

***THE FIELD IS THE WORLD!***

***SERVING***  
***AS***  
***SENDERS***  
***A SEMINAR***

**HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES**

- **WHILE THEY ARE PREPARING TO GO**
- **WHILE THEY ARE ON THE FIELD**
- **WHEN THEY RETURN HOME**

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**MYTHS  
ABOUT MISSIONARY CARE TO BE DISPELLED  
WITH TRUTH FROM SCRIPTURE**

Myth One: Missions is about "those who go" and "those who say, goodbye!"

**TRUTH:** *Missions is about "Those Who Go" and "Those Who SERVE AS SENDERS!"* Romans 10:13-15

Myth Two: Missions "support" is MONEY!

**TRUTH:** *Missions support is an INTENSIVE CARE UNIT!*  
(Read all of Paul's letters asking for care.)

Myth Three: Missionary care is the sole responsibility of a mission agency.

**TRUTH:** *Missionary care is a SHARED RESPONSIBILITY between the mission agency and the Church!* cf. Acts 11-15 (The Antioch Model)

Myth Four: Missionaries are more important than those who send them.

**TRUTH:** *God is looking for an army made up of FRONT-LINE SOLDIERS and BEHIND-THE-LINES SUPPORT, both equally important to the outcome of the "war!"* John 13:16b

Myth Five: Missionary care is only needed while they are on the field.

**TRUTH:** *A missionary needs care*

- *WHILE HE IS PREPARING TO GO*
- *WHILE HE IS ON THE FIELD*
- *WHEN HE RETURNS HOME*

cf. Acts 11-15 (The Antioch Model)

Myth Six: If I want to get involved at some level, I will be expected to do everything!

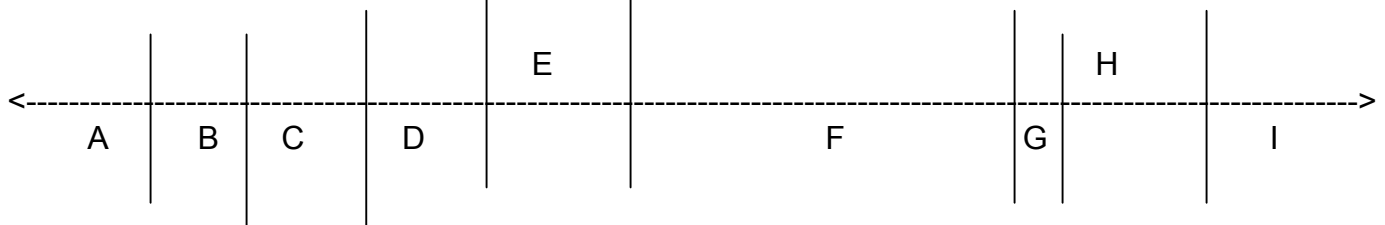
**TRUTH:** *Though by the same Spirit, the Body of Christ exercises a diversity of gifts. As each ministers to his fullest capacity, the needs of missionaries are met.*

cf. I Corinthians 12; Romans 12:1-8

- I. Urbana - One to nine ratio
- II. Beth - A rescued casualty
- III. A foundation in Scripture: Romans 10:13-15 (John 13:16b)

- A. SAVED... Call
- B. Call ... Believe
- C. Believe ... Heard
- D. Hear ... Preacher
- E. Preach ... Sent
- F. Sent ...  
SERVING AS SENDERS

IV. The Life-Time Line of a Missionary



- A. "Normal" Living (Personal Call)
- B. Anticipation of Acceptance (Call Confirmed by Church)
- C. Pre-Field Preparation (Date of Departure)
- D. "Honeymoon" Period (Reality Sets In)
- E. Culture Stress (Clear Vision Regained)
- F. Ministry of Love (Date of Return Set)
- G. Anticipation of Return (Date of Return)
- H. Culture Stress in Reverse (Active in Ministry)
- I. "Normal" Living (A New Beginning!)

