

*Your Money Talks*  
**When Having Money is Love**  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

The ability to have money, and the opportunity to give it in Jesus' name, is a gift of God's grace, vv. 1, 7.

The needs of others are an opportunity to share God's love for them and to express our gratitude for God's grace to us through Jesus, vv. 1, 7.

Giving is like any other gift of God's grace, it is to be received with gratitude and used with a passion for excellence, v. 7.

Giving starts with a life devoted to Jesus and directed by His Spirit and Word, v. 5.

The will of God in giving is to be sought and followed, v. 5.

The love of giving cannot be explained by circumstances or a wealth of resources, vv. 2-5.

The Macedonian Christians demonstrate a heart that gives, not because it has to or is required but because there is a need and they can help meet it (grace), vv. 2-5.

Although in great affliction, they had a joy that was even greater, v. 2.

Although in extreme poverty, they gave with a generosity that made it seem they were wealthy, v. 3.

Although living with extremely limited financial means, they gave beyond the standard (the first tenth of income) as an act of sought-after privilege, v. 4.

Living in need made the Macedonians more sensitive to others in need, as they knew the power of money to show love and bring real help, v. 4.

God allows some to be in need so that the love of others, in Jesus, might bind hearts together (9:12-15) as well as meet those needs.

The love of giving is an expected quality of all who love Jesus, vv. 6-7.

The Macedonian Christians are a lasting model of a life of giving for the church in all generations and in all kinds of situations, vv. 6-7.

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**Next Weekend's Scripture Emphasis**  
Genesis 14:17-24, 2 Samuel 24:18-25

## **Welcome to Rolling Hills Covenant Church!**

We are a caring community of people who believe the Bible is the Word of God and choose to live by its truth.

**Our mission is to know Jesus intimately  
and to share His love and truth passionately.**

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**May 26-27, 2018**

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Following each worship service, members of the prayer team will be available in front of the platform to pray with you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Receivers for the hearing impaired are available from our ushers.

### ***JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND!***

**SATURDAY:** 5pm - Worship Center  
**SUNDAY:** 8 & 9:30am - Worship Center (Choir)  
9:30am - 290s  
11:15am - Worship Center & 290s

### ***LANGUAGE OPTIONS:***

**RHCC en Español**  
Saturday, 5pm, 290s  
**Japanese Service**  
Sunday, 11:15am  
North Campus Chapel



**ARE YOU NEW TO RHCC?** Maybe you've been here a while and want to learn more about us. We invite you to come to our *Connect* lunch on Sunday, May 27 at 11:15 am in the Loft. You will be welcomed by our staff, learn about the church's purpose and priorities, and connect with others who are also exploring the church. Come to the Connect tent on the patio for more info.

**For more information about what is going on at RHCC this month, pick up a copy of *What's Happening* or our *Ministry Catalog*.**

**Join the Children's Ministries Team!**

Be part of a dedicated team of volunteers helping our kids learn about Jesus. You can serve every weekend or just once a month. Summer and Fall opportunities are available. We especially need volunteers for our summer session (June 24-September 9). Come to the table on the patio following services for more information.

**Grandparenting Matters**

We are excited to present a seminar about the incredible influence grandparents can play in the spiritual development of their grandchildren on Saturday, June 2, from 9 am to 3 pm in the 290s. This seminar is conducted by Legacy Coalition, a ministry of Awana. Lunch will be provided. Register and get more information at [RollingHillsCovenant.com/grandparenting](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/grandparenting).

**Missionary Needs**

- Nancy Manoly is in need of a car and housing June 19-27 and July 12-23.
- The Dedrick family of five will be visiting August 17-31 and are in need of a car and housing.

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Nandi at [nroszhart@rhcc.net](mailto:nroszhart@rhcc.net) or 310.521.5274.

**We're here for you!** The pastoral staff at RHCC is available to help you with your marriage, finances, parenting, emotional issues, or if you are in need of prayer. We can also provide recommendations for Christian counseling services in the South Bay. Contact Pastor Nate Aanderud at 310.521.2565 or [naanderud@rhcc.net](mailto:naanderud@rhcc.net).

