

TCK Quick Response Form

TCK Name: _____

Items sent:

Date mailed from USA: _____

International Worker Mom or TCK: Please complete and return as soon as possible or e-mail your response to the address below.

Date received: _____

Condition of package when received:

How much duty paid:

Suggestions for future mailings:

Were these items useful, needed, correct sizes, things to be enjoyed, etc? Any suggestions?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this for us.

Return to:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Church: _____

Additional Ideas and Suggestions

Adopting a TCK as a church can offer many more ministry opportunities in addition to sending gifts and money. In order to truly impact their lives in a positive way, relationships must be built. Everyone in the church can have the opportunities to bless your TCK. Here are some additional ideas on how to get everyone involved.

- ❖ Instead of separating children in a family ask more than one church to partner together to adopt an entire family.
- ❖ Have a Sunday school class children's ministry or youth group send notes to the TCK, especially those that are in the same grade/age range.
- ❖ Youth can rotate writing letters as "pen pals" through snail mail and email, giving each of them a chance to get to know the TCK. This gives the TCK a sense of connection and friendship with the other kids.
- ❖ If your TCK is older and has a Facebook or MySpace page, tell the youth so that they can add each other as friends.
- ❖ When the family is on Home Assignment, host a weekend event in their honor, with a celebration Friday night with the youth, a lunch for the entire family on Saturday and give them the opportunity to minister in Sunday school and church, about their experiences overseas. Also, offer assistance to send your TCK to events like summer camp, retreats and LIFE.
- ❖ Provide a home or place for the TCK to stay during vacations and school breaks, while in college when their parents are overseas. Provide the finances for them to get there as well.
- ❖ Send "back-to-school" packages to the TCK to prepare for the new school year. This could be achieved by having a signup sheet to donate needed items.
- ❖ Make magnetic calendars with the TCKs picture on it as a prayer reminder.
- ❖ District AWM – Create a DVD using updated pictures and interesting "tidbits" of all District TCKs with music accompaniment to show at retreats and other District events. DVD may be made available to churches for promotion.
- ❖ District AWM – Offer a seminar on "How to Minister to TCKs" at retreats.
- ❖ District AWM – Produce a child version of a Prayer and Praise publication.
- ❖ District AWM – Send an evaluation survey to all International Worker families who have children in the program. Use the results to reevaluate your District program. Share result with the National AWM TCK Coordinator.

**MOST COMMON TWO PROBLEMS:
LACK OF COMMUNICATION
INEQUITY OF SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES FOR CHILDREN IN THE SAME FAMILY**

Taken from surveys 08-09
Additional information has been incorporated into guidelines.