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Dear Pastors and Missions Leaders,

Thank You

for your support of last year's State Missions Offering!

Please help us again for 2024!

2024 has been a tremendous year of ministry because of your giving!

- You helped fund our **Disaster Relief** efforts by funding ministry and leadership through **Ben and Kayla Seamans**.
- Two **couples** going through difficult challenges.
- You provided stipends for **six ministry interns** throughout the two states.
- You've made it possible for **this year's SEA Mission Trip to Thailand** where our students taught English in public schools and where we connected to half a dozen churches planted either through the IMB or in partnership with our Hmong partners.
- You've helped fund **Next Gen Leadership development** among our MWBC children, youth, and young adults (training, missions scholarships, leadership opportunities).

In this year's offering we are restructuring the offering around our greatest financial needs. While we will continue to provide resources to Hands of Hope, Equip, Empower, and Milwaukee Kingdom Growth we will resource needs that we can't currently fund in any other way.

25% Disaster Relief

Director stipend DR response resources Training and support

25% Next Generation Initiatives

Church internships Youth/children's camp assistance Next Gen Leadership gatherings









25% Cross-cultural missions

Southeast Asia Mission Trip & scholarships English as Second Language (ESL) initiatives Hmong, Hispanic and Liberian initiatives Other language groups

- 10% Leadership development Pastor peer learning Leadership resources
- 10% WMU missions support and projects
- **5% Pastoral emergencies**

Please consider collecting a special offering this September/October to give your church the opportunity to support ministries that are making a difference here in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Samples of the offering allocations, information and promotional material are in this packet—all of which can also be accessed digitally at www.mwbc.org.

- Please use the state missions video and prayer calendar posted on <u>www.mwbc.org</u> in your worship service, Sunday School, or small group. This video can be easily downloaded to almost any computer.
- This year's prayer calendar will be posted on the MWBC prayer Facebook page. You can find the page by searching for mwbc pray and then "like" the page. You will receive a daily reminder to pray.
- Post the **posters** on your church bulletin boards and classrooms.

To be good stewards of resources, the enclosed materials highlight items available to promote the offering. Please feel free to print whatever materials you wish. Most of these are available on the web at www.mwbc.org. If you should need any additional materials (especially additional color posters or offering envelopes) let us know by calling our offices at 507-282-3636 or emailing Na Herr at herr@mwbc.org. If you would like an MWBC staff member to speak to your congregation about this offering, we would be glad to share in your worship services for as little as five minutes or as long as an entire sermon.

Thank you for your generous giving to the State Missions Offering.









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