



A Network of Care

We are so thankful to be part of the Lord's vision for serving and supporting missionaries. And we are thankful that we are not called to do it alone. With missionary care as one of our primary focuses, we and those whom we have the privilege of serving with are learning that there is no "one stop shop" for missionary care. It is truly a team effort and we (Foursquare Missions International) believe it includes elements from four primary sources – their sending relationship (organization, church, etc.), the FMI USA Care Team, regional or field care where available (our FMI Care Team here in Europe), and the missionary's most trusted relationships (closest friends and family). We know that the care needs of every missionary or missionary family are different. We also know that those care needs are usually met differently by each source. So we believe true missionary care is fluid and creative, ready to respond in different ways and with different people and resources, working cooperatively with and amongst each supporting source. The FMI Europe Care Team's prayer, therefore, is to be a strong and relevant piece of the larger missionary care picture, doing our part as a member of the team.

As such, we have begun building an "E² network" here in Europe, designed to purposefully Engage (connect with) and Encourage each of our deployed missionaries. The concept is simple, really. Small clusters of 3-4 missionaries or missionary families, purposefully connected by one of the missionaries in the cluster. These clusters become our "Paths of Care" – relationships built to insure that care initiatives and resources have a path to every missionary, and every missionary and missionary family have a path to care. Please join us in praying over the development of these Care Clusters, and for the resources that will follow to serve and support our missionaries' needs. We are so thankful that God is in the business of relationships and of care!

The Blessing of a "Pass" from Both Sides

The blessing and privilege of being able to travel both to the United States and back to Europe – in the midst of the current pandemic – is not lost on us. Both "passes" – a US passport and an EU resident card – are privileges that God, the Way Maker, has given us! Feeling a bit like a national leader who covertly visits troops behind enemy lines and then has it show up on the nightly news, we are happy to share that we recently made a short trip to the Northwest to help out our daughter and son-in-law after the birth of their second baby – our 5th grandchild – Lua Grace Kingyens. Our apologies to all our friends in the Northwest whom we didn't see, but our focus was entirely on mom and dad, the sweet new little princess, and her big brother who is almost 2. Also broken hearted, and quarantined for almost a week because of smoke, we watched and prayed for the west coast as it dealt with the fires, and the United States as it navigates some of the most difficult issues of its short 244 year history. With a fresh remembrance and new appreciation for all the work that goes into parenting young ones, we returned home refreshed with our family tanks full. And yes, the Way Maker made every travel detail and our health and safety His priority as well. Thank you, Lord!

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