

***Sending them Away***  
***A workshop on learning our Church's role in missions ... Acts 13:3c***

Plenary sessions

Friday Night

7:00 Understanding the Blueprint of Missions

7:50 Getting Inside the Missionaries Mind

Saturday

8:30 AM Learning the Lingo of a Missionary

9:00 **Breakfast**

9:40 24 ways to support a Missionary  
without an offering plate

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11:15 Three gifts every missionary needs

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### **Understanding the Blueprint of Missions**

Like all houses require a blueprint, so does every aspect of the work of Christ. God has given us His Word, to reveal His intention for every detail when it comes to evangelizing the world. We have not been left without the Blue Print for Churches, Missionaries, and Missions. Everything we need to know about missions is found in God's Word.

The reality in missions today is that the world will never hear unless we accept our responsibility.

Acts 13:1-3 teaches us the responsibility of the local church in the Great commission. We see that the church at Antioch got involved and there were three elements that revealed this.

#### **I. We learn of the Responsibility of the Church. 13:1-3**

A. ***They recognized their Place.*** 3 times "They" It is "they" work not "I" work.

1. They were the **agency** God would use.
2. They had the **ability** to handle the task he assigned.
  - a) We are his bride.
  - b) We are his church.
3. We are his people.
4. They had the **authority** from God to work. Matthew 28:18
5. They had the **area** from God to Work.
  - a) The **Home** Place. Jerusalem
  - b) The **Hardened** Place. Judea
  - c) The **Hopeless** Place. Samaria
  - d) The **Hard** to reach Place. Uttermost.

#### ***B. They Recognized their Purpose.***

1. They were a church that **Labored** for God. 13:2 Ministered
2. They were a church that **Looked** toward God. 13:2 Fasted.
3. They were a church that **Listened** for God. 13:2 "The HG said"

#### ***c. They Recognized their Partnership.***

1. A Partnership of **Sacrifice**. Fasting.
2. A Partnership of **Supplicating**. Prayed

3. A Partnership of **Standing**. Laid Hands
  - a) Beside
  - b) Behind.
  - c) Before.
4. A Partnership of **Supporting**. Sent them Away.
  - a) Relieve and Release them of their obligations locally for Global.

b)  
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<b>The <b>Personality</b> Connection</b>	You meet the missionary. You like his style of communication, interaction, and his message, providing it was not too convicting. Your mind is impressed and that influences every other aspect of the decision process.
<b>The <b>Geographical</b> Connection</b>	You always wanted to support a missionary going to that place. Your affection for the missionary's personality, family and mission's agency is overshadowed by the fact that you like where he is going.
<b>The <b>Social</b> Connection</b>	In a time of fellowship you find the missionary shares the same preferences in sports, vehicles, restaurants, and activities. These factors begin to drive you to consider the family's worthiness of support.
<b>The <b>Ministry</b> Connection</b>	You like what he is doing. You connect with his purpose of ministry and his goals in getting the gospel out through the manner he described. Your heart is driven by the method of ministry and therefore you initiate his support.
<b>The <b>Spiritual</b> Connection</b>	You listen to his words but you see his heart. You are able to just sense in your heart, God has His hand upon this man and on your heart and he is binding them together with every word spoken.

missionaries away. Send them away Supported by our Devotion, Duty, and Dollars.

## ***Getting Inside the Missionary's Mind***

Sending them away can have a negative or positive impact. You can meet a missionary and say, "I sure would like to send him **away**. (**Along with a few other people too!**)" or you "I sure would like to **send** him away!" I believe the difference comes between the two families when you were able to **connect** with the one and not with the other.

What makes me **connect** with one missionary and not another?

Sometimes it is **ME**.

Sometimes it is the **MISSIONARY**.

Sometimes it is the **MATERIAL PRESENTED**.

