

## WORLD BUDGET (MISSION OFFERING) APPEAL July 10, 2021

## APPEAL:

Did you know that your offerings are a life-giving river flowing through the entire world, providing life-giving water to help sustain mission fields? You probably know countries and projects that are supported by part of your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. But what about the regular mission offerings you give each week? Where do they go? What do they support? And what do they achieve? You may be surprised to learn that your weekly mission offerings help support the work of some 400 missionary families around the world. In fact, 70 percent of the weekly mission offerings each quarter help support overseas missionaries and the international work of the church. Appropriations from the General Conference to world divisions, the Middle East North Africa Union Mission, and the Israel Field help these regions build and sustain mission activities in their territories like water to irrigate fields when there's not enough rain.

The remaining money helps various institutions and agencies that serve the world church. For example, it helps the compassionate medical mission work of Loma Linda University, the outreach of Adventist World Radio, and the humanitarian ministry of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

In recent years, millions of people from challenging areas of the world have found salvation in Jesus and have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On average in 2020, someone became an Adventist every 39 seconds, and a new church was organized every 5 hours.

Thanks to your offerings, thousands of new congregations have been established in unreached areas and among new people groups. But after these new believers have been baptized, how are they nurtured? How do we make sure that their new faith is strengthened, and they grow as disciples? Sixty-six percent of the world's population are still waiting to experience the refreshing news about Jesus. Your ongoing support of Mission Offerings will help grow and sustain new work throughout the world. Please keep this lifegiving river flowing.

## **PRAYER:**

Dear Lord, we are glad that You have called us to do our part to support hundreds of missionaries around the world to take Your message of hope and salvation to those who do not yet having a saving relationship with You. Inspire us, we pray, to continue to be faithful as we return our weekly mission offerings. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.