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From The Missionary's Desk

All you country music fans will remember in 1951 Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys singing, Christmas Time's A-Comin. I changed the chorus a little:

Christmas Time's A-Comin'
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And I know I'm goin' give to Lottie Moon.

What is the average cost to support an individual missionary?

- \$46,700 a year
- \$3,890 a month
- \$900 a week
- \$128 a day
- \$5.30 an hour
- \$.09 a minute

Reported in April 2011. Support includes housing, salary, children's education, medical expenses, retirement and more.

As a pastor I challenged my church to sacrificially support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering with what I called The Gallups Family 10% Challenge; give 10% of your church's LMCO WMU goal. As your DOM, I have continued this challenge to all our MCBA churches. Today I modify this challenge and humbly beg you to accept the challenge or give \$1000.00 to LMCO through your church. The need is great.

One of many Missionary Stories

Greg, a worker in Niger, and his Christian friend Harouna were witnessing in a shop when Hamadu came in to buy soap. His witch-doctor had told him that he would be healed of his illness if he mixed the soap with water and drank it. The two men convinced Hamadu not to buy the soap and prayed for healing in Jesus' name.

A few months later Hamadu invited Greg and Harouna to his home and told them how he'd been healed after their prayer.

He had worked as a security guard at a Christian church for 10 years, but Hamadu said no one ever told him about Jesus. He wanted to hear about his Healer. When they told him about Jesus, he believed immediately. Christians gave Hamadu a copy of the Gospel of John, but a visual impairment prevented him from being able to read it. A few weeks later an American eye doctor on a mission trip fitted Hamadu with glasses.

Greg gave him a large-print Bible in the Hausa language and Hamadu was finally able to read God's Word. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering paid for Greg to live in Niger where he was able to help lead Hamadu to Christ and disciple him before his death last year. Those gifts also helped him purchase the \$15 Bible. Because of your giving, people like Hamadu can read the Word of God and believe.

I hope I hear you singing:

Christmas Time's A-Comin'
Christmas Time's A-Comin'
Christmas Time's A-Comin'
And I know I'm goin' give to
Lottie Moon.

"Big Time"

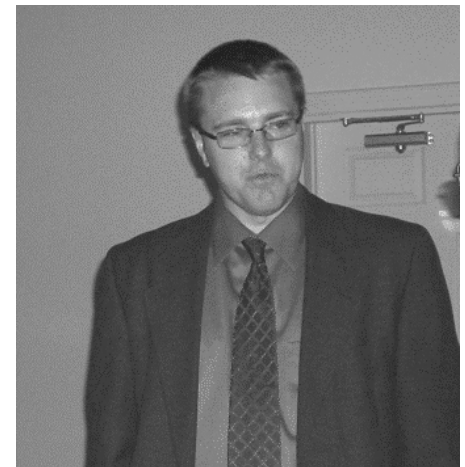
"Sacrificially"

"Stupendously"

"Magnanimously"

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidociously"

"M" Night
Guin First Baptist Church
Sunday, November 13, 2011
6:00 p.m.



Welcome
Rev. Mike Stancil
Pastor, Fulton Bridge Baptist

Southern Baptist Convention Goal 175 Million

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2011 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®