

MAKE A FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY OFFERING COMMITMENT

WHAT IS IT?

This system of giving is the Biblical plan for supporting the world missionary outreach of our church. II Corinthians 8-11

A "Faith Promise Missionary Offering" can be defined by the specific elements which include faith, promise, missionary and offering.

Faith: This means you are trusting God to provide the money for your commitment.

Promise: This means that if God will do His part in providing the money you will do your part in giving it back to Him.

Missionary: This means that your designated gift will be used for supporting the missionary program of our church.

Offering: This means you are giving this amount over and above your tithe (10%) and other special offerings, which should be given to support the General Fund.

Pray for the Lord's guidance in determining the amount of your offering to Missions through Faith Promise. We will receive the commitments at the end of each service. The commitments gathered will allow us to determine the number of missionaries we will be able to support during the upcoming year.

¹⁵ "...When your faith is increased, we shall be enlarged by you,

¹⁶ to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond..."

I Corinthians 10:15b-16a

SEND MISSIONARIES FORWARD ON THEIR JOURNEY

⁴⁷ "*and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*" Luke 24:47

We must make His last command our first priority!

REACH ONE MORE FOR JESUS Send Missionaries Forward On Their Journey Pastor Steve Reynolds

Introduction:

- A. God invites us to join Him in reaching one more for Jesus. This calling includes both neighbors and nations. It includes people who are across the street and across the seas.

Jesus commanded, "*and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*" Luke 24:47

Reaching one more for Jesus simply means doing whatever it takes to lead each individual to Christ.

- B. The One More For Jesus Missions Focus and Teaching Series will challenge you to look beyond the church walls, and consider who you can reach with God's love. It will equip you to fulfill your purpose of sharing the gospel with those who are near and far.

June 28	Reach Out To Neighbors and Nations
July 5	Defeat Discouragement With Motivation
July 12	Fulfill The Great Commission
July 19	Give By Faith
July 26	Never Forget The Worth Of One More!
TODAY	Send Missionaries Forward On Their Journey
Aug 9	Commit To Reach One More

TEXT: III John 1:5-8

John makes it clear that our church has a responsibility to send out missionaries in a God honoring manner.

⁶ "*who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,*"

III John 1:6

HOW TO SEND MISSIONARIES FORWARD ON THEIR JOURNEY

- Local churches, which are made up of individual church members, are to send out missionaries.
¹ *“Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.”*
² *As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’*
³ *Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.”* Acts 13:1-3
- Gaius is a great example of how to send missionaries forward on their journey!
¹ *“The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:”*
III John 1:1

I. SENDING MISSIONARIES DEMONSTRATES FAITHFULNESS

- ⁵ *“Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers,”* III John 1:5
- Missionaries must go by faith, and local churches must give by faith.
- ¹ *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* Hebrews 11:1

II. SENDING MISSIONARIES SHOWS LOVE

- ⁶ *“who have borne witness of your love before the church....”*
III John 1:6a
- Local churches should express love for missionaries.
- ¹² *“And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,*
¹³ *and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.”* II Thessalonians 5:12-13

III. SENDING MISSIONARIES HONORS GOD

- ⁶ *“...If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,”* III John 1:6b
- Local churches and missionaries are like God when together they sacrificially advance the mission of Christ.
- ¹⁰ *“for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* Luke 19:10

IV. SENDING MISSIONARIES TESTIFIES TO THE UNSAVED

- ⁷ *“because they went forth for His name’s sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.”* III John 1:7
- When missionaries are adequately provided for by local churches, it is a powerful testimony to the lost.
- ¹⁴ *“Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”* I Corinthians 9:14

V. SENDING MISSIONARIES FULFILLS OBEDIENCE

- ⁸ *“We therefore ought to receive...”* III John 1:8
- Local churches supporting missionaries is both an opportunity and an obligation.
- ¹⁴ *“How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*
¹⁵ *And how shall they preach unless they are sent?...”*
Romans 10:14-15a

VI. SENDING MISSIONARIES MAKES US FELLOW WORKERS

- ⁸ *“... such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.”*
III John 1:8b
- Missionaries and local churches are partners with equal reward.
- ¹⁶ *For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.*
¹⁷ *Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.”* Philippians 4:16-17