

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
RMMO *connects generations*



remember with LOVE
give with GRATITUDE

Does Your Gift Make a Difference?

Since the Great Depression of the 1930s, American Baptist congregations have contributed to special offerings to provide financial support to retired ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) was established in 1977 to continue this tradition.

Contributions to the RMMO in 2010 totaled \$1,288,585, an increase of 0.17% when compared with the 2009 receipts of \$1,286,338. Of this amount, \$563,514 was made available to meet immediate emergency and special financial needs. The balance of the receipts was distributed by MMBB on behalf of American Baptists in the form of "Thank You" checks to 3,322 retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The average check was \$217.61.

Over the years, recipients have used this money for everything from medical, dental and prescription expenses to home repairs and groceries. You can see on the reverse side just a few of the notes we received this year from those who have served.

YES, your gift DOES make a difference!

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“Our gift from this year’s RMMO gave a big boost to our household budget so at risk in these tough, uncertain times. It came as a breath of fresh air bearing health and hope.”

— *Rev. Robert Fletcher Smith and Elaine Smith,
Minister Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Watertown, NY*

“We are truly grateful personally to have received emergency funds when our daughter was born and we needed help with medical costs. Now it is a privilege to share.”

—*The Reverends Mylinda & Gary Baits, San Jose, Costa Rica*

“I thank God for the thoughtfulness and generosity of our ABC family. What an encouragement you are to us retired ministers and missionaries!”

—*Rev. Everett Palmer, Bemont, NH*

“The ‘Thank You’ check was greatly appreciated. It allowed us to help our local food bank at a time when so many truly need help—and to make an extra gift to support our church’s ministries. We are truly grateful for this remembrance and to be able to pass the gift on.”

—*Carroll and Jan Morony, Fort Collins, CO*

“I am so thankful for this generous offering. It came just in time to help me with my prescriptions, as I have met my medical deductible. It is such a great blessing in these later years to be remembered by this special gift.”

—*Betty J. Walker, Spencer, WV*

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) promotes and administers the RMMO and distributes Thank You checks on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.