

Global Ministries is pleased to share with you a **Week of Compassion Offering** skit presented at Webster Groves Christian Church in Saint Louis, Missouri. This skit was written by church member, David Ingram.

BLESSINGS THAT COUNT

SETTING: *A bare stage. Two people enter and walk to the center of the chancel, their noses buried in newspapers. Once there, they lower the papers but continue to read.*

John: *(glances at David)* We dodged a bullet this year.

David: What do you mean?

John: *(holds up the paper)* There's a story here about how the hurricane season hardly touched us. Even this last one dropped to a tropical storm before it hit land. Nothing to worry about.

David: I think the people caught in the stormy weather might worry.

John: *(looks at David)* A little rain never hurt anyone.

David: *(a wry smile)* That's what Noah's neighbors said.

John: Ha. *(looks back at the paper)* Still, it could have been a lot worse. We can count our blessings.

David: Well, what about the Philippine floods and landslides or the Samoa earthquake? *(use recent problems in other parts of the world)*

John: Hmmm. *(thumbs through the paper.)* What page is that on?

David: They happened earlier this year, but you'd find them in the International news.

John: *(a sigh of relief)* Oh, well. That's a relief.

David: *(shocked)* A relief? My goodness, why?

John: *(looks at David)* Because it didn't happen here, to people we might know.

David: John, when any disaster occurs, it happens to children of God. *(paces away)* Did you know that every person's DNA is 99.9% the same? *(turns back)* Regardless of external differences, inside we are truly brothers and sisters – *(smiles)* relatively speaking.

John: *(dryly)* Funny. But I guess you're right.

David: Fortunately, we have a way to help. The Week of Compassion Offering the church is receiving this Thanksgiving will help people hurt by these and other catastrophes, both natural and man-made. Our gifts will bless those who need help desperately.

John: Yeah, I see that. Sorry, I had the wrong attitude.

David: Actually, you just needed an adjustment. What you said earlier was true: we should count our blessings. But the blessings that count the most are when we're a blessing to others.

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