

How to Give Financial Support to a Missionary

All of our missionaries are responsible for soliciting their own funding. This means foreign-assigned missionaries periodically must take time from their mission work to travel back to the United States, or for US missionaries to visit supporters around the US, in order to seek continued or additional financial support from churches and individuals. This is a difficult and time consuming thing for them to do.

Various International financial considerations, including most recently the COVID-19 pandemic, have taken a terrible toll on the funding received by every missionary in the world—and that includes every missionary our church helps support. In addition, a variety of other negative financial factors affect the majority of “our” missionaries, leaving them short of funds, sometimes before the end of their fiscal year.

Therefore, for those who are not already supporting a missionary directly through a mission board, if you feel moved to send monthly, quarterly, annually, or even a one-time gift to any of the missionaries we help support:

Please send your check directly to the sending agency as listed on each missionary’s page in this booklet. Make the check payable to the sending agency and write on the memo line: “For: Missionary (insert name of missionary).”

Occasionally, no sending agency is listed for a missionary. In that case for the missionary to whom you wish to send a gift, please contact the church member liaison for that missionary for instructions.

If you wish to help missionaries in general, not any specific mission, you may wish to donate to the Designated Missions Fund(s) as described below:

Funds for Missionary Care and Local Missions

In September 2013 the **Endowment for Mission Support** was created to replace the no longer available Lovett Fund. Each year a small portion of the proceeds of this fund is re-invested to continue growing the fund. The majority of the proceeds are evenly divided between the **Missionary Care Designated Fund (DF)** and the **Local Church Missions Designated Fund**.

The Missionary Care Designated Fund is now the main source of monies for missionary transportation costs for visiting our church; shortfalls in a missionary’s annual funding; or special needs not covered by the church’s annual benevolence support.

The Local Missions Designated Fund is our main source for funds when Henderson County organizations our church supports through Local Missions are in need of extra monies for their work in our community.

This is a reminder that, should you want to give to any of these mission accounts, please make your check payable to the church and on the bottom state either “For Missionary Care DF” or “For Local Missions DF,” or “For the Mission Endowment.” Both committees thank you.