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## creative ways to give

- Be a Coupon Clipper. Food is probably the largest expense we have each month. Even saving \$5/week on groceries would allow you commit \$160 over the next eight months.
- Give up a “routine.” For example, a gourmet coffee each day for 8 months can cost over \$1,200.
- Commit your income tax refund or stimulus check.
- Commit an estimated raise in salary or bonus over the next eight months.
- Adjust your Vacations. Do something close and inexpensive like day-trips or picnics. Or take a five-day vacation instead of a week and save on the airfare and hotel costs. This can easily save \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Continue a bill payment. If you will be paying off some form of debt in the next several months, commit to continue to “pay the bill” by redirecting the money to this project after the bill is paid off.
- Cut down to basic cable instead of premium cable with movie channels. Premium Cable could be as much as \$150 a month. By cutting back to basic cable, you could save up to \$1,200 over eight months.
- Make a “dollar per week increase.” If you’re concerned about making a large commitment, this will help build faith. Start with \$1 the first week, then two, then three. Pray for wisdom in where the next dollar will come from. Over eight months, you would give nearly \$530.
- Donate your collectibles. You may have treasures sitting in your home, such as coins, stamps, baseball cards, art or other collections of worth. Consider parting with these items by getting them appraised, selling them, and donating the revenue to the project.
- Donate other assets of worth. Do you have jewelry, or an extra boat, car or motorcycle? Prayerfully consider donating them to the church to defray the cost of the project.