

WHEN A MISSIONARY VISITS YOUR CHURCH

Financial Facts

Give

Online: Online giving options for churches include: one time donations or recurring gifts (such as, automatic withdrawal through credit, debit or bank transfers.) <https://give.fmcusa.org/> If individuals wish to give online, they can go directly to the missionary or country web page and click the give button.

Mail: FMC-USA, PO Box 51710, Indianapolis, IN. 46251. Make checks payable to FMC-USA; specify the fund name on the check's memo line.

Phone: 800.342.5531, Debra Hancock at ext. 232

Commit

Online: Go to fmwm.org and click "Commit." Use online form or go to a specific missionary or country page and click on "Commit" for a form specific to that account.

Phone: 800.342.5531, Debra Hancock at ext. 232 Commitments are to be fulfilled the way they are made:

- If an individual makes the commitment, the individual gives directly to FMWM to fulfill their personal commitment.
- If a church makes the commitment, individuals give through the church to fulfill the church's commitment.

To review current commitment and support levels for MSAs and CPDs go to fmwm.org, click "Commit" and follow the links.

EPP Credit

Missions offerings sent in by a church to FMCUSA / FMWM receive EPP credit for the following:

- Missionary Support Accounts (MSAs)
- Church Planting & Development Accounts (CPDs)
- "Where Need Mosts" to missions budget
- Extra Mile Projects (EMPs)
- VISA missionaries
- Impact Middle East
- Bishop's Crisis Response Fund
- International Child Care Ministries (ICCM)

Churches do not receive EPP credit for donations individuals send directly to Free Methodist World Missions.

Offerings / Gifts

If the church plans to take an offering during the missionary's visit, clarify to the missionary and the congregation how the offering is intended to be used.

A love offering is a time offering of appreciation given directly to the missionary. The missionary may choose to use a love offering for ministry needs.

Offerings toward a Missionary Support Account (MSA), Church Planting & Development (CPD) Account, or Extra Mile Project (EMP) are to be sent to Free Methodist World Missions. Specify for which fund the money is intended to be used.

A personal gift is given to the missionary for a special occasion such as Christmas or birthday or for an expense outside of the Missionary Support Account (MSA), such as medical expenses, etc. Individuals do not receive tax credit for personal gifts. Likewise, churches do not receive EPP credit. If personal gifts are sent to FMWM, the entire amount will be forwarded to the missionary.

Contact Debra Hancock (debra.hancock@fmcusa.org or 1.800.342.5531 ext 232) if you have questions about offerings.

MSAs, CPDs, EMPs

MSA - Missionary Support Account

The extended-term Free Methodist missionary is funded through their MSA. The MSA goal represents the missionary's specific annual financial support needs. The goal incorporates a fixed amount common to all FM missionaries, including salary, insurance and basic benefits. An additional variable amount is included in the figure based on the missionary's field expenses and area budgets. Local church and individuals are asked to make commitments and designate giving to specific MSAs so that each missionary is fully support.

CPD - Church Planting & Development account

Each CPD represents the total amount of assistance needed to carry out a specific country's vital ministries in the areas of: church planting/evangelism, leadership development, and compassion/justice issues. Local churches and individuals are asked to make commitments and designate giving to specific CPDs so that each country budget is fully funded.

EMP - Extra Mile Project

An Extra Mile Project, having gone through an official FMWM approval process, represents needs outside of established MSA and CPD budgets.