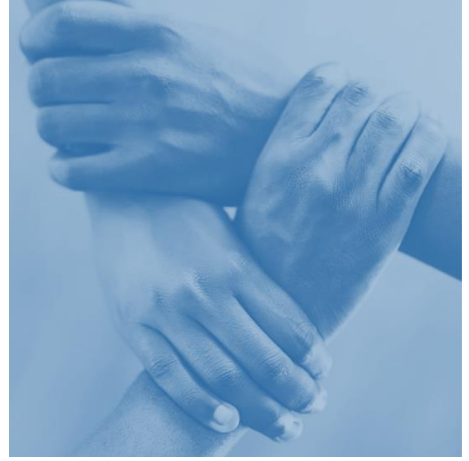


# Missionary Care: Questions To Ask Your Missionary



*Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth. III John 5-8, ESV*

Now you know that missionaries are the same as the average Christian but can often carry the added weight of feeling singled out and being seen as other and holier. You want to encourage your friend or acquaintance both as a person and as a missionary, but you aren't sure where to start.

A great way to engage your missionary (or anyone you are trying to encourage) is by asking and listening. If you can show interest, ask good questions, and offer a listening ear, you will go a long way in providing encouragement to your missionary friend. See some question suggestions below!

**Small Talk Questions** - use these when you don't know the missionary well or when you have a limited amount of time; light, welcoming, reconnecting

We're so happy to see you! It must be disorienting to be back here after so long. I'm \_\_\_\_\_, in case you forgot. Can you remind me of your kids' names and ages?

Let me introduce you to \_\_\_\_\_!

I know you're working hard while you are here. What does your time look like?

I saw \_\_\_\_\_ on your recent newsletter! Tell me more about it.

**Out to Coffee Questions** - use these when you have a relationship with the missionary and a bit more time; caring, curious, open-ended, normal life

What do you love about your city/the people you serve/your work?

How has your calling or work changed in the time that you've been in ministry?

What do you and/or your family do to rest/relax/recharge/connect/play?

**Bring It in Close Questions** - use these when you have an established, trusting, close relationship with the missionary; grace, support, highs and lows, seeking to understand

What are your dreams for the coming year, both personally and in ministry? What are you looking forward to? How can we support you in those things?

What has happened recently that really encouraged and/or discouraged you?

How have you seen God work in your life and the life of your family?

How are you/how is your family doing?

These questions were inspired by this article:

<https://www.alifeoverseas.com/a-pocket-guide-for-talking-to-missionaries-dozens-of-missionaries-open-up-about-questions-they-love-and-questions-they-dont/>

Check out A Life Overseas for more resources on connecting with missionaries



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