Global Ministries is pleased to share with you a **Week of Compassion Offering** skit presented at Webster Groves Christian Church in Saint Louis, Missouri. This skit was written by church member, David Ingram.

### BLESSINGS THAT COUNT

**SETTING:** A bare stage. Two people enter and walk to the center of the chancel, their noses buried in newspapers. Once there, they lower the papers but continue to read.

**John:** *(glances at David)* We dodged a bullet this year.

**David:** What do you mean?

**John:** *(holds up the paper)* There’s a story here about how the hurricane season hardly touched us. Even this last one dropped to a tropical storm before it hit land. Nothing to worry about.

**David:** I think the people caught in the stormy weather might worry.

**John:** *(looks at David)* A little rain never hurt anyone.

**David:** *(a wry smile)* That’s what Noah’s neighbors said.

**John:** Ha. *(looks back at the paper)* Still, it could have been a lot worse. We can count our blessings.

**David:** Well, what about the Philippine floods and landslides or the Samoa earthquake? *(use recent problems in other parts of the world)*

**John:** Hmm. *(thumbs through the paper.)* What page is that on?

**David:** They happened earlier this year, but you’d find them in the International news.

**John:** *(a sigh of relief)* Oh, well. That’s a relief.

**David:** *(shocked)* A relief? My goodness, why?

**John:** *(looks at David)* Because it didn’t happen here, to people we might know.

**David:** John, when any disaster occurs, it happens to children of God. *(paces away)* Did you know that every person’s DNA is 99.9% the same? *(turns back)* Regardless of external differences, inside we are truly brothers and sisters — *(smiles)* relatively speaking.

**John:** *(dryly)* Funny. But I guess you’re right.

**David:** Fortunately, we have a way to help. The Week of Compassion Offering the church is receiving this Thanksgiving will help people hurt by these and other catastrophes, both natural and man-made. Our gifts will bless those who need help desperately.

**John:** Yeah, I see that. Sorry, I had the wrong attitude.

**David:** Actually, you just needed an adjustment. What you said earlier was true: we should count our blessings. But the blessings that count the most are when we’re a blessing to others.

**THE END**