Serving as Senders

Being A Missionary Sending People for God's Glory
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Romans 10:9-15
There are three categories of people in this passage: _____, _____, and _____.

Our Roles and Goals as a Missionary Sending Church Consists of Four Parts:

- _____

  o The _____ _____ is responsible for sending missionaries

  o How do we evaluate who to send?
    - Be Aware of the Harvest _____: The need is readily apparent and is met with _____(Matt 9:36-37)
    - Be Aware of Gifted and Burdened _____: God is at work in the life of individuals and in the _____ of believers as the Supreme Agent in the sending out of missionaries (Acts 13)

  o Principles for Evaluating God's Call on a Person's Life
    - God's call is grounded in a _____, not in feelings (2 Cor 5:17-20)
    - God's call is governed by _____, not ambition (2 Cor 12:7-10; 4:16-18)
    - God's call is given through a _____ conviction, not special communication
    - God's call is confirmed by local _____, not personal autonomy (1 Cor 12:28; 1 Tim 4:14; 5:22; 1 Cor 12:7)

- _____

- _____

- _____

3 John 5-8
Worthy Senders are Commended for Their Ministry

- They are doing a _____ thing in ministering to missionaries.
    - it takes faithful, ongoing _____ to be a worthy <u>sender</u> even to strangers.

- They are doing a _____ thing in ministering to missionaries.
    - It takes _____ to show your <u>love</u> as a worthy <u>sender</u>

Worthy Senders are Committed to Their Ministry

- They are doing a _____ work
    - Being committed senders is not a _____-_____. It is a <u>noble</u> <u>service</u> in God's eyes.

- They are doing a _____-<u>Glorifying</u> work
    - They treat the men the way they think <u>God</u> should be treated.

Worthy Senders are Co-Laborers With Those they Send
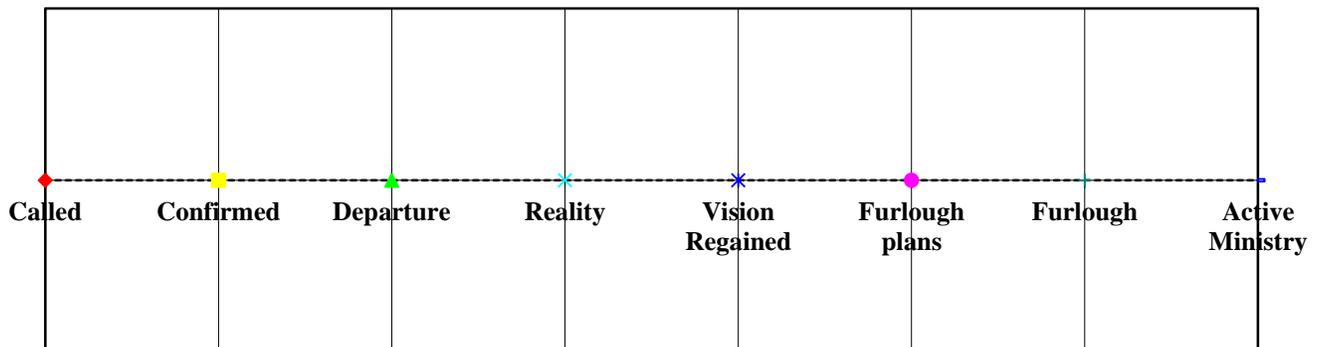
- We have a common _____:
    - Their purpose and ours is the same: to <u>proclaim</u> the _____ of <u>Christ</u>

- We have a common _____: each other:
    - They need our _____, we need their <u>spreading</u> of the gospel

Where do we go from here?

- Understanding two things will help us greatly in our role as Worthy Senders

    - Understand a Missionary's _____

    - Understand Different _____ We Can Fill as Senders

Cross-Cultural Worker's Experience: See Neal Pirolo, *Serving as Senders,* Emmaus Road Int'l, 1991.

