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Liberty students were challenged during Spiritual Emphasis Week to give to a missions cause -- and now three Ethiopian children's lives will be changed forever.

Evangelist David Nasser encouraged students at a Campus Church service Wednesday, January 23 to give a special offering. He called it the "jeans" offering because he encouraged them to give the same amount as their jeans cost.

On the following night's gathering in the Vines Center, with about 4,000 in attendance, students raised more than \$65,000. The offering will help with the adoption of three Ethiopian children from one family who have been separated and put in different orphanages. The vision was to raise enough to pay for the adoption of these children, with the overflow going to other local and international missions causes.

Following that Friday's convocation, the total collection now stands at around \$85,000.

Campus pastor Johnnie Moore called this offering "historic."

"Honestly, this astounded us," he said. "The Lord really burdened our students and they gave more than we ever imagined."

Spiritual Emphasis Week is the spiritual kickoff of each semester, Moore said.

"It's where we pause a moment in the busyness of things to ask the Lord what He has for us in the coming months. This year we felt inspired to put practical feet to our spiritual growth through acts of service," he said. "The miracle of this is not that a few people gave a great deal, it's that everyone gave something. It's also evidence of the potential impact of Christian college students united under a meaningful cause."