

Dear Worker

In caring for you and understanding the importance of home church and sending agency accountability, I hope you will all graciously take the time to answer yet a few more questions for the Missionary Care Task Force here at FBC. Please feel free to be as honest and open as you can. If FBC is your home church we want to be doing a better job in 'standing' with you and keeping you on the front lines. If FBC is not your home church and your home church does a remarkable job in supporting you as part of their body, we would love for you to share with us specifics that FBC can incorporate in their 'member care', not only to our 'own' but to all of you. I believe your answers to the questions below will truly help us to serve you better. Thank you so much for serving as an extension of the body of Christ. Trusting the future in Member Care will be the 'heart' giving more life support to the 'hands and feet' of Jesus than in the past. We do care for you all deeply. Muriel

1. Who do you consider to be your home church? (What makes it your home church? Just where you grew up? Where most of your supporters come from? The seat for your spiritual authority, health, and personal direction?)
2. How often are you in contact with that church body in an accountability relationship? (in a mutually life-giving relationship over and above raising funds or sponsors)
  - What is the extent of the accountability - regular prayer letters, regular phone or Skype calls, key person in church contact, e-mail relationship? Please elaborate on this answer - not just yes or no:-) (Who knows your dirty laundry, keeps it in confidence, and loves you anyway? How often do you communicate? What practical, technical, or security issues potentially or actually interfere with this contact?)
  - How often do you get to visit your home church and worship with the body? (When you are there, how close do you feel yourself to be? Are you embraced, or are you functionally a stranger?)
3. Are you under the authority of your home church elders? (Who/which group of people are your spiritual authority?)
4. Are you linked to a small group within your home church? (Describe the linkage.)
5. When you return to the U.S. , is your home church the center of your activities (What kind of connection do you have to your home church when you're home?)
6. Has anyone from your home church visited you in your place of ministry? Is this something that would benefit you?
7. Has anyone from your sending agency visited you in your place of ministry?
8. Does your sending agency have a 'member care' connection with you where you can communicate needs, concerns, counsel, direction, etc?
  - How often do you report to your sending agency in a 'member care' accountability relationship
  - How is this accomplished?
  - How good a job does your sending agency do in the area of member care?
  - How good a job does your local church do in the area of member care?
  - If you could design it, what would your own member care network look like, and how would it function?

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