

Frequently Asked Questions @ Prayer Cards

Q: Can our new prayer cards be ready by the time we visit our first church on home assignment?

A: Yes. If you start the process at least 6-8 weeks before arriving in the States, your cards can be waiting for you.

Q: Do we need to use a professional photo for our prayer cards?

A: Many missionaries are opting to use a high quality digital snapshot (a .jpg file is required) instead of the professional studio photo taken during your debriefing. Speed of processing and ability to personalize the cards make this an appealing option. (The Hanke professional photo is necessary for FMWM to use for multiple promotional purposes.)

Q: How do we know if our snapshot's quality is good enough to be used?

A: To take a high quality photo, use the highest resolution setting on your camera – usually named “fine” or “extra fine.” Our vendor needs a 300 dpi file for the 4” x 6” size card. Normally, a photo that we can work with will be a minimum of 350k. The smaller the photo file size, the more likely it will not be usable. We check with our vendor if we have questions about the photo you submit.

Q: How long does the prayer card process take?

A: Here are the steps:

- Hanke Studio photo processing – up to 4 weeks (if personal snapshot is used, this time is eliminated)
- FMWM formatting and proof sent for your approval – 1-2 days
- Approval and editing – Varies according to how quickly you review the proof and the number of edits to be done
- Printing – 3-5 days for standard order, plus shipping time

Q: Can we have our prayer cards printed somewhere other than through FMWM?

A: While FMWM continues to offer this service through Weber Photo Productions, you may choose to have another vendor design and print your cards. Just remember to provide FMWM with 1,000 prayer cards each time you print new ones.

Q: Where can we view prayer card samples?

A: Go to <http://www.4colorcards.net> for format options from Weber Photo Productions.

Q: What's the best quantity for us to order?

A: Several factors go into making that decision:

- Supply for FMWM - Increase your personal order by 1,000 to be able to supply FMWM the needed quantity.
- Length of home assignment – Fewer cards are needed for shorter home assignments.
- Frequency of printing – Determine whether you plan to have new cards printed each time you come for home assignment. Those missionaries who do not have children and schedule multiple home assignments over a 5-year span may be able to use the same card throughout that time. We recommend missionaries with children have their cards printed more frequently to keep up with the children's changing appearances.
- Number and size of supporting churches.
- New missionaries – We recommend new missionaries order no fewer than 5,000 cards.

Q: Why does FMWM ask for 1,000 of our cards?

A: This makes it possible to fill requests that come to the FMWM Office, particularly when you are on the field.

Q: What are the quantity options through Weber Photo?

A: Weber Photo offers these options: 500 – 1,000 – 2,500 – 5,000 – 7,500 – 10,000 and 15,000.

Q: Who covers the prayer card costs?

A: All costs for preparation and printing come from the missionary's MSA account.

Q: Is it possible to reprint our previous prayer card rather than having a new one printed?

A: Yes. But in order for the job to be considered a reprint, no photo or text changes can be made; the card has to be an *exact* reprint. The price for reprints ranges from \$115 up to \$200, depending on size of the card, quantity and type of service requested.

Q: How do we get started if we're working with FMWM to produce our cards?

A: Here are the steps:

- Complete the Prayer Card Worksheet and send it to Paula Gillespie at: paula.gillespie@fmcna.org.
- Submit your photo to Paula.
- Work with Paula to make any necessary changes to the proof she sends you.