There are many reasons we support missionaries today. Consider these:

Sometime the inability to connect with a missionary comes from **OUR** internals more than **THEIR** externals. When a missionary comes in to our church we begin to develop our minds based upon our perceptions. Our perceptions are formed on three levels.

1. IS IT **ME**.

- Our minds receive **input**.
- Our minds **process** that input.
- We make **judgments** based on the context of our **experiences**.

Our perceptions are also influenced by our own feelings at the moment. If we are tired, angry, harboring hurt feelings, anxious, disappointed, distracted by the immediate elements it affects our perception of the missionary. (I am tired, so everybody seems tired. I am hungry, so everyone must be hungry.)

What we must do is get our **hearts right** before God, so we can see what God wants to do through this missionary. God has a desire for my **heart**, for my **children**, for my **spouse**, for my **Pastor**, for my **church**. Let me get **right** so I can **listen** right.

The Mind of a Missionary should be patterned after Paul's testimony.

Adversities, Anguish, Anxiety, Loneliness were a way of life. Such has been the lives of those who are His missionaries.

We must first understand who the Missionary is. Acts 13:1

- He has a **calling** not a career.
- He has a **Vision** not a vocation.

- He has a **Passion** not a profession.

We must understand what a missionary does.

- A Missionary has an Undeniable **Priority**.
- A Missionary has an Undying **Passion**.
- A Missionary has an Undiminishing **Prayer Life**.
- A Missionary has an Understanding of **People**.
- A Missionary has an Underlying **Purpose**.

Romans 10:1 Reveals these matters to us.

The Matters of the Life and Work of a Missionary

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

Romans 10:1

**I. A Missionary has an Undeniable Priority.** My Heart

- A. It is a Priority of the heart. - What I feel.
- B. It is a Priority of the hands. - What I do.
- C. It is a Priority of the head. - What I think
- D. It is a Priority of the habits. - What is first.

**II. A Missionary has an Undying Passion.** My Heart's desire.

- A. The thing that would bring him the greatest Satisfaction.
- B. The thing that would bring him the greatest delight,
- C. The thing that would be the kindest thing he could do.
  1. Romans 9:3 "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:"
  2. For those who are of the racial womb, Paul wished that because of the condition of those who were his physical womb mates that he could be cursed from or banned from Christ the anointed one with His anointing.
- D. The thing that he would Wish for before anything else
- E. The thing that is His purpose:
- F. Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."
- G. The thing that would seem good.

**III. A Missionary has an Undiminishing Prayer Life.** And Prayer to God

- A. The idea of Prayer is seen in the life of Anna as she 84 years old served God in the temple presenting Petitions before Him.

- B. It is a matter of prayer, request, supplication
- C. He prays for Souls.
- D. He prays for servants.
- E. He prays for support.
- F. He prays for the salvation of His own family.
- G. He prays for the strength.
- H. He prays for the safety.
- I. He prays for the Souls.

**IV. A Missionary has an Understanding of People.** Israel (them)

- A. It is People we are reaching. Not the heathen.
- B. It is people we are reaching not countless millions.
- C. It is people we are reaching not the world.
- D. It is people we are reaching not foreigners.
- E. Neighbors, Family, Friends

**V. A Missionary has an Underlying Purpose. That they might be saved**

- A. To see men Delivered from Hell
- B. To see men Rescued from the Grave,
- C. To see men Saved from wrath to come.
  - 1. Mark 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
  - 2. Believing Saves.
  - 3. Believing Not Damns.
- D. Our Job as Missionaries is to bring Men to Jesus.
  - 1. When We Feed them, Feed them the Bread of life.
  - 2. When we Doctor them, bring them to the Great Physician.
  - 3. When we Clothe them, Show them the Cloak of Righteousness.
  - 4. Whatever we do we must be bringing men to Jesus

A Missionary is one beggar telling another beggar where he can find bread.

A Missionary is a nobody telling everybody about somebody called Jesus.

Many times when we fail to connect with a visiting missionary it is because our hearts lack cleansing, our mind's are evaluating them in comparison to others, and we see them to be everything we are not and feel like we could never do what they are doing.

