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World Budget: Where Do the Offerings Go?

Proverbs 3:9-10—“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”

You probably know that our mission offerings which should ideally be part of our Promise offerings, are critical to the continued growth and sustaining work of the church in every corner of the world. You probably know that some missionary projects in each division are initiated or sustained by part of the Thirteenth Sabbath project.

But what about the regular mission offerings you give regularly? Where do these funds go? What do they support? And what do they achieve? You may be surprised to learn that your regularly mission offerings help support the work overseen by 400 missionary families around the world. In fact, 70 percent of the weekly mission offerings each quarter goes to support missionaries and the international work of the church. Appropriations from the General Conference to world divisions, unions, and fields help these regions build and sustain mission activities in their territories. While our tithes help pay the salaries of missionaries, our missionary offerings help provide the buildings and equipment the missionaries may need to carry on their work.

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. Thanks to your offerings, thousands of new congregations have been established in underreached 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 that they grow as disciples? Sixty-six percent of the world's population is still waiting to experience the refreshing news about Jesus. Your ongoing support of the Mission of the church through your regular and systematic offerings, called “Promise”, will help grow and sustain new work throughout the world. Please keep this life-giving river flowing.

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