

Missionary Support

How are our missionaries supported?

The support for our missionaries does not come from our regular offerings. It comes from Faith Promise. On the last Sunday of our Missions Conference each person is encouraged to write down and turn in the amount they think God wants them to give to missions in the coming year. These amounts are totaled, and become the projected budget for the following calendar year (January-December). More details will be given during the October Missions Conference.

How does the Missions Committee make decisions about what to do with the Faith Promise commitments?

The Missions Committee has a budget retreat in November. On Friday they have a time of prayer and then go over each missionary's annual report. On Saturday, they look at the Faith Promise total for the following year, and adjust the missionaries' next year salaries in accordance with the Faith Promise commitments.

Our Missionaries

Currently we prayerfully and financially support twenty-seven missionary families and three organizations serving in the following countries:

North America—United States:
California, Hawaii, Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina

Africa:
Liberia, Malawi, Senegal, Togo

Asia:
Cambodia, India, Philippines, Thailand, and several undisclosed countries

Europe:
England, Ukraine, Germany, Poland, Russia



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Missions & Faith Promise



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What procedure does the Missions Committee follow to determine whom to support?

Candidates must be members or actively associated with our church. If they are approved by the Missions Committee then the decision goes to the Elders for final approval. (For more detail, refer to the missions policy document that has been developed by the Missions Committee and approved by the Elders.) The new missionary is announced at the annual congregational meeting.

What level of support is offered to missionaries?

The Missions Committee objective is to provide “substantial support” for all Granada missionaries. New missionaries may start with moderate support but are accepted only if our vision for them is to move to substantial support. Exceptions must be approved by the Elders. Exceptions are sometimes made for special ministries where we want to affirm but without a vision of expanding the support long term.

Missions Committee...

With new Missions Committee members coming on each year as people’s terms expire, how do you maintain continuity?

First, there is a mandatory orientation for all first term committee members, which include our missions policy document and procedures. Secondly, any major decisions made by the committee or changes in status will be entered in each missionary’s file for easy tracking by committee and Elders alike. For meeting details, minutes are kept and sent to each committee member and the Elder who is serving as liaison between the Elders and the Missions Committee.

How do you guard against bias?

It is natural that Missions Committee people may have strong ties to a particular missionary. So, if there is a strong personal, professional, or family relationship, that person is asked to excuse him/herself from the room during the decision-making for that particular missionary.

How are MC members selected and how long do they serve?

The church’s Nominating Committee approaches individuals who are church members, who have proven faithful in other areas of ministry, and have a desire to serve the missionaries connected to our church. If they accept the nomination and are approved at the annual congregational meeting held in January, they become Missions Committee members. The commitment is for a three-year term, which can be renewed once. So the stipulated time a member serves is from 3 to 6 years.

Supporting Nationals...

Do we support nationals?

Yes, we have supported nationals who have a strong personal connection with our church.

The Missions Committee will be submitting to the Elders for their approval a revision of the missions policy that will clarify the criteria for supporting nationals.