, they met together. They prepared hot food and then placed the food in small containers to give out downtown.

The city had set up restrictions. However, they did not forbid the distribution of food already contained and sealed. So the church was within the city ordinances.

Some asked, "Why is the congregation undertaking such an endeavor when the location is nowhere near the church?"

The pastor replied, "The church is to impact all parts of the world for His glory."

Jesus declared, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink... And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34, 35, 40

Today, as you give to Conference Advance, remember that we are impacting parts of God's vineyard where we live. Lives are being touched for the Master.