

# How You Can Be a Faithful Sender

## Practical Ways to Support a Missionary

Supporting a missionary is not just about going—it's about sending well. Your prayers, encouragement, and involvement are essential to the mission.

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### Top Priorities

#### **Commit to Regular, Intentional Prayer**

Pray for specific needs—spiritual breakthrough, protection, health, and encouragement.

#### **Engage With Their Updates**

Read their newsletters and respond. A simple reply reminds them they are seen, heard, and supported.

#### **Give Consistently**

Monthly financial support provides stability and frees them to focus on ministry.

#### **Send Personal Encouragement**

Write a handwritten note, email, or voice message. Your words carry more weight than you realize.

#### **Stay Relational (Not Just Informational)**

Schedule an occasional call or send a voice memo—connect as a friend, not just a supporter.

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### Strengthening Connection & Community

#### **Share Life From Home**

Send church updates, photos, or short videos so they still feel connected to their sending community.

#### **Remember Special Occasions**

Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays—they often feel these most deeply when away.

#### **Include Them in Your Group Life**

Invite them into a small group gathering via video—even just to listen and connect.

#### **Send Video Greetings**

Have families, kids, or small groups record short “we’re thinking of you” messages.

#### **Write a Personal Testimony**

Tell them how their life and calling has impacted your faith—it deeply encourages perseverance.

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### Practical & Tangible Support

#### **Send Care Packages (or Digital Gifts)**

Snacks, books, or digital gift cards (Amazon, Kindle, Audible) are often more helpful than you think.

### **Offer Your Skills**

Help with graphic design, editing newsletters, taxes, IT support, or other professional services.

### **Help Handle Stateside Responsibilities**

Assist with mail, storage, finances, or other logistics while they are overseas.

### **Support Their Family in the U.S.**

Check in on aging parents or adult children—be an extension of their care.

### **Donate Travel Resources**

Frequent flyer miles or travel help can significantly reduce the cost of returning home.

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## **Care During Visits & Furlough**

### **Provide a “Soft Landing”**

Offer housing, a car, or grocery support when they return.

### **Be Their Transportation Support**

Pick them up from the airport and help with travel logistics.

### **Keep a Guest Room Available**

Provide a consistent place they know they can stay when needed.

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## **Creative & Meaningful Ideas**

### **Fund Rest and Renewal**

Give toward a day off, retreat, or simple outing to prevent burnout. Do you own a cabin where they could enjoy some rest and fun?

### **Create a Prayer Map or Prayer Space**

Display their photo and prayer needs in your home or church.

### **Send “A Taste of Home”**

Mail local favorites—coffee, treats, or small meaningful items.

### **Kids Can Participate Too**

Have children send drawings or notes to brighten their day.

### **Share Music or Messages**

Create a worship playlist or send a meaningful sermon or devotion.

### **Celebrate Holidays Creatively**

Send simple decorations or themed items that help them mark special days abroad.

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