

## Partner Care Ideas for Churches

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- Christian counselors within churches offering their services to IW's.
- Connecting children from churches with IW children as Pen Pals.
- Providing "rest and restoration" for IW couples coming home prematurely from the field.
- Pastors making trips overseas every year (or so) to provide R&R, conversation/counseling, and prayer for IW families.
- Providing vehicles for IW's home on Home Assignment.
- Securing housing for IW's home on Home Assignment.
- Providing meals during quarantine once an IW/family arrives home.
- Providing support for IW kids to attend the LIFE conference.
- Creating "Care Teams" to meet various needs of their IW families.
- Collecting furniture that they have available for IWs to use on home assignment.
- Providing gift bags when church members travel to the field and bring specific items that are requested by the IWs.
- Hosting intentional prayer times for individual IWs and their families.
- Highlighting an individual IW family in the service each week; displaying their picture on the screen as the church prays for them as a whole.
- Connecting technologically with IWs. Utilizing video conferencing availability to engage with IWs during services.
- Sending care packages to IWs.
- Maintaining frequent correspondence as a way to care for IWs. This includes e-mail, snail mail, and phone calls.
- Sending virtual devotional messages and encouraging videos specifically for IW team meetings.
- Stocking IWs cupboards when they come on Home Assignment.
- Providing transportation to/from the airport any time it is needed.
- Providing additional support for things like emergency trips home, outfit/vehicle needs, and specific projects happening on the field, when regular support falls short.
- Sending interns to the field to teach IW children and support their families who are homeschooling.
- "Adopting" specific MKs/TCKs so that the family and children are looking forward to being on home assignment.
- Having a greeting card ministry to IWs; remembering birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays.
- Hosting families for a "retreat experience" when returning to the U.S.