

GOT MISSION?

The “5 P’s” TO DIRECTLY SUPPORTING A MISSIONARY

1. **PRAY** about your choice before, during and after the decision.
2. Using the web-site www.pcusa.org/missionconnections to learn about those who are in mission with the PC(USA), decide on someone based on prayer plus the following possibilities:
 - ✓ **PERSON:** Someone already has a personal connection with a missionary (mission family). Or perhaps has read about his/her/them in a Presbytery or denominational publication or on the web site. (Examples: The Brees family in Pakistan was chosen by Trinity Church as one of their missionaries, but a member there is related to them. Or, the congregation has read about the Nagy family in Presbytery monthly mailings.)
 - ✓ **PLACE:** There is an interest in the congregation in a particular area of the world. (Examples: Because there are many Hispanics in the community, the congregation wants to become involved with a missionary from a Central American country. Or, your congregation supported Joe Dyer, missionary to Sudan, or has become interested in that country because of reading about it in the news, so might choose Del and Debbie Braaksma, new missionaries there.)
 - ✓ **PURPOSE:** There is a strong interest among members of your congregation in a particular issue or kind of mission work. (Examples: The church would like to be involved with someone working specifically with AIDS, or with health in general so Janet Guyer working Southern Africa might be a good choice. If there are a lot of educators in your congregation, you might want to consider someone working in that area like Karla Koll in Guatemala.)

Hint: To learn about all the PC(USA) missionaries, use “*Missionaries on the web for Dummies*” instruction sheet to learn how to use this web site. Following these instructions, your congregation can read descriptions of every missionary, see photos, read newsletters etc. A good overview of our mission force can be found at <http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/faq.htm>.

- ✓ **PROCESS:** After prayer and a decision about what missionary your congregation wants to pledge support, send the covenant form to Presbytery. You will be sent information on how to designate your support. Also E-mail your missionary, telling him/her/them that your congregation has become a partner in their mission and giving a bit about yourselves to get the “ball rolling.”