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. . . **Changing Lives**

Dear Friend,

Can we just say . . .

Thank you.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you.

You are one of our top givers. It's because you are so generous in sharing your blessings that St. John's Church and its congregation have made such a tremendous difference in the lives of people both locally and around the world.

When St. John's Church reaches out to those in need far beyond our small community through our wider church missions, you touch the lives of people around the globe. You are **changing lives**.

When Jane Doe's mother, Ellen Smith, passed away last summer, Jane said she's grateful for the love and support she received from her church community and from everyone who attended Ellen's memorial service. "This was a very sacred time for us. I don't know how people go through something like death and dying without the kind of support and love we received from St. John's Church," said Jane.

You can see it in Bob Jones' face as he Skyped with us recently during worship about his important work in the Middle East.

You can see it in action in our children's love and commitment to Nathan as they help pay for his living expenses so he no longer has to beg on the streets in India.

You see, it happens all the time at St. John's Church. We have an abundance . . . of love, of faith, and of commitment. And as we share that with others, we're **changing lives**, together.

Because we know we can count on you, we're asking you to consider increasing your giving this year. Whatever extra amount you can give over last year's amount is up to you to determine. Only you can decide how to share God's great abundance in your life.

Commitment cards will be sent out on November 11, 2013. Just fill in the card with the amount you determine to show your love and commitment to our church community and the ministry we share. We hope you will bring your card with you and plan to be part of our grand stewardship celebration during worship on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Again, thank you. Thank you for being one of our top supporters, and thank you for helping St. John's Church to live its mission—to **spread God's love**. This is how we're **changing lives**. May He continue to bless you.

Yours in Christian love,

*Individual Stewardship Committee Member Names*

P.S. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving this year. St. John's Church has done many wonderful things this past year, and we want to continue to give the same (or even better) service to our members and others in need.