



# Missionary Care Package



Most people don't realize how much missionaries become attached to the countries where they work. In fact, missionaries change and begin to share the values and worldview of their host country. The host country starts to feel normal, and sometimes even more than their home country.

Nevertheless, no matter how long a missionary has been on the field, there will be items and products from home that they dearly miss. The greatest thing about care packages though is the little glimpses of home they offer. They scream "we miss you," "we are thinking about you," and "we care." I guess that's why they are called "care packages" and not "things-you-need-to-survive packages."

For this reason a missionary care package is a great idea.

## Things that might bless an overseas missionary family:

- (Sugar free) Kool-Aid packets
- (Sugar free) Jell-O packets
- Envelopes of prepared mixes (sloppy joe, taco seasoning, salsa mix, ranch dressing, Italian dressing, gravy, so on)
- Instant cooking things (ex: Shake and Bake)
- Other dried foods, like cereal, oatmeal, or poptarts
- Extra active yeast (for making bread)
- Hair stuff (clips, barrettes, pony tail holders)
- Candy (things like Jolly Ranchers, Starbursts, Twizzlers)
- (Sugar free) Chewing Gum
- Magazines in English
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Mascara
- Socks
- Over the counter meds (cough drops, coldeze, aleve)
- Children's books in English, small toys (match box cars or stuffed toy), or things like fruit roll ups or gummy bears (IF they have children)



## Tricks and Hints

- You don't have to send a lot to mean a lot. A small envelope with a few packages of gravy mix and a card would mean a lot.
- Don't be afraid to ask the missionary specifically for help. For example, "I'd like to send you some reading material is there a book or magazine you've been wanting to read?" OR "We want to send you some personal items; do you need razors or deodorant? If so, which brands and scents could we get for you?"
- If there are children, try to include at least something small for them. It is nice for them to know that they are remembered too.

## Special Note:

- All letters and packages for missionaries should be sent to:

***Missionary Name, PO Box 12609,  
Oklahoma City, OK 73157.***

Please allow enough time for your letters and packages to arrive in Oklahoma and the Missions Department will ship them to our missionaries.

We are only encouraging you to consider sending a care package to our missionaries, it is not mandatory. These are just ideas to let them to know how valuable they are to us and to the Kingdom. It's the little things that make a difference.

