Annual Sacrifice (Global Mission) Offerings

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| What is God calling you to sacrifice for mission? “Follow God’s example,” says Paul, “…just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:1, 2)  Global Mission Pioneers are the unsung heroes of Adventist Mission. Around the world today, hundreds of these volunteers go to restricted areas and people to start new Seventh-day Adventist congregations. Many of these places are areas where the church has never had success in the past. But after leaving their comfort zone, these modern-day missionaries sacrifice their time and efforts, living simply, with a minimal stipend, and bringing others into a loving relationship with Christ.  They may mingle with the people in the rice fields, in villages, in the jungle, play soccer with kids in refugee camps, work with affluent people in the cities, or go wherever God calls them to.  What can we do to support their work , besides our prayers? If you live in a region of the world in which the Adventist Church has already adopted the **Combined Offering Plan**, all unassigned offerings we give, collected at any time, will automatically be distributed in a balanced way, simultaneously supporting all missionary necessities of the church locally, regionally, and internationally.  In this case, 50-60% of all your unassigned offerings will automatically be directed to assist your local church’s missionary projects; 20-30% will support regional missionary projects which are sponsored by your Mission, Conference, Union and Division; but 20% will always be sent to the World Mission Fund (or World Budget), which supports Global Mission Pioneers and many other international missionary projects.  By allowing the church to distribute your offering according to this suggestion, or by following that distribution, you are doing your part to help the church equally grow worldwide. Due to its equitable distribution system, the Combined Offering Plan was voted in 2002 as the offering plan recommended and promoted by the General Conference.  But if the Lord is inviting you to sacrifice something to forward His message worldwide, you may dedicate to Him a special offering to the World Mission Fund (or World Budget), in addition to your Promise (regular and systematic offering). Write “World Mission Fund” or “World Budget” before your offering on your envelope, or give using this link: <https://gm.adventistmission.org/giving>  As we worship God with our tithe and Promise, regular and systematic offerings, let us also support the Global Mission work, by distributing our offering wisely and unselfishly. May we put our desires last, and God first. | Custom animations and real footage of missionaries and volunteers old (old and modern).  Custom animations and illustrations of missionaries in action as described on the script.    Custom animations and appeal. |
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