

*Who then will offer willingly, consecrating themselves today to the Lord?*

—1 Chronicles 29:5

On a recent trip to Ghana I toured several communities participating in the *NetsforLife*® program. Once the final community visit was complete, everyone gathered to share some of their stories with me at a “durbar.” At the end of the presentations, the leader came forward to say that he had a presentation to make to me.

As I sat down, the leader said that although they had a gift to give to me, they were very embarrassed, as it was such a small gift. He told me that they had wanted to give me an elephant as a gesture of thanks, as that was the grandest gift they could imagine presenting to show how important the malaria nets were to their community.

However, they weren’t able to give me an elephant. Instead they had decided to collect all of the eggs laid that day and present them to me.

The eggs represented the entire village’s wealth for that day. It was everything they had, and they wanted to share it with me—truly a living theology of abundance in a place of scarcity. How can we do any less?

—Robert W. Radtke