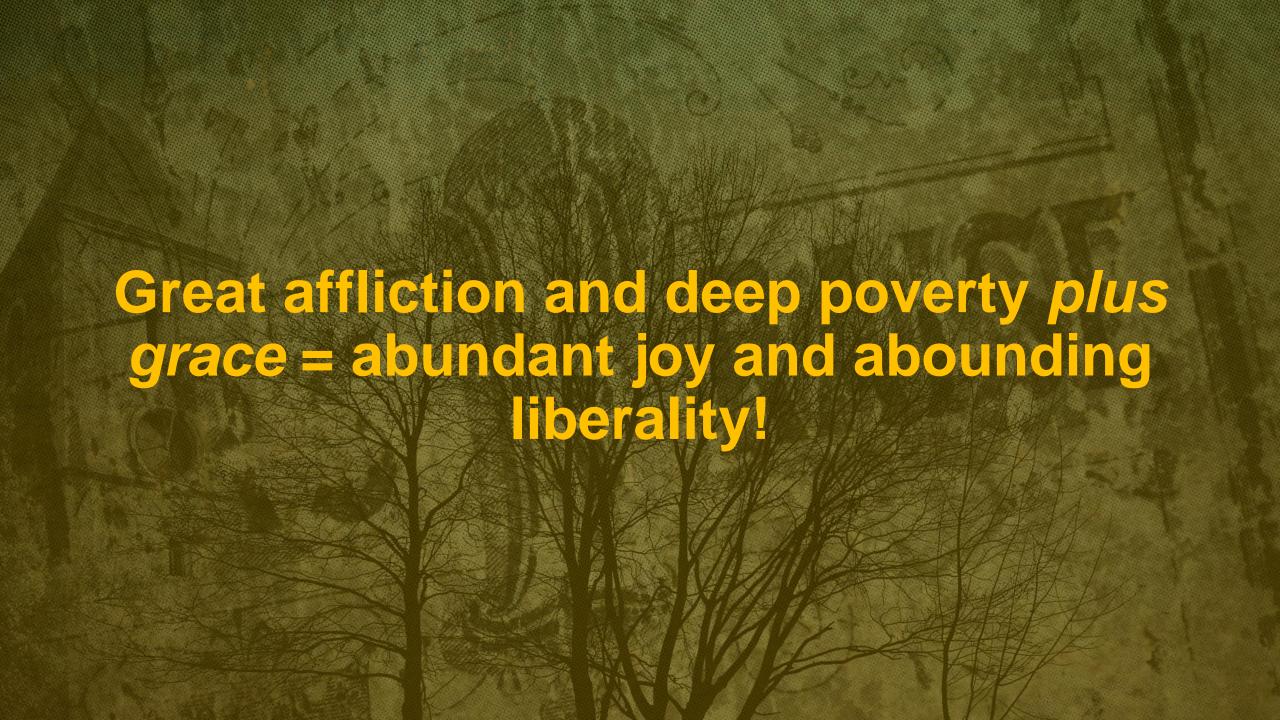




"And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>2</sup> Cor. 8:1-2 (NIV)





"For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even <u>beyond their ability</u>." 2 Cor. 8:3 (NIV)

## THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY IS ENTHUSIASTIC (3-4)

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Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup> they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

## THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY IS A SPIRITUAL HABIT

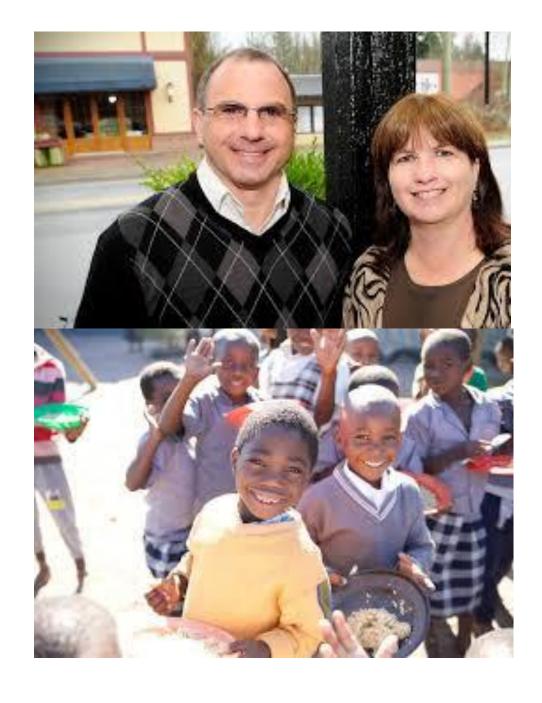
"And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves *first of all to the Lord*, and then by the will of God *also to us*.." 2 Cor. 8:5 (NIV)

## THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY <u>MAKES</u> <u>ME LOVE LIKE JESUS (8:7-9)</u>

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 2 Cor. 8:8(NIV)

# THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY HONORS GOD AS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD (2Cor. 9:13)

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.



### Villages of Hope Africa

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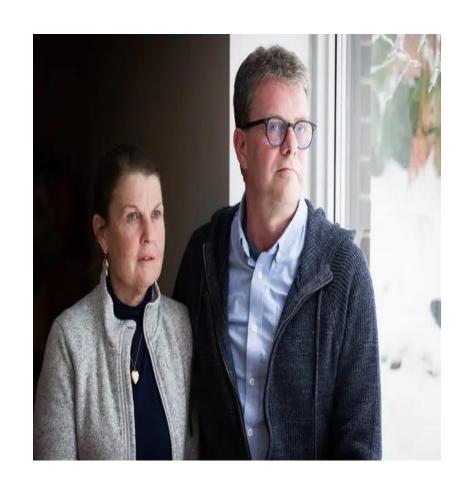
#### Wayne and Anne Hilsden, Israel





#### Nation-To-Nation

#### Imagine Thailand





#### First Nations Ministry





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Together we give so that together we can go and preach the Message of good news to the poor, to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, To set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!"