**Is it the Material**

Getting into the mind of a missionary is a portrait of God doing a work in someone's heart and them surrendering to his will. This sometimes makes us ashamed and we do not connect.

- What kills a Presentation?
  - Poorly Prepared Presenter.
  - An over tired Presenter
  - A distracted Presenter.
  - A poorly dressed Presenter.
  - A presenter who doesn't seem interested in what they are saying.
  - A wife who doesn't listen.
  - Kids who are a distraction.
  - An emotional-less delivery.
  - Boring Statistics.
  - Disorganized presentation.
  - No sense of urgency.
  - A Presentation that doesn't end.
  - A presentation that does not give me something to do with what I have heard.

## Learning the Lingo of a Missionary

The missionaries that come to our church are coming to do two things. They are coming to give and gather.

They are coming to give:

- ◆ Each member a **vision** of world wide missions.
- ◆ Each member **encouragement** in their labors to make your work possible.
- ◆ Each member their **passion** for their call.

They are coming to gather:

- ◆ **Financial** laborers to aid them in their work.
- ◆ **Spiritual** laborers to aid in their work.
- ◆ **Future** laborers to follow them in their work.

Have you ever spoken to a person who is well versed in a subject and they begin to speak about that subject in detail? It seems they just assume since they know about the subject everyone does too. It happens many times in churches when missionaries come in to our churches and begin to speak of their ministry goals and duties.

<b>Terminology</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>I received the Call of God; God called me; God told me to go; I am called.</b>	God has made it clear through His Word that He wants to use them in His service. Like Elisha, James and John. This leaves people with the feeling they could do nothing else but this task.
<b>Our sending Church</b>	The church where their membership is held. This church has exclusive and final control in the missionary's life.
<b>We are commissioned</b>	This is the taking under the church acting in its role deputizing a member to go to a specific field for a task.
<b>We were ordained</b>	The process of investigating and reviewing the doctrinal beliefs of a man who is presenting himself to his church for placing into the ministry.
<b>We are on deputation</b>	The act of appointing a substitute or representative to act for another; the act of appointing and sending a deputy or substitute to transact business for another, as his agent, either with a special commission and authority, or with general powers. Specifically a Missionary will take about 2 years and raise the money he needs to live in a specific field with the amount of children he has, the plans for ministry he has, the cost of living in the country to which he is going.
<b>We are church planters, Church Planting</b>	This term would be similar to Gardner. They would take with them the tools needed to plant a plant and do everything in their power to foster and nurture its growth. They found a spot to plant a plant and will see to it a plant is growing when they leave.



