

Six Ways to Reach God's World: Involvement Ideas

(Pray, Send, Welcome, Go, Mobilize and Learn)

PRAY: www.omf.org/us/getinvolved

1. Go on a short-term “prayer journey” trip to another country.
2. Pray through *Operation World*, a book which highlights a different country every day.
3. Pray for one missionary: his family, ministry, Christian walk, etc. Sign up to receive their monthly prayer letter and request a copy of *7 Ways to Pray for a Missionary* from www.omfbooks.com.
4. Pray for a team of missionaries on a specific ministry project.
5. Pray through the international section of your local newspaper or set the homepage of your web browser to world news.
6. Pray for a mission agency or a particular type of ministry.
7. Adopt and pray for an unreached people group. Order a 30-day prayer guide focused on that area or group.
8. During the month of Ramadan, pray daily for an unreached Muslim people group every day. Find information at www.30-days.net or www.apeopleloved.com.
9. Pray daily through the “*Global Chinese Ministries Newsletter*”—a free monthly prayer guide for the Chinese world.
10. Join an international group of people who pray for over one billion people under the influence of Buddhism. www.onebillionwait.org.
11. Sign up to join an international prayer team focused on people groups who have no Bible and no church in the

countries of Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar and Southern China:

www.infomekong.com.

12. Pray for people you know who are not yet involved in one of the six ways and those who are thinking about where God wants them to serve in the Great Commission.
13. Spend one day a month fasting for the unreached, a country, or a missionary.
14. Pray through specific scripture, or incorporate worship songs as you intercede for the nations. Use maps and pictures, too!
15. Pray using a world map.

With your church:

16. Pray for your local church to be strategically involved in God's work in the world.
17. Get your church's prayer group together with other churches to pray.
18. Teach people in your fellowship or church why and how to pray for missions.
19. Attend your local church prayer group and ask if you can lead a missions-focused time once a month.
20. Get creative and set up a “virtual prayer journey” in a room at your church (including photos, maps, decorations, food, stories of specific places).
21. Pray for church unity and humility.
22. Set up a prayer chain for specific needs from a people or country or missionary.
23. Create prayer reminders to hand out: bracelets, post its, magnets, postcards, bookmarks.
24. Organize a day of fasting.

25. Divide specific prayer requests up to distribute them to different prayer teams (one for kids, etc.).
26. Develop and maintain a prayer chain for the needs of the missionary and the people with whom they work.
27. Create a prayer quilt.

With your friends:

28. Find a prayer partner and pray together for missions once a week.
29. Invite a coworker/friend to join you once a week to pray (20 minutes) on your lunch hour for missions.
30. Pray with/for a friend overseas using an instant messaging service.
31. Become a prayer group leader; gather a group of friends to pray with you.
32. Encourage/educate other ministries to be globally minded and pray for missions.
33. Gather some friends and go prayer walking in your city (temples, low-income areas, international segments, your neighborhood, etc.).
34. Host the World Day of Prayer.
35. Share prayer request over e-mail with an accountability partner.

(To sign up or get more information on any of the items above, contact OMF's prayer mobilizer at prayerinfo@omf.org.)

SEND

36. Write a letter of encouragement to a missionary you know.
37. Connect with your missionary using Skype.
38. Organize a commissioning service or party for missionaries when they leave.
39. Give \$50 to someone you know going on a short-term mission trip.
40. Adopt a missionary and/or missionary family—remember them

on holidays, birthdays and other special occasions with at least a card. Be sure to remember the kids' birthdays, too.

41. Send encouragement to a missionary supported by your church: host a "Christmas in August" party to send books, music, taco seasoning or chocolate etc.
42. Host a garage sale and give the proceeds to the International Bible Society or a missionary Bible translator you know.
43. What can you give up for Lent? movies? lattes? hamburgers? new CDs? Try it for 40 days and give the money saved to World Vision, Compassion, or an orphanage supported by OMF.
44. Go to the airport with missionaries when they leave or return.
45. Help workers with personal logistics (i.e. finances, prayer letters, etc.).
46. Communicate with the sending organization on behalf of missionaries.
47. Commit to give monthly financial support.
48. Send short-term teams to those you support.
49. Send surprise care packages at random times of the year.
50. Create an e-mail prayer chain on behalf of a missionary.
51. Be a missionary's point person (liaison) here in the U.S.
52. Offer to take care of children, pets, homes, plants, etc. while missionaries are away.
53. Let missionaries store their stuff at your house.
54. Supply needed materials.
55. Help missionaries deal with medical issues or insurance.

