

# FAITH PROMISE FAQ

*"They gave of themselves as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. . . See that you also excel in this grace of giving. . . Your plenty will supply what they need"*

*II Corinthians 8:3, 7, 14*

## **What is Faith Promise?**

Faith Promise is an agreement between you and God. It is a promise that as God enables, you will give a certain amount to OMPC's Global Missions program, above and beyond the tithe.

It is the only means by which OMPC funds its strategic engagement in Global ministry. Your Faith Promise gifts are deployed by OMPC's missions team to raise up, train, and send out missionaries and to strategically partner with teams around the world – teams that are doing Gospel-centered, holistic church planting multiplication.

## **Is Faith Promise Biblical?**

Yes. In the same way that the Apostle Paul encouraged believers to set aside gifts each Sabbath for those suffering in Jerusalem (I Corinthians 16:2), it is most appropriate to give toward "rescuing the dying." Faith Promise can be a form of "giving beyond your means" (II Corinthians 8:3), looking to the Lord in faith for His provision.

See also, III John 5-8; II Corinthians 8:2-3, 5; II Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 6:38

## **Who should give to Faith Promise?**

Everyone! Anyone of any age who wants to trust God and be used of God to get the Good News to a lost and dying world can make a Faith Promise commitment. Children and youth may have less money than adults, but it's crucial to train them with a vision for God's global kingdom, living by faith, and systematic, sacrificial giving.

## **What's the relationship between Faith Promise and the tithe?**

Faith Promise giving is over and above the tithe. Tithing is a clear scriptural principle, dating back to the earliest pages of Genesis. Tithing recognizes God's ownership over me and all that I have.

In practical terms, the tithe funds the local church and its ministries. Faith Promise is the way we give specifically to reach the unreached of the world, fulfilling the Great Commission. Faith Promise giving tangibly expresses my desire that the whole world know the Good News of Jesus.

## **I can't afford to make a Faith Promise pledge. How can I give when I can barely meet my expenses?**

Actually, you CAN make a Faith Promise pledge, and you're in the perfect position to do so. Because you can't meet a pledge with your current resources, you will have to depend entirely upon God's provision. Consider the people of Israel – they had no way to feed themselves in the wilderness and no source of water, yet God provided. If He leads you to make a pledge, trust Him to provide; just watch to recognize when He does so. "... for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

## **How do I get the funds to fulfill my Faith Promise?**

God may provide an unexpected gift, an increase your income, or new and creative ways to produce income.

God may help you discover ways to decrease your expenses.

God may lead you to a more sacrificial lifestyle.

## **How do I make a Faith Promise?**

- Study the scriptures.
- Pray.
- Listen for God's leading on the amount to give.
- Total up your giving to global missions for the previous year and prayerfully consider increasing that amount by a reasonable percentage.
- Consider making your gifts on a weekly or monthly basis according to your pay schedule.
- Submit your Faith Promise pledge – via the app, web, offering plate, or mail.

### **How do I give my Faith Promise?**

You can give via the app, website, offering plate, or mailing in your check – be careful to designate your gift towards Faith Promise.

### **Is this a pledge and will I be notified of my progress?**

This pledge is between you and God. It is important turn in a pledge because the global missions budget is based on the declared intention of God's people – the pledge. However, no one will come asking you to fulfill your pledge. Your giving statement can serve as a reminder of the gifts you've given toward your pledge.

### **How long does my Faith Promise commitment last?**

One year. Generally, Faith Promise commitments are made once a year in the Spring, in association with our Global missions conference.

### **What is the advantage of Faith Promise giving?**

Joining your missions giving with others in the congregation allows us as a church to give more substantially to various mission works. Just as we engage in corporate worship, so we engage in corporate giving. Also, OMPC's missions team is able to evaluate ministries and best-practices that the average layman is not able to do. Thus, we as a church are able to give more strategically and with greater potential impact.