Totally His

**Scene 1 - At church**

*Several children are gathered*

Alex: I gotta tell you, Thanksgiving was absolutely awesome!

Bobby: It was. Man, I ate so much, I thought I was going to *bust*!

Charlie: Wait, are you saying *you* finally got enough to eat that you had to stop?

Domingo: That would be a first!

Greg: Our community Thanksgiving service was awesome!

Bobby: Wait, wait, wait . . .

Alex: Here we go again! *What* Bobby?

Bobby: We have a *Community* Thanksgiving service? Is that new or something?

Alex: Man, you are such a goof!

Greg: He just likes to play around. Have any of you thought about Christmas yet?

Charlie: I always start thinking about Christmas right after Thanksgiving!

Domingo: I can’t wait for our Christmas break. Two *whole* weeks without having to go to school!

Alex: Yeah, that will be *great*. Everyone seems to be so stressed at school this year!

Greg: I know what you mean. Maybe they will calm down over break.

Charlie: I doubt it.

*Pastors Boskos and Palmer come in*

Pastor Palmer: What do you doubt, Charlie?

Bobby: He was just talking about school.

Domingo: Yeah, it has been a pretty hard year.

Alex: What are we going to do tonight, Pastor Palmer?

Pastor Palmer: I wanted to talk to you about Lottie Moon and our Christmas Offering theme.

Domingo: Miss Lottie did a lot for missions!

Bobby: What does a **lotta** moon have to do with Christmas?

Charlie: It is ***Lottie***, not lotta!

Domingo: She was a real famous missionary!

Pastor Palmer: Every year at Christmas we take up a special offering that is named in honor of Miss Charlotte Diggs Moon. Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting missionaries sent by churches through the International Mission Board. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board’s overseas budget. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides 54 percent of the International Mission Board’s income.

Pastor Boskos: Thanks to Southern Baptists, $149.3 million was given to the 2012 offering. It surpassed the previous year’s offering of $146.8 million by more than $2.4 million and marked the third-highest amount given in the offering’s 124-year history.

Charlie: Wow! $149 *million* dollars! That is a lot of money!

Domingo: It sure is. I bet our missionaries can tell a *lot* of people about Jesus with that much money!

Pastor Boskos: Lottie Moon support made it possible for our missionaries, working with their ministry partners around the globe, to communicate the Gospel to more than 1.4 million people, lead more than 337,000 people to faith in Christ, baptize 266,451 new believers and start more than 24,000 churches.

Alex: Pastor Palmer, are we reaching all the people in the world with our Lottie Moon offering?

Pastor Palmer: We still face quite a challenge: out of the world’s 11,000-plus people groups, nearly 7,000 are considered unreached; they include more than half the world’s population. More than 3,000 unreached people groups are unengaged, having no church-planting strategy at all.

Greg: What is the difference between an unengaged people group and an unreached people group?

Pastor Palmer: An unengaged people group has no continual access to the Gospel through any evangelical church-planting efforts. An unreached people group is one in which less than 2 percent of its population is evangelical Christian.

Bobby: 7,000 people groups have *never* heard about Jesus?

Charlie: And 3,000 have no churches being planted among them?

Domingo: My dad told me about the Tijaltepec Mixteco people group in San Pablo.

Pastor Boskos: I remember reading about them. Their community is in the mountains of southern Mexico. Most people who live there are subsistence farmers. They grow the food their families eat. Because jobs are scarce, many of them leave home to seek work in the U.S. But not everyone can make the journey, and families often end up split between the two countries for years at a time.

Greg: I know there are a lot in Africa.

Alex: A *lot* of Asia has very few believers.

Pastor Boskos: You’re right Alex. It’s heartbreaking that so many people live in what we call the 10-40 window.

Greg: What’s the 10-W-40 window?

Bobby: Isn’t that a sticky window you sprayed 10-40 on to loosen it up?

Pastor Boskos: Not quite, Bobby. The 10/40 Window is a term we use to refer to those regions of the world located between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator. This area has the highest level of socioeconomic challenges and the least access to the Christian message and Christian resources on the planet. This part of the world contains:

82% of the poorest of the world's poor

84% of those with lowest quality of life

The hub of the world's major non-Christian religions (Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.,)

Close to 100% of those who are both most-poor and have least-access to Christian resources

And the least Christian resource investment and least sharing of the Christian message

Pastor Palmer: That’s right, Pastor Boskos. In fact, just a few weeks ago, Christians in Iran were given 80 lashes just for celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

Charlie: You mean, they were *beaten* just for celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

Alex: That is bad, Pastor Palmer. What can we do to make any kind of difference in the world?

Pastor Palmer: Great question, Alex! That is why I am here tonight. As Pastor Palmer told you, our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering theme this year is Totally His. Our verse this year is in **Matthew 22:37-39**. Jesus said we should *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

And that is what we wanted to talk about tonight. Can you imagine how different the world would be if *all* of us were *totally* committed to Jesus?

*The puppets are silent for a moment*

Pastor Boskos: As followers of Christ, we must give our ***ALL*** so people can know the love of Jesus. That’s what being totally His requires: pouring ourselves out completely to be His heart, hands and voice — individually, as a church, and as Southern Baptists working cooperatively to reach all the nations. We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. And although Southern Baptists have been praying, giving and going for more than 160 years, the task is far from finished.

Pastor Palmer: As Christians, we are to pray strategically, give sacrificially, partner to reach the unreached, engage the unengaged and send cross-cultural missionaries.

Charlie: So, what can we do?

Greg: Is that why we collect our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?

Pastor Boskos: Exactly! Jesus tells us to be totally committed — first to love Him, then to love others as much as we love ourselves. We are to give all of our heart, soul and mind to being Christ-like. The ultimate goal: that every man, woman and child on this earth can know His saving grace. Southern Baptist missionaries can’t carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth without our full support. Through our giving, missionaries can concentrate their time and efforts on engaging the unreached with the Gospel. How much will you give to reach the ones who still do not know? Think about what you spend on Christmas gifts for family and friends. Then consider giving your biggest gift to God through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The 2013 goal is $175 million. What role you will play?

Domingo: Wow, Pastor Boskos, I understand what it means to be totally His now. I have been saving up for a new video game. I am going to give that money to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so our missionaries can tell people about Jesus.

Pastor Palmer: For more than 160 years, Southern Baptists have given themselves wholly to God by leaving their comfort zones to go out into the world with the Gospel. But even today, billions of people remain lost. The church was given the Great Commission, and we must take responsibility for taking the Good News to the unreached people groups of the world. Would ***you*** consider partnering with missionaries and sending members to touch lost people groups with God’s love?

Greg: What a *great* time to be a Christian! There is *so* much we can do to share the love of Jesus with people right here in our community and around the world!

Domingo: Hey, isn’t that what Frank is doing? He has gone where people don’t have a church so that he can tell them about Jesus.

Pastor Boskos: That’s right, Domingo! Thank you for being so attentive while we talked about being totally His. I hope that *all* of you will respond to God’s call on your lives and that He will use you to change the world!

All: We do too! See you all next time!

Setting/Characters/Props

**Setting**

Modern times

One scene

**Characters 8 Speaking Parts**

Alex:

Bobby:

Charlie:

Domingo:

Eric:

Greg:

Pastor Palmer:

Pastor Boskos:

**Props**

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