



Title : Relationship between the Sending Church, Supporting Churches and the Mission Organization

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Introduction: _____

1. The Church

A. The first missionaries were sent out from a church

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”
(Acts 13:1-3)

Mission personnel comes from the churches

The financial support comes from the churches

The first missionaries established local churches

“And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
(Acts 14:21-23)

- B. When they had finished their first journey they returned to the church

“And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. 28 And there they abode long time with the disciples.” (Acts 14:26-28)

- C. Every missionary should have a sending church

The sending church’s responsibilities:

- Prayer support
- Communication
- Accountability
- Financial support

The sending church’s joy:

- Souls brought to the Lord
- Lives changed
- Churches established
- The missionary maturing and being used of God

2. Faith Missionaries will have Many Supporting Churches

- A. Missions is a cooperative effort
- B. Most missionaries will need approximately sixty (60) supporting churches
- C. The supporting churches should
- Provide regular support
 - Have a program that ensures that each missionary is prayed for regularly
 - Maintain some kind of communication with the missionary

D. Responsibilities of the missionary to the sending church and the supporting churches

To maintain good communication

To pray regularly for the churches

To be a good steward of the finances provided

To be an efficient minister of the calling on your life

To represent the churches well at all times

3. The Missionary Organization

A. Helps organize

Legal matters

Passports

Visa—Letter of guarantee for income and good behavior

Representation in the foreign country

Representation in the USA

Preparing income tax returns

Finances

Handling and making available in the foreign country the support received from the churches

Providing a vehicle for retirement

Holding an escrow fund for emergencies and for the return to the USA

Making payments for the responsibilities that the missionary has in the states

Insurances

Health insurance

Life insurance

Vehicles

Wills and trust

Crisis management

B. The mission organization provides for the missionary

Recognition

Accountability

- To their sending church
- To the supporting churches
- Field conferences
- Regular visits from mission personnel
- Quarterly reports

Opportunities for Cooperative Efforts

- Bible schools
- Camps
- Evangelistic efforts
- Orphanages
- Bible conferences
- Fellowship among churches

4. Information

- Lodging while on deputation and furlough
- Literature
- Advanced training
- Materials
- Dangerous situations
- For supporting churches, family and friends

Assistance

- During emergencies
- Loss of support while on the field
- From field directors while on deputation

Conclusion: _____

