

**"Two Gifts for a Healthy Growing Christian Community"**  
**(Philippians 1:1-11)**

*Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Philippians 1: 1-2)*

*This is my prayer that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what's best and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.  
(Philippians 1: 9-10)*

**1. GOD GIVES A SENSE OF MISSION**

*I thank my God every time I remember you in all my prayers for all of you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day to this day. (Philippians 1: 3-5)*

We are partners in spreading the gospel (i.e. the Good News about Jesus Christ), that's our God given mission. The first gift God gives to a healthy thriving church that wants to grow is a sense of mission.

**2. GOD GIVES US A PROMISE**

*He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it (Philippians 1:6).*

God has never started something he couldn't finish. God finished the work he set out to complete through the tiny Philippian Church way back in the first century AD i.e. Philippi was the first church on the European continent and from there sprang the Christianization of Europe, then the Americas and even our own nation. God will also complete the work he has begun in you and in our church.