

**REACHING THE WORLD FROM YOUR LIVING ROOM:
A Commitment to Home and Foreign Missions**

- I. Support
 - A. Prayer
 - B. Financial giving
 - C. Donate supplies from business
 - D. Provide housing for missionaries on furlough
 - E. Promote a favorable attitude toward missions in others

- II. Encourage
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Send “care packages”
 - C. Send supplies for the work
 - D. Send personal, music, and teaching tapes
 - E. Send books and Christian growth materials
 - F. Communicate through ham radio and email

- III. Impart a burden to others
 - A. Church presentations
 - B. Missionary fellowship projects
 - C. Home fellowship projects and presentations
 - D. Recruit others to serve short-term on the field
 - E. Share missionary biographies and prayer letters with others

- IV. Go
 - A. Career missionaries
 - B. Service during “retirement years”
 - C. “Tentmakers” (e.g., into closed countries)
 - D. Short-term service in evangelism, medicine, construction, etc.
 - E. Support roles (e.g., teachers for missionary children, carpenters, pilots)

- V. Train
 - A. Parent
 - B. College professor
 - C. Christian school teacher
 - D. Trade/Skill/Language teacher
 - E. Pastor, Sunday School teacher, youth worker

- VI. Initiate projects with children
 - A. Calls to shut-ins
 - B. Hospitality to foreign students
 - C. Tracts in bills and letters and to utility workers
 - D. Letter to new parents
 - E. Operation Christmas Child parties
 - F. Outreach tea parties

Other ideas:

- Have prayer cells in your home (use prayer manuals, missionary prayer letters, maps, ministry newsletters, etc.). Pray specifically for the health, family life, devotional life, material needs, strength in spiritual warfare, victory over sin, new believers, and fruit of the missionaries and their families.
- Initiate systematic prayer, at family meals or other set times, for selected missionaries.
- Arrange workdays in your home to prepare packages and correspondence to send to missionaries.
- Invite people into your home and emphasize a certain country to learn about with regard to the mission work, culture, religion, and spiritual needs. Include audio-visual presentations, skits, food common to that country, and a work project for missionaries there.
- Sponsor neighborhood Bible clubs with a regular emphasis on missions.
- Help to organize courses in skills for use on the mission field (e.g., carpentry, language introduction, sewing, first aid, printing, teaching Bible stories, farming and food preparation, etc.).
- Plan dramatic presentations on the lives of great missionaries and invite community members, family and friends, fellow church members, and youth groups to attend.
- Organize garage/yard sales and donate the proceeds to missions.
- Sponsor teenagers or others on summer missions trips.
- Create a world map and locate different missionaries. Post pictures of the missionaries and use the map as a guide to prayer.
- Use a book such as *Operation World* to pray daily for different countries.
- Open your home to missionaries on furlough or other people in ministry.
- Pass out tracts. Organize tracts into categories and have children help in distribution. Have tracts in other languages on hand. Send tracts to celebrities and well-known people. Pass out tracts at birthday parties and leave them in hotel rooms. Include tracts in correspondence to public officials, servicemen, and those with whom you do business regularly.