

S.O.W. – Strategic, Obedient & the Way

”Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (II Corinthians 9: 6-8)

“If God can get it through you He will give it to you!”

S.O.W. – An acronym for the “Why” we help the **S**trangers, **O**rphans and **W**idows:

Strategic, Obedient & the Way to breakthroughs and blessings

1. STRATEGIC

A key part of Paul's apostolic ministry in the mid 50's AD was the organizing of a collection of money to relieve the poverty of the Jerusalem church. That mission which started with alleviating poverty led to Paul's missionary journeys and the planting of churches throughout Asia Minor that eventually spread throughout the world.

“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God...” (II Cor. 9:13a)

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world..... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5.14-16)

2. OBEDIENT

“Men will praise God for the **obedience** that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ” (II Cor. 9:13b)

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” (II Cor. 9:12)

3. The WAY – to breakthroughs and blessings

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” (II Cor 9:10,11)

We live to give and when we give – WE LIVE!