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A SUPPLY AND STRENGTH BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MATERIALLY

"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.

The Lord has blessed you that you may be a blessing to your missionaries. You are rich both spiritually and materially as a child of the King. Pray for the Lord's leadership in how He would use you to meet the needs of His missionaries.

This may come as a shock, but missionaries need money; and we must not make them beggars or fund raisers. Enough said! Then pray for strong healthy bodies. Disease and sickness is a constant concern. Pray the Lord will grant the greatest measure of strength and health that His glory be established as well as His good be accomplished in and through the missionaries.

## A SPIRITUALLY STRONG AND STEADFAST FAMILY

The final point is not least in importance. Husband, wife, and parent-child relationships are under extreme attack by the enemy. Missionary families are no exception. Pray, pray, pray for the missionary's home. Record their names, birthdays, anniversaries, specific likes, hobbies, books they enjoy, etc. Send them cards, e-mails, and even a special gift from time to time. Keep your missionary's family in your heart, on your mind, and close at hand to reach out in an expression of love on a regular basis. Be a missionary to your missionary's family. Take this personally.

Paul said of the Philippians: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy .... I have you in my heart."

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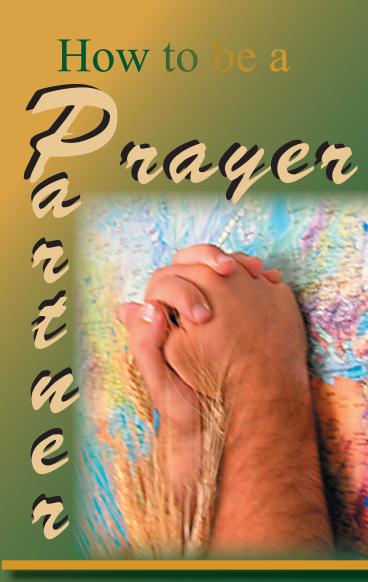
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## The Voice in the Wilderness

# Making the connection for Prayer Partners worldwide



Somewhere between saintliness and recklessness we find a curious creature called a missionary. Missionaries come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors but all are sent by the one Lord who commanded His people to go into all the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missionaries are found everywhere, going to, lifting up, launching out, coming from, staying with, bringing around, bearing with, and standing for. Christians love them, governments tolerate them, parents pity them, pagans ignore them, and Christ protects them. A missionary is truth with a broken jeep axel in its hand, beauty with a sick child in its arms, wisdom with a Bible in its pocket, and hope with Christ in its heart.

A missionary is an unusual creature; you can send him to a far off country, but you had better not forget him. You can get him out of your hair, but you can't get him out of your heart. He is your servant, your right hand, your dependent, a Biblepreaching, God fearing, God-serving, selfsharing bundle of love. When you come to church with that smug feeling that you are a pretty super Christian, he can shatter it with the simple words, "Come on over and help us."

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"Dear Lord, bless the missionaries. Meet their needs today. Give and protect and strengthen them to do their work."

This is a rather general approach to some very specific needs. Every missionary should have a base camp energized with a team of prayer partners keeping the channel of protection, provision and power open to the throne of Glory. How is that accomplished? What should we pray in relation to the daily needs of the missionary?

## A SWEET HEART FOR JESUS

"Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind" Matt. 22:37. Missionaries are usually overworked and under appreciated. It is easy to work out of duty, rather than serve out of love. Pray that the supreme motivation for obedience to the call of God is love for Jesus. In John 14:15 Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." Then we read in II Corinthians 5:14 the Bible says, "The love of Christ constraineth me." Pray that your missionaries will keep a sweet, fervent heart of love for the Saviour.

#### A SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

The temptation is to skip or skimp on their time alone with the Lord. The only result is failure. "Study to show thyself approved" - "Pray without ceasing."

#### A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

Be "filled with the Spirit" means every aspect of one's being - motives, will, emotion, thoughts, actions - is under the control of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:18. In John 3:30 we see the desire of a great servant. Pray that your missionaries will yield to the Spirit's daily filling and control. Pray that the fullness of the Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit, the very beauty of Jesus will be evident in the missionary's life. See Galatians 5:22 - fruit of the Spirit.

### A SERVANT'S HAND FOR OTHERS

"Love thy neighbor as thyself," Matthew 22:39. A major difficulty for many missionaries is getting along with the other missionaries with whom they serve. One mission board discovered that 80 percent of its missionaries did not return to the mission field because of problems with their co-workers.

Pray also that missionaries have a Christ-like love for nationals. One missionary couple was well instructed in the Scriptures, but nevertheless returned home because they "could not learn to love the nationals." The hand and heart of the missionary must extend from neighbor even unto the enemy. Matthew 5:43-48. Pray for this servant's hand and heart.

As you pray for your missionaries' spiritual walk and spirit filled life, emphasize the following specifics:

- 1. Spiritual discernment
  - 2. Divine wisdom
  - 3. Patience to wait on the Lord
  - 4. Perseverance and courage

You too will need the Lord's leadership in how to pray specifically in these areas.

#### A SENSE OF SECURITY IN HIS WILL

Every missionary family will experience times of uneasiness in strange surroundings and circumstances. Homesickness can be a battle for some. Pray for an abiding peace even in uncertain times and hostile conditions. Jesus prayed not that the Father would take them out of the world, but that He would keep them from the evil.

Pray for protection and adjustment.

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- 5. Steady, daily faith
- 6. Vision for lost souls
- 7. Discipleship for converts