

“It’s Easier Just Giving Money”

I get called on to fill in as an Usher at church regularly, which I enjoy doing; Pastor Keith will often call on one of us to pray as we stand at the altars ready to serve after the prayer. If I’m called to usher, I’ll ask the Lord what would He have me say if I happen to get called on to pray. About a month ago, He gave me what I believed was a relevant thought, and I’ve been waiting ever since to pray it, but since I haven’t been asked to pray, I’m going to share that thought here today.

Several weeks before my “thought,” our in house missionary, Guil Bombanato of GB Missions shared a report on Missions Sunday giving glory to God for what was being accomplished through Bible distribution, water well drilling, feeding hundreds of children, etc. It was exciting to see how the funds we gave were accomplishing great things for God’s kingdom - very exciting and rewarding!

A few weeks later, we had Robert Martin, a young Pentecostal Evangelist come and minister at both morning and evening services, which he always ends with an altar call for surrender, salvation, healing, deliverance, etc. I was called to Usher duty that morning, and here is the thought I had: it is very easy to sit back and open our wallets to give our tithes and offerings, and then to see how God uses our money to accomplish great and mighty things.

But knowing Brother Martin would be giving an altar call at the end of his sermon, I desperately wanted to pray that morning and ask this: *“What would happen, if in addition to our money, we would personally come to the altars and lay down our lives in sweet surrender to the Lord, offering ourselves as living sacrifices for Him to do with us as He pleased?”* God wants to accomplish great and mighty works through ALL of us, if we are willing to do what Jesus said and lay down OUR lives to follow Him and HIS plan!

Here’s a challenge for all of us - next time there’s an altar call for ANY reason, let that be an opportunity for us to go forward and meet with Jesus there at the altars. If we would begin by surrendering our lives to Him as sacrificial offerings, allowing Him to work freely in us however He chooses, God will take our offering and work in and through us supernaturally doing above and beyond what we could ask or even imagine! Amen? Amen!