

## FIRST-TIME GIVER PACKET LIST

Here is the list of items that we include in the envelope that gets mailed to all first-time givers:

**Make sure you use a LARGE envelope and include items that make the envelope “LUMPY”. People are curious about what might be inside and will be more likely to open it...**

1. First-time giver letter from Stan
2. Our big offering envelope
3. Automated giving form
4. Generosity Ladder book by Nelson Searcy
5. BMZ Pen
6. If starting a new sermon series, we will include a flyer or card that advertises new series
7. Other items as you have them (we are using seed packets for Spring!)

## Here is the letter Stan sends:

*Insert Date*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

On behalf of everyone at BMZ Church, I want to let you know how much we appreciate your recent financial contribution. According to our records, this may have been your first recorded gift toward BMZ Church and we want to thank you for taking this step.

BMZ Church is a membership supported church and we do all we can to maintain the highest levels of integrity with the resources God gives us through the tithes and offerings of people like you. Examples of steps we've taken include establishing policies for secure handling and counting of weekly offerings, providing giving statements four times annually, preparing an annual budget that is adopted by our membership, and providing detailed monthly financial statements to our Administrative Council for their review and approval.

Your contributions go directly toward funding the ministries of our church. Through your faithfulness, you are assisting us in fulfilling our purpose of “building environments where the unchurched, de-churched and over-churched can become deeply committed Christians” through the strategy of “Know God. Love People. Serve the World.”

Specifically, we see people committing or recommitting their lives to Christ every week. Our Sunday School program supports over 100 children from pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, not counting our Jr. and Sr. High. We are operating a food program that feeds kids in our community on weekdays throughout the summer. Our Food Pantry serves about 30 families per month. We are supporting orphanages in



Myanmar/Burma and Cambodia that house a total of more than 100 children and a Christian seminary in Myanmar that is training young pastors to launch new churches in a country that is 4% Christian. When you give to BMZ, you are truly helping “Change the World for Good One Child at a Time”.

We are grateful for your financial support of BMZ and are encouraged by your confidence in our ministry. May God continue to bless you!

Sincerely,

Stan Pegram, Lead Pastor

P.S. If you have questions about your giving, please don't hesitate to contact Sarah or Michelle, our Office Coordinators, at 608-375-4565.