56. Help missionaries learn a language or culture with which you are familiar.
57. Edit missionary's e-mails before sending them out.
58. Provide needed equipment (musical instruments, computers, etc.).
59. Help missionaries debrief by listening to their stories and reconnecting them with their home culture when they return.
60. Welcome missionaries home by hosting a party.
61. Set up a send-off party.
62. Be a host family when missionaries come back.
63. Offer assistance in communicating with missionaries' parents (if unbelievers or unsupportive).
64. Host parties to give their supporters a feel for the culture to which the missionary is going.
65. Talk to missionaries regularly on Skype, AIM or ICQ.
66. Update missionaries on local news from their home country.
67. Offer to manage the missionary's home-side bills.
68. Help design a website, set up a blog or connect them to Facebook to share the missionary's ministry.
69. Check missionary's mail for important and urgent items. For example, you could return jury duty summons should that come.
70. Baby-sit.
71. Care for the missionary's stateside family.
72. Set-up or be pen pals with missionary kids.
73. Record favorite TV shows or sporting events and send them.
74. Send favorite books or magazines.
75. Send them a book that the missionary's former Bible study group is going through.
76. Send sermon tapes.
77. Lend missionaries your car when they come back.
78. Purchase a car, house or bike for use when the missionary is on home assignment.
79. Furnish an apartment for missionaries to use while they are on home assignment.
80. Donate your vacation home or timeshare for the missionary's use.
81. Donate airline miles for flights.
82. Set-up education fund(s) for children.
83. Create a scrapbook for the missionary.
84. Supply groceries for the missionary family while they are on home assignment.
85. Purchase new clothes for third-culture kids (TCKs), children of missionaries.
86. Supply phone or gas cards for the missionary on home assignment.
87. Treat missionaries to meals and or coffee.
88. Treat missionaries on home assignment to something special: pedicure, manicure, massage, etc.
89. Coach the church congregation about how to welcome missionaries home.
90. Become dorm parents at boarding schools for children of missionaries.
91. Take missionaries out for coffee when they are in the area.
92. Arrange medical appointments for those on home assignment.
93. Translate prayer letters for greater distribution.
94. Create tentmaker jobs for missionaries via your connections or company.
95. Give a commissioning service for those going.

96. Donate materials for missionary kids' ministry overseas.
97. Serve retired missionaries in as many ways as you can think of.
98. Financially support seminary students who want to be missionaries.

WELCOME

99. Volunteer to speak English every week with a student from Asia who is learning.
100. Attend an International Students' event at a local university (ISI Incorporated, www.isionline.org)
101. Help in an English as a Second Language (ESL) class in your local church or a nearby by church.
102. Join an international ministries program in your church or another.
103. Help in a program that offers help to international students with their schoolwork—grade school, middle school or high school.
104. Offer to help internationals with banking, health care or shopping.
105. Offer an exercise class in the language of local internationals.
106. Go often to a Chinese, Thai or Indian restaurant and befriend the newcomer waiters.
107. Visit the international district in your city.
108. Give international students a city tour.
109. Go on an international student retreat.
110. Host an exchange student or assist them with moves.
111. Become a translator.
112. Open your home to international students during the holidays.
113. Offer loans to refugees.
114. Research areas of immigrant communities in your area and

services provided to them where you can volunteer

115. Research agencies that help in placing refugees in your city. There are large groups of these in the U.S., and they are here because they no longer have a home. Volunteer with one of these agencies to house refugees, help them get settled, etc.
116. Host a "newcomer" party (for internationals who are new to your town)
117. Help internationals find work.
118. Collect resources/essentials for refugees in your city.
119. Reach out in areas where foreigners congregate in the United States i.e. ski towns, tourist places.
120. Provide internships at your business for internationals.

GO

121. Study language for a year in an Asian country as an OMF Associate.
122. Go on a short-term mission trip with your church and/or OMF!

Offer your skills or abilities in one of the following areas:

123. Start a business overseas.
124. Vocational training (for local people).
125. Teach English overseas.
126. Teach third-culture kids (TCKs).
127. Community development
128. Environmental research
129. Ethnographic research
130. Sports ministry
131. Agricultural development
132. Exchange student
133. Prayer journey
134. Music ministry
135. Help an ethnic church
136. Medical missionary
137. Vacation Bible School
138. Bible Translation

139. Aviation
140. Computer Programming
141. Teaching English
142. Missionary support (visiting them)
143. Counseling overseas
144. Public health (health education)
145. Administrative tasks
146. Reporter
147. International justice
148. Professors at a university
149. Camp (summer ministry)
150. Orphanages
151. Relief work
152. Construction/design
153. Linguistics/literacy programs
154. Church planting
155. Internet Cafes, restaurant
156. Homeschool third-culture kids (TCKs) for missionaries

