

## Bible Principles of Faith Promise Giving

(taken from a brochure used by many churches for missions conferences; original author unknown)

### 1. It is Scriptural.

In the Old Testament we find that the people gave over and above their tithes. As God blessed them, they gave to God and to His work.

In the New Testament the Apostle Paul received gifts from various churches. These gifts were special offerings which were collected and given to the work of the Lord. The words “gift”, “bounty”, “abundance”, and “willingly”, are all words which he uses to characterize this giving. In the book of II Corinthians 9:6-7 we read, *“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*

### 2. It is a source of God’s provision and blessing.

Faith Promise giving is “willing” giving. It is never required. We must be sensitive to God and open to what He will do through us. One of the great blessings of the Christian life is allowing God to work through us to meet the needs of others. Faith Promise provides the opportunity for us to become personally involved in giving to help spread the Gospel to those who are without Jesus Christ. Not only are we obeying God’s command, but we are also bringing blessings to ourselves, our families, our church, and to others.

### 3. It is not a pledge.

A pledge is something between you and an organization, a church, or an individual. It places an obligation upon the giver and could be considered a legal obligation. Faith Promise is simply a promise to God. You are telling God that you will never be billed for a Faith Promise commitment. If you are unable to pay, you should prayerfully tell it to God and wait for His provision.



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4.) It is trusting God for what I do not currently have.

Since it is by faith, it is not giving from funds that you already possess. If you had it in the bank, there would be no need to trust God to supply it. Faith Promise is putting faith to work by asking God to increase your capability to give to the work of missions around the world. Then as God supplies, your gift expands the work of missions. God may supply weekly (perhaps an unexpected increase in your salary) or periodically (through gifts or bonuses) during the year.

5.) It is a commitment.

Faith Promise is making a promise to God. It involves the responsibility that as God gives the money, we will follow through on our promise to Him.

6.) It should be entered into prayerfully

This is a major spiritual decision in the believer's life. Oswald J. Smith once wrote, "If I had waited until I had it, I never would have given it, because I never would have had it. I gave a Faith Offering and God

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*"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed."*

- Hudson Taylor!

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*"Someone asked will the heathen who have never heard the Gospel be saved? It is more a question with me whether we - who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not - can be saved."*

- Charles Spurgeon

## MISSION TRIPS

### EUROPE

**London:** June 8-20, \$2600  
Gain experience in cross-cultural evangelism and ministry while visiting one of the world's leading multicultural cities of 25 million people in the metro area.

- Leaders: Travis Snodde, Chris Waye
- Contact: [tsnodd@gmail.com](mailto:tsnodd@gmail.com), [chrswaye@msa.com](mailto:chrswaye@msa.com)
- More info: [churchplantuk.com/london2015](http://churchplantuk.com/london2015)

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- Leaders: David Velasquez, Scott Newton
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### AFRICA

**Morocco:** June 8-July 18, 2015, \$2950  
Participate in evangelism and learn from the churches being established in North Africa.

- Leaders: Aaron Bashore, Cesar Copa, Brenden Wung
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**Colombia:** June 15-25, 2015, \$1700  
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- Leader: Aaron Vance
- Contact: [aaronvance@gmail.com](mailto:aaronvance@gmail.com)
- More Info: [www.bemagnified.org](http://www.bemagnified.org)

**Argentina:** March 9-17, 2015, \$1950  
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- Leader: Jeff Bush
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**Peru Vision Trip:** July 1st - August 4th, 2015, \$1700 + flight  
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- Leader: David Gardner
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**Chile Church Planting Internship:** July 6-24, 2015, \$1,200 + flight  
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- Leader: Josh Ewing
- Contact: [gospeltrchile@gmail.com](mailto:gospeltrchile@gmail.com)

### CHINA

Each trip will be limited to ten individuals, and all missionary candidates must submit their applications before May 1, 2015. (Note: Interns must attend OG camp.)

**10-Day China VisionTour**

- Dates: June 15 - 24, 2015
- Cost: \$2,300 (approximately)

**6-Week China Internship**

- Dates: June 15 - July 26, 2015
- Cost: \$3,500 (approximately)

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