

Supporting a Global Strategy Missionary

Definitions

- *Pledge support*: An ongoing donation, usually open-ended, often given in specific increments (for instance, \$250/mo or \$250/mo for five years).
- *One-time gift*: A single gift given without the intention of ongoing support.
- *Startup funds*: Cash needed to relocate a missionary to the field (includes language learning, moving expenses, itineration, vehicle purchase, etc.).

Partnership Best Practices

- For our missionaries, pledge support is the most crucial. We want our missionaries at 100% of needed pledge support before going to their field of service to ensure that significant fundraising is not a hindrance during their time on the field.
- Pledge support given in regular increments helps our missionaries maintain a grasp on where they are financially. Monthly gifts are the most helpful for budgeting.
- To add or adjust your pledge, you can contact Global Strategy at GlobalStrategy@chog.org.
- Recurring pledge support through online giving is a great way to give consistently. Remember, you will need to update your credit card when it expires or when you are given a new card/number due to loss, theft, or fraud.
- Missionaries have an average of 55 supporters (churches and individuals). And though they want to meet with all of their supporters when they return from the field, this is often a challenge. Supporting a few missionaries at higher amounts is better for missionaries than supporting a lot of missionaries at lower amounts.

For Deeper Partnership

- *Have fun*. When together in the USA or overseas. build in time for fun relationship building at local places of interest. Missionaries also love to hear about fun events you host with your church in the US.
- *Pray for them*. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Prayer support is no small thing. In fact, many times it's the life-giving force behind the missionary. Take regular time with your congregation to pray for your missionaries. Maybe even drop them a note to let them know or ask how to specifically pray.
- *Speak over them*. A note of encouragement can be a breath of fresh air and help foster a mutual relationship of encouragement.
- *Know them*. Know important dates like birthdays and anniversaries. Stay connected with their newsletters to learn about important events.
- *Listen and Learn*. It's easy as citizens of the US to come in ready to fix or be the change agent. We encourage you to lean into our missionaries' knowledge and cultural understanding in order to better understand the best way to engage. Visiting a place, even 20 times, is very different than living there full time.
- *Show generosity*. Missionaries sacrifice in ways too numerous to count. Every gift of generosity is multiplied in their lives and is not quickly forgotten.



- *Consistently remember them (with your people).* What if you had six mission focuses and you talked about one each month. Each mission focus would have the opportunity to be discussed with your people twice each year.
- *Read their newsletters and talk about them with your church.* Pastors can find great sermon illustrations by utilizing stories from missionaries. Find ways to incorporate their work into the daily/weekly life of your church.
- *Advocate for them with others.* Your support is life-giving. When you advocate for them with other potential partners, your support is increased and extended! Many of our missionaries find it difficult to maintain networks of support from thousands of miles away. Advocates increase the capacity of our missionaries to carry on in their assignments around the world. Maybe you can host a luncheon and invite other pastors from your community?



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