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Missionaries in His
service 'til He comes

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Dear Partners in the Faith,

Many people have contributed ideas and help to Carol and me throughout the years. We are grateful for their instructions, encouragements and at times constructive criticism. Our parents and teachers in elementary & high school plus our Bible school education have all been an asset in our lives. But, above all this are those Preachers and Sunday School Teachers whom we have set under from our childhood up until now who have taught us the Word of God. Their investments in our lives are too numerous to say the least.

The Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:2 ***"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*** This is exactly what the people above have done for us; taking what they know and teaching it to us. Now the big question is, what are we doing with the things we have received from others, especially spiritual things, things like our faith?

Two men that God used in my ministry regarding stewardship were Dr. Dolphus Price and Dr.. J.B. Buffington. Both men are with the Lord now but their teaching of God's Word had a profound effect on my ministry these many years. We took what they taught us and taught it to people in a 3rd. world country who were in most cases poverty stricken people.

Each church that was planted under our leadership first won them to Christ and then we disciplined them to grow in faith. Part of that training covered stewardship. By faith the people believed God and began to give from what little they had, giving their tithes and offerings faithfully to the Lord. God kept His promises in Malachi 3:8-10, Luke 6:8 and the results became very visible. We used the book "How To Get More Money From God" (Free for the asking at www.bama4u.org) in every new church. Again 2 Timothy 2:2 continued to be carried out.

From what we did began to be known by other missionaries and Pastors all over the Philippines. Our philosophy has been that of the late Missionary Robert Glover ***"The first impulse in every healthy mind, upon hearing a good thing, is to pass it on to others."*** Today the over 100 churches in our fellowship (BAMA) are all self-supporting, independent Baptist churches exercising 2 Timothy 2:2.

Let all of us take what others have given us and pass it on to others around us wherever we may go. The Gospel being the most important. ***"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...."*** 2 Corinthians 5:20. Thank you for your consistent prayer and financial support. We are grateful! In His service 'til He comes,

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Your investment in Missions
you will see again in Heaven one day.
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*I read the following in our churches monthly devotional book.
I just wanted to share it with you. It's good!*

Jesus & Giving Or I'll See You In Heaven

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:1-12

Key Verse: Verse 7 - **"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."** Key Words: **"cheerful giver"**

The church at Corinth had promised to help the church at Jerusalem financially, but they failed to carry out their commitment.

When we fail to carry out our financial commitments, many will never have the opportunity to come to Jesus. Our giving does matter in heaven.

W. A. Criswell used to preach from II Corinthians 9:7, ending his sermon with these words: "John Rascus put \$300 in the collection plate when it passed, and he said softly, 'I'll see you in heaven.' Those around him said, 'Old John is getting senile. He says he is going to see that \$300 in heaven. He may meet his Maker over there, but he certainly won't meet his money.'

Now, the church treasurer used some of that \$300 to pay the electric bill. He gave some of it to the preacher to buy gasoline. Some went to ministerial students, and some went to the mission field.

Early one morning John Rascus died in his sleep. On that first Lord's Day in glory, he walked down the golden streets and a young fellow came up and said, 'Thank you, Brother John. I was cold and lonely and it was a dark night. I saw the lights of the church. Just to get out of the dark, I went in. While there, the darkness left my soul and I found Jesus.'

Another came to him saying, 'The preacher came to the filling station. As I filled his tank, he told me about Jesus and I gave my heart to the Lord.'

Next, John met a throng of people who said, 'I want to thank you for those students you helped. They preached the gospel to my family, and we found the Lord.'

He next met those of strange tongues who said, 'Thank you, brother, for sending us the gospel across the seas.' Finally old John came to Hallelujah Square and, turning to an angel, he said, 'I feel sorry for you angels. You have never known what it is to be saved by the blood of Jesus, My Lord.'

John Rascus mused a moment, then added, 'And you do not know what it is to transform the possessions of earth into the treasures of heaven.' 'Sir,' replied the angel, 'all we do is just watch it from the streets of glory.'"

**He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose. Missionary Jim Elliot**