

Missionary Care Action Sheet

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The question becomes, “What can and should we do in the area of missionary care?”

1. Educate yourself about the subject of missionary care.

Mind the Gaps- Engaging the Church in Missionary Care

www.MindtheGaps.org

Bulk Discounts are Available

Tender Care- providing pastoral care for God’s global servants

www.Barnabas.org

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These are two excellent books on missionary care. They are written from a broad perspective of church size, sending church vs. supporting church, etc. However, they would be invaluable to a church that wants to go to the “next level” at understanding and being involved in missionary care.

2. Determine the irreducible minimum amount of missionary care that a church feels should be provided to missionaries. For example:
 - a. Regular, non-administrative “tune ups”.
 - b. Regular, non-administrative field visits.
 - c. Proper physical and psychological evaluation before acceptance as a candidate and on each furlough.
 - d. Requiring sending pastor, assistant pastor, or whomever to attend candidate school with a missionary.
3. Learn, in an educational, non-accusatory way the approach to missionary care of the mission boards with whom the church supports missionaries. The perspective of the board and the missionary are needed.
4. Include as a requirement for an approved mission board what the church determines is the irreducible minimum missionary care and whose responsibility those elements are.

5. Require and assist missionaries in participating in a professional missionary debriefing when they return to the US for furlough. This is a debriefing done by an outside person/agency for the missionaries personal benefit.

Interlude Debriefing Retreat
www.Barnabas.org

Mission Training International- DAR program
mti.org

Recommendation of these debriefing ministries is not a blanket endorsement of the organization that provides them or everything that is taught during them.