

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.

GOOD NEWS

SETTING: *Bare stage. Two people come out from opposite sides of the chancel, each of them reading a newspaper. Without seeming to look up from their papers, they meet at center stage, facing the congregation.*

Dave: *(lowers the paper and looks at John)* John, can you believe all the bad news?

John: *(lowers the paper a little so his face is visible)* It does look grim.

Dave: *(looks at paper)* Here's a stock broker who wiped out the retirement savings for hundreds of people so he could buy luxury toys.

John: Look at the jobless reports. *(shakes his head)* Hundreds of thousands are applying for unemployment insurance each week. And they don't even count the people who've given up finding a job.

Dave: Well, look at all the businesses closing. Jobs are scarce.

John: These sure are tough times.

Dave: Prices keep going up. *(looks at John)* Pretty soon all we can afford to eat will be peanut butter and bread sandwiches.

John: *(points to Dave's paper)* Uh...bottom of page five. "Peanut Butter Recall Widens."

Dave: *(exasperated)* Isn't there any good news anymore?

John: *(smiles)* I know where there's some.

Dave: *(starts paging through the paper)* Really? What page?

John: *(closes his paper and folds it)* Actually, it's at church.

Dave: *(stares at John)* At church? What's the good news? The roof stopped leaking?

John: No, *(thinks about it)* though that would be great. Actually, the good news I'm talking about is, it's the Week of Compassion offering. Our offerings will be used to help those who have suffered catastrophic losses, be they emotional, physical, or financial. The gifts we give will renew lives and help people to a brighter future.

Dave: *(shakes his head)* Good grief, who'd have believed it. *(looks out over the congregation)* Even God has a stimulus plan!

The End