

Adopt a Mission Partner: K-12 Schools

Goals:

1. Provide prayer support and encouragement to an overseas missionary.
2. Help American students see what life as a missionary looks like, better understand how big the world and the Church are, and develop a heart for kids in another country.

MCN Responsibility:

- Add the teacher to the mission partner's newsletter list.
- Send mission partner prayer cards (printed or PDF) to the teacher.
- If desired and possible, set up a zoom call to establish the relationship, either with the mission partner in the field or with MCN staff.

School Partner Responsibility:

- Pray regularly and specifically for the mission partner and their ministry, using requests from their newsletter.
 - o This could be done with your whole class, in chapel, individually, or with families.
 - o Make prayer cards available to students.
 - o 5-day prayer guide for the region can also be used for class or family prayer.
- If desired and possible, set up a zoom call to establish the relationship – either with just the teacher or with the whole class.
- If the mission partner gives permission (please check first!), consider sharing their newsletters by hanging them up, setting them out for students, or sending to parents.
- Check in with MCN once a semester to see if there might be new opportunities for connecting with the mission partner or partnering on a project.
- Reach out with any school activities or events that might be good connection points.

Ideas for Connecting / Partnering:

1. Find fun ways for students to learn about the country and ministry where the mission partner serves.
 - a. Share video or pictures from the field.
 - b. Play games from the country, do cultural crafts, or listen to popular music.
 - c. Try making a popular dish from that country.
2. Ask about ways to connect students with the mission partner's students / neighbors / church members.
 - a. Exchange letters or videos.
 - b. Set up a video call to learn about each other's cultures.
 - c. Send cards or notes to the mission partners students for Christmas or Easter. Include a small gift like a postcard or piece of candy.
3. Ask about projects in the mission field that the school or students can support.
 - a. Could they buy Bibles or Christian books for a class of students?

- b. Could they send Christian craft supplies for a project?
 - c. Could they gather items from an Amazon wishlist for the mission partner to take back with them in the fall?
 - d. Could they help collect English resources (brochures, maps, magazines, cards, etc.) that might be helpful for ESL students?
- 4. Look for projects around the American school that students overseas can support.
 - a. Could a youth group overseas be praying for a specific school need?
 - b. Could a church overseas provide new music suggestions for the church worship team?
 - c. Could an overseas partner suggest resources for reaching out to international students in the US?
 - d. Is there a topic that an overseas pastor or teacher could provide training on for staff or parents at the American school?
- 5. Use school events or activities as opportunities to connect with the mission partner or share more about their ministry.
 - a. Does the school have a missions week or could you do something for NLSW?
 - b. Could you make a chapel connection?
 - c. Are there church prayer or worship nights?
 - d. Once you find a connecting event, invite the mission partner to share...
 - i. Video
 - ii. Facts about their country
 - iii. Photos
 - iv. Prayer requests
 - v. Etc.