**Jobs Available**

- Information Technology Director (F/T)
  - Global Outreach Admin. Asst. (P/T)
  - Early Childhood Associate (P/T)
- Go to [RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/jobs) for info.

**Prayer Ministry**

**Homegoings:**

- Pray for Jeff and Chris Merry and family on the homegoing of Jeff's mother, Dolores Merry.
- Pray for Don and Sue MacKenzie and family on the homegoing of Don's father, Stan.

**Prayer Chain:** Submit prayer requests to Vicki Hardin at [Chaplain\\_Vicki@aol.com](mailto:Chaplain_Vicki@aol.com) or 310.612.7832, by yellow card or at [RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer](http://RollingHillsCovenant.com/prayer).

**Need a hospital or home visit?** Call the Ministers of Congregational Care at 323.825.9694.

**Weekly Giving Report (as of May 20)**

Giving goal (6/1/17-5/31/18):	\$8,100,000
Budget Needs YTD:	\$7,965,086
Received YTD:	\$7,628,267
Over/Under YTD:	(\$336,819)
Needed last week:	\$134,914
Received last week:	\$119,732

*Text any amount to 310.307.3661 to give.*

**T**his weekend we are training, blessing, and helping 84 short-term missionaries who will be going out this summer. The word missionary means "sent one". A missionary is called out by God and sent by Him to serve in other parts of the world. The short-term missionaries are being sent out by us, as a church family, at the invitation of missionaries and/or national church partners. I myself am scheduled to leave this coming Thursday evening for two weeks of ministry with pastors in Vietnam.

Sometimes people wonder, with all the time and expense a short-term mission takes, why not just send the money? Can a team from Southern California really have any impact with all the limits of language, culture, and time? I think these are good questions that have some great and encouraging answers. I am a strong supporter of short-term missions and I love to have the chance to share why.

Short-term missions are important as they bring strong resources to our missionaries or national church partners. We have had High School and College teams go to Romania to provide a summer camp for Gypsies. The church in Romania, and our missionary partner Katie Croxton, couldn't do that on their own. These summer camps lead to real transformation in lives and becoming part of a church life and ministry. In Thailand, Richard and Cathy Smith have been leading short-term teams for years and have developed deep and transforming relationships with the people of Thailand. These are just a couple of examples of how our short-term teams provide real impact for our missionaries and national church leaders in their ministries. We don't send teams unless there is strong opportunity for partnership.

Short-term missions also provide the chance for us to gain God's heart for a people. When our teams go to serve, they begin to see people through God's eyes. Our short-term missionaries have their hearts changed. The people they go to serve become people for whom they

pray. It helps us, as a church family, gain a love for people as our short-term missionaries share their heart when they return. RHCC has developed a deep and continuing love for people that has grown over the years.

Short-term missions provide us an amazing time for faith to grow. As people sign up for a short-term team they begin a great journey of faith. They have to learn to trust God to provide and to bless them as they raise funds and go. They have the chance to share with others, which becomes a witness and also engages other people in the mission. As they go to the country, it is an intense time of traveling and living by faith. They grow in working with a team. They grow in seeing how faithful God is to enable us to do what He calls us to do, 1 Thessalonians 5:24. They gain tremendous perspective on God working in the world. They gain a perspective on their own life here, as they come home with fresh eyes and new perspectives.

Short-term missionaries learn the joy of serving. To go on a trip only to serve, to love, and to share, releases a flow of the Holy Spirit who resources our serving. It is interesting to me that one of the times of clearest joy for Jesus was when the 70 short-term missionaries He sent out came back to Him and reported on their mission. As recorded in Luke 10:21, after the 70 short-term missionaries had given their reports to Jesus it says, *"In the same hour He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.'"* The 70 returned so excited as they had seen the power of God, in Jesus' name, at work. Jesus was thrilled by their joy and how, through their work of faith, Satan's power had been overcome. I know this summer our short-term missionaries will add to Jesus' joy. Pray for and help support these important representatives of Jesus to the peoples of the world.

~ Senior Pastor Byron MacDonald

*Pastor Byron welcomes your questions/comments at [bmacdonald@rhcc.net](mailto:bmacdonald@rhcc.net)*