

Overflowing hope. Let's imagine a large fountain flowing with water. As one level fills, the water overflows to the next level and the next. Each level is a bit larger than the one above. The God of hope leads us to give, and the fountain begins to overflow from one level to another. Gifts to missionary appointees helps them serve and bring hope to the lost. Gifts to Missionary Kids helps them feel loved and overflows to their parents' ministries as they appreciate their children being remembered. Baptist Nursing Fellowship medical ministry brings hope in missions situations. Gifts slated to Camp Garaywa bring overflowing hope that many will answer the call to salvation and to missions and that both children and adults will be disciplined there.

And the hope continues to overflow. Aged ministers or widows of ministers may have a hope renewed with the annual monetary gift they receive. Missionaries and parents of missionaries find hope and encouragement as they come together to fellowship and pray. Missionaries on stateside assignment don't have to just hope that they'll have a vehicle to drive. The offering helps that hope be a reality through Macedonian Call Foundation. And WM/WMU work in areas of our state can be enhanced with funds to host gatherings for fellowship, training and special projects to spread hope through the good news of the gospel.

Take some time and ask the God of hope how He would lead you to contribute to this offering and spread some hope in our seemingly hopeless surroundings.

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OVERFLOWING HOPE

If you pay any attention to the news, you might have noticed a lack of hope in the world recently. War here, crisis there, more problems somewhere else...a pervading sense of hopelessness. The concept of overflowing hope seems almost too good to be true.

Yet the Scripture chosen for the Edwina Robinson Offering says that "you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". (Romans 15:13 NIV) How refreshing to ponder overflowing hope! But how does this all fit in with an offering and with Edwina Robinson, the offering's namesake?

"Miss Ed" served Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union (now known as Women's Ministries/Woman's Missionary Union – WM/WMU) for many years, first as Young People's Secretary and then as Executive Secretary. While she led camping programs around the state, she had a dream of building a permanent camp. The project seemed hopeless at times because of World War II. But Miss Ed kept her overflowing hope in the Lord and Camp Garaywa was built in Clinton (now know as Garaywa Camp and Conference Center).

The Edwina Robinson offering began as the Special Day offering in 1951. Miss Ed was serving as Executive Secretary at the time and her overflowing love for missions and missionaries gave her the insight that Mississippi women could provide extra help to them in some small, yet meaningful, ways. These were "special" undertakings that were not covered in any budgets. The women joyfully responded, and the Special Day Offering began.

The offering was named in honor of Miss Ed following her retirement in 1972. In the intervening years, the offering has changed from being a strictly WMU offering to being one sponsored by WM/WMU that the whole church can participate in. Offering allocations are evaluated and changed as needs change and new opportunities arise.

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AGED MINISTERS & WIDOWS



Many widows of ministers need assistance each month. Because they may not be as active as they once were they can become discouraged and feel forgotten. The Edwina Robinson Offering provides a yearly gift to remind these widows how much they are loved and appreciated.

Use the box below to think of ways you can encourage senior adults living in a nursing home or your local community.

Leaders, can you help your group to do an Act of Kindness for a widow or senior adult in your community.

MACEDONIAN CALL FOUNDATION

The Macedonian Call Foundation helps provide vehicles to missionaries while they are visiting in the United States. Can you help the missionaries find the vehicle they will be using while in the states?

