

10 TIPS ON HOW TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

By Pastor Angel Gerber, missionary to Israel, Tel Aviv.

1. Get really involved in prayer and intercession for people in mission.
2. Write to missionaries that you know or have heard about, to encourage them. I am always blessed when I read the mail from people who don't know me but they uphold my arms in prayer.
3. Find a way to support missions. Some people create events to raise funds for missions: things like special meals, book sales and so on. Save the cost of say one Coca Cola or chocolate bar a week and keep the money in an envelope to send it to missions. You will be surprised at the end of the year how much you can send at the expense of Coca Cola !
4. Get information about the work that you are supporting and you won't be deceived. Sadly, many people ask money for missions that don't exist. We know that God will judge them but it is better not to be part of this fraud or be the person being defrauded ! Be sure that the people you support truly serve the Lord with an honest heart and give accounts without seeking "dishonest gain."
5. Share information about the mission you are supporting with other people and if they will join you because enthusiasm is contagious, you will soon see that all a hand at work is better than one finger!
6. Write the name of the missionary and his family in a place where you can see it easily - the fridge door, next to the PC or phone, in the car - and then pray for them when you pass by and your eye catches their name. Put them on the church notice board and places where people wait or gather.
7. Many people in mission find it impossible to get Bibles or Christian books in their own language in the country where they are, so send Bibles, music, sermons, CD's, MP3's to refresh the people you support.
8. Ask to have a day in each month to mention missions in your church. Encourage the leaders to take special offerings and to invite people in mission to speak about their experiences. These days it is easy to do live video-conferences with people in mission through MSN, SKYPE or YAHOO and it costs very little. It is very encouraging for the people overseas and the church will love it.
9. Find information on the Internet about the country where the people you support are living and pray for the advance of the Gospel in that nation. Get a map of the nation and another of the city and the area where your people go to serve, and in Jesus' name bind the powers of darkness that grip the souls of the population, so that they come to Jesus.
10. Send these tips to all your friends - that's how we got them !

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