



COMMUNITY **CHURCH** AWARD



PROJECT: **MY MISSIONARY FAMILY**

GOALS

A. MISSIONARY FAMILY: Choose a family to partner with in prayer.

B. MISSIONARY CHALLENGE: Encourage your family through prayer and action.

A. MISSIONARY FAMILY

Missionaries across to the world carry on the work that Jesus passed to His disciples. Matthew 28:19-20 states: *“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Most missionary families serve from a clear desire to spread the Gospel, love for a certain people group, and obedience to the Lord. Sometime as families minister in a different country, they get tired and simply need support and encouragement from people “back home.”

Step 1—Choose a Missions Family to Pray for or Encourage

1. Go to your church and discover if there are any missionary families sent through the church that you could encourage.
2. See if your family or friends know of any missionary families that you can “adopt” for your project.

Step 2—Learn About the Family

- In what country do they serve?
- Is it a closed country where there are security issues with sending gifts/cards/emails?*
- The best mailing address for sending cards or care packages?
- Email or video call addresses?
- Contact the family and ask for any prayer points and needs.

**If the family is in a closed country, make sure you use carefully chosen “religious” phrases to help protect the family. Ask your missions director for advice.*

Step 3—Research the Mission Family’s Field of Service

1. Go to operationworld.org (prayer guide by Operation World also available in printed form for purchase).
2. Visit the “Around the World” section and select your family’s country. Let the facts appear and then click “Learn More.”
3. Note the “Religious State,” “Answers to Prayer,” and “Challenge for Prayer.” Make notes of information you want to use in prayer or things you are just simply curious about that you want to ask the family.



B. MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

Missionaries and their families highly value contact from believers “back home.” Praying, writing notes/letters, or sending care packages can make a big difference. You also benefit by learning what life is like across the globe and seeing God’s Church advance.

Step 1—Pray for the Family

1. Pray for any needs your missionary family communicated, as well as any prayer points from Operation World for the country.
2. Set aside a specific time to pray about your missionary family for at least one week, but you can go as long as a month.

Step 2—Encourage the Family

Plan what you will do to encourage the family. Here are some ideas:

- Write an email with verses of encouragement or just letting the family members know you are praying for them.
- Put together a simple care package of things that would be hard for them to obtain (such as peanut butter, coffee, etc.).
- Make an artistic card of your own design with an encouraging but simple message.
- If safe and appropriate, setup a video call with your missions family in order to pray for them and get to know them.

RESEARCH MORE

- Find the book *Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide for Every Nation* by Jason Mandryk.
- Talk with your church’s mission director to find more about missions in your church.
- Look up more information about the family’s country using the World Atlas, online Encyclopedia, or local library books.
- Read Matthew 28:16-20; the Great Commission.

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