

A Proposal to **Your Church**:

Would You Snatch a Little Child from Danger If You Could? You Can! And You Can Double Your Second-Mile Giving for Your Mission Project at the Same Time!

Here's a safe bet: There isn't a person in **your church** who would not snatch a little child from danger if they saw one.

We need to tap that impulse through an intentional miracle. We need to put it to work for the little "invisible" children dying from treatable causes in 40 countries (32 in Africa) that need extra help.

So imagine you can "see" one of these little children. Now, what can you do?

Your church can apply for an empty tomb® Mission Match® matching contribution! Amounts are available from \$500 to \$3,000, in \$500 steps.

1. Pray and ask God if there is a **little child in one of these 40 countries who desperately needs you**. The list of countries is available at missionmatch.org, on the 40 Countries page.

2. Find out **what particular need would help a medical facility** in that country to reach out better in Jesus' name. The goal should be to help reduce the rate of under-age-5 child deaths. You might want to see what work your denominational structure or another Christian organization is already doing in one of the 40 countries. We've looked at some

denominational Web sites, and found Christian medical outreaches need, for example, portable ultrasound machines, or support to train midwives.

3. Once you've identified the need, your congregation can be a voice for the little child that needs you desperately. Let your church's passion to love the little children in Jesus' name make a difference. **Once you have broad agreement within your church, apply** for the Mission Match matching contribution. The application is available at missionmatch.org on the Church Application page.

4. Once your church's application is accepted, **you have at least one special offering that everyone in the church knows about** and can participate in if they want to. In addition, you can get creative, for example, as one church did, and also have baby bottles in the Sunday school classrooms to collect the children's change. How much money is needed? In a church of 100 attenders, each person would need to give an average of \$5 to raise \$500, or \$30 to raise \$3,000. The amount you choose will then be doubled by Mission Match to help little children in Jesus' name!

5. When at least the amount to be matched is raised, let Mission Match



This little girl's photo was taken in Liberia by a church that received a Mission Match matching contribution. As of 2020, 78 of every 1,000 children born alive in Liberia died before age 5, most from treatable causes. In the U.S., the number is 6, where treatment is generally available.

know. At that point, **Mission Match sends your church a check for the matching contribution amount.**

6. Your church sends the combined money — the amount you raised and the matching contribution — to the group that your church has chosen to work through. This money will help **you snatch that little child from the very real danger of dying from a treatable cause.**

That little child somewhere in the world needs YOU.

Your church can be one of the mighty churches to launch this next step to show Jesus' love for a hurting world through Mission Match!

We look forward to hearing from you soon!