

*** Home Office Memo ***
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We want to alert those of you who are standing behind your missionary, to the unique challenges facing mission workers right now. As you know, the COVID-19 Pandemic (Coronavirus) is interrupting "business as usual" around the world.

Coronavirus & Missionary Challenges . . .

As scientists race to develop a vaccine for the Coronavirus, the world is being impacted in many ways.

Who would have thought a few months ago, that whole nations would be closed, cities quarantined, schools forced to close, and limits put on the size of meetings?

Every day, all of us watch the news and wonder what's next. For example, the Airline Industry is taking a huge hit as flights are canceled worldwide. People are literally "stuck" in airports and places that they do not want to be. In some countries, they are putting limits on the size of crowds and even church meetings. **All of this affects not only our lives here in the USA -- but the lives of every single missionary. It limits their ability to plan and execute ministry programs.**



Here are several common sense items that we want to encourage you with -- and, how you can be sensitive to the needs of your missionary at this time: 1) **First**, it is wise to follow the recommendations of the Health professionals in your location. Thank God for top-notch professionals who are on top of this. Follow their advice as things unfold. 2) **Second** - As Christians, we are called to resist fear and panic, and exercise our faith. As mentioned above, have faith and confidence in the recommendations of health professionals -- but most of all, have faith in Christ. Trust in Him to see you through. Psalm 23 is a particularly appropriate scripture at a time like this. One way to resist fear is to keep in mind that these things run in cycles. There will be "an end" to it at some point. Hold on. 3) **Third, for your missionary:** a) Extend grace and understanding to them when you see that they may need to adjust their plans and goals during this time. Many of them are having to postpone plans until it's possible to travel, conduct assemblies, etc. b) Pray for them and keep supporting them, especially during this challenging time. Some of our mission workers have already seen a drop in income -- **but we can take action to prevent this and help them. Let's all rally behind our missionaries who also have to weather this storm just like we do. Now would be a great time to send them an "extra-mile" gift to shore-up their funds to pay bills and meet responsibilities.** c) And, in the unlikely event that the U.S. Postal Service is interrupted (some of you are in the habit of mailing your donations to our office) -- be willing to adjust and use our Online Donation System if needed (or simply call our Toll Free number with your credit or debit card). One of our Team members will be glad to process your donation by phone. We do not want to see any missionary suffer during this time. We have listed the information you need to make donations for your missionary (see below).

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Toll Free Number: 1-800-832-WORD 9am to 3pm M-F Eastern Time
Additional Donation Information: [Click Here](#)

Here at the WOM Home Office, our staff will be praying for you, our missionaries, and the world situation. This will pass -- but in the meantime, stand firm and continue to walk in the Spirit -- and stand behind your missionary.

May God Richly Bless You,

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