

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
Sharon Mihill | New Guinea

PRAISE - I am in Goroka doing a two week quarantine! After many months of waiting, I am able to be back in country!

PRAY - This will be the first time in my whole life that I will be staying in a place all by myself. It's a lonely feeling to think of doing this for two weeks, but thankfully April is in the apartment just across the way and we can chat from a distance.

PRAY - For God's guidance in this new chapter of life here in PNG. Your prayers and continued support are so appreciated!

Focusing On Missions

Like all believers, missionaries are part of a much bigger story than what they see in their local context. For one, missionaries prevent the Church from getting stagnant.

One missionary described it as cross-pollination. When missionaries interact with believers of other cultures and worldviews, we share our understanding of who God is, and they share their understanding with us. This ultimately helps deepen our relationship with Him.

Equally as important, Jesus called the global Church to go and make disciples of all nations. But this is impossible without people who are willing to leave their homes for other lands. Missionaries help the Church fulfill Christ’s command by going to places where the Gospel hasn’t been preached or where discipleship is lacking.

What is the missionary’s role in the local Church?

At all stages of their service, missionaries have experience and knowledge that can help get their local churches personally engaged in missions.

In the preparing stage, missionaries get to teach their churches about spiritual needs around the world. They get cast a vision for the work God can do through them. And by asking church members to partner with them, these missionaries help give everyone a role to play in God’s global mission.

Missionaries hold multiple roles in their sending church, from vision casting to mentoring future missionaries.

Current missionaries get to tell their churches about all the amazing things God has done abroad. They have real life experiences of God moving and working that can encourage and motivate their local church body.

Returning missionaries can help prepare more workers for the field by mentoring aspiring missionaries in their congregations.

Finally, let’s reverse the question.

What is the role of the church in the life of a missionary?

The church’s job is to send the missionary out into the world to proclaim the Gospel to people who haven’t heard. But that’s not just as simple as writing a check every month.

Sending a missionary means helping that person determine whether they should become a missionary. It means giving them guidance as they think through the possibilities and the challenges of this work. It means providing spiritual, emotional and financial support throughout the missionary’s journey — including when they return.

Source: <https://team.org/blog/missionary-in-the-church>

KEY VERSE

Romans 10:14 (NKJV)

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:23-27; I Corinthians 15:1; Romans 10:9-17

Focusing On Missions

1. What or who do you think of when you hear the word “missions” ?
2. Why is it important for our church to take time to focus on missions?

Tuesday: Romans 10:9-10; Acts 1:8; Acts 13:1-3

What Is A Missionary?

3. Based on today’s readings, what is a missionary?
4. What is the Holy Spirit’s role in missions? What is the role of the local church in missions?

Wednesday: Romans 10:11-13; John 3:16; Mark 16:15

Who Does A Missionary Serve?

5. What is the Gospel and who is it for?
6. Who do missionaries serve?

Thursday: Romans 10:14-15; Matthew 9:35-38; Acts 8:25-31

Who Can Be A Missionary?

7. Based on today’s readings, who can be a missionary?
8. Otis Goodwin, the founder of Outreach to Asia Nationals, said “Not every believer is called to the mission field, but every believer should struggle with the thought of it.” Do you agree with this statement? Have you ever thought about being a missionary?
9. There are other important ways to partner in missions for those who aren’t called to the mission field. How do you participate in missions?

Friday: Romans 10:16-17; Romans 9:1-5; Acts 16:9-10

What Is The Burden Of A Missionary?

10. Being a missionary isn’t easy. What do you think causes them to serve in missions?
11. How can people who are lost be saved?
12. What is your burden? Who has God placed on your heart?