

LIGHTEN THE LOAD
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Purpose:

This sketch is a simple illustration of the old adage “*many hands make the load lighter.*” Very appropriate for a missions service.

Characters:

Four people, three of whom are strategically placed throughout the congregation.

Props:

A very large closed box (Empty) One man should be able to get his arms around it.

The speaker should be talking about giving to missions when this skit begins. As he speaks, the back doors of the church come crashing open. A man staggers in, carrying a large box. Bowed under the weight, he manages only a few steps before he falls forward, allowing the box to land on the floor. (If the floor is over a basement, a stamped foot timed to the landing of the box gives an excellent impression of tremendous weight)

Panting heavily, he turns to a sympathetic bystander (pre-picked) sitting in a pew and asks for help. The two of them then pick up the box with a fair amount of difficulty. They step slowly and awkwardly up the aisle with the box. Perhaps, halfway up, they stop for a breath. Whereupon another prearranged helper asks if they would like help. Upon affirmation, he also takes a side of the box and the three proceed steadily, with less effort than before. About two thirds of the way to the altar, a fourth man also rises and puts his hands under the box. The four of them carry the box forward and set it on the altar with no apparent effort at all. The first man then turns to the others.

First Man: I had the burden for their souls. But it seemed I’d never get to actually bring them the Gospel. I don’t know what I’d have done without you.

All are seated after shaking hands. The speaker then continues speaking about sharing the burden of missionaries with finances and prayer.