Do you, as a family, have an emergency fund to help you deal with unexpected needs, like sicknesses, accidents, or fixing something that was damaged in your home? Do you have enough savings so that you may take advantage if ample opportunities come your way?

And what about the church? What if another massive crisis hits the world? Will the Seventh-day Adventist Church be nimble and agile enough to respond rapidly and keep its mission going?

By being prepared for the unexpected and the unusual, we can turn a challenge into a new opportunity.

Unusual opportunities don’t happen every day, but they require a rapid response from God’s church when they do. That’s why a special offering fund was named after “Unusual Opportunities”. If you live in regions of the world that have already adopted the Combined Offering Plan, part of every unassigned offering that you give, on any day, will support this fund. If you live in regions that are still using other offering plans, the offering of one Sabbath each year is directed to the “Unusual Opportunities” fund.
But if you are willing to support this fund in addition to your regular and systematic offering (which should ideally be distributed in an equitable way), you may just write “Unusual Opportunities Offering” on your paper or online offering envelope.

Some examples of how the church manages the “Unusual Opportunities Fund”, is the help provided to people extremely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, refugees, people in the core of the Russian and Ukraine crises, and many more.

We may expect that sudden opportunities will show up more and more for rapidly preaching the Three Angel’s Messages in countries or regions of the world that are currently closed to the gospel. Jesus Himself assured us that even amid the turmoil that precedes His coming, the “gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14. We must be prepared to do our part!

With your support, the church will be able to respond to new opportunities that will increase the impact of God’s mission throughout the world. As we return our Tithe and Promise, may we put our desires last, and God first.