



Immanuel's Church

Missionary Advocate Program

Advocate Role

- Serves as main contact on a regular basis for missionary via e-mail or letters following all security precautions if missionary is in a secure sensitive country.
- Works with the church office (Pastor Charles' secretary) in coordinating housing for your visiting missionary. It is most beneficial if the missionary can stay either with the Advocate or someone on the missionary's Baranabas Team or Home Group.
- Advocates are encouraged to hold some type of fellowship event where the missionary can meet with his/her Barnabas Team and/or home group.
- Provides Rosemary Parisi with the latest missionary information, i.e., prayer requests for monthly prayer guide (Rosemary: srparisi@aol.com). If there are emergency prayer requests, please contact Bent Jakobsen (jakobsen@erols.com).
- Advises Josephine Cushman when missionary will visit the U.S. so that the correct Barnabas PowerPoint slide can be coordinated.
- Contacts Pastor Charles' secretary to coordinate a date/time for missionary to speak at IC.
- Following the Sunday service where the missionary is interviewed by Pastor Charles, a luncheon is arranged at a restaurant. This is an opportunity for others to get to know the missionary in a more personal way. The Advocate should work with the church office in coordinating this luncheon and should call his/her Barnabas Team to invite them to the luncheon. A member of the Mission's Task Force usually attends the luncheon and is responsible for paying the bill which is later reimbursed from the Mission's budget.
- Liaisons with others in the congregation who are willing to join a Barnabas team, i.e., people willing to visit or send letters of encouragement or cards for birthdays and anniversaries.
- Reports specifics (i.e. when, what, how) for potential "Barnabas Trips" and passes information to Josephine Cushman (request@wild-ox.com) and Bob Slingluff (Slingr@erols.com).
- Advises Kathy Roberson of any changes in field address, support address, e-mail address, etc. If your missionary profile does NOT include birthdays or wedding anniversary dates, children's names, etc., or any other pertinent information, please try to obtain this information from your missionary and give to Kathy Roberson as soon as possible for the database (Roberson.Kathy@forum.va.gov).

E-mail is the most efficient way to reach most of us. If you do not have e-mail, you can place your changes into Kathy Roberson's Missions mailbox folder on the wall across from Pastor Charles' secretary's office. Each folder is labeled by Task Force name and Task Force leader's name; Kathy's is labeled "Communication." We appreciate the tender loving care you give to your missionary and we know that your commitment truly reflects the heart of God.

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10

