

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



It was a new concept I had never really thought about before.

As I was visiting with a landscape architecture student, she described her design work as a means

to display the glory of God. Seeing landscaping as an act of worship was a new and fresh perspective for me. However, it's very consistent with an important truth: we are all stewards of God's resources, whether it's His creation, our time and talents or the property we own.

This conversation got me thinking about how I maintain my own yard – though I must confess I don't see myself as someone who will ever enjoy mowing my grass. I have a new perspective now. I even joined my wife in planting some flowers to intentionally declare God's glory.

How do you view your role as a steward of God's resources? How can you use your property to glorify God and draw others toward Him?

Anything and everything can bring glory to God when we dedicate it to Him.

If you'd like to have a conversation about how your property can be used to bring God glory and to further the work of your favorite ministries, we'd love to talk with you!

Grateful to serve you,



James Bakke, J.D.
Executive Director

GOD'S PURPOSES AND PROPERTY

Turning Problems Into Opportunity Through a Life Income Gift

"We were led by the Lord to do this." This is the only way John and Monika Lautenbach can explain why they set up a charitable remainder trust through Barnabas Foundation.

Nearly 40 years ago, the Lautenbachs' purchased three acres of property in McMinnville, Oregon. They intended to build a house there, but it never quite panned out. Finally, they decided to sell the land.



John and Monika Lautenbach

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TRIPLE YOUR FREEDOM. MULTIPLY YOUR IMPACT.

Sometimes the cost and hassles of owning property begin to outweigh the benefits your possessions once held.

Consider these ownership burdens...

- Repairing rental property, finding tenants and collecting delinquent payments.
- Maintaining and paying the bills for a vacation home you seldom use.
- Deciding what to do with farmland or machinery for which your children have no interest.

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FREEDOM AND IMPACT.

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If you have property you no longer need or care to manage, a charitable remainder trust may provide you with THREE powerful benefits.

1. Release yourself from the hassles and carrying costs of property you no longer care to own.
2. Receive a charitable deduction at the time of the gift, and avoid the immediate tax bill on its sale.
3. Free yourself from worry about retirement income by securing payments for life.

What's more, you'll be able to repurpose valuable property for God's Kingdom by donating it toward the mission of your favorite ministries. The potential impact is exponential!

Is a charitable remainder trust the right giving option for you?

Learn more and request your free personalized proposal by calling Cindi Riemersma at 888.448.3040, ext. 207 or email criem@BarnabasFoundation.com.

ASK BARNABAS FOUNDATION

Q: What kinds of gifts can I give in exchange for life income payments?

A. Surprisingly, there a variety gifts you can give in exchange for payments for life – everything from cash, publicly traded appreciated stock, real estate that has grown in value, farm machinery that is paid for and depreciated, and commodities such as grains, fruits or even livestock.

If you have an asset you might like to contribute for a gift that pays you income for life, contact us at 888.448.3040 or email info@BarnabasFoundation.com. We would be happy to provide you with a personalized proposal illustrating the tax benefits and your payment stream.

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"All we could think of," recalls John "was: 'Do you want Uncle Sam to take care of your money, or do you want to be involved?'"

Because of the property's increased value over time, the capital gains tax on the sale would have amounted to more than 30 percent of its value. "What a waste!" exclaims John.

In order to achieve their charitable goals and avoid capital gains tax, John and Monika contributed the property into a charitable remainder trust. They now receive income for their lifetimes, after which the remainder of the trust's funds will be donated to the ministries they've designated.

The Lautenbachs marvel at how God provided this property to advance His Kingdom.

"We bought the property for our own purposes," reflects John. "But it's out of our domain now. That's a comfortable feeling since we know it's dedicated to institutions that honor the Lord. It's beautiful!"



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