

# Serving as a Sender/Yokefellow

- Missionaries are having the time of their lives
- God is using them in great ways
- However they are not home for the holidays
- Christmas seems very different in a different climate, no friends and family from home
- I want to congratulate you all for all you do
- I heard about Thanksgiving family times with the missionaries
- I hear about your kindnesses and am blessed and proud
- Realize how important what the missionaries is doing is. They are carrying out His commands for all of us. They are our emissaries
- Since their part is so vital we can make sure and do something to be a blessing
- I think of the USO and what they do for the troops
  - They welcome them in a special way
  - They give money
  - They provide entertainment
  - They send care packages

- They consider themselves partners to the troops
- The missionaries are our troops. They are playing a vital role. We are in the support role. We provide them with weapons, air support, prayer, friendship, etc

I Corinthians 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that **they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,**) 16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one **that helpeth with us, and laboureth.** 17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for **that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.** 18 For they have **refreshed my spirit** and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

1. Be careful to pray for them and let them know that you are praying **Romans 15:30** Now I beseech you, brethren, for the

Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that  
**ye strive together with me in your  
prayers to God for me;**

- a. To pray you must keep up with them and know what is going on in their lives
- b. Their life may seem romantic but it is not all that romantic. They live every day lives with tons of work to do
- c. They do live with extra stresses of language, culture, missing people, family, just their country, freedom, etc
- d. Send them a note about how you are praying for them
- e. Jeanne Smith used to write me every month a hand written letter. She told me about herself, her church, her ministry and then mentioned things that she had read in my prayer letters. She often sent \$10.

2. Send care packages. [Philippians 4:16](#) For even in Thessalonica **ye sent once and again** unto my necessity.

- a. It is pretty wild to get a card, a gift certificate (internet), some special things from back home.

- b. Be sure to find out from those on the field how hard it is to receive a package. Sometimes it is better not to send a package
- c. You can give a Logos gift certificate, iTunes, Amazon, just plain old cash is always welcome

### 3. Send a note or card.

- a. It is pretty neat to have someone send a birthday card if it is personalized, that goes for anniversary, ministry anniversary, etc
- b. Just a card or note saying that you love them will be a tremendous blessing
- c. The fact that someone thought of you is a big blessing
- d. Today you can send emails, Facebook, Skype etc

### 4. Start a discussion

- a. Ask the missionary how you can help. What they need.
- b. See if the need is something you can do for them
- c. If you are unable then maybe see about getting others involved in helping
- d. Share the need with your church and friends
- e. Let the missionary talk, Listen to his stories

f. Don't just talk about regular stuff. He needs to tell you about his hurts, his blessings. He needs to know that you really care about him and his ministry

5. Do something wild and crazy

a. John Pearson used to give Betty and me a few days in a cabin. He would tell us where to go and we would be shocked at how beautiful a place he picked

b. Give a special offering that can be used any way they want

c. Give some money for the family to take a few days off on the field

d. Send their children to an amusement park or something on that order

6. Become an advocate or spokesman for them

a. Get them mentioned in the bulletin

b. Bring them up for prayer

c. Tell their stories

d. Get a team together to love on the missionary

- e. Brainstorm together about how you can be a blessing to them
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- 7. Bless the missionary by providing for their growth and development
    - a. Get them to a conference where they can learn and grow
    - b. Get them materials
    - c. Get them around a mentor, a person to bless and help them