

Many people ask us what our financial policy is for the speaking ministry of Marco. Below is a brief explanation. Other questions may be answered by communicating directly with Marco the following ways:

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1. Marco speaks at churches and conferences without remuneration. Marco prearranges not to receive love offerings or honoraria for compensation for his speaking, either for himself or the ministry. It is obvious that money comes to the ministry, and to Marco through CCW, in other ways, but we do not intend to take such as payment for our services. It is Marco's intention to give to others as freely as he has received from God. It is the board's request that you not violate this principle, even by delaying the gift. We will assume that any monies sent following a meeting falls into a category other than compensation. It is important to say here that this policy is in no way an indication of lack of gratitude for your desire to give, but is a policy that Marco has chosen to live by in an attempt to demonstrate that God alone can answer prayer and provide all that is needed for the ministry and his own family.
2. We also ask that you not solicit money for Marco. It is the ministry's stated policy that all gifts will come to us in answer to prayer and not by solicitation, either from its workers or from the pastors and leaders in the churches and conferences where Marco speaks. We do understand that our policy has to be stated to the appropriate people or groups when they need to understand. It is an exciting journey for Marco to see how God can open the hearts of individuals and groups to contribute to the ongoing work of CCW without asking anyone but God.
3. We do ask that the church or organization, where possible, cover Marco's travel (though see #4), lodging, and food. If this is burdensome or impossible, please let us know and the ministry will gladly cover that expense as well. Marco is happy to purchase the plane ticket and then let the church or organization know the cost. Sometimes there are additional expenses that add to the trip cost, such as checked baggage fees (depending on the airline), and light meals in route.
4. Whenever Marco travels to lead a ***Bible Intensive Retreat***, CCW gladly covers the cost of travel (airfare or rental and gas) for Marco and his assistant (or family member) to get to the retreat, though we ask that lodging and meals be covered by the church or organization that invited him.
5. Occasionally a person will come to the pastor or leader on their own (unsolicited) desiring to give to Marco or to CCW. Since it is the ministry's policy to receive unsolicited funds in answer to prayer, these gifts may be received. That gift may, in fact, be a very special answer to prayer! It should be noted that Marco and his family receive gifts personally only if they are designated as such. Christian Communicators Worldwide uses all undesignated checks for its operations and publications. It is helpful if either designated or undesignated checks be made out to "Christian Communicators Worldwide." It is permissible for these unsolicited gifts to be first given through the church or organization before being sent. A note indicating that the check contains unsolicited monies is helpful. There is a way to send money online on our site, if needed (click "God Provides" on the drop down menu, where you can then click the green box titled "Online Giving" or scroll down). If you are able to indicate who provided the funds, then we can send a thank you.
6. Marco is happy to stay in a non-smoking motel room or a home depending on what is best for those who have invited him. While always remaining flexible, it is also appreciated if Marco (and whoever has traveled with him) can have use of his own bathroom if at all possible. It is easy to understand that thoughtful accommodations are a great help since Marco is away from home so often.
7. Marco enjoys fellowship around the table with pastors, leaders, and the people of the churches and conferences he attends. Often, eating after the evening speaking engagement

works well. However, this is not always possible. You may discuss this with Marco before his coming.

8. Ideally, Marco takes along a family member, intern, or other man on each trip. This means that lodging and meals for one additional person would be included in your expense. At times Marco is able to take more members of his entire family, especially when on some extended speaking trips. You may wish to talk this over with Marco. Usually such arrangements only require one motel room for the entire family. This arrangement allows Marco to continue to minister both to his family and those he is mentoring while on the road.
9. Marco often likes to bring and offer CCW resources (mostly books) in order to extend his ministry beyond the time of the speaking engagement. We offer these at no charge, though we request that the person taking an item commits to reading the resource (or distributing it, if an evangelistic resource). Please discuss this with Marco before coming.

The board of CCW realizes that these financial and travel policies are somewhat unusual. Marco certainly does not expect that other conference speakers should follow his method, nor does he feel spiritually superior by doing it this way. He is concerned that the Lord would be honored in the way this ministry is conducted and that a testimony may be given about the love and provision of God.

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