MOBILIZE

157. Welcome a missionary on home assignment to share with your small group.
158. Take a friend to a mission conference you enjoy.
159. Start a prayer group focused on missions at your church.
160. Check Caleb Resources (www.takeitglobal.org) web store for videos and mission activities for children.
161. Volunteer to teach a culture or missions session at Vacation Bible School (VBS), Sunday school or children's church.
162. Find praise songs that speak of God's love for "the nations" and ask your church praise team to add these to their repertoire.
163. You certainly have a story to tell, and experience to share, do so! Don't be pushy but don't be shy about letting others know the need you have seen and the possibilities to serve.
164. Write a book, prayer guide or articles about your experiences.
165. Start or host a prayer group with missions focus.
166. Talk to people and invite them to mission events.
167. Show missions movies.
168. Facilitate trips to local areas where internationals live and work.
169. Let others know about available resources (i.e. books, prayer guides)—or give them to them.
170. Advertise *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* courses.
171. Host an international dinner.
172. Become an OMF Mobilization Intern.
173. Match people you know with a mission organization that complements their work skills.
174. Invite others to go on a short-term mission trip with you.
175. Share your Asia pictures with others.
176. Host a food and prayer night for a specific people group or country.
177. Become and advocate for a missions agency, people group or country.
178. Host internationals and stay in contact when they leave.
179. Join The Traveling Team (www.thetravelingteam.org).
180. Memorize key verses on mobilization.
181. Pray at 10:02 AM every day because of Luke 10:2.
182. Place inserts in church bulletins about missions.
183. Suggest that your book club read and discuss missionary biographies.
184. Host short-term alumni meetings to encourage people's further involvement
185. Be active and ask people about their missionary work.
186. Host a missionary with friends.

187. Arrange speaking engagements for missionaries on home assignment.
188. Set up a booth about missions at local concerts or college campuses.
189. Be on your church's missions committee.
190. Put together a bulletin board to highlight your church's missionaries and their work.
191. Locate third-culture kids (TCKs) in your area and encourage them on their journey.
192. Host a Missions Night at a café.
193. Hold a potluck for internationals or with international foods.
194. Visit a foreign-culture church with a group.
195. Take a group to a local temple or mosque.
196. Take people on a prayer walk in your city.
197. Volunteer with a mission agency. Consider OMF's *BridgeAsia* program.
198. Send pictures and videos from the field.
199. Create a missions video.
200. Teach your kids about missions.

LEARN

201. Study an unreached people group on Joshua Project's (www.joshuaproject.net) strategic list.
202. Read *Live Life on Purpose* by Claude Hickman.
203. Sign up for a *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course or order a five-week *Vision for the Nations* course on DVD for your small group from www.perspectives.org.
204. Study a foreign language.
205. Get additional Bible training by signing up for an online course.

206. Read a new missionary biography (www.omfbooks.com).
207. Buy the *One Year Book of Christian History* (by Rusten. Tyndale: 2003) and read two pages per day to enlarge your understanding.
208. Visit the Urbana web page (www.urbana.org).
209. Visit a local Buddhist temple or a Muslim mosque.
210. Read about missionaries, teach Sunday school classes about missionary heroes of the faith or encourage Christian bookstores to stock autobiographies and biographies of missionaries.
211. Go on a short-term vision trip to learn about the needs in another country and how you can be involved.
212. Read the research papers and field reports that mission agencies publish.
213. Take seminary courses about missions.
214. Go to mission conference.
215. Watch foreign movies.
216. Read books about an area, people or culture.
217. Read international news.
218. Watch documentaries.
219. Go to culture museums.
220. Host a cultural night at church.
221. Go to an ethnic restaurant.
222. Have "mission minute" at church.
223. Have people share personal missions experiences at church.
224. Share photos, picture books or slideshows of area or people.
225. Take classes about an area, people or culture.
226. Learn the history of an area, people or culture.
227. Read and pray through *Operation World* (www.gmi.org/ow) by Patrick Johnstone.

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| <p>228. Read and pray through <i>Global Prayer Digest</i> (www.global-prayer-digest.org).</p> <p>229. Invite long- and short-term workers to church to share.</p> <p>230. Send out prayer updates from workers and pray for them as a group at church.</p> <p>231. Hold a missions-focused vacation Bible school (VBS). Visit Caleb Resources at www.takeitglobal.org and find <i>Outside the Lines</i> for one example.</p> <p>232. Listen to and learn to play ethnic music.</p> <p>233. Read books about other cultures, ethnicities and worldviews.</p> <p>234. Complete Bible studies about missions.</p> <p>235. Learn to cook foods from other cultures.</p> <p>236. Talk to missionaries.</p> <p>237. Go to these areas in your city: Thai-town, Korea-town, Little Tokyo, China-town.</p> <p>238. Learn a sport that is a favorite in another country.</p> | <p>239. Join your church's missions committee.</p> <p>240. Read missions magazines like <i>Mission Frontiers</i> (www.missionfrontiers.org).</p> <p>241. Do an internship at a missions agency or in the missions department of your church.</p> <p>242. Go hear missionaries speak about their ministries.</p> <p>243. Seminary</p> <p>244. Go to local cultural day celebrations.</p> <p>245. Research needs in different people groups.</p> <p>246. Get involved with university cultural groups.</p> <p>247. Get involved with sister city relationships.</p> <p>248. Visit other-culture churches in your home country.</p> <p>249. Subscribe to online English newspapers from other countries.</p> |
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