

Ways to Give **Practical** and **Moral** Support

Before the worker leaves (Heb.10:24-25)

- * Help the worker to have sufficient partnership both in prayer and finances (see www.wec-canada.org), by organizing speaking and sharing opportunities.
- * Encourage others to come and pray for the worker.
- * Help with packing and practical matters such as storage of furniture, finance and newsletters.
- * Meet regularly with the worker to pray.
- * Be a friend who cares, listens and is willing to enter a mutual accountability or coaching friendship.

While the worker is overseas (1 Thes.5:11)

- * Send out and or format news or prayer letters from the worker.
- * Be aware of the level of financial support and find ways to ensure that income is adequate.
- * Look after the financial affairs of the worker in their absence, e.g. tax returns, accounts, investments, house.
- * Maintain awareness and interest among church members.
- * Communicate regularly and ask for prayer points.
- * Consider a visit during the worker's term on the field.
- * Send short-term workers, in consultation with WEC.

When the worker visits home (1 Pet.4:8-10; Gal.6:2)

- * Look into the provision of a house, a car, schooling, and other anticipated needs.
- * Welcome at the airport.
- * Ensure they have a place to go to have a holiday.
- * Listen to their stories
- * Look into the provisions for those preparing for retirement and make sure that they are adequate.
- * And in preparation for return to the field do the things in the "Before the worker leaves section" above.

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Caring for your Worker

In WEC International we want to **partner with you** in caring for the **cross-cultural workers** that join us. We are all responsible to some varying degree in their care.

Cross-cultural workers are **our most valuable resource** for taking the gospel to people who have not yet heard. There are many traps and pitfalls along the road that determine how well and for how long these people stay on the field. We want to encourage **you to work with us** to provide compassionate care, prayer and supportive resources for our workers. This pamphlet has some ideas but if you want more please check our website or contact us 😊.

7 Day Prayer Guide for your Worker

Day 1 – pray for their spiritual life and walk with God

- * their Bible study time – that their love for God's word will grow
- * their prayer life – that it will become stronger and more consistent
- * that they will be led by the Holy Spirit
- * maturity and growth in grace
- * victory over Satan, sin and the flesh

Day 2 – pray for their physical and emotional life

- * adaptation to climate and safety in all types of travel
- * victory over loneliness, discouragement and depression
- * health in the midst of disease and physical strength
- * financial needs

Day 3 – pray for their family

- * husband/wife relationship and family life a model to those around them
- * children – relationship with parents, education, friends and church
- * extended family in other parts of the world
- * singleness and related issues

Day 4 – pray for their ability to communicate

- * patience as they do language study
- * ability to improve in their communication skills
- * desire to understand the culture they are in and adapt to it

Day 5 – pray for their ministry

- * new contacts and a growing ministry
- * boldness, sensitivity and open doors in sharing and discipleship
- * prepared hearts and fruitfulness
- * progress in reaching goals they have set

Day 6 – pray for their fellow workers

- * teamwork – to appreciate differences and gifts in the body of Christ
- * willingness to communicate and be open with others
- * work with nationals as servant, teacher/mentor and learner
- * practice humility and forgiveness – strive for unity in all things

Day 7 – pray for the country in which they are working

- * governments (national, local) and peace so workers can spread gospel
- * openness to the gospel and open doors for ministry
- * details of staying, going into and leaving the country – visas, etc.
- * people in the country to have open hearts towards the gospel

Paul tells us in Ephesians 6 that our fight is a spiritual one and we should, 'pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere.'



C.T. Studd:

"To your knees man! And to your Bible!"

Prayer is an important way to support and care for our cross-cultural workers.

Step 1 - Collect Information

- * Newsletters
- * Blog sites, Facebook, Twitter ...
- * News items about their country of service
- * Direct communication – Skype, Facetime, Email, Whatsapp, Kakaotalk

Step 2 - Consider the following...

- * It is impossible to pray in depth for everyone and everything. Be selective, concentrate on issues for which you sense God is leading you to pray.
- * Understand the ministry.
- * Recognize factors that hinder effective ministry – different culture, team issues, health, poor living conditions, etc.