

# WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS PASSION?

For over 27 years, the WMU Foundation has managed missions endowments for national WMU and other Baptist organizations to encourage good stewardship of the resources entrusted to them. If your church is passionate about missions, creating an endowment ensures your church is participating in the redemptive work of Christ as part of the Kingdom of God now and into the future.

## WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

Endowments can help your church impact missions and ministry for generations to come. Creating an endowment allows your church to invest for long-term growth while simultaneously making annual payments to your missions efforts. When your church creates an endowment with us, you give your congregation the opportunity to leave a missions legacy.

An endowment does not take the place of your church's regular ministry budget offerings. Gifts to your missions endowment would be totally separate from gifts to support the work of the church through your annual ministry budget.

## WHAT NEEDS WILL THIS ENDOWMENT MEET FOR MY CHURCH?

### CONTINUITY

Your church can provide perpetual support of missions, whether that be through missions offerings, international missions, local missions, or your church's community missions efforts.

### LEGACY

Church members can leave this endowment in their estate plans to help with missions work long after they're gone. By providing a place for your church members to donate for future use, you will be offering a chance for them to leave a legacy for themselves and your church for years to come.

### AUTOMATIC RESOURCES

Each year, your church can rely on receiving funds from this endowment to supplement its missions work. Whether it is used to add to your yearly missions offerings or supporting your chosen ministry, you can be assured of a steady stream of revenue to enhance your missions budget.

### IMPACT

Your church's endowment will provide sustainable income to support missions agencies or specific ministries for many years. Your gifts provide security and stability for missions work, allowing the Gospel to be shared and lives to be changed in your community and around the world.

### HISTORY

Since its beginning, WMU has always focused on ways to support missions work. The WMU Foundation has a strong history of partnering with Baptists around the world to support missions, as well. Your church can be confident that your endowment will support missions in every way, even through the WMU Foundation's management fees.

## WHAT TYPES OF ENDOWMENTS CAN WE CREATE?

Your endowment can support missions offerings (the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering), international missions, local missions, community missions, church missions trips, etc.