

## Advocate

*One that pleads the cause of another; specifically : one that pleads the cause of another before a group, one that defends or maintains a cause or proposal, one that supports or promotes the interests of another.*

Dear North Wake Advocate,

On behalf of our Far Flung Families/Friends (FFF) around the world let me say "Thank You" for the key role you play in keeping our congregation informed and reminded of the work of Kingdom of God expansion around the world. As an advocate, you serve these FFF who work diligently to spread the Gospel to all unreached peoples around the world. You encourage us of the work involved, our mission, of taking the Gospel to the Nations. You continue to remind us of these people we love so much. Thank you!

You also represent to North Wake our FFF on the field. Our FFF call North Wake home. You are their connection back to the church – their eyes and ears - a vital link to the North Wake ministry in this community. Thank you!

Advocating for these families is not an easy task. You are here and the tasks of a normal day are enough to draw you away from "this mission." But you persevere and rally us to pray and intercede for our FFF. When communication is needed you make connection (sometimes at your own expense) via, phone call, or Skype or email. When there is a need on the field you fill boxes and send care packages. Thank you!

Most of North Wake would not know what you do for our FFF, but many of us see how important a part you play. Your FFF understand and are grateful. Most importantly, the Father knows. Your work is very important in many ways to the mission of taking the gospel to the ends of the earth. Yay God!!!!

Your brother on mission,



Rob Craig  
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## **The Advocate: Job Description**

It is the desire of North Wake Church to have someone to serve as an *advocate* for each Far Flung Family or Friend to act as a liaison between the Church Body and the individual FFF serving around the world. It is expected that *Advocates* will have the most accurate and intimate knowledge regarding the status of each of our Far Flung Families including, but not limited to, their location, security, current difficulties, praises, physical needs, and how they are doing-emotionally, physically, spiritually and mentally.

Advocate expectations include:

- **Communication – Two way**
  - Advocate's first priority is to maintain **regular contact** with their individual FFF of **at least once a month** via any means the Advocate so desires (e.g. preferably Skype, Facetime, Facebook Messenger). It is greatly encouraged that regular live contact would last at least 30 minutes.
  - Advocates will keep the FFF informed as to what is currently happening at North Wake as security allows. Examples include: sermons, newsletters, video, pictures, etc.
  
- **Prayer – Their Lifeline**
  - Advocates should **pray** for their Far Flung Family/Friend regularly.
  - Advocates should recruit and maintain a **prayer support team list** preferably created by the Advocate of individuals and families of North Wake and/or elsewhere who have said they would like to commit to praying for the particular FFF.
  - When scheduled Advocates will be asked to provide a recent photo of their FFF and a brief write-up about their FFF's work (i.e. prayer requests and praises) for the church bulletin.
  - During scheduled mission-focused times (Sunday night prayer, Entermissions, Sunday morning FFF prayer) Advocates should be prepared to provide prayer requests from their FFF.
  
- **Publicity - Entermissions**
  - Advocates should prepare representation at Entermissions in the form of a informational display about the work of the FFF they support. These FFF displays will be stationed throughout building for the church to see and hear about the work of each of our FFF. The specifics and ideas for these displays involve:
    - A three-fold display to hang photos and other items (e.g. post cards, brochures, maps, flags etc.) on relevant to the country

and culture of your FFF's location. Please contact the office if you'd like for us to supply a three-fold board.

- Other decorations from the country where your FFF's work in to display on the table (native money or coins, food, candy, etc.).
- A tablecloth representative of your FFF's country.
- A sign-up sheet for prayer support/email updates for and from their FFF.
- Prayer Cards for your FFF.

- **Support**

- Advocates should consider sending a package, if security allows, to the FFF of which they are responsible whenever feasible. It is encouraged to make this a prayer team event.
- Advocates needs to be thoroughly familiar with security policies of the FFF and the FFF's region. Advocates are responsible for informing all people who contact the FFF of any necessary security precautions.

- **Travel**

- Advocate and members of the prayer team should recruit/promote and consider physically visiting the FFF on the field. North Wake Church will assist with this organizationally and financially if sufficient funds are available.

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