



January 24, 2009

To All the Saints,

Grace to you all, and peace.

In 2008 “Mission Challenge ‘08” was introduced to Lehigh Presbytery, an effort to support God’s mission to the world through Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) missionaries.

Mission Challenge ’08 gave you, your congregation, or church group the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ, feed the hungry and clothe the naked, help the blind see and the deaf hear throughout the world.

Thanks to the generosity shown, \$5,064.85 was contributed to this important endeavor. Thank you to all of the churches and church groups, families and individuals who made this possible.

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David Brainerd was only 29 years old when he died, but in that time he reached out to the Stockbridge, Delaware and Susquehanna tribes. But more than that, according to Ed Reese in his *Christian Hall of Fame* series, “in truth David Brainerd’s life sacrifice reached out and touched the whole world, challenging more people into Christian service than perhaps any other man that ever lived”.

It was in 1739, at age 21, that Brainerd’s particular vocation as a missionary clearly emerged. It was on July 12, according to Reese, that “God spoke to him as light dawning, and he had a glorious salvation experience.”

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## *Light Dawning Fund*

And now, in addition to encouraging you and your family, congregations, choirs, and church groups to contribute individually or collectively any day of the year, we encourage you to encourage your session to mark **July 12** each year as a day for a special offering. Whether it is using a special envelope, or simply taking the loose offering for that day, this is one day to remember everyone’s obligation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, an obligation some live out in faraway countries under difficult circumstances. Sessions may even wish to set a goal of how much will be contributed, making up the difference after the July 12 offering.

And, of course, you and members of your church, individually and in groups, can plan on setting aside \$1 a day or \$365 a year to send in to the Presbytery for the *Light Dawning Fund*.

Please use the attached form to make your pledge.

God is all in all,

Steven H. Shussett  
Teaching Presbyter



Lehigh Presbytery's  
*Light Dawning Fund*

**Mission Challenge '09**

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**Help us Support God's mission to the world through Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) missionaries**

**\$1 per day or \$365 per year can do so much:**

- ✓ Share the Gospel
- ✓ Teach better farming skills
- ✓ Provide medical care
- ✓ Educate children and adults



Name of individual, congregation or group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total funds pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*We would appreciate it if the total amount pledged was received in the Presbytery office by November 1, 2009.*

Please designate these funds for use in

- Africa
- Asia & the Pacific
- Europe
- South Asia
- The Americas
- Central Asia
- The Middle East

Please make checks out to "Lehigh Presbytery" with "*Light Dawning Fund*" in the memo line.

Return this form and contributions to

Lehigh Presbytery  
710 North Cedar Crest Boulevard  
Allentown PA 18104

Questions? Contact Steve Shussett at [steve@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:steve@lehighpresbytery.org) or (610)391-9020

*God has blessed you ~ Can you be a blessing to another?*