



To All Westover Ministry Leaders,

As a part of our committee's effort to encourage the congregation to offer generously to the Lord in support of your ministry we wanted to provide you with a brief update and make a specific and important request for information from each of you.

BACKGROUND TO DATE: As you recall from the Budget Planning exercise with the Elders, the budget was set with a weekly offering goal of \$41,000. To provide each of you with the full amount included in the Approved Budget, there needed to be an opportunity for a Special Offering to make up the \$250,000 shortfall from the Approved Budget that simply meeting the weekly offering created.

The Committee for the Special Offering has met twice and the chairman has met two other times with Staff and Elders. Here is a thumbnail of where we are:

1. We feel that it is likely that a target of \$250,000 is less than what the Lord is willing to provide through the prayers and generosity of the congregation. So we are including plans for an overflow.
2. To do an effective job of meeting and exceeding the target, we have explored and "mapped out" four areas of focus: Spirituality, Persuade or Urge, Communicate and finally Execute or Complete. We have begun putting specifics on each of these areas.

3. Some Specifics:

Date of Offering: **Sunday, June 1**
Name of Event: **FLOODGATE SUNDAY**
Slogan: **Open the Floodgates of Heaven**
"prepare to be amazed"
Scripture Theme: *"Test me in this", says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."* Malachi 3:10

OUR REQUEST FROM YOU: To excel in all four of our focus areas, we urgently need from each of you, ASAP, (1) stories, (2) quotable quotes, (3) names of individuals we could interview for further information concerning your ministry area.

Specifically, we need information from two categories which will encourage and motivate all of Westover to trust in the Lord as they prepare for their offering on June 1:

-- blessings poured out to individuals who were the recipients of the ministry you oversee.

-- blessings poured out to individual Westover Christians who have learned the lessons of being generous in their support of the work of the Lord.

We will follow up on as many of your stories and quotes and names as we are able until we have our own "storehouse" of encouragement – then we will put it to work in a wide variety of communication methods.

TIMING for YOUR RESPONSE: March 7, 2008 to irahill@sbcglobal.net

Reason for the "10 day window of opportunity":

Our first deadline for "production" is set by the first "Public Announcement" of Floodgate Sunday, April 6. Our Committee need for time required to work with your input is our next meeting, Monday, March 10. So if you could send all of your responses to irahill@sbcglobal.net by Friday, March 7 he will collect, collate and distribute to the meeting which follows.