

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

We are coming up on one of my favorite weeks of the year. I love the week that spans from our Palm Sunday services and concert through Easter Sunday. We've tried repeatedly to let you know what is happening this coming week—I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to hear God's Word, to join with God's people, and to participate in God's praise during this holy week together.

I also wanted to give you another update about where things are financially here at IPC. As I mentioned to you in January, our end-of-year giving in December 2018 was excellent. And because it was, we were able to release a significant amount of money for special missions projects including: helping to start a new RUF at Arkansas State University; assisting Third Millennium Ministries complete their Spanish translation of their Master of Arts level theological curriculum; partnering with Palmer Home in building the Hugh Francis Wellness Center; and providing for a ministry intern for Manchester City Church, which is pastored by Ralph Cunnington, who preached for our missions conference. I want to thank you again for your generosity, but I also want you to see how God is using your giving to advance God's Kingdom around the world.

You may remember that our financial year runs September through August; so, we are over half way through the fiscal year. As the chart shows you, we are right on track in terms of our expected giving—thank you again for supporting this ministry consistently and generously. But the chart also shows you that we will still need an additional \$1.5 million from April to the end of August to make our budget for the year. If we hold to our year-over-year trends, we should be able to do that, but if you give more than budgeted, it allows us to be a little more aggressive in expanding our budget for next fiscal year and to release money for special projects like the ones we were able to do this year.



And so, I want to ask you to continue to remember IPC in your giving plans as we go through the summer. We have a number of exciting things going on this spring and summer, two of which would be record numbers of students already registered for the Junior High Edge and Senior High RYM and a full summer of children's ministry activities, including another exciting VBS. We are working on 2019-2020—one thing that is on the calendar is a student apologetics conference that we are hosting in conjunction with Ligonier Ministries in February 2020.

God is at work in our midst and we hope you see that is the case. I trust that over the coming week as we come again to Jesus Christ and him crucified, as we sing and praise and hear and respond, we will rejoice as new people declaring to our city that our God makes all things new!

In the grip of God's grace,

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