<b>We are starting indigenous, autonomous churches</b>	<b>Indigenous -</b> 1. Native; born in a country; applied to persons. 2. Native; produced naturally in a country or climate; not exotic; applied to vegetables. <b>AUTON'OMOUS</b> , a. [Infra.] Independent in government; having the right of self government.
<b>Training nationals</b>	The process of obeying Matthew 28:20 – “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” And <sup>2</sup> And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2. Nationals – the indigenous people
<b>Raising support</b>	The missionary will appeal to his home church and seek their spiritual, emotional, physical, and financial backing. Then he goes to other churches of like faith and asks them to back his family and ministry too. This is done to finance the life and work of a missionary.
<b>Presenting our burden</b>	We use this term to describe the time spent in the pulpit, sharing with God;s people the distinct call God has placed upon our lives. This is done in view of seeking more financial backers.
<b>Furlough</b>	The period set aside where a missionary comes home and reports and rests before returning to the field. This usually is a one year period after 4 years of service.
<b>Support level</b>	The amount of funds needed to operate a ministry, finance the family on a specific field.
<b>Mission Field; leaving for the field</b>	“The field” this comes from the verse where the Lord said, “ <sup>35</sup> Say not ye, There are yet four months, and <i>then</i> cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35
<b>We don't need your support we need your prayers</b>	A common statement made to take the emphasis off of the money and place it on the spiritual power. This is said to increase the importance of prayers over money. It does not mean we do not need your money, but trather if the choice comes down to money or prayer, they would rather have prayer. They would like both.
<b>Faith Promise</b>	The system of giving found in the word of God used by the NT churches to give to special projects.
<b>Great Commission</b>	The words of our Lord repeated 5 times in Scripture to evangelize the world. Matthew 28, 19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-45; John 21:20
<b>Prayer Letters</b>	The means of communicating to those church the missionary visited and expressed an interest in their ministry. It is the primary mode of communication between missionary and supporters. It is sent 4-12 times per year.
<b>Adoniram Judson, William Carey</b>	These are two important men in the History of missions. 1792 Carey went, this began modern missions. 20 years later Judson went. Judson was an American, Carey was English. Modern missions is 209 years old. American Missions is 189 years old.
<b>Missions Conference</b>	The church's annual conference or business meeting to determine the level of financial and spiritual involvement in missions for the next year.
<b>Candidate School</b>	A time of training for a missionary sponsored by their sending agency.
<b>Mission Agency</b>	An office of operations to handle the funds needed, represent the legal aspects, give credibility, and seek to prepare the missionary for service abroad. They are NOT to have control, but to be a tool in the church's toolbox.

<b>Mission Board</b>	Historically the board concept came where people gave to an office the distributed the funds as they saw fit for service abroad. This method today is prevalent as those who have the money tend to be in charge.
<b>Prayer Cards</b>	A visual reminder to pray for missionaries who have been to your church.
<b>Mission Trip</b>	A visit to a field or place of service.

- I. **Deputation and the Expectations of the Missionary and Church.** *(These expectations are offered as they have been heard. Though each from their perspective may be realistic but from the other it may just be the straw that breaks the camel's back.)*
- A. Expectations from the Missionary's point of view.
1. The Missionary expects to have people fall in love with him, his wife and children.
  2. The Missionary expects to have people notice all of his immediate needs and fulfill them.
  3. The Missionary expects every church to take him on for support at the end of the service.
  4. The Missionary expects a church to understand his weariness.
  5. The Missionary expects a love offering that will meet his immediate needs.
  6. The Missionary expects his accommodations to be proper.
  7. The Missionary expects his meals to be provided.
  8. The Missionary expects to be told when and where he needs to be while at the church.
- B. Expectations from the Church's point of view.
1. The visiting missionary is expected to be an additional staff member.
  2. The visiting missionary family is expected not to look or act like they have been riding in a car for 6 hours.
  3. The visiting missionary is expected to arrive on time, leave when he said and carry himself professionally.
  4. The visiting missionary family is expected to be dressed appropriately.
    - a. Leisure/Casual should be business Leisure/Casual.

- b. Dressed up means Sunday best.
- 5. The visiting missionary is expected not to have you fix their church problems.
- 6. The visiting missionary is expected to not be a beggar, freeloader or a Goldbrick.
- 7. The visiting missionary is expected to be an asset to missions not a liability.
- 8. The visiting missionary is expected to stay within his time limit assigned.
- 9. The Missionary is expected to know when and where he is to be during his stay.

## 29 ways to support a Missionary without an offering plate

Many today believe that the only giving that can be done with missionaries is done with an offering plate. This perception often blurs our vision from the early church's practices. They had less money, resources, opportunities, tools and means and accomplished more. If our pattern comes from the word of God for evangelizing, so must our pattern of supporting.

The Churches of the New Testament found ways to help their missionary's ministries. How did they support them?

