

Dear Colleague in Ministry:

For years I've known this quote: "To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work." It made sense to me, but I had no proof.

But a study published last year analyzed the half-century after Mrs. White wrote this. It concluded that rather than harming local mission, supporting overseas mission actually enhanced it: "... per capita tithe and per capita offerings all increased, as did the church membership."²

Our offering theme this year is **What Could You Give Up for Mission?** What could each of us give up buying for one week, to support the Annual Sacrifice Offering?

To support church planting around the world and in North America church members can simply:

- 1. Write "Annual Sacrifice Offering" on a tithe envelope. OR
- 2. Visit <u>Global-Mission.org/MySacrifice</u> (click "Give Online," then "My donation is for," and then "Global Mission's Annual Sacrifice Offering"). <u>OR</u>
- 3. Scan the QR code on the Annual Sacrifice posters and bulletin inserts.

A short promotional *video*, a pulpit offering appeal, a poster for church lobbies, and bulletin inserts can be downloaded at <u>adventistmission.org/mission-offering-resources</u>.

Thank you for including the needs of the whole world in your church's mission agenda! You will bless mission around the world. And I'm sure your church/es will also be blessed.

Best wishes,

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cc: Head Elder & Church Treasurer

¹ Gospel Workers, page 465.

² Trim, David J. B.; McBride, Duane C.; and Trecartin, Shannon M., "The "Reflex Influence" and the Bystander Effect: Historical Trends in Mission Giving among North American Adventists" (2023). *Faculty Publications*. 5189