

Moving a Barn

The power of teamwork!



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The town of Bruno, Nebraska planned this move as a part of their centennial celebration July 29-31, 1988. Local television cameras and 4,000 people from eleven states watched. The project took 20 minutes as 344 people moved the barn 50 yards!

This shows the power of teamwork. What one could not do alone, many working together did.

“Just like the folks in Bruno, Nebraska, if we all lift together great things can and will happen. If 344 can give an old barn a lift, then imagine what the Lord can do through our 366 churches in the Southern Missouri District.”

Sending Missionaries is a lot like moving a barn... it takes team work. If everyone will do something, even though it is no more than \$1 a month for each new missionary, we will make a difference in a lost world.

We need every person and every church to grab a handle and “lift!”

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Yes! I want to help make a difference.

With God's help, I will immediately increase my missions giving each month by \$ _____
I understand this will help my church in supporting the new missionaries.

The total of my monthly faith promise giving will be \$ _____

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