

***IDEAS ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE LIKE TO READ IN A
MISSIONARY PRAYER LETTER.***

- *We like them to make it more personal and come from the heart not just a summary of what they have been doing although you need to know what they are doing too.*
- *We like to hear about needs they have (family or ministry) and prayer requests.*
- *We like to hear about their wife and/or kids. If they never or hardly ever say anything about their family I begin to wonder what part does their family have in their ministry.*
- *We do not care to hear a "sermon" in each prayer letter. I do not mind sharing good things that have happened but do not "preach" to me in each letter. We get some of those letters and they tend to turn me off and ignore much of what they say.*
- *Most of all writing from the "heart" is the most important. You can tell when the missionary has a heart for his family and a heart for the ministry God has given them. And it is important that you see the "them" in the letters not just everything that he has done but what the family is involved with and what God has done in their lives.*
- *Also it is important (although we joke about it) that letters and receipts be addressed to both the husband and wife.*