

COMMUNICATION + CARE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GPS ADVOCATES + REGIONAL LEADERS

The GPS Leadership Team is praying for at least one Advocate for each Partner. Two Advocates per Partner would be preferable. The Advocate could be an individual, a couple, or a small group. The Advocates caring for the same Partner can share the responsibilities of prayer, communication, care package needs, children's needs, spouse needs, resources, and logistical care for coming back to the US, and more.

ADVOCATE COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTNER

1. Find out from your Ministry Partner how often they would like to plan a check-in conversation with you as their Advocate.
 - a. The Ministry Partner determines the frequency of this check-in communication.
 - b. See the Global Partner Survey that your Partner completed.
2. This connection can be conducted by Zoom, What's App, phone call, email, etc.
 - a. This will also be indicated in their Global Partner Survey.
3. Feel free to reply to your Ministry Partner's email newsletter without feeling overlooked if they don't respond to your reply.
 - a. Remember that your Ministry Partner has many people to respond to: Representatives from other supporting churches, supporters, as well as the people they have been called to serve.
 - b. Your note is valuable because it lets your Partner know that you care and are praying for them.
4. Endeavor to keep the scheduled time that you have planned to meet with your Partner for a personal connection.
 - a. Be flexible if they need to reschedule but do all you reasonably can to connect with them for the regularly planned, personal check-in conversation.
5. Use the materials from past GPS trainings to guide your conversation to provide appropriate care for your Partner based upon their need.
 - a. See the Training and Resources Tab of your notebook.

ADVOCATE COMMUNICATION WITH THE REGIONAL LEADER:

6. Communicate with your Regional Leader regularly (at least quarterly) to provide updates about your Ministry Partner's well-being.
7. This update would be from your personal contact with your Ministry Partner:
 - a. to provide your close-up view of their lives and ministry beyond the content of your Ministry Partner's newsletter.
 - b. Consider the physical, spiritual, or emotional well-being of your Ministry Partner.
8. Communicate any significant life or ministry changes or financial needs.
 - a. Share any crisis or ongoing trial, as well as any other matters of concern you have so that the appropriate care may be directed to them in a timely manner.
 - b. See "Who to Call" document in your notebook.