

2020 FMWM Thank Offering Giving Guide



FREE METHODIST WORLD MISSIONS

N O V E M B E R

In a year full of isolation, turmoil and anxiety, we turn to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords with rejoicing and thanksgiving for the hope we have in Him. Join us in prayer and thanksgiving, knowing the hope of the nations is in Jesus Christ!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!... The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:4-7

FMWM has four couples who provide pastoral care for our missionary team: Art and Sylvia Brown, Guy and Betsy Crawford,

1 Mark and Judi Morrison, and Mitch and Lynn Sue Pierce. Thank the Lord for these couples and your pastor.

Give \$1 in thanks for those who shepherd God's people.

More than 7,000 Free Methodists in the Democratic Republic of Congo have been persecuted and displaced over the past year.

2 *Give \$1 in thanks for your home.*

Even during the pandemic, there have been many new believers baptized in creative access countries in Asia. Thank the Lord for these new believers.

3 *Give \$1 in thanks for your baptism as a believer in Jesus Christ. If you have not been baptized yet, give 50¢.*

During the past eight months, the 360 Mission District (Costa Rica) blessed 1,500 families by distributing more than 3,500 broiler chicks and 750 laying hens.

4 *Give thanks for your daily food and give 25¢ for every time you have eaten chicken this week.*

Thank the Lord for those answering the call to serve cross-culturally. Pray for those who have responded to the call in 2020 – Jason and

5 Wendi, Shane and Katie Jewell, Erin Kingsley, Gabe and Olivia Seigny, and Andrea Tinsley.

Give 50¢ for every missionary you and your church support. If you don't yet support a missionary, give \$1.

The SEED livelihood group in Togo began sewing masks during the pandemic. Give thanks for this group and pray for the ongoing ministry of SEED.

6 *Thank the Lord for His protection. Give 10¢ for every mask you now own.*

FMWM celebrated with Hany and Joanne, who were married in August. Give thanks for this couple working in the Middle East.

7 *Give 50¢ for every wedding you attended in 2020, either in person or online. Pray for those couples.*

Michael and Tanya Mendakoff work with needy children in Russia; many are abandoned by their parents.

8 *If you have not been orphaned, give \$1 in thanks for your parents' love and care.*

About 42.1% of the people groups worldwide still have not heard the good news of Jesus. Pray the Lord will call workers to this harvest field.

9 *Thank the Lord for the witness of Christ in your community. Give 25¢ for each church you drive by today.*

During the pandemic, many countries had complete lockdowns. Some of our missionary team could not even leave their home for physical exercise.

10 *Thank the Lord for each opportunity to enjoy being outdoors. Give 10¢ for each time you exercised this past week. If you didn't exercise, give \$1.*

The Wesley Missionary Institute in Togo was established to train Africans to be cross-cultural workers. Give thanks for this school and others in Africa giving excellent training to leaders.

11 *Thank the Lord for your education. Give 10¢ for every year of schooling you have.*

Child sponsorship through International Child Care Ministries provides the joy of learning, hope for living, and the love of Jesus for \$1 a day. Pray for more than 1,500 children waiting to be sponsored.

12 *Thank the Lord for your children and grandchildren. Give \$1 for each of them.*

Leaders from across Asia have been gathering monthly for Zoom prayer meetings. Pray these meetings will be encouraging and unifying during a time when many cannot gather in person.

13 *Give thanks for technology and give 50¢ if you have attended an online meeting this week.*

An agricultural project in Bulgaria helps feed the hungry and train others on how to farm.

14 *Thank the Lord for those who grow and produce our food. Give 25¢ for every time you have been to the grocery store this week.*

Despite the quarantines, in the third quarter of this year, 60 house churches were planted in Latin America, and there were 570 new believers.

15 *Rejoice and give thanks! Give 60¢ in celebration of each of these new churches.*

One leader shares the benefit of COVID-19 has been that people have time – time to hear about Jesus, time to sit with God, time to pray and time to understand how God is using them.

16 *Thank the Lord for the benefit of time because of COVID-19. Give 10¢ for each clock you have in your home.*

The children of our missionaries have had to make educational adjustments during the pandemic, like many others. Pray the Lord will give them perseverance for their studies.

17 *Give thanks for the educational options. Give 50¢ for each student in your household.*

Praise the Lord! Amid the pandemic and the challenges presented, the Spirit of Christ is present in many African believers.

They are seizing opportunities to share the gospel.

18 *Thank the Lord for the good news of the gospel. Give 10¢ for every Bible in your home.*

During 2020, a number of our national leaders have suffered from cancer, COVID-19 and other medical issues.

Many do not have access to adequate medical care. Some have died.

19 *Give \$1 in thanks for access to doctors, hospitals and medication.*

In many places around the world, people are day laborers. During quarantines, they could not generate income. Please pray for God's provision for many who are still struggling.

20 *Give 50¢ for every person in your house who is employed and thank the Lord.*

Because much of Latin America shares a common Spanish language, the pandemic has been unifying the region in many ways – they now have more than 900 in their pastoral formation program.

21 *Be thankful for language skills. Give 25¢ if you know a language other than English and 50¢ if you do not.*

Through the "Extend Your Table" Fund, ICCM helped provide food for children and families during this time of global crisis. Praise the Lord and pray

22 *the generosity of others will continue to feed the children.*

Give 25¢ for each meal or snack you eat today and be truly grateful.

This past year, Camilo and Magaly Mora started a fellowship in a Burger King in Madrid, Spain. During the lockdown, they led the group via video conference.

23 *Pray for continued spiritual growth in the group.*

Thank the Lord for creative spaces in your life. Give 10¢ for every restaurant or takeout meal you have had this week.

The Set Free Movement has more than 30 teams around the world working to bring hope and healing. Pray for wisdom and encouragement

24 *as they address the root causes of slavery in their communities.*

Give 30¢ in thanksgiving for these groups and for those who are finding hope in Christ because of their work.

Impact Middle East leaders distributed food (rice, pasta, sugar and tea) to families during this time of crisis. When they delivered food,

25 *they also prayed and encouraged families. Praise the Lord!*

Thank the Lord for all those who have encouraged you recently. Give \$1 in thanksgiving.

One of our country leaders in South Asia reports, "One church divided into 12 family churches." Family church is one way of following government

26 *guidelines during the pandemic. Praise the Lord for family worship.*

Thank the Lord for your family and give \$1 if you have worshiped at home with family this year.

The FMWM support staff in Indianapolis has been working from home since March. Praise the Lord for the internet. Pray for effective ministry through this time.

27 *Praise the Lord for good internet connection. Give 50¢ if you have internet at home.*

This has been a stressful year for most, including our missionary team. Thank the Lord for the joyful service of our missionary team.

28 *Pray they will continue to find rest for their body, minds and souls.*

Thank the Lord for the rest we have in Him, and give 25¢ for every nap you have taken this week.

Free Methodist believers around the world have been praying for their brothers and sisters in the United States.

29 *Thank the Lord for the prayers sustaining us in these days.*

Give \$1 in thankfulness for being part of the body of Christ.

The hope of all nations is in the salvation and transformation found through Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for the many ways hope in Jesus has been proclaimed in 2020.

30 *Thank the Lord for His grace and hope in your life. Give an offering of your deep gratitude.*

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