

CULTIVATING A HEART FOR MISSIONS

Be intentional in your evangelism. Ask yourself: what areas in my everyday life can I be intentional in sharing the gospel with others.

1. **Pray regularly for the missionaries your church supports.** Missionaries are regular people like you and me who have been called to share the gospel in another land but they still have the same struggles we do. They need encouragement and prayer especially since they are on the front lines in some challenging situations.
2. **Cultivate a heart for the lost.** There are some great resources online to help you pray for countries in the 10/40 window and just in areas where the gospel needs to be spread. FMI has a prayer network online. If you subscribe you'll receive prayer requests from them at least 3 times a week and more as needs on the field arise. Check out [Operation World](#) and [The Joshua Project](#). [The Joshua Project](#) has a daily prayer guide and app available and [Operation World](#) is a great book to have in your library and they also have prayer resources online. You may also look into [MNN](#) (Mission Network News) and [Every Home For Christ](#).
3. **Send cards, notes, or emails to missionary families.** Have your kids color pictures to send to them in a packet. Put a care packet together for them of some items they may miss from here in the states.
4. **Have a missionary or country of the week you pray for with your family.** Learn more about the country and pray through the needs of using a resource like Operation World.
5. **If your budget and time permits, travel overseas to visit a missionary.** We have done this over the years and visited missionaries in Singapore, India and Malaysia, Mexico, and Africa. We loved being able to visit, encourage, and take them to dinner and help in their ministries where needed. Truly, our time with them was more of an encouragement and blessing to us each time.
6. **Read missionary biographies together as a family or on your own.** Talk about together as a family how they trusted the Lord. This is a great way to dig a bit deeper into some questions too. [Meal times](#) are a great time to do this.
7. **Be intentional to the lost in your sphere of influence.** Invite families over for dinner, schedule coffee dates with unsaved friends and continue to pray for opportunities to share the gospel with them, and to do that you need to open your mouth. This is why we need to study the gospel and have a good and thorough understanding of it ourselves.