

Offertory Reading for . . .

January 30, 2010

World Budget

GC Session Project: Silk Road 10-40 Window

(**Personal Giving Plan** suggests 1%-3% of income)

For many decades a special offering has been promoted in connection with the General Conference Session, which is held every five years. These offerings are always evangelistic in nature and in recent years have been for “Hands Across the World,” “The 10-40 Window,” and “Hope for the Big Cities.”

The offering for this year’s session is named, “**The 10-40 Window—Salvation on the Ancient Silk Road.**” The Silk Road was an important ancient trading route from about 100 B.C. until the 15th century, beginning in northern China and running westward as far as the Mediterranean Sea. It was named for the Chinese cloth that was traded abundantly along the route.

Instead of Chinese silk, porcelain, and other commodities, we wish to focus on providing the gospel to the millions of Islamic, Buddhist, and other peoples who inhabit that area and need to know Jesus. Very few Christians live in this vast area. But it is included among the “every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” to whom the everlasting gospel must be preached.

You can have a part in this challenging outreach by participating in our offering today.

Let us pray.