## V. Six Areas of Support

A. Moral Support (Acts 21:12-13), (Gift of Encouragement)

B. Logistic Support (II Timothy 2:4; 4:13), (Gift of Administration)

C. Financial Support (Philippians 4:10-12), (Gift of Giving)

D. Prayer Support (Ephesians 6:18-19), (Gift of Intercession)

E. Communication Support (Romans 16), (Gifts of Discernment and Encouragement)

F. Reentry Support (Acts 14:26-28), (Gift of Hospitality)

- I. Scott & Jean
- II. Lack of Moral Support from Scripture & History
  - A. David (I Samuel 30:6)
  - B. Christ (Luke 22:43)
  - C. Mary (Matthew 1:19)
  - D. Blind man (John 9:35)
  - E. Paul (Acts 21:4; 11-13)
  - F. William Carey
- III. Lack of Moral Support in the 21st Century
  - A. Stones of Recrimination
  - B. Self-Indulgent Sleep
  - C. Public Opinion
  - D. Competition
  - E. "The Lord Told Me"
  - F. Distorted Theology
- IV. BON VOYAGE!
- V. Moral Support is the Foundation of the Sending Process
  - A. Christ--The Chief Cornerstone
    - 1. Matt 12:20 (Isa 42:3)
    - 2. Philippians 2:1-8

B. The Body of Christ (I Cor 12)

C. Just "Being There"—Active Listening

D. Called, Commanded, Commissioned

VI. Awareness is a First Step

A. Read

B. Attend Missions Fellowship

C. Go on a Short Awareness Trip

D. Minister in Local Cross-Cultural Outreach

E. Relate with returned missionaries

I. A "Do-Everything" Sort of Guy

II. Corporate Responsibilities

A. Identify & Provide Exercise for the Cross-Cultural Workers

B. Accountability in Ministry

1. Decisive Point of Battle

2. Is Missionary Suited to it?

3. Ongoing Evaluation

C. Confirm Spiritual Growth

1. Before They Go

2. While They Are Gone

3. When They Return

D. Business Matters

1. Money

2. Taxes

3. Travel

4. Education of Children

5. Health

6. Emergency

7. Death

### III. Individual Responsibility

A. Material Goods

B. Family Matters

C. Ministry Needs

D. Qualifications

1. Diligence

2. Concern for Details

3. Punctuality

4. Sound Business Practices



- I. Henry, Caught in an American/Foreign (or Foreign/American) Financial Quandary
- II. Conflict Between Belief & Practice (Deut 8:17-18)
  - A. Commercial World
  - B. Insignificant Expenditures
  - C. Yet Not Enough
- III. Giving
  - A. How Much is Enough?
    1. A Tithe? (Mal 3:8)
    2. Joyful Giving? (II Cor 9:7)
    3. That There Might be Equality? (II Cor 8:14; 12, Ex 35-36:6, I Chron 29:1-17)
  - B. Wise Giving
- IV. Life Style
  - A. We *ARE* at War! Aren't We?
  - B. Some Conscience-Searching Questions
    - 1.
    - 2.
    - 3.
    - 4.
    - 5.
  - C. *Living More With Less*, Doris Janzen Longacre
- V. Managing Wealth
  - A. Practices on the Battlefield
    1. Short Term Assignments
    2. Greater Use of Self-Support
    3. Living among the nationals

4. A Greater Use of Non-Western Workers & Methods:  
II Timothy 2:2

5. A Come Along Side Approach to Missions:  
Luke 24:13-35

- a. Work with the nationals;
- b. Withhold own identity;
- c. Listen to them;
- d. Reveal Christ by the Word;
- e. Stay until their hearts are burning within them;
- f. When they can minister on their own, leave.

