

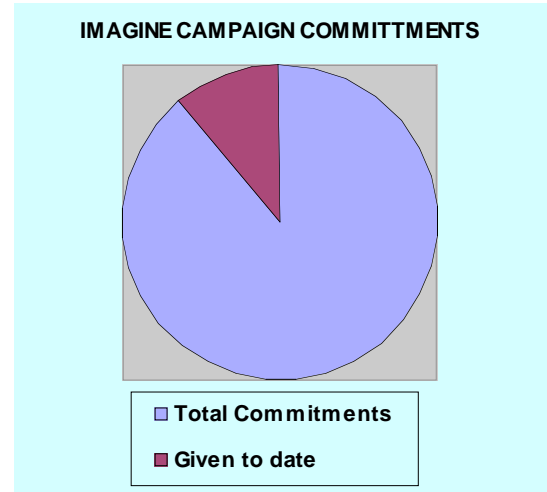
e-NEWSLETTER #3

FIRSTFRUITS SUNDAY

Firstfruits symbolize God's harvest of souls, illustrates giving to God from a grateful heart, and it sets a pattern of giving back to Him the first (and the best) of what He has given us. ([2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#)).



On 01 March 2009, Mosaic celebrated Firstfruits Sunday. Families gave sacrificially with contributions towards their commitments made on the previous Sunday. On Firstfruits Sunday \$27,866 was given. What a wonderful first week for the Campaign.



"We were surprised how much the IMAGINE campaign challenged us. And I don't mean our checkbook. We came face to face with some powerful questions like: "How big is our God?" "and "How much faith do we have in Him to take care of us?"

When the time came make our written commitment towards the campaign, we approached it like any important financial decision. We asked ourselves, "Can we manage this amount without making too many life changes?"

We discovered because the amount had little significant risk or sacrifice, we missed the joy of giving God promised. The lesson He had for us really had very little to do with money. It was about a challenge to examine our faith in His promises. In addition, we learned that we needed to be better stewards of God's resources. We took His challenge to test Him.

True to His word, He has multiplied the blessings. God honors His promises and we can't outgive Him. God has shown us necessary changes that are bringing us closer to each other and to Him while improving our financial discipline.

There were many verses that came to life for me during the campaign, but the most meaningful was the story in Luke 21: 1-4. It's the story about the widow's mites. Jesus observed this and praised her: "She, out of her poverty, put in everything". This put the IMAGINE campaign into perspective. Giving to God is part of our spiritual journey. Moved by the widow's pure and unrestrained love, Jesus used this example to teach that it's not our money that God wants. He wants our heart."

-Steve and Linda



Testimonies

Since Mosaic's beginning in 2003, my spiritual walk has deepened by learning to listen to God attentively, to pray expectantly, to walk humbly and to love and trust Him completely. - Jean Carr



"We have experienced God in the most magnificent way during the past year. Our two grown sons have accepted Christ and are on the path to a new way of living. Although recovery is not complete for our family, we have seen and continue to see the hand of God in our lives."



-Rod Schafner



"Because MOSAIC is looking for souls in need of repair. You don't have to be "fixed" to join!"

- Marion Pinson