1. They offered **Prayer Support** to their Missionaries. Acts 4:29
  - A. Prayed for boldness for the servants.
  - B. Prayed for power for ministry.
  - C. Prayed for fruits for their work.
2. They offered **Sacrificial Support** to their Missionaries. Acts 4:34 -**Sacrificial Support**
  - A. Needs were met by the selling of houses.
  - B. Needs were met by the selling of property.
3. They offered **Survey trip support**. Acts 8:14
  - A. In this setting the church at Jerusalem gets word about the work of Phillip in Samaria, so they send Peter and John to check on things and report back so as what they could do.
4. They offered **Accountability Support**. 8:14
  - A. When the believers heard that the Samaritans had gotten the gospel, they sent Peter and John to validate and authenticate the ministry of Phillip. This accountability established the ministry of Phillip in the hearts of the Samaritans and Phillip.
5. They DID NOT offer **encouragement to Missionaries**. (*At first, the church DID NOT do right here.*) How can a church blow it when a missionary comes to their church? Acts 9:26
  - A. They discouraged themselves about him by what they had heard.
  - B. They distanced himself from him because of their fears.
  - C. They Doubted Him, His calling and His salvation.
6. They offered **Travel Support**. 9:30
  - A. They lead him down to his place of departure. - Friendship
  - B. Then they provided him a means of getting there. - Finances
7. They offered **Hospitality Support**. Acts 9:43

- A. We will to unite ourselves to support a missionary (Peter) by opening his home and allowing them to stay there.
8. They offered **Ambassadorial Support**. Acts 11:22
- A. They were interested in the spread of the gospel among the Grecians.
- B. They sent sending ambassadors to see the extent of the field of God's Calling and how we can help. Evangelistic and Exhortation
- C. They gave him the mission to accomplish.
- D. They gave him the money to accomplish it.
9. They offered to send **Relief Support** for a physical need of brethren. Acts 11:29
- A. Sent it by the elders.
- B. They were reaching into Judaea.
10. They offered **Intercessory Prayer** support. Acts 12:5
- A. Pray for our Missionaries when in trouble.
- B. When the early church learned that one of one of their missionaries of their church was in trouble, offered 24 hour a day prayer vigil for him.
11. They offered times of **prayer and fasting support** for Missions. Acts 13:3
- A. The early church in obedience to the Lord, prayed and fasted when releasing Barnabas and Saul to work for the Lord.
- B. This sending away was a freeing up to go.
- C. Perhaps even a making it possible for them to go.
12. They offered **Refreshing Support**. Acts 13:52
- A. Provide times of Refreshing for our Missionaries.
- B. A church in Iconium providing a unique kind of support. They provided a place for the missionaries to come to and find the power of God.
- C. Note that they were filled with Joy.
- D. Note that they were filled with the Holy Ghost
- E. Imagine if a church could be a place that when the missionary comes they can find their needed refreshing after having been through an emotionally tough time.
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13. They offered **Circle Support**. Acts 14:20
- A. Encircle our Missionaries when in need.
- B. A missionary has been stoned and we see the church providing a different kind of support.
- C. A missionary has just been stoned notice how they encircled him in his time of crisis.
- D. They form a circle around him.
1. A circle of Concern.
  2. A circle of Compassion

