

Tips for Hosting a Missionary Visit

Before the missionary visit:

- Schedule a time that works both for your congregation and the missionary.
- Learn about the Network Supported Missionary Model, especially if support comes in this way to the missionary who will visit. For details, contact Dr. Ken Schurb at the Central Illinois District office, kschurb@cidlcms.org
- Share information with your congregation. Help your fellow members to anticipate the visit by letting them know a bit about who is coming.
- Have a Bible study focused on mission work.
- Appoint a missionary contact, someone who will take responsibility to keep in touch with the missionary after the visit.
- Prepare an e-mail sign-up sheet. This tool will help the missionary to stay in touch with a number of people in your congregation long after the visit.
- Think of ways to support a missionary.
- Start praying for the missionary regularly.

During the visit:

- Make sure the missionary has the audio-visual tools needed to make a presentation.
- Listen and ask questions. Find out as much as you can about the missionary's work. In this way and others, encourage the missionary.
- Provide housing and meals for the missionary during the visit.
- Receive a special offering to help support the missionary.

Following the visit:

- Continue to support the missionary financially.
- Pray for the missionary during church services.
- Encourage families to pray for the missionary at home.