B. Handling Finances Behind the Lines

- 1. Christian Co-op
- 2. Thrift Store
- 3. Multi-Level Sales
- 4. Group Investments
- 5. Estate Planning
- 6. Grant Funding
- 7. Matching Funds
- 8. Income Tax
- 9. Equity
- 10. World Economy (I John 3:17; Pro 24:11-12)

I. Calvary Chapel/Costa Mesa Prayer Chain

II. Mystery of Prayer

A. "Without God, we cannot; but, without us, God will not!"

B. Revealed in the Word

1. Moses: Exodus 17
2. Jacob: Genesis 32
3. Jesus: Luke 22
4. Disciples: Matthew 9-10
5. Saints: Revelation 5:8

III. One of the Two Main Weapons in Spiritual Warfare

A. Ephesians 6

B. Paul's Prayer Support Team

IV. A Model Prayer

A. Study and Pray the Prayers of the Bible

B. Colossians 1

1. To Know God's Will
2. Wisdom & Understanding
3. Please God
4. Fruit that Remains
5. Personal Devotion
6. Spirit Empowered
7. Patient with Joyfulness
8. Giving Thanks

V. Fasting & Prayer (Isa 58)

A. What?

B. Why?

C. When?

D. How?

E. God's Chosen Fast, Arthur Wallis

VI. "In the Gap" Praying (Ezek 22)

A. Abraham

B. Moses

C. Aaron

D. Nehemiah

E. Jesus

F. Paul

Session Six: **COMMUNICATION SUPPORT ~ Discernment  
& Encouragement**

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I. Letter Writing

A. Patterns From Scripture

1. Paul - Make Stories Real
2. James - Make Letter Personal, Friendly
3. John - Just Write It!
4. John - Don't Say Everything!
5. Luke - Make Them Accurate
6. Jude - Maybe an Exhortation

B. Get Others Involved

1. Kids to kids
2. Grandmas & Grandpas
3. Aunts & Uncles

II. Phone Calls, Ham Radio, Fax, E-mail, Instant Messenger, iPhone, Skype

III. Photos

IV. Videos; DVDs; EVDs

V. Letter Tapes

VI. Packages

VII. Visits

VIII. Frame of Reference



HEALTH/FITNESS \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ NOT A THOUGHT

PRODUCTION \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ PEOPLE

PROCRASTINATOR \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ TODAY!

FLEXIBLE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ RIGID

SECURE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ INSECURE

COMPETITIVE \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ NON-COMPETITIVE

NEW \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ROUTINE

Session Seven: **REENTRY SUPPORT ~ Discernment & Hospitality**

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- I. A GIANT missions problem, still in the "closet".
- II. Six Areas of Missionary Care
  - A. Moral Support ~ Encouragement
  - B. Logistics Support ~ Administration
  - C. Financial Support ~ Giving
  - D. Prayer Support ~ Intercession
  - E. Communication Support ~ Encouragement
  - F. Reentry Support ~ Mercies & Hospitality
- III. A Biblical Solution (Acts 14:26-28; 15:35)
  - A. Know it is Time to Come Home (by the Holy Spirit)
  - B. Come Home to Sending Church (Antioch)
  - C. Debrief (they rehearsed ALL)
    - 1. Public, in a variety of venues
    - 2. Private, the Confidential Stuff
  - D. Receive Hospitality (they "abode")
  - E. Fully Integrated (again "preaching & teaching")
- IV. The Human Dilemma
  - A. Length of time for reentry
    - 1. How long on field
    - 2. Degree of change at home
    - 3. Degree of change on field
    - 4. Attitude of church
    - 5. Time to prepare
    - 6. Time to get home
    - 7. Uniqueness of personality
    - 8. Disadvantaged position
    - 9. Attitude of denial
  - B. Five Reentry Patterns
    - 1. Alienation
    - 2. Condemnation
    - 3. Reversion
    - 4. "Suicide"
    - 5. **INTEGRATION**



C. Areas of Support

1. Moral
2. Logistics
3. Financial
4. Prayer
5. Communication
6. **REENTRY**

D. Nine Areas of Stress

1. Physical
2. Professional
3. Financial
4. Cultural
5. Social
6. Linguistic
7. National/Political
8. Educational
9. **SPIRITUAL**

E. *Each* family member, on *each* reentry, has unique needs. One time may seem “easy”; the next time, a giant hurdle.