

The \$10 Church

WHAT A DIFFERENCE
YOUR GIFT MAKES!

BEFORE:

Services in this open-air structure were less than ideal for the Adventist congregation in Caldera, Panama.



AFTER:

Your gift means that this church now shines brighter as a light to this community. They worship in a dignified place of their own, and they put this building to use nearly every day of the week! You have really made a difference here!

The \$10 Church plays a major part in fulfilling the need for churches and schools around the world by asking individuals to donate just \$10 a month toward construction costs. The combined \$10 donations of thousands of people is enough to sponsor the completion of several churches a month.

The inspiration for The \$10 Church came from a fundraiser that took place more than 130 years ago! In 1878, a Seventh-day Adventist congregation in Battle Creek, Michigan, needed to build a new place of worship. But the members had no money. After some thought, they came up with the brilliant idea to ask each member to give just one dime a month to go toward a new sanctuary.

This strategy eventually funded a beautiful new church. But it did something else: it strengthened community bonds as everyone worked together to provide the funds. The Dime Tabernacle, as this project came to be called, is an example of how collaboration is a powerful tool!

Maranatha's \$10 Church is based on the same concept. Since 1988, this program has sponsored nearly 400 churches! It has been a great way for many people—including children—to get involved with missions.

The Process

Giving to The \$10 Church is one of Maranatha's easiest and most effective donor programs.

1. Give \$10 a month specifically to The \$10 Church program. (Beltsville SDA Church's Destination Sabbath School is participating in this as a group project, so any amount is valued.)
2. Your gifts to the program are pooled with thousands of other \$10 Church contributions each month.
3. The combined money sponsors multiple churches each month.
4. You receive a monthly letter about a church YOU helped to build! (Pastor Jim Zackrison has been sharing these heartwarming letters with the Sabbath School!)

You have the option to contribute \$10 a month, \$120 to cover the entire year; or any amount (large or small), at any interval you choose; or a one-time gift. Remember, this is a group project. YOU are helping to build lives!