



November 14th, 2011

Dear Eagle Pointe Family,

I am excited to share with you exciting details regarding our **SERVE THE WORLD** Christmas Offering that begins now and continues through January 31, 2012. We have the opportunity through this offering to serve, impact, and make a difference in our world – locally and globally!

With this Special Offering we have the opportunity to fund our church's local and global mission work for 2012. Our desire is to meet physical needs so that the door is opened to meet spiritual needs and to reach our community and world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here are the ministry initiatives that giving to **SERVE THE WORLD** will support:

- **To support local mission work** (*Faith In Action* community service days, ongoing work with children's homes, homeless shelters, and more).
- **To support global mission work in Haiti and the Philippines.** (Help us provide food, immunizations, medical care, mosquito nets, Bibles, & the love of Jesus Christ in parts of the world where the average family lives on less than \$2 a day).
- **To fund the 2012 Benevolence and Counseling ministry of the church.** (Help us assist families here locally in our community who are struggling financially and/or in need of some type of counseling)

I hope you will carefully read over the enclosed documents to learn more about this exciting opportunity for us as a church to give sacrificially and expand our influence and impact.

I believe we could all do with buying less this Christmas season and giving more to help those in need, and to further the Kingdom and Cause of Jesus Christ. Will you begin praying now about what God would have you give (over and above your regular giving) to this Special Offering? I challenge you to allow God to stretch your faith!

Your Friend, Pastor, & Partner,

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P.S. The enclosed documents will give you an overview of the special offering and answer many common questions. However, if you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me or our church office (770.421.1643) or office@eaglepointe.org.

The ***SERVE THE WORLD*** Christmas Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a very modest goal of \$30,000 for three big ministry/missions initiatives:

To support local mission work in our area and country.

We are often ‘accused’ of being more of a mission’s organization, than a church in the traditional sense. We take this as a compliment, since the first century church Jesus established was more of a mission’s organization – taking care of widows, orphans, the homeless, feeding the poor, etc. This has and always will be a big focus for Eagle Pointe Church. Your gift to our ***SERVE THE WORLD*** Christmas Offering will enable us to continue having “Faith In Action Sundays” and other special local community service days serving at places such as Flowering Branch Children’s Home, City of Refuge Homeless Shelter, The Extension, Simple Needs, and other amazing local ministries we have teamed up with and support. * Here is an example of why your gift to this offering is so beneficial and important: Because of the generous, sacrificial giving towards our 2011 special offering, our church was able to respond within 24 hours to the tornado outbreak in Alabama this year.

To support global mission work in Haiti and the Philippines.

We have teamed up with and support Legliz Kay n Kay, a local church in Carrefour, Haiti. This was the epicenter, the hardest hit area, in the January 2010 earthquake. Our monthly support enables them to have weekly church services, feeding programs, children’s programs, offer medical care, and other efforts to reach their community for Jesus. We have also teamed up with and support Sovereign Grace Ministries, a local church in Panglau, Philippines. Our monthly support enables them to have weekly church services, community feeding programs, Bible and mosquito net distribution, prison ministry, and more. This offering will go to support their efforts. Your gift to this special Offering allows us to offer real, practical, and tangible help in parts of the world where the average family is living on less than \$2 a day.

To fund the 2011 Benevolence and Counseling ministry of the church.

Our church has served hundreds of people at their time of greatest need. Our Benevolence Ministry has allowed us to come alongside of people in distress due to difficult financial times, a death in the family or a need for Christian counseling. We are anticipating and preparing for a continued increase in benevolence requests in 2012 due to the current economic climate.

• **NOTE:**

This Special Offering will be received through January 31, 2011.

Use the special envelope or mark your checks / online gifts with “SERVE THE WORLD.”

FAQ

Why a Special Offering?

As part of God’s plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in 2012. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather is to position us to make a greater impact locally and globally in 2012.

What's the Difference Between the Regular Offering and this Special Offering?

The regular Eagle Pointe offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a systematic basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Special Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. *This special offering should be over and above what you regularly give – please do not take away from regular offering to do this.*

How Much Should I Give?

Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Some in our church can give a \$10,000 or more. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith?

When Should I Give?

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2012. Please use the special envelope or mark your checks / online gifts with “SERVE THE WORLD.” Remember, consistent gifts over time add up – a person giving \$50 per week over a ten-week period will give \$500 to this Special Offering.

Can I Give Online?

Yes. When you give at EaglePointe.org via online giving, simply select “SERVE THE WORLD Christmas Offering”. Likewise, you can use your bank online payment option to send a check directly to the church office. Again, simply mark in the memo area that your gift is for the “SERVE THE WORLD Christmas Offering”.

Can I Give In-Kind Gifts of Stocks or Bonds?

Of course! Since Eagle Pointe is a 501c3 organization there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, simply call 770.421.1643 and speak with Terry Juergens or e-mail office@eaglepointe.org .

Are My Gifts Tax-Deductible?

All gifts to Eagle Pointe, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax- deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2011 will be deductible on your 2011 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax-deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

*Have additional questions? Please contact Pastor Howard J. Koepka at
Howard@EaglePointe.org, or call 770.421.1643.*