

UMC #GivingTuesday

Mike Slaughter, Pastor at Ginghamsburg UMC in Tipp City is often quoted for his alternative giving slogan, “**Christmas: It’s Not Your Birthday!**” United Methodists around the world have heard that message and have responded with generous gifts to mission on behalf of loved ones who simply don’t need another tie or knick-knack.

In response to all the Black Friday hype that surrounds the epic retailing day-after-Thanksgiving, the UMC is offering a chance for you to resist the self-indulgent spirit of our age with the self-giving spirit of Christ for the sake of his kingdom.

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, United Methodists around the world will unite in giving to mission. Last year on Giving Tuesday, 16,300 gifts were given through The Advance, totaling \$6.5 million. This year, the first \$1 million in giving on December 2 will be matched dollar for dollar by Global Ministries, put to \$2,500 per project, ministry, or missionary support. All you have to do is log on to www.umcmission.org/give on Tuesday, December 2 between 12 a.m. And 11:59 p.m., select a mission or missionary, and give online. **It’s that simple.**

For the past several years, our family has adopted the mission of educating a young girl in Cambodia named Mao Theary. We started supporting her when she was in High School, and now support her through college too by paying her tuition and fees (all of \$450/year, quite a bargain by US standards!). **In the wake of genocidal violence in the 1970s, 60% of Cambodia’s population** is under age 18. Cambodia is reawakening, but it cannot do so without education. Our Methodist Mission in Cambodia is rapidly making disciples of Jesus Christ and helping the young people find life with Jesus. Education is a big part of that.

Theary grabbed our hearts when we were serving the mission in Cambodia. You may have **other people, or other situations you know around the world or even here at home that you’d like to support through The Advance.** As always, 100% of your gift will go to serve the cause you designate.

I probably won’t be up at 12:01 on Christmas morning waiting for Santa, but I will be up that early with my finger on the give button to multiply our mission through The Advance on December 2. Join me on UMC #GivingTuesday!

Peace,



Tom Rand