



*Missionaries need people like to you to partner with them through prayer and/or financial giving!*

**Questions? Start here. Contact EFM if you'd like to discuss anything further.**

### **What are commitments?**

Financial commitments are promises to support a missionary throughout the term they are serving. This is different than an occasional gift. Financial commitments are for a specific amount and may be given monthly, quarterly or annually.

Prayer commitments are vitally important to a missionary! Each EFM missionary is asked to develop a prayer team that will receive communications regarding their work, as well as regular requests for prayer and updates on how God is at work. You can sign up to be a prayer partner at [www.friendsmission.com/pray](http://www.friendsmission.com/pray).

### **Why make a commitment?**

Financial and prayer commitments allow the missionary to know what to expect. EFM missionaries must raise 100% of their financial and prayer commitments before they leave for their place of service. Commitments allow for missionaries to depart or return to their field focused on their work, fully funded and prayed for during the length of their ministry term.

### **How long is a financial commitment? When does it start?**

Your financial commitment starts when the EFM office receives confirmation of your intention to give. It will remain at the amount you choose until you inform the missionary or EFM office that you'd like to increase, decrease, or terminate your support. It is generally understood that the commitment will continue through the missionary's service on the field. Most missionaries return to the US for deputation every 4 years. National leaders who serve in their countries of origin come to the US for deputation every 6 years. It is during deputation that missionaries check-in with you about making any changes to your commitment.

Missionaries remain on salary with EFM during deputation. New missionaries begin full-time salary with EFM once they reach 50% in commitments. This allows them to devote time to support raising, training and preparation for departure. Your ongoing financial commitment not only helps missionaries reach 100% of their goals, but also helps to cover pre-field training costs and expenses.

### **How do I make a financial commitment or donation?**

There are four ways to give:

1. **Online.** For many people, this can be the simplest way to become a financial partner. Go to [www.friendsmission.com/give](http://www.friendsmission.com/give) for automated giving or one-time electronic gifts. You'll be given an opportunity to indicate where your donation should be credited to: a missionary, a particular project, or general ministries.
2. **By Credit Card.** This may be given online, or by calling the EFM office (303-421-8100) to give your information to a live person.
3. **By Automatic Bank Transfer.** You may find the Automatic Bank Transfer Form [here](#) or contact the EFM office ([efm@friendsmission.com](mailto:efm@friendsmission.com) or 303-421-8100) to request it. This method also saves credit card fees.
4. **By Check.** You may mail a check to EFM, PO Box 771139, Wichita, KS 67277. Indicate where your donation should be credited: to a missionary, a particular project, or general ministries. Pay to the order of "EFM."

**What are some typical financial needs for missionaries?**

Our goal is always to provide our missionaries with excellent care, and we want them to be effective in their place of service. With those goals in mind, each missionary has a personal support package (salary and benefits) as well as ministry funds (the cost of doing their work: leadership training, transportation, assistance to the poor, etc.) for their field. Additionally, our website will be a resource for you to explore special projects which help to provide for specific needs as they arise (vehicles, medical expenses, Christmas Catalog gifts, etc.).

**May I change my commitment?**

You may adjust your commitment at any time by informing the office of the desired change.

**Is there a minimum amount required for a commitment?**

There is no minimum. 100% of every dollar you donate goes directly to the missionary or ministry you determine...and every dollar is appreciated!

**May I donate without making an ongoing commitment?**

Yes! Occasional gifts provide for unexpected costs including special deputation and training expenses, special projects, or dips in regular support.

**How much of my donation and commitments go to the missionary's support package?**

All donations will be used as designated unless the designated ministry is fully funded. In those cases, the EFM Board has established policy to use the funds for the next closest ministry. There are no administrative fees applied to donations.

**May I send a missionary a personal gift for a birthday or other occasion?**

EFM will receive a financial gift for a missionary, but it must be clearly marked. The office will inform the missionary of the gift and deposit those funds into the missionary's account.