

YOUR MINISTRY SUPPORT CHECKLIST

The new year is a great time to check in with the ministries and missionaries your church supports. Here's a list to help you make sure everything is up to date for an effective partnership.

■ Receive Prayer Letters

Are you receiving prayer letters and other updates from your missionaries and the ministries your support? Missionaries and ministry leaders send out regular updates about how God is working through their ministry—and how you can pray for them. If you haven't heard from your missionary or ministry in awhile, email them and ask if you can be added to their prayer letter or newsletter list. Some missionaries and ministries also have other forms of communication, such as prayer chains or Facebook groups that you can join.

■ Share With Your Church

Let your church members know how their partnership is changing lives in your neighborhood and across the world. Print out prayer letters and distribute them to your congregation, or pass newsletters along via email. Don't forget about the people who are part of your congregation but are unable to worship with you for various reasons.

■ Update Your Website

If your church has a section of your website dedicated to the missionaries you support, make sure the information and the photos are up to date. Ask your missionaries if they would like to change or add any information. But please keep in mind that not all missionaries or ministries can be featured on your website due to security concerns in the area where they live and serve.

■ Get In Touch

The new year is the perfect time to send your missionary a note and ask them how they're doing. Ask how your church can pray for them or if they have any needs that your church might be able to provide for. And don't forget to share some news from your church and community—and the ways they can pray for you too!