3. A circle of Calling on God.
  4. A circle of Faith. - Conviction
  5. A circle of Strength - Courage
14. They offered **Long Term support**. Acts 14:28
- A. Provide Housing for a Missionary.
  - B. In this setting we see the church at Antioch providing lodging and meals on a long term basis to Paul and Barnabas.
  - C. This support was given for a specific period.
  - D. This support was given for the servants who had traveled.
15. They offered **Recommendation Support**. Acts 15:40
- A. Recommend our Missionaries to other churches.
  - B. The church at Antioch involved in a special support ministry.
  - C. This is a special support for the church to give a missionary.
    1. Let it not be thought that this is reserved only for the missionary's home sending church.
    2. This is a ministry for every church.
    3. Each church that involves itself in a missionary's ministry should involve it self in this support for it truly is a blessing to the missionary.
  - D. This support is the unified effort made by the church on the missionary's behalf to God.
    1. It is similar to the act of turning in someone to the police for incarceration.
    2. The missionary, by an act of prayer, is turned over to God's grace on their behalf and the missionary in turn is blessed and encouraged by it.
16. They offered **Security Support**. Acts 17:9
- A. They provided security for their Missionaries when in Danger.
  - B. In this setting we see a church during a life threatening situation in their missionaries life, their placing their own life in danger and making sure he is secure.
  - C. Jason made his missionaries feel safe, at the risk of his own safety and security.
17. They offered **Sending Support**. Acts 17
- A. Several churches got involved themselves in the area of Sending Support.
  - B. v.10 The church at Berea sent them on their way.
  - C. v.14-15 The church at Thessalonica sent away Paul.
    1. It even recorded that they conducted him.
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2. It seems that the word when it is translated carries with it that the one being sent is being dispatched to carry out an assignment as spelled out by the church.
  - D. When we send somebody to do something for us we give them tools they need to do it.
  - E. When we send somebody to do something for us we give them funds they need to carry out the job we are sending them to do.
  - F. When we send somebody to do something for us we give them the authority to get the job done.
  - G. When we send somebody to do something for us we give them the mission they are to carry out for us.
18. They offered **Referral Support**. Acts 18:27
- A. In this setting we see the church at Corinth involved themselves in Referral Support.
  - B. Because Paul, their missionary, had proven himself the church upon learning that Paul had the desire to go to Achaia wrote to the people they knew and put their reputation on the line for Paul, because Paul was God's man
19. They offered **Protective Support**. Acts 19:30
- A. The church at Ephesus was found offering security support for Paul in their city.
  - B. Paul expressed a desire to do one thing yet the disciples at Ephesus expressed their concern.
20. They offered **Friendship Support**. Acts 20:38
- A. Paul was leaving and they saw themselves as losing a friend.
  - B. They went with them to see them off.
21. They offered **Companionship Support**. Acts 21:16
- A. The church at Caesarea had some people take off from their jobs and homes and went with the missionaries.
  - B. They were not content to just let him go away.
  - C. They offered companionship, comfort and credibility.
22. They offered their **Caring Support**. Acts 23:23
- A. The church at Caesarea was known to be a caring church.
  - B. For Felix said to allow Paul to be cared for.
  - C. The believers responded and were cared for him.
    1. They cared for him as a Preacher.
    2. They cared for him as a Prisoner.

3. They cared for him as their Partner.
23. They offered **Partnership Support**. Acts 27:2
  - A. Aristarchus came with Paul. He was from Thessalonica, but Macedonian born.
  - B. Wherever Paul was going, he would be there.
  - C. Whatever Paul needed he was going to supply.
24. They offered **"Things Necessary" Support**. Acts 28:10
  - A. The Barbarians at Malta apparently became believers.
  - B. They honored him with honors for his message of hope and peace.
  - C. They loaded him down with everything he would need to go on his journey.
25. They offered **Provision Support**. Acts 28:13
  - A. The Believers at Puteoli responded to Paul's needs for Lodging.
  - B. The Believers at Puteoli responded to Paul's needs for Love.
  - C. The Believers at Puteoli responded to Paul's needs for Lifting up.
26. They offered **Courage Support**. Acts 28:14
  - A. The last 50 miles of Paul's journey from Puteoli to Rome brought him Believers who offered him Encouragement as he came on his way to Rome.
    1. The Forum of Appius was a traveler's stop on the Appian Way, forty-three miles south of Rome.
    2. "The Three Taverns," which actually were three shops, ten miles closer to Rome.
  - B. They heard of Paul's arrival and went to meet him and walk with him into the city.
27. They offered **Faith Support**. 1 Thessalonians 1:3
  - A. Their work of faith.
    1. This is giving support.
    2. This is something they committed to do and completed it for him.
    3. Believing they would see what they did not see now.
28. They offered **Love Support**. 1 Thessalonians 1:3
  - A. Their labour of Love.
    1. Deeds performed solely because of their love for the Lord.
    2. This could have been traveling companionship.
    3. This could have been sacrificial involvement in his ministry.
29. They offered **Hope Support**. 1 Thessalonians 1:3
  - A. They had believed as they had been taught.
  - B. They had behaved as they had been taught.



