



Dear Friends in Christ,

His birth name was Joseph, but his fellow apostles called him Barnabas which means **“son of encouragement”** (Acts 4:36). He *“was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith”* and *“encouraged the believers”* (Acts 11:23,24).

In the spirit of this remarkable early church leader, the AgapeHope Board of Directors recently established the **Barnabas Fund**. The purpose of this Fund is to provide encouragement and care for our counselors so they can care for missionaries and pastors.

You may be aware that AgapeHope relies solely on donations. We don't charge for our counseling services; we don't bill insurance; and we don't require our missionary and pastor guests to make donations or to pay for the counseling they receive at AgapeHope.

Often when we share our vision with potential guests, pastors, and missionaries we hear, **“I didn't know such an amazing ministry exists!”** Person after person, pastor after pastor, and missionary after missionary expresses this when they first hear about AgapeHope. “Counseling for missionaries and pastors?! That's incredible!”

“And it's free for pastors and missionaries?”

“How do you do that?” people ask. We let them know, “No one is ever denied the help they seek for lack of ability to pay because we believe God's love cannot have a price tag.”

“How do you do that?” We can do this because our counselors raise their own support. Each counselor has their own support base that contributes to their salaries, but many of our counselors need more support than they are currently getting.

All our counselors are trained pastoral counselors who understand ministry and have ministry experience. And we love what we get to do...but raising support is hard when we're focused on ministering to hurting missionaries and pastors.

How can we continue to make counseling available for free for our beloved pastors and missionaries? How can we minister to the ministers who long for hope, healing, renewal, and growth? We are reaching out to you because we believe you are someone who cares about pastors and missionaries. We believe you are a person who wants to help care for world changers. We believe you want to be an encourager...a Barnabas!

So, we are introducing the **Barnabas Fund** designed to supplement support for our counselors, allowing them to focus on ministering to the ministers. All monies designated to this fund will be used for counselor assistance only.

I'm asking you to consider coming alongside our counselors by making a donation to the **Barnabas Fund**.

And I have some great news...a generous donor, who love missionaries and pastors, will **match every dollar you give to the Barnabas Fund up to \$10,000!**

So, you have an opportunity to **be a Barnabas** to our counselors as you come alongside them in encouragement and financial support.



You can give using one of the following options:

- (1) Use the QR code below to go straight to the Barnabas Fund giving page where you can use your PayPal account or any major debit or credit card
- (2) Send an offering to Assemblies of God World Missions (1445 Boonville Ave, Springfield, MO 65802) for AgapeHope Acct #555629, class (45)
- (3) Go to our website at AgapeHope.com/Give
- (4) Or tear off the bottom portion and mail it with your check to: AgapeHope, PO Box 1030, Woodinville, WA 98072

Please know that your donation matters. Can you give \$50, \$100, or even \$500 today? Or you can pledge any amount to give monthly donations to this valuable ministry to care for our counselors as they care for missionaries and pastors.

Thank you for your generosity.

Blessings and Agape,

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