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### **Local Church Budget**

A church told their pastor they wanted a direct mission project, from one church to another. As they tried to decide what mission project to sponsor, the board prayed together.

An elder grabbed the globe in the office and took it for a spin. He asked another member to place a finger on the globe. It landed near Lake Victoria in the nation of Kenya.

They investigated and discovered there was a church in that place that met under the trees because it had no church structure. After working out the logistics between the two conferences, the church raised funds for the project. Within six months, the church had raised enough to build a church for this sister congregation. Representatives from the church visited Africa when the church there was completed to be part of the dedication service.

At the dedication service, the conference officer asked the pastor, "Why did the church in America choose this church?"

The pastor replied, "We prayed, we asked for direction, and God pointed the way."

"Did you know this church prayed that God would send a miracle?" "No, but God knew!" the pastor said.

Let us remember that the church belongs to God. When we give to the local budget, we can watch for God to open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing. "Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing." Malachi 3:10