



THE IDEA

Many people have found that part of their spiritual gifting is giving financially to the Kingdom of God. We want to provide opportunities for these members of our faith family to exercise this spiritual gift. To do this, we are starting a network of givers called "The Overflow Project."

AN "OVERFLOW"

We believe this opportunity should be in response to an overflow of the heart, done with finances over and above regular tithes, and lead to more and more glory to God among the nations. One of the passages of Scripture we look to in support of this is 2 Corinthians 9:6-8,12:

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work ... For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

GENERAL PROCESS

The Overflow Project is simply a network of people to whom we will occasionally share opportunities for additional giving, particularly in the area of Missions. The needs presented will be those identified by and through the mission partners of MBCC. Members of MBCC may request to be on the distribution list for this network through which they will be contacted regarding previously mentioned opportunities.

EXPECTATIONS

Tithe First - This is not meant to be a replacement of your tithing, but truly an "overflow" after regular giving. We expect that any financial gifts offered, will be given over and above the tithes & offerings given to the local church body.

No Pressure - There is no expectation for frequency or amounts given. Members of this network should give to the opportunities presented only as they feel led.

Respect Others - We understand that there are countless wonderful ministry opportunities to which you can give. For logistics and stewardship purposes, we will only present a few. Please respect the other members of this network by responding only to the needs presented by The Overflow Project. This is not a place intended for promoting "pet projects."

CURRENT MBCC PARTNERS

The Local and Global Partners of MBCC - list here: www.mbcc.us/mission

MBCC Project Partners - Neverthirst, Lifeline/(un)adopted, HOPE International, Haiti Nutrition Project, The Foundry, The Well House, Compassion International, Samaritan's Purse, etc.

GUIDELINES

1. Gifts to The Overflow Project should not replace general gifts/tithes to the church, but should serve as an above and beyond gift...an “overflow” after regular giving.
2. The Overflow Project functions very much like our Advent Conspiracy campaign during the Christmas season.
 - a. Specific projects/partners will be selected by a small selection committee
 - b. Gifts will be donated to MBCC through the project
 - c. MBCC will give 100% of the collected funds to the designated partners as identified
3. Giving opportunities will only be presented to those who sign up to be on The Overflow Project distribution list. Names can only be placed on the distribution list by request of the recipient.
4. Presentations will be made through The Overflow Project via email with all members of the group “blind carbon copied” to allow for anonymity as desired.
5. Recipients should respond and give as they feel led. If you feel led to give, visit the website (www.mbcc.us/overflowproject) to make a pledge.
6. A specific timetable will be identified for each opportunity. Once the deadline has passed or a project has been fully funded, no more gifts for the opportunity will be accepted. Most opportunities will have a 5-7 day pledge window followed by a 7 day payment window.
7. Please submit payments within the timeframe specified as we are unable to send funds to the missionary/organization until all of the pledged funds come in.
8. Reporting on The Overflow Project will include:
 - a. A total collected for each opportunity
 - b. Follow up from the effort as reported by the mission partner receiving the collaborative gift

SELECTION PROCESS

1. A small selection committee has already been formed and will select giving opportunities that will be presented to The Overflow Project. This committee is ultimately subject to the staff Leadership Team and the Elders of MBCC.
2. Opportunities presented will be exclusive to the mission partners who have a pre-existing relationship with MBCC.
3. “Members” of The Overflow Project may recommend opportunities to the selection committee, but final decisions will be made by the committee.
4. Efforts to inappropriately influence the team will not be tolerated. Individuals who violate the spirit of The Overflow Project will be confronted and potentially removed from the project's network.