



## WEEK NINE One Great Hour of Sharing



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

The PC(USA) is one of nine denominations which participates in this ecumenical offering. PC(USA) OGHS offering totals over \$10 million annually. After deducting the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5%), the remaining, undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

- ◆ **36% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for disaster response and ministries with refugees and ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.
- ◆ **32% Presbyterian Hunger Program** for ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation, and throughout the world.
- ◆ **32% Self-Development of People** for partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

### OGHS Offering at Work: The Miracle Tree

Jack's beanstalk may have sprung from magic beans, but that shrub has nothing on *Moringa oleifera*, Senegal's "miracle tree." In this drought-plagued West African country, plants gasp and crops often fail. Malnutrition is common, especially among women and children.



With an affinity for arid climates, the Moringa tree flourishes in places like Senegal, where your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are helping to spread the news, encouraging individual families to grow and harvest nutritious leaves and pods from their very own Moringa trees. With your support, Church World Service and local partners in northern Senegal are growing hundreds of acres of Moringa trees, and harvesting and processing the leaves

into leaf powder to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of mothers and children – often until the family can begin harvesting from its own trees. Leaf powder from the farm is also being tested as a nutritional therapy to stabilize the health of people who are HIV positive.

### Thought for the Day:

- Sunday:** Deuteronomy 15: 7-11  
*....open your hand to neighbors in need. God will bless those who give.*
- Monday:** Proverbs 14: 31  
*....those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but the kind honor him.*
- Tuesday:** Romans 15: 25-26  
*....refers to Paul's delivering of a collection for the poor among the believers in Jerusalem. This collection has been given by the Christians in Macedonia and Achaia.*
- Wednesday:** Psalm 82  
*....justice to the weak and destitute*
- Thursday:** Luke 10; 25-37  
*....the Good Samaritan.*
- Friday:** I Corinthians 16: 1-2  
*....put aside for the needy*
- Saturday:** James 2: 1-7  
*....do not show favoritism to the rich. God chooses the poor to be rich in faith*

### Getting Involved

**For more information log onto one of these sites:**

Ecumenical OGHS page:

[www.oghs.org](http://www.oghs.org)

or

our denominations website at:

[www.pcusa.org/pcusa/cmd/mip/oghs.html](http://www.pcusa.org/pcusa/cmd/mip/oghs.html)

or

contact Donegal Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler  
Rick Schmidt at 717/252-2970 or [frederick\\_schmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:frederick_schmidt@yahoo.com)



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