

Why Do We Give So Much Money Away?

by Don Bell

Mike: Hello John.

John: Hi Mike. Are you in a hurry?

Mike: Yea, I'm late for choir and I don't want to make my choir director mad.

John: Better late than never!

Mike: I think she misquotes that by saying, "Better never be late."

John: I have one quick question. Why do we give so much money away?

Mike: Give money to whom?

John: You know, to the Co-op.

Mike: You mean the Cooperative Program?

John: Yea, I don't think we should send that money off when we need it here.

Mike: Did God commission us to build buildings?

John: Is this a trick question?

Mike: No - not really?

John: We could really use a gym, and a bowling alley, and racket ball courts and lighted tennis courts and basketball courts and - God did say "Enter His Courts with Praise!"

Mike: I don't think those are the same courts.

John: We could save the money and pay people to come to church. Anything other than give it away.

Mike: John, we give through the Cooperative Program along with other churches to better reach the world for Christ. Let me explain:

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- etc....

John: I didn't know it did so much!

Mike: It is the largest organized Christian outreach effort in the world. I'm glad to be a part. Later this year, we will have real missionaries here for our World Mission Conference. I'm sure you will hear their appreciation expressed in Praise to God.

END