
HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF SHORT-TERM MISSIONS

THE PASTOR

1. Show a genuine interest and excitement about the person's plan for short-term missions service.
2. Make an appointment with them and allow them to share the details personally.
3. Put them on your prayer list and inform others about their need for prayer.
4. Suggest one or two people who might be helpful for them to talk to. (People who have been to the destination of the short-term missionary, etc.)
5. Give the short-termer the opportunity to share in a service.
6. Tell other people in the church about the person's plans. (Try doing it in the presence of the short-termer, it lets them know that they are important to you.)
7. Ask them how they are progressing from time to time.
8. Share information from articles or books that you feel would be helpful.
9. If it's a young person, tell the parents how pleased you are with their son or daughter's decision.
10. Help motivate financial support for the short-termer.
11. Inform the people in the church about the benefits of short-term missions.

THE CHURCH

1. Positively reinforce the person's decision regarding short-term missionary service.
2. Ask them questions about what they will be doing and how you can help them prepare.
3. Pray for them at prayer meetings and put them on the church prayer list. Have the short-termer give progress reports.
4. Give them insights into the country they will be ministering in, and help them collect information about it.
5. The missions committee should discuss how the church can be financially involved.
6. Invite the short-termer to share at various meetings such as ladies' groups, Bible study groups, men's prayer groups, etc.
7. Let the short-termer know that you are praying for them, and that you will be considering how God wants you to be involved financially.
8. Share missions experiences that you or someone else has had.