

YOUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO MISSIONARIES

By Lorella Rouster

Encouraging by prayer

Specific prayer

Regular prayer

Letting the missionaries know you are praying

Encouraging by helping missionaries feel known, wanted, loved

Remembering them on holidays, birthdays, anniversaries

Special treats

Downers--

Churches don't know them

Churches don't pay attention to their communications

Inadequate time allotted for reporting when missionaries are home

Encouraging by Meeting Real Needs

Adequate financial support

Support for special projects

Support for special personal needs

Christmas in October

Cars, Furlough lodging

Education

Recreation

Spiritual renewal

Encouraging by personal communication

Letters

E-mail

Phone

Pictures of you

Tapes--services, sermons, special music presentations

Encouraging by supporting them in times of crisis

Specific examples

Encouraging by asking for ideas and presenting options

I was the first to ask them!

The sardines story

Encouraging by not being too demanding

Resources to check out:

Thanks to Grace <gracew@idmail.com> for assembling this set of links on Missionary Care. If you have changes or additions, please send them to her directly.

MISSIONARY CARE LINKS

MemberCare

<http://www.membercare.org/>

Areas of On-field Supervision -

<http://www.caring.westhost.com/onfield.htm> - article

Asbury College - Psychological Dept. - Missionary Care - lots of resources http://www.asbury.edu/academ/psych/mis_care/

Missionary Care brochures online

http://www.asbury.edu/academ/psych/mis_care/brochure.htm

What Missionaries Ought to Know about Adolescence
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Anxiety
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Books for Missionary Care
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Burnout
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Conflict
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Counseling
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Depression
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Each Other
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Expectations
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Grief
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Guilt
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Forgiveness
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Member Care
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Member Care Consulting
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Psychological Testing
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Relationships
 What Missionaries Ought to Know about Sexual Stress

Barnabas International: "a world wide ministry of encouragement to missionaries, MKs, & national pastors" -

<http://www.barnabas.org/lowgraphics.html>

Bethesda Care - resources re mental health -

<http://www.bethesdacares.org>

EMERGE MINISTRIES, INC (www.emerge.org) is a full-service, outpatient agency with an evangelical Christian orientation. EMERGE provides a wide range of psychological counseling, therapy, testing, consultation, education, workshops, and seminars for the Christian

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community. Since 1989 EMERGE has ministered to missionary personnel through its "Department of Clinical Ministries to Ministers and Missionaries".

MEMBER CARE (www.membercare.org) This site is offered as an information and resource clearinghouse for missionary care. It is a developing site. We will continue to add new information and resources as they are brought to our attention. Your contributions of information and resources are vital to the development of this resource site. The site is maintained by The Task Force for Member Care (MemCa) under the auspices of the Mission Commission of the World Evangelical Fellowship (WEF).

Godspeed Missionary Care Corporation <http://www.missionarycare.org/>

Hiring a Missions Pastor - http://www.acmc.org/mssn_pstr.html - article

Link Care Center: - resources to minister to missionaries - <http://www.linkcare.org>

MemCa - incredible listing of missionary care resources! Joining forces with other Missionary Care ministries to present a cooperated effort: <http://www.caring.westhost.com/>

Missionary Care Resources - many!
<http://www.caring.westhost.com/missiona.htm>
http://www.asbury.edu/academ/psych/mis_care/links.htm

Missionary Care: many excellent resources re missionary care!
http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/Topic-Missionary_care.html

O'Flare's Mental Health Issues: incredible listing of resources! - http://www.netastic.com/oflare/m-health/mental_health.html

BOOKS ON MISSIONARY CARE
<http://www-students.biola.edu/~jay/mhim/mhimbooks.html>
http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/Topic-Missionary_care.html

Hiring a Missions Pastor
http://www.acmc.org/mssn_pstr.html

How To Series
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100723.html>

How to Pray for Missionaries
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100721.html>

Loving Your Missionaries Through the Holidays
<http://www.acmc.org/holiday.html>

Missionary Re-Entry: The Church's Role
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100199.html>

Re-Entry: Making the Transition from Missions to Life at Home
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr102225.html>

Serving as Senders: 6 Ways to Support Your Missionaries
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100265.html>

The Missionary Family
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100360.html>

Understanding and Nurturing the Missionary Family
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100452.html>

Your Church: Maximizing Missionary Furloughs
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100150.html>

Your Church: Stimulating Missions in the Home
<http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/cr100161.html>

William Carey (Missions) Resource Library
<http://www.uscwm.org/mobilization/resources/wcl/wcl-cat.html>

DATABASE:

Missionary Care Database
http://www.asbury.edu/academ/psych/mis_care/download.htm

SEMINARS, etc.

Consultation on Missionary Care (MTI's)
<http://www.mti.xc.org/conmc.htm>

Convention on Member Care (MTI's)
<http://www.mti.org/cmhc.htm>

RESOURCES/LINKS

ACMC (Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment)
<http://www.uscwm.org/mf/95/MF95.01-02.25-ACMC.html>

Loads of Missionary Care Resources and Links!!
http://www.iteams.org/ITeams/resource/crdb/Topic-Missionary_care.html

Resources for Caring for Missionaries <http://acmc.org/care.html>
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