

## | Look after their financial needs |

- > An important way to care for your missionary is to make sure that their financial needs are met.
- > Contact your local CMS branch to find out how much money is needed for the support of your link missionary and encourage people in your church to give to meet a target.
- > Prayerfully consider your giving towards the support of your missionary. You may wish to give regularly by direct debit or credit card. Contact CMS about these options.



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# caring 4 your link missionary on location



- You can develop your partnership with your link missionary by providing practical support to them while they are on location.



## | What can you do? |

### | Pray |

It's more important than anything else you do. As well as praying for them on your own you can help by bringing your missionary's prayer needs before your church. Aim for brief but regular updates. Here are some ideas . . .

- > Include prayer for your link missionary in services.
- > Distribute their prayer points and newsletters to members of your church and small groups.
- > Collect e-mail addresses so that CMS can e-mail your link missionaries' prayer points directly to people.
- > Start a missions prayer group.

- > Encourage people to take part in CMS prayer events.
- > Up-to-date prayer points are added to the CMS website each week. See: [www.cms.org.au/prayerpoints](http://www.cms.org.au/prayerpoints)

### | Keep in touch |

#### | Write to them >

Even if you don't know your link missionary very well, writing can be a great way to encourage them. Introduce yourself and let them know what's been happening in your family, church, neighbourhood. Missionaries often say that they love hearing about ordinary things at home. Your letters don't need to be long. Stock up on aerograms. They are cheap and easy to fill.



#### | Email them >

Many missionaries have e-mail. Check before sending attachments or long messages. In some countries e-mails are monitored. Find out if there are topics that you should avoid mentioning for security reasons.

#### | Keep them in the loop >

Send the parish bulletin occasionally and tell them about what's going on at church. Keep them up to date with Australian news. Australia doesn't figure very highly in overseas media.

#### | Send a tape >

If you prefer talking to writing send an audio or video tape or a CD of you or people at church. You could also send sermon tapes to encourage your link missionary.

### | Treat them |

You can help missionaries to feel cared for by sending: birthday, Easter or Christmas greetings, videos, magazines, books, chocolates or things for their children.

Check first to see what they would like.

If you send parcels check that they won't have to pay heavy customs duties. Mark your parcel 'printed matter only' (if that is what it is), 'NCV (no commercial value) or 'gift'. Tell them that you are sending the parcel and what is in it.

