



MISSIONARY SUPPORT:

Job Description for **Pastoral Support**

The active participation of vocational pastors in the ongoing support of missionaries is vital. Remember, missionaries are still members of the church. They look to the church for support and encouragement, even from the other side of the world.

Missionaries are greatly impacted with the knowledge that senior leadership is invested in their work. As such, several members of the pastoral staff commits to maintain regular contact with each missionary. In churches where multiple missionaries have been sent out from the same church, each pastor may have multiple missionaries they are tasked with keeping up with.

Each member of the pastoral staff commits to maintain regular contact with several missionaries in order to layer support and accountability.

This includes a commitment to:

- Send career units (more than two years) a personal email every other month in order to check in.
 - Non-career units (two years or less) will be contacted quarterly.
- Setting up a text thread between the missionary and the pastor so the missionary can share news and requests easily. For security reasons we recommend downloading and using Signal. It is more secure than WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger.
- Participate in a quarterly conference call to provide ongoing training and encouragement.
- Send a monthly email update to share church news and resources.
- Coordinating commissioning ceremony and “welcome back” stage time during the missionary’s stateside assignments.
- Receiving and responding to missionary updates.
- Aiding in recruiting for short-term trips to visit their missionaries.
- Assisting in support for the missionary on stateside visits.