A. Normal Living	F. Ministry of Love
B. Anticipation of Approval	G. Anticipating Return
C. Anticipating Departure	H. Reverse Stress
D. Honeymoon Period	I. Full Integration
E. Culture Stress	

Called	Confirmed	Departure	Reality	Vision Regained	Furlough plans	Furlough	Active Ministry

Why is this important?
- *We are _____ to be senders, and as such, we need to understand the struggles of those we send as well as possible.*

- *There are various ways in which we serve as senders during various parts of a missionaries' journey*

The Ways We Send and Support
- We Provide _____ Support: "Being There"
- We Provide _____ Support: "Details, Details"
- We Provide _____ Support: "It Takes Money"
- We Provide _____ Support: "Spiritual Work and Warfare"
- We Provide _____ Support: "We Are Here for You"
- We Provide _____ Support: "More than Applause. We Will Make This Worth It"

Moral Support
- Matt 28:18-20 and Matt 9:37-38
  - *Pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.*
  - _____ when God calls people to the field
  - Belief in the _____ of the Mission over the things of this world
  - _____ that God will provide for and protect
  - Active Listening and _____
  - Recognizing you are here to "hold the ropes" for those descending into the darkness
  - Commissioning so they feel they are an _____ of the church

Logistics Support
- 2 Tim 4:13
- Areas of _____ handled either by a church or mission agency
- Details handled by a _____ of individuals
- Encouraging spiritual growth with materials
- Managing business affairs
- Helping with personal _____

Financial Support
- This is probably the most talked about area of support, unfortunately.
- Have the Right Perspective
  - Wealth and Materialism
  - Consumerism
  - Dissatisfaction
- Have a Giving Spirit

- – Give through your local church
- – Give with a Biblical Philosophy in mind
- Make some Lifestyle commitments

Prayer Support

1. Pray for the _____ of the Message:
- For _____ to communicate the gospel, Col 4:2-3; 2 Cor 2:12; 1 Cor 16:9
- For _____ in communicating the gospel, Col 4:4-6; cf. 2 Tim 2:22-26
- For _____ as they communicate the gospel, Eph 6:19-20; cf. Acts 4:23-31

2. Pray for the _____ Involved in Missions:
- That God would send out _____ **workers** to communicate the gospel, Matt 9:37, 38
- For **success** and _____ for those who communicate the gospel, 2 Thess 3:1-2; Rom 1:8ff
- That they would remain _____, fit for service, Phil 1:27; 1 Pet 2:12

3. Pray for the _____ in which they Minister:
- For the _____ and **societal** structure to be conducive to communicating the gospel, 1 Tim 2:1-7
- That they would encounter _____ that facilitate gospel proclamation, Phil 1:12
- For the gospel to spread into _____ **areas**, Mark 16:15; Mat 28:18-20

4. Pray for the _____ of the Mission: Souls Saved and Churches Planted:
- For the **salvation** of the lost as the gospel is proclaimed, Rom 10:1; John 15:7-8, 16
- For God to remove the _____ of hearts, Eph 4:18; Acts 16:14
- For God to _____ people's eyes to understand the gospel so that they may turn from darkness to light, Acts 26:18; cf. 1 Cor 2:14
- For God to _____ people to Himself, John 6:44
- For the Holy Spirit to **convict** people of sin, righteousness, and judgment, John 16:8-11
- For God to grant people **repentance** leading to the knowledge of the truth, 2 Tim 2:25-26

Communication Support

- Phil 2:19
- Sending out _____ for Missionaries
- Maintaining a Blog or Website
- Read and Correspond
- Keep up with _____ on the Field
- Children to Children Communication- Pen Pals
- Talk to them about their ministry when you see them personally

Re-Entry Support

Serving as Senders who are Ready for Re-Entry

"Re-Entry"1 is a term used to describe the return of a missionary from their field of service to the culture from which they were sent.

I. The Biblical Foundation for Re-Entry- Acts 14:26-28; 15:35

   a. _____: They had accomplished the work they were sent to do (on this trip).

   b. _____: They returned to their sending church

   c. _____: They spent a long time with the believers in their sending church, receiving hospitality

   d. _____: They spent a long time with believers sharing how they had accomplished the task they were sent to do.

   e. _____:

II. Realities of Re-Entry

   a. How long a process is this? It depends on some of the following:

   b. What areas of life provide challenges in re-entry?

     i. Physical--

     ii. Professional--

     iii. Financial--

     iv. Cultural--

     v. Social--

     vi. Spiritual--

   c. What patterns should we be concerned about?

     i. Alienation

     ii. Condemnation

     iii. Denial

     iv. Escape

     v. Integration

   d. What can we learn from re-entry difficulties as senders?

     i. Moral Support—

     ii. Logistic Support—

     iii. Financial Support—

     iv. Prayer Support—

     v. Communication Support—