

## **World Ministries Contribution Update**

**[Check here each month for the current status of World Ministries contributions.](#)**

This information is also available on the Web at [www.CofChrist.org/worldministries](http://www.CofChrist.org/worldministries).

Contributions remain below the goal for fiscal year 2009. Although the \$900,000 given to World Ministries Mission Tithes in March 2009 shows an increase in giving, contributions remain below the \$10.5 million budget. If the positive trend in giving is sustained, we will receive about \$9.8 million in World Ministries Mission Tithes.

As President Veazey conveyed in his April 5 address to the church, “A Defining Moment,” the shortfall in contributions and projected income from church investments caused World Church officers to reduce our World Ministries budget for next year by \$4 million dollars. This will require a reduction in World Church-funded ministries, support services, and staffing throughout the world and at International Headquarters.

President Veazey also made a special point of thanking those who are consistent contributors through Local and World Ministries Mission Tithes, especially those on limited incomes. “Your steady support, especially during difficult times, encourages us,” he said. “Discipleship includes responding to God’s gift in Christ by giving consistently and generously, according to our full and—we hope—growing capacity to support Local and World Ministries. Such support is one of the most evident ways we express our spiritual commitment to the vision of Christ. Local and World Ministries giving are equally important for the church to fulfill its divinely mandated mission.”

To learn more about how your generosity transforms lives, visit the church’s website at [www.CofChrist.org/generositystories](http://www.CofChrist.org/generositystories). Thank you for your faithful giving.

\*Due to manual reporting by some jurisdictions, actual income will take several months to finalize. If you have a question about this update, please contact the Presiding Bishopric at [presidingbishopric@CofChrist.org](mailto:presidingbishopric@CofChrist.org) or 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050.