



Fulfill God's Global Mission

Best Use

Jesus wants us to be disciple-makers not only in our own home, school, neighborhood, and place of employment, but also in all the world. Use this card to introduce your children to missions—the privilege and sacrifice it is to go make disciples in other nations and ways that we can help others do that right now.

Value

...developing believers through a reproducible relational model, coaching and deploying them to do the same.
(2 Timothy 2:2)

Family Activity

Take your family to the Global Missions display in the south lobby of the church, and look at all of the prayer cards for our missionaries. Point out anyone you know. Ask your children to choose one person, couple, or family whom they would like to get to know better—perhaps a family with the same number of children your family has or a family in an area of the world that particularly interests you.

Go home, and find out more about the country where the missionary your family has chosen lives and the work that the missionary does. Brainstorm questions you would like to ask the missionary—things like:

- “What do you like best about where you live?”
- “What do you miss about living in the United States?”
- “How did God call you to missions?” “How do you build relationships with the people you serve?”

Compose an email of encouragement and interest, asking your questions, offering words of encouragement, and suggesting they send you some specific prayer requests for them and their ministry. [Parents, check with Mary Donnelly (marydonnelly@mefchurch.org) to see if the missionary you have chosen has any security issues. If so, you will need to be careful how you phrase the questions in your email.]

After you receive a response, take time to pray as a family for the requests the missionary makes.

Taking It Further

1. Consider making a recipe together from the country where the missionary serves. Talk about how living in another culture can be both exciting and difficult. If you have chosen Tatarstan or Malaysia check out a suitcase on each of these countries at the Faith@Home Center.
2. Consider giving a one-time financial gift or ongoing monthly support to the missionary. Talk about how missionaries can only go to and live on the mission field if people at home participate by giving.
3. Consider sending a care package of small items the missionary misses from home, handmade cards, and/or Scripture verses. Talk about how hard it would be to be so far from home and family and what some of the rewards of these sacrifices might be.

For more great ideas on how to teach fulfilling God's global mission to your children, check out the resources available from Faith Path at the Faith@Home center. Specifically check out the milestones called “Prayer” and “Giving and Serving.”

