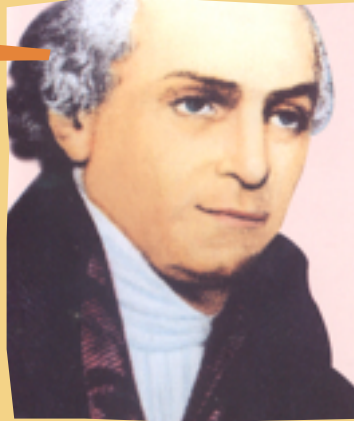


Idea for Rope Holder Ministry

The idea for this group comes from the life of William Carey, who has been called “the Father of Modern Missions”.

William Carey was a shoemaker in England in the mid 1700’s. Even though he was not a missionary, his heart broke for missions and the dying people of the world. He kept a map of the world on the wall in front of his work bench that as he made and repaired shoes, he would weep over the world and for the Gospel that could save the world!

In a meeting with the missionary society in London, the leaders asked, “Who will go down to the Heathen and take them the Gospel?” Carey spoke up and said, “I will go... but you must hold the rope for me!” Carey went as a missionary to India and made a huge impact, but no doubt much of the credit belongs with those who “held the ropes” back home.



Rope Holder Ministry

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How Can You Hold the Ropes for Our Missionaries



3 John 5-8 *“Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.”*

Northwest Baptist Church desires to be a church that sends our missionaries out “after a godly sort.” They are going forth for Jesus’ name. They are going out to champion the name of God in places where God's name is unknown or horribly neglected.

If we love God's glory and His name, then we will love to see the fame of His name spread to every unreached people. And those who go out from us for the sake of the Name will therefore be, seriously, and substantially supported by those of us who stay behind. For we who are staying behind are also staying for the sake of the Name--not for the sake of comfort or convenience or money or any private ambitions.

We have a responsibility to hold the ropes for those who go through prayer and encouragement.

When you adopt a missionary, we ask you to do the following things:

- Find all out that you can about them, their family, their ministry, and the country and place where they are serving.
- Read their updates and keep the church informed of needs, prayer requests, etc.
- Correspond with them on a regular basis through phone, email, or post to encourage them and find out any special needs.
- Pray for them on a regular basis.



Other ideas for how you can hold the rope for your missionary:

- Take a mission trip
- Organize a fund-raiser for a special project
- Present a report on their ministry to the church and to other churches/ groups
- Find out if they have any needs or special requests that you can help with
- Send them a care package
- Use your imagination, talk to others, and find out what specific needs they might have.

