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## **FINANCIAL CONCERNS**

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR COMING**, *but are shared to simply let you know what others are doing. However you choose to take care of us financially, we will trust God and gratefully accept it.*

Some churches take care of the financial needs of a visiting speaker by giving them an *honorarium*, i.e., a previously decided amount from a general budget. Others receive *love offerings*, i.e., collections received at the time a guest ministers. Still others give a visiting speaker or singer a *combination* of the honorarium plus the love offering.

In 40 years as a full time evangelist, I have found the *third method to be the most common and helpful* in allowing the church to take part in blessing the visiting minister. This evangelist does not choose churches on the basis of size or affluence. Consequently, when love offerings alone are used, they vary considerably. When honorariums alone are used, members and visitors do not have a chance to give *when they have been touched* by the Holy Spirit. In fact, I have had visitors come to my CD table on multiple occasions wondering why they did not have an opportunity to give. Therefore, it seems to work best that the collection (1Corinthians 16:1) be taken in *each service* in which I minister. (Philippians 4:17, III John 5-6). If a church waits until Sunday evening or Monday evening (in regard to a multi-day meeting) to start receiving the love offerings, many of the people will not be there to give.

Another way churches have been a blessing through the years is by reimbursing the travel expenses separate from and in addition to the love offering. The current IRS standard mileage rate for reimbursement is \$0.56 per mile. If your church would like to be a blessing to us in this way and would like to know the specific amount needed for this meeting, please contact us before the meeting at 765-220-1629 or [alanharrisfamily@cs.com](mailto:alanharrisfamily@cs.com).

Concerning cancellation.... If for some reason, you must cancel our scheduled meeting, please consider sending a love offering to offset our loss of income. By the time you receive this material, it is extremely unlikely that I will be able to schedule another church for the same type of meeting. Anything your church can do in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

*Please be assured that our focus is always on ministering to you and your church and not on what you can do for us. I come as a servant, and I deeply appreciate and respect the pastors that God has blessed me to work with. I'm praying that God will be honored and lives will be changed as we labor together in unity for Him.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER, THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE NOT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUR COMING!**

**\*\*\*Many churches are regularly streaming messages on social media. Please consider making our donation information available to your viewers, so they will have the same opportunity to give as the in-person crowd. Please have your multi-media team contact Angie for that information. They can call or text her at 765-309-2707, or email at [alanharrisfamily@cs.com](mailto:alanharrisfamily@cs.com).**