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**Dear Women of Purpose Coordinator:**

If this is your first time adopting a missionary, thank you for stepping out and increasing the ministry of the women in your church! Everyone is blessed when they give to others! If you are renewing an adoption, God bless you for your continued support of our missionaries who sacrifice so much to present the Gospel to souls all over the world! All who adopt missionaries are supporting a greater work!

What does it mean to adopt a missionary? When you adopt a missionary, you accept responsibility to share special occasions, concerns, and personal needs of that person or family through prayer, correspondence and gifts. Your commitment to this missionary/family is for one year and the enclosed certificate states you have chosen to adopt for 2021.

Once you have chosen a missionary/family to adopt, the next step would be to contact them and find out their particular needs, favorite foods and colors, birthday, anniversary, and date of furlough. Regular correspondence with the missionary shows your concern and interest and that they are receiving the prayer support they so desperately need as they serve. If you so desire, your Women's Ministries can appoint an adoption chairperson to oversee this important ministry. The chairperson can keep the group updated through reports at your meetings, through news in your church bulletin or by way of announcements. She can keep track of their birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays and make plans to send them packages as decided by your local group. In order to find out information about your missionary, you can access their email address by going to [www.ag.org](http://www.ag.org). After accessing the menu bar, simply choose World Missions or US Missions. Once you are at that site, you can type in their name and you will be brought directly to their website, which gives you their email.

What can you send to missionaries? Many missionaries will have their own unique desires. Send small gifts in a padded envelope to save postage and duty charges. Suggested gifts may include a simple link to a message by your pastor, church news, news clippings and new book releases will provide them with current information. Magazine subscriptions are always nice to keep the missionary informed of current trends, issues, news and topics. Contact the missionary about sending packages as ones that are incorrectly sent may cost the missionary more to redeem than the worth of the contents. A gift of money (check) may be sent to the proper World or U.S. missions office in Springfield, Missouri. Be sure your gift is clearly designated for the missionary or family member and marked "special offering". The money will be sent in addition to his/her regular disbursement. Your name, address, and the amount of the gift will be listed on the missionary's monthly statement.

How do you report your giving? The local group reports the offering amount and the value of items sent or given directly to the missionary on the monthly or annual report form provided by the district Women's department.

Thank you for helping us work together to bless our missionaries!

Helping Our Missionaries Find Selah!  
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