

SIMS: Who Are They?

All Covenant missionaries, active and retired, are Special Interest Missionaries (SIMs).

Each Covenant woman missionary is assigned to one of the nine Covenant conferences for a period of three years. After each three-year period, each missionary is rotated. The purpose of this program is to:

1. Learn to know our women missionaries
2. To remember them in prayer
3. To send letters and gifts
4. Develop lasting friendships

Each year Covenant women missionaries have the opportunity to select a project related specifically to their individual interest. This project is funded by the various local women's church groups.

How Can We Support Our SIM?

- Arrange to have your SIM visit your church when she is on "home assignment."
- Send a magazine subscription of her choice.
- Have a birthday party for her when she is home. If she is living too far away - bring small gifts unwrapped, wrap and send them to her.
- Make a poster about your SIM. Include pictures; hobbies, family, etc. Create an interest in the country in which she resides.
- Display a poster on your church bulletin board (change frequently).
- Send newspaper articles. Send church news. Send cards and letters or books.
- Support their children; send goodies, invite them to speak, send birthday cards, magazine subscriptions (their choice), good books etc.

Prayer Suggestions

Praise the Lord for the work of each of our missionaries and for their saying "YES" to the call to missionary work on a foreign field.

Pray daily for your SIM. Also use the Missionary Prayer Calendar and pray each day for the missionary family of the day.

Pray for your SIM at every Covenant Women Ministries meeting. Emphasize prayer requests received through letters, *InSpirit* Magazine, Covenant Companion, news reports and other missionaries.

Pray for the health she needs to carry on her work.

Personality conflicts are magnified by the closeness with which missionaries live and work. Pray that these will be resolved.

Pray for the hurt of separation from loved ones, especially children away at school. Many of our SIMs have college age children in this country.

Thank the Lord for the parents of missionaries who give full support and interest to their son or daughter. Pray especially for those who don't have that support.

The pressures of problems, overwork, discouragement, loneliness and cultural adjustments many times drain a missionary spiritually and physically. Lack of supplies and lack of privacy are also problems which hinder the work. Pray that your SIM will be spiritually and physically strong enough to cope with these problems.

Pray for our new missionaries as they adjust to a new language, new culture and to being away from family and friends.

Pray for our retired missionaries who are adjusting from a very busy and useful life and sometimes feel that they are no longer needed.