

Dear Brethren,

In the wake of the kidnapping in Honduras, an AMA missionary asked what the official policy is on such issues. In sorting through past Board Meeting Minutes we were unable to find a policy. In consultation with some other mission organizations, which do have official policies on this issue, AMA proposes the following policy.

“AMA will not pay ransom, in cash or goods, in the event of a kidnapping or an extortion threat. If the victim or family of the victim feel such payment is their only option, AMA does not forbid them from doing so. Mission funds are not to be used in such cases. If requested, AMA may be able to assist the family in transferring funds they have collected to the foreign country.”

AMA will be asking for input and/or approval at the Business Session. Feel free to contact any Board Member in advance if you have questions / concerns.