



## WORLD EVANGELISM FUND and the OVERALL MISSIONS SCOPE

**Cast:**

**Person 1**—Understands missions

**Person 2**—Still learning “how missions works”

*(Person 1 and Person 2 meet on a Sunday morning at the table where coffee is served. During conversation, they pour coffee, add sugar or cream, and sip it.)*

**Person 1:** Good morning, *(name)*. Looking forward to our missions speaker today?

**Person 2:** Oh, yes! Being new to the church, I am impressed by what is done globally. I’m still trying to understand all the offerings for missions.

**Person 1:** There are a number, and they all provide blessings globally. However, I always want to see our church pay its World Evangelism Fund first.

**Person 2:** *(puzzled)* Is that the “lump” offering they keep saying is so important? What is all the commotion is about?

**Person 1:** What do you mean?

**Person 2:** Well, isn’t giving to missions the same? Isn’t the purpose to win souls?

I like to see where my money is going. Giving to one offering that is used for so many things is so impersonal.

**Person 1:** I understand your perspective, but let me put it to you this way—when you pay your tithe do you specify which utility bill is to be paid with your money?

**Person 2:** Well, of course not.

**Person 1:** Why not?

**Person 2:** I don’t know where my money is needed the most. Besides if all of us gave money for the water bill, how would other utilities and salaries be paid?

**Person 1:** Exactly! Giving to special missions offerings is only a part of the overall missions scope.

**Person 2:** So I should quit giving to special offerings and put all my money into the . . . what did you call it . . . World Evangelism Fund?

**Person 1:** Not at all. Those special offerings are needed too. Let’s keep this illustration going. How was the remodeling of the children’s classes provided for recently?

**Person 2:** Well, part of the money came from estates, and the rest was donated by members of the congregation.

*(begins to understand)* Oh, so that is like the special offerings, right? They are needed, but World Evangelism Fund keeps the Church of the Nazarene going globally!

**Person 1:** Uh-huh, and think about this—if World Evangelism Fund giving goes down, it affects those specials too. *(Person 2 looks puzzled.)* Tell me an offering you participate in, and I’ll show you what I mean.

**Person 2:** OK. I sponsor a child through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

**Person 1:** Well, Child Sponsorship is coordinated by missionaries in many countries. If giving to World Evangelism Fund goes down, missionaries may have to return home. Even in those countries where Child Sponsorship is coordinated by national leaders, sponsorships might have to be discontinued due to lack of funds to keep the church going in those areas.

**Person 2:** *(thoughtfully)* I had no idea that World Evangelism Fund is so far-reaching!

**Person 1:** Again, this does not mean for you to stop giving to special offerings. Just remember to give to World Evangelism Fund as well.

**Person 2:** I can do that!

**Person 1:** I determined a few years ago that I could do a bit more to make sure souls are won globally.

*(looks at watch)* Oh . . . it is almost time for service to start! We need to go.

**Person 2:** We better hurry! I want to learn how my World Evangelism Fund giving helped this missionary and all of Nazarene missions, not just part of it.

*(Both toss coffee cups in trash and exit.)*

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