- C. They had bonded as they had been taught.

## **Staying by the Stuff – Encouragement for Senders**

**1 Sam 30:24**

### **The sender's strength ...**

Going to the field is not everyone's call. Some **MUST** stay. We should never devalue those who **stay** nor overvalue those who **go**. This is **TEAMWORK**.

### **Together Everyone Accepts Missions**

David explained to the men in his group that the prosperity in battle is from the Lord.  
David explained to the men in his group that the protection in battle is from the Lord.  
David explained to the men in his group that the provision in battle is from the Lord.

The men who stayed by the stuff shared in the prosperity, protection and provision of the Lord.

The sender's strength comes from knowing the **battle** and the **blessings** are the Lord's.  
The sender's strength comes from finding **cheer** even in the **challenge**. Besor.  
The sender's strength comes from looking for their **return** not the **reward**.  
The sender's strength comes from Words of the **King**, not the **Kooks**.

We need to send and know that:

- Our Missionaries are gone to fight for **freedom**.
- Our Missionaries are gone to fight for the **faith**.
- Our Missionaries are gone to fight for the **family**.

As a Sender of Missionaries I have been left behind here to **stay** by the **stuff**.  
Staying by the stuff indicates that I am going to be found **faithful**.

This verse indicates both an Understanding and an Undertaking.

#### **I. My Role as a Sender/Stayer.**

- A. Stay by the Stuff for the **future** of our Missionaries.

- B. Stay by the Stuff for the families of our Missionaries.
- C. Stay by the Stuff for the faith of our Missionaries.
- D. Stay by the Stuff for the fight of our Missionaries.

## II. **My Responsibility as a Sender/Stayer**

- A. Stay by the stuff Financially.
- B. Stay by the stuff Spiritually.
- C. Stay by the stuff Emotionally.
- D. Stay by the stuff Physically.
- E. Stay by the stuff Mentally.

## III. **My Reward as a Sender/Stayer**

- A. Hearing the Reports.
- B. Helping the Reapers.
- C. Holding the Ropes.
- D. Handing over the Rewards.

“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup>Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. <sup>36</sup>And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.” John 4:34 through John 4:36

## Three Gifts Every Missionary needs ...

Truly the believer that gives to others is the one that experiences the greatest joys in life. In Acts 20:35 Jesus even said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We oftentimes in our churches as Senders we will have opportunities to give in love offerings, take a missionary to a meal, and present to the Lord our faith promise (harvest offering) and know we have done what is good and right. There is nothing more special than to experience the joy of giving.

Yet when a missionary comes to our church we must remember there are three gifts we can give to every missionary. What are the three gifts we should give to every missionary that comes to our church?

Give every missionary your heart. –

Luke gave His Heart Friendship. 2 tim 4:11

Titus gave His heart by comfort 2 Cor 7:6

Phebe gave his heart by assisting and relieving Rom 16:1

Give every missionary your help –

The Philippians gave Help True yokefellow. 4:3

The Philippians gave Hope 4:10

The Philippians gave Money – 4:10

The Philippians gave Things – 4:18 Consider 2 Tim 4:13

Give every missionary Honor –

Honor them because they are the Lord's

Honor them because they are Laborers.

Honor them because they are Lovely. (beautiful feet)

They are God's laborers. 2 Cor 8:24

Rom 12:10,13:7 IN honor preferring one another.

1 Timothy 5:17 Worthy of Double honor

A testimony of esteem

Dignity; exalted rank or place; distinction

Privileges of rank The esteem due or paid to worth; high estimation. . To revere; to respect; to treat with deference and submission, and perform relative duties to

