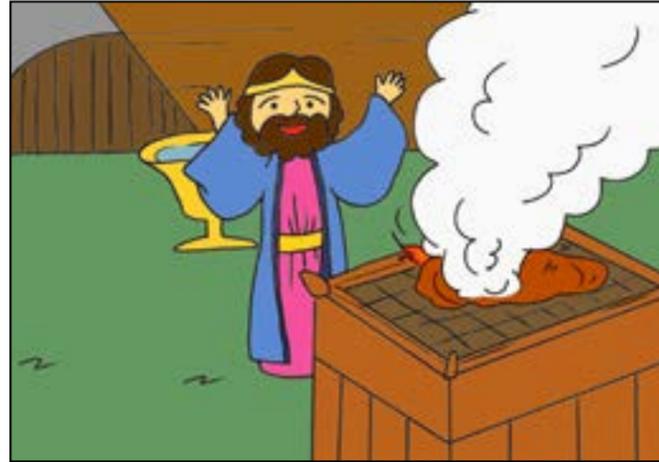
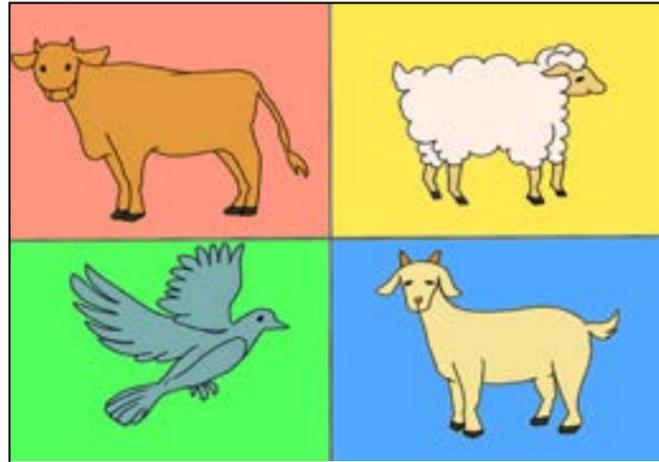


# Give with a Grateful Heart



After the Israelites came out of Egypt, they spent many years in the dry plains. They learned what it meant to have worship pleasing to God, and the right way to live together. The people of Israel could not build a church like we have now, so they built tents and altars to meet with the Lord, and for this gave gifts to the Lord with joyful hearts.

Each person brought what they thought was most precious. Some people brought earrings, rings, and necklaces, sometimes leathers and yarns of many colors, and others brought silver, brass, and wood. Together everyone brought these gifts to God with a happy heart. Something amazing was happening. People building the taberna-

cle stopped their work and came to Moses. "The people have brought too many things." Moses then told the people of Israel not to bring any more offerings. There were more than enough items to build the tabernacle.

Phillip Hewer is a missionary in charge of making sure translations are right. While he was helping the Kasem team in Ghana, he found some fun expressions that the Kassena people use. There were two ways to translate the Hebrew word NBDH- "an offering thought (up) by oneself," and "an offering with a joyful heart."

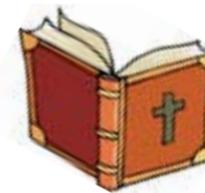
This word was used in the Bible twenty-six times, and Phillip had to decide which meaning was the best. After looking at many different sentences, he decided to use "offering with a joyful heart." This meant that the

person who gives is cheerful and willing, and was better for expressing the right way in giving.

How do you give to others? Do you give with a happy heart like the Israelites did? God is pleased when we give while worshiping with merry hearts. (Cor. 2 9:7) Read the Bible every day and give offerings with a grateful heart.

Phillip and Judy Hewer have been working with the Kassena people. The New Testament in the Kasem language has been published in 1989 and the whole Bible was dedicated in 2016. Let us pray that God will work in the Kasena people to change them and their community when they read the Bible in their heart language.

## Let's read the Bible



Exodus 20:1-7  
(19:4-6)  
32:1-10  
(24:15-18)  
40:34-38  
(40:16-33)

## We consider together

God is pleased with those who give with a grateful heart. To help all tribes/people groups have the Bible in their heart language, what small portion can you give to God with a grateful heart?



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