



THIS Christmas, GIVE THE GIFT OF MISSIONS

As the month of December unfolds each year, we find ourselves wrapped in the warmth and joy of Christmas, a time for celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with loved ones, cherishing traditions, and reflecting on the blessings of the past year. Amid the twinkling lights, the joyful carols, and the sharing of gifts, let us also remember the spirit of giving that lies at the heart of this season.

From picking out that perfect gift for a family member or friend to making donations to charities in honor or memory of someone dear to you, this Christmas season, as you think about those on your gift list who instilled a love of missions in you, consider making a gift in their honor to support the ministry of WMU.

Whether it's through gifts of stock, cash donations, or qualified charitable donations from your IRA, your contribution will help WMU fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus who live on mission.

GIFTS OF STOCK

If you have appreciated securities, donating them can be a powerful way to give. You will not only support WMU but will also receive tax benefits, making your gift even more impactful. Contact the WMU Foundation office for more information on how to make a gift of stock.

CASH DONATIONS

Cash donations are always appreciated and easy to make. They provide immediate support and can be easily documented for tax purposes. Remember to keep your receipts and confirmation letters to substantiate your donations when filing your taxes.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA ACCOUNTS

For those age 70½ or older, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) offer a unique way to give directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. This method can help you meet your required minimum distribution (RMD) while supporting the ministry of WMU without increasing your taxable income.

Before you make any gift, be sure to consult with your financial advisor or tax professional and ask for his or her help to determine the best strategy for your situation. By thoughtfully planning your year-end giving, you can support the causes you care about while also optimizing your financial benefits.

Your gift, no matter the size, is a way to share the love and joy of Christmas and give the gift of missions.

From our hearts to yours, Merry Christmas, and thank you for your support of WMU through the WMU Foundation!

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