

# SENDING AT PC3

*Romans 10:13-15a: "for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"*

For each person GOING to serve on the mission field, SENDERS are also needed back home. Senders play an equally important role in missions by providing the "goers" with moral, logistical, financial, prayer, communication, and re-entry support. At PC3 we have created a Sending Ministry to help you connect with those going to serve on the mission field. For each short-term mission, the team will be made up of both goers and senders. The ideal ratio is 1:4, senders to goers, with at least two senders per team. One sender from each team will act as the Team Point Person. (See the chart below for further explanation of each role.) In the past we have also had small groups who served as senders for some of our mission teams. This can be a great way for your small group to come together and participate in short-term missions!

**Your Next Step:** If you are interested in serving as a sender, here is how you can get involved:

- Please visit [tinyurl.com/pc3sendingteam](http://tinyurl.com/pc3sendingteam) to complete an application. Once we receive your application, the Sending Coordinator will contact you and get you connected with a short term mission.
- If you have additional questions, or if you need help accessing the application link, please e-mail [missions@portcitychurch.org](mailto:missions@portcitychurch.org).

## Team Point Person

- Meet with Sending Coordinator prior to your team's first meeting to go over responsibilities, specific mission information, and initial organization.
- Communicate schedule to the rest of the senders.
- Attend all of the team's meetings (typically once every two weeks).
- Maintain continual communication with the senders to remind them about meetings, prayer requests, encouragement, information about the mission, etc.
- Record the team's prayer requests during each meeting.
- Lead discussion among senders after meeting with the goers, including prayer requests and any other prayers for team you may have. Remember it is important for senders to pray for each other as well!
- Send prayer requests to senders and goers after each meeting.
- Organize seeing the goers off and welcoming them back (this can vary depending on departure airport).
- Organize sending prayer meeting while goers are on the field.
- Work with team leader to coordinate debriefing event for team after goers return.

## Senders

- Attend initial sender's meeting (typically 20 minutes prior to team's first meeting).
- Attend team's first meeting.
- Attend as many of team meetings as possible (typically every other week; senders usually participate in the first 30 minutes but are welcome to stay and support the goers as needed).
- While attending meetings, get to know the goers and encourage them! The more you get to know them, the more personal your prayers and encouragement can be.
- Pray for the goers while they are preparing to leave, while on the field, and after they return.
- Attend prayer meeting with all senders while goers are on the field.
- Attend debriefing event (typically a few weeks after goers return).

# SENDING:

## WAYS TO SUPPORT SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES

Senders use their God-given gifts of intercession, administration, encouragement, hospitality, etc. in the process of supporting missionaries. Some practical ways sending is implemented are as follows:

**MORAL SUPPORT:** Encourage those who feel led to go, ensure they are being disciplined by Godly people, help guide them in developing a worldview, actively listen and help boost their morale.

- Help the missionary stay focused on seeking God and Godly counsel; participate in Bible study with the missionary.
- Before they leave, help the missionary practice aspects of the lifestyle related to the culture in which they'll be serving.
- Provide encouragement and support during the expected emotional cycles that your missionary will experience.

**LOGISTICAL SUPPORT:** Help the missionary with paperwork and organizational tasks necessary to their mission (applications, etc.).

- Assist with packing for the mission.
- Arrange for transportation to/from the airport (upon departure and return).
- Attend to the missionary's errands and/or business affairs while they're away.
- Help the missionary organize their pictures, videos and journals for presentations upon their return.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT:** Give to the missionary; help them raise support and manage their finances.

- Help the missionary prepare and mail support letters.
- Contribute financially to the mission.

**PRAYER SUPPORT:** Pray for your missionary and encourage others to do so.

- Pray with and for the missionary, and encourage others to pray for specific needs expressed by the missionary.
- Organize/host groups that will meet and pray before and while the missionary is gone; print and distribute prayer cards and letters.

**COMMUNICATION SUPPORT:** Communicate with the missionary and encourage others to do so.

- IF POSSIBLE, communicate periodically throughout your missionary's trip: mail, e-mail, telephone.
- Communicate to your missionary's family and help encourage them.
- Save church bulletins and message CDs to give to your missionary upon their return.
- Keep newspapers and/or document current local and national events while your missionary is away to give them upon their return.

**RE-ENTRY SUPPORT:** Show your missionary that their service is valued; educate yourself on the emotions the returning missionary may experience, and be prepared to help them process through these things.

- Greet the missionary upon their return; plan or host a return celebration in their honor.
- Help the missionary get settled; help with laundry and other return tasks.
- Spend time with your missionary; be a GREAT listener!