

ADVOCATE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Advocate is to be a liaison between Mission Hills Church and the Partner to work together and help people become more like Jesus and join Him on mission. The Advocate(s)* will lead this effort by working with their identified Partner to Connect, Pray, Plan, and Inform.

Connect

- Commit to serving as an Advocate for at least 1 year.
- Meet with your GPS Regional Leader to learn about your Partner.
- Work with the GPS Regional Leader to make the initial introduction with your Partner.
- Read Survey Results/Partner Profile to learn about your Partner.
- Research information about the ministry and location of your Partner utilizing: website, newsletter, country culture, etc.
- Contact your Partner to introduce yourself and your advocate role. (i.e. email, in-person meeting, Zoom, What's App, Skype, phone call, text, etc.)
- Make plans with Partner and GPS Regional Leader to develop the initial Care Plan.

Pray

- Pray for your Partner's ministry (i.e. family, safety, provisions, guidance, etc.)
- Identify a day and time each week to earnestly PRAY for your Partner.

Plan

- Develop a Care Plan (see Care Plan Template) to identify the needs and activities of your Partner.
- Establish "Next Steps and Tasks" (see Care Plan Template) on how you will work together to accomplish the needs/activities of your Partner.
- Identify owners (see Care Plan Template)
- Identify a timeline/frequency of the tasks to be completed (see Care Plan Template).
- Establish a periodic review of your Care Plan to make sure you stay on track.

Inform

- Review completed Care Plan with GPS Regional Leader.
- Connect with your Partner as appropriate to build personal relationships and to review Care Plan activities and progress.
- Communicate with your Regional Leader regularly (at least quarterly) to provide updates about Partner prayer requests and Care Plan activities and timelines.
- Attend GPS Team quarterly meetings.
- Help identify Advocates for Partners.
- Introduce Advocates to Partners.
- Attend and Lead GPS quarterly meetings.

*** We are praying to have at least 1 Advocate for each Partner. However, 2 Advocates per Partner would be preferred. The Advocate could be an individual, couple, family, or small group. If there is more than 1 advocate for the same Partner, the roles and responsibilities can be shared between the Advocates.**

