

## THE MODERN-DAY WALDENSIANS

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**Luke 8:1-3—“The Twelve were with him, and also some women; . . . Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.”**

We bring our tithe, offerings, and donations because the Master calls us to partner in His final mission. During Jesus’ earthly ministry, a group of women provided the resources for His last trip around Galilee. As a result, this phase of His ministry was particularly rich in teaching and demonstrating power and expansion in mission. During this missionary tour, Jesus and His disciples visited the Gentile regions outside the borders of Israel: Tyre, Sidon, Bethsaida, and Decapolis. They went north as far as Caesarea Phillipi. Outside Tyre, Jesus repeated the miracle of the multiplication of bread by feeding 4,000 men, non-Jews, presenting Himself as the Bread of Life for all nations.

Today, some young people are dedicating their lives to bringing the gospel to some hard-to-reach people and groups in the Middle East. In the tradition of the Waldensians of the Middle Ages, they pursue secular activities as a vehicle for preaching the gospel. Some are enrolled in universities. Though they are students, their first aim and focus is to find opportunities to bring the love and message of Jesus to their peers. One modern-day Waldensian wrote these words: “Being in a foreign land is challenging. You miss your family, your home country, and your friends. You also have to adapt to a new culture, the people, the climate, and so forth.” But her commitment remains unshaken because “universities are amazing mission fields. You meet people your age, you easily make friends, and you have many opportunities to share about God with open-minded, inquisitive people.”

A part of the tithe and offerings is used to support the work of these young people. Would you like this ministry and other ministries to move forward and expand? Participate this week and onward in returning your tithe and regular offerings, called Promise.

### PRAYER

*Lord, we thank You for the work of these frontline missionaries. Protect them and bless their service. Help us not to miss any opportunity to support Your final mission.*