



Children Changing the World

My Allowance

Jessica couldn't believe it! Her mom and dad told her she would be receiving an allowance each week. "I'll have my own money!" Jessica thought. "If I make \$5 every week, that's \$20 a month. How much is that a year?" Jessica got her calculator out and discovered she would earn \$240 a year. "I'll be rich! I can buy all the newest video games. Maybe I'll get my own cell phone!" she shouted.



Later that day, Jessica went to church with her mom and dad. A missionary from Africa spoke during the worship service. He showed slides of the children in Africa who were orphaned. The missionary explained that the children were being helped by the money given to the Cooperative Program.

After Jessica and her parents returned home, she asked her dad, "What is the Cooperative Program? How can it help those poor children in Africa?" Her dad explained, "When church members give offerings to the church, some of that money goes to the Cooperative Program. The Cooperative Program helps support ministries in our state and all over the world. Money from the Cooperative Program helps missionaries help needy children and share the love of Jesus with them."

Jessica really wanted to help children all over the world. So the next day, she asked her parents how she could give to the Cooperative Program. They told her all about tithing.

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He must increase...I must decrease. John 3:30

