

A Month of Missionary Encouragement

1. Send an email—this is probably the quickest, easiest and cheapest means of missions encouragement. Be mindful of security issues.
2. Send a recipe—you may want to assemble a recipe package in case they cannot get certain ingredients where they live. Ask for some recipes from their country as well.
3. Send a thank you card—thank them for their willingness to serve the Lord in a foreign country and their example
4. Send a birthday or anniversary card—let them know they are special on their special day even far from home
5. Send a “thinking of you” card—sometimes the highlight of a missionary’s day is checking the mail and finding something from home.
6. Send a newspaper article—look for articles that will keep them current on significant happenings at home
7. Send a care package—ask ahead of time for any special wants or needs, or just surprise them with things from home that you would miss if you had to live without
8. Send a tea bag for a cuppa—you can even set a cuppa “appointment” telling them you will sit down on a certain date and have a cuppa and a time of prayer for them and ask them to “join” you
9. Send a cartoon or comic from a newspaper or magazine—“A merry heart does good like a medicine”
10. Send a bookmark with an encouraging verse or picture of Australian scenery
11. Write out a prayer and send it (pray it first!)
12. Send a holiday card (Valentine’s, Cup Day, Australia Day, etc.)—be sure to mail early!
13. Send a family photo—this will help them to know you better and will offer them a familiar face when they come home.
14. Send a pressed flower or gum leaf as a reminder of home (can be laminated to preserve.)
15. Send some Gospel tracts that they can use in their ministry, especially in the country’s language

16. Send a magazine or newspaper subscription—there are excellent Christian magazines that will encourage, or general ones that would keep in touch with home
17. Send a video recorded greeting from your church
18. Send a good Christian book that you’ve read and appreciated, or a devotional book—sometimes it is hard for missionaries to get ministry material on the field
19. Send a picture postcard as a reminder of home
20. Send a prepaid phone card that will allow them to ring home
21. Send something handmade—include how-to instructions so they can make one themselves
22. Keep a list of the times you prayed for them throughout a month and then mail it to them at the end of the month—Look for cut-out prayer sections in their prayer letters placing a tick beside each time you pray for their request
23. Open your home for a lodging or meal when they are in town
24. Send a church bulletin/newsletter to let them know how God is working at your church
25. Send a calendar with Australian pictures
26. Send some lollies—this could be a great outreach tool for their children’s ministry or just a special treat for them (send something that won’t melt)
27. Send some stickers. See if you can find some that are Australian
28. Find articles and info about the country they are serving in and send it to them
29. Keep them posted on their favourite sports team if they have one—send something from their team like a trading card, flag, sticker, scarf, etc.
30. Send a CD of a special church service or sermon—after all, who ministers to the missionaries?
31. See if you can come to the field in person to help on a short-term mission trip

NOTE: Some fields of service are security sensitive and one must be careful that correspondence to the missionary does not put them in a compromised situation. The use of words like “missionary”, “ministry”, etc. in closed countries such as China can be dangerous. Check with your missionary for security guidelines. Also, customs in certain countries can be very high on packages mailed in. Check with your missionary for

guidelines about sending things to them. You don't want to end up costing them money unnecessarily.