

I Gave at the Office

How many of you have ever heard the phrase, “I gave at the office?” A few of us. Years ago you used to hear that phrase a lot. Often major charities would work through offices encouraging employees to give while at work. So, when the same charity knocked on your door you could slough off any request by saying, “I gave at the office.” How could they prove or disprove that?

So the term came to be known as an excuse to simply get rid of someone asking a donation of you. I did read a joke that tells of a man who was lost on a camping trip. Rescuers searched the wilderness until a medical team finally spotted a solitary figure across a wide chasm. “Charlie Smith,” someone shouted at the man, “is that you?” “Yes, it is,” came the reply. “Who are you?” “We’re from the Red Cross.” “I gave at the office!” Charlie shouts back.

You might think I am crazy but I want you to be able to say, “I gave at the office,” AND it be the truth! Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME we give you multiple ways in which you can give. Many of you set up your giving to be recurring. In fact about XX% of what we bring in comes in some electronic format. You can give at the beach, in the mountains, at the ball game or wherever. You can also give at the office or place of work.

Here at YOUR CHURCH NAME we really don’t care how you give. We care THAT you give. We care because first and foremost giving is an act of obedient worship to God. It is one way we show our gratitude for all he has done for us. The other reason we care about your gift is that we depend upon generous people like you to fund all the missions and ministry we do here. Without your faithful generosity we would not be able to do what we do.

So thank you for your gift whether you give from your office, your house or right now as we pass the plates YOU are making a difference for the Kingdom!