

A Timely Prayer

The car came speeding down the street, too fast for our three-year-old boy, Matthew, to move out of its path. He was hit and knocked out of his boots. He survived miraculously with only a few stitches needed in his little forehead. That very week, a wonderful church in Soldotna, Alaska, had written a letter explaining that they would be praying for us as their missionaries during the whole week and that they would especially pray for the safety of our family. We have never forgotten that letter, nor that the Soldotna church had prayed specifically for us by name.

This story is just one of many of how a single church or a person has been led by God to pray. We all know that PRAYING is one of the NMI objectives.

Here are some suggestions for how you can be involved in the life of a missionary, national leader, or volunteer through PRAYER:

1. Choose a person or family. Your LINKS missionaries are excellent choices, as are missionaries who have spoken at your church or leaders you may have learned about through *Living Mission* or reading NMI missions books.
2. Post their photo (if not in a creative access or secure area) on your church bulletin board or on the sanctuary screen.*
3. Announce a special prayer request during corporate worship on Sunday, as well as printing it in the Sunday bulletin to remind the people to pray during the entire week. If the request is for a person who is in a creative access or secure area, do not name that person in the request.
4. Have someone write a letter or e-mail the person to inform them that your church is praying that week, if the person can safely receive such correspondence.
5. Invite that missionary or volunteer to come to your church to speak during their deputation, if possible.



You will have the joy of experiencing how God will bless your faithful prayers.



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* **Editor's Note:** While posting photos on a bulletin board or screen is acceptable if the missionaries are not in creative access or secure areas, never post photos or contact information on a Web site.