



1. Spiritual Protection

The number one need for missionaries is spiritual protection. Satan will do all he can to stop a missionary. Prayer partners, pray that the missionary will be strengthened in order to stand against Satan's attacks. Prayer partners, pray for spouses, children, extended family, family relationships, co-workers, and relationships with co-workers. Satan will aim his forces at those closest to the missionary in order to stop God's work.

Ephesians 6:18 says: "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

2. Prayer Support

A missionary should not even think about beginning his/her ministry without prayer and a strong prayer base.

Zechariah 4:6 says: "'Not by my might nor by power, but by my Spirit', says the Lord Almighty."

Galatians 3:3 says: "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?"

3. God's Guidance and Future Plans

Pray that God's plans will be the missionary's plans and that the missionary's plans will be God's plans.

Colossians 1:9 says: For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...."

4. Faith

Ministry and support raising require faith! Leaving friends and family to venture to unknown regions also requires faith. Depending on God for daily needs requires faith. Waiting for ministry to happen requires faith. Raising your family in a foreign culture requires faith. Almost everything a missionary does for the rest of his/her life will require faith.

I Timothy 6:12 says: Fight the good fight of the faith...."

5. Discouragement

Discouragement is a battle that all missionaries fight at one time or another. Discouragement comes to those whose support falters. Discouragement comes to those whose plans don't proceed as planned. Discouragement comes when the harvest doesn't seem equal to the seeds that were planted. Discouragement is one of Satan's number one strategies in defeating missionaries.

Psalm 121:1, 2 says: I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."