Pastoral Care for Sent-Ones by John Barnett

Providing missionaries with a Touch Point of Pastoral Care

**Purpose**: The goal of the Pastoral Care Plan is to have every missionary family and single adopted and advocated for by our church and pastoral care team.

**Limitations**:Pastoral Care is intended to provide a base level of encouragement, care, and advocacy. Our Pastors need not feel the full load of care and advocacy unless desired. Each missionary has access to care through multiple channels including community groups, a care team, and missional staff (voluntary or paid).

**Details**:We ask that pastors consider committing to a missionary family/single and following through on basic touch points of communication and being accessible to the missionary. We want each missionary to feel like our pastors are “in their corner.”

***Step 1***: Know what you are committing to.

*Every Month*: Provide a simple touch point. This could be a short email of encouragement, WhatsApp, a handwritten letter, or something of the like.

*Every 6 months*: Have one Zoom call.

*Every year: S*end a care package from your family to theirs. If possible, build it into the budget, and do not forget to include shipping cost.

***Step 2***: Commit to a missionary family/single by:

1) Signing up for available missionaries on the excel document. Please email for access if needed.

2) Send an email to the missionary letting them know that you are committing to be their pastoral advocate.

3) Calendar your monthly touch point so you do not forget!

***Step 3****:* Keep us in the loop as needed. If you need help, have questions, or are concerned about your missionary; please let us know and we will be glad to help.