

COMMUNICATION AND CARE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR GPS ADVOCATES AND 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:
 - b. Representatives from other supporting churches, supporters, as well as the people that they have been called to serve.
 - c. 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.

Regional Leader Communication with Mauricio and/or Leslie (Outreach Leadership)

9. Regional Leader acts as a liaison to provide timely updates to our Outreach Leadership so they can respond to the needs only they can fulfill in a timely manner.

Regional Leader Communication when a pair of Advocates care for the same Ministry Partner

10. Regional Leader:
 - a. Bring Advocates together and match their commitment to the needs identified by the Partner to develop a care plan.
11. Advocates:
 - a. Seek to fulfill the range of needs that the Ministry Partner identifies on the survey depending upon your availability.