



MISSIONARY CARE

The Gaius Example: 3John 5 - 8

DESCRIBE A MISSIONARY





Missionary Pressures

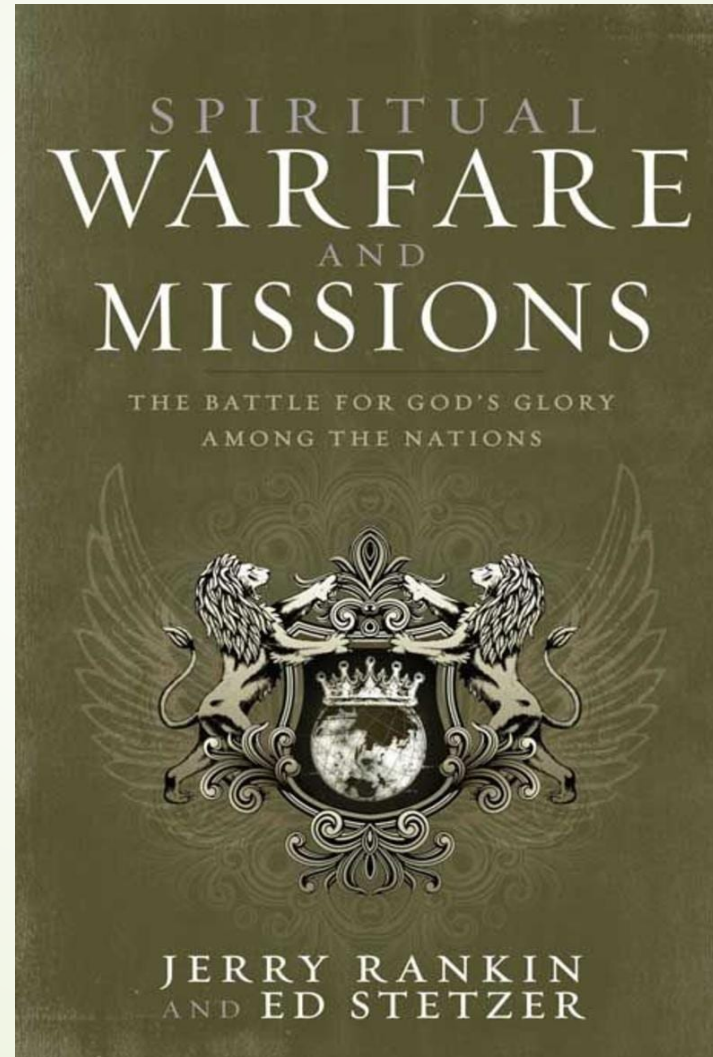


MISSIONARIES
ARE *real*
PEOPLE

Surviving transitions, navigating relationships,
overcoming burnout and depression,
and finding joy in God.

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Spiritual Warfare





Unique Needs of Missionaries

1. Frequent transitions
2. “Home” – as a concept
3. \$ is a Bigger Deal

The Testimony of Gaius



The Church's Involvement



The image shows the cover of an e-newsletter titled 'postings'. At the top left, the word 'postings' is written in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font. To its right, the 'catalyst' logo is displayed in white on a green background. Below the title, the text 'The Missions Mobilizers' E-newsletter' is centered. On the right side, the date 'March 2014 / Vol. 9, Issue 3' is printed. The main title 'Missionary Care' is in a large, bold, blue font, with the subtitle 'Where Does a Church Begin?' below it in a smaller blue font. The cover features two columns of text. The left column discusses the responsibility of the sending church for missionaries, while the right column discusses the need for care and refreshment for missionaries in a global context.

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Missionary Care

Where Does a Church Begin?

Missionaries remain part of the body of their sending church. Regardless of whether they are physically present for worship every week or are working on the other side of the globe, they are members "back home" unless something breaks the relationship. Their church, therefore, is responsible to provide care for them just like they do for other members of the community—but missionaries need it even more!

Because global workers are on the frontlines of spiritual battle, they are special targets of the enemy. It is safe to assume all missionaries have suffered some painful battle wounds. That doesn't automatically mean they are incapacitated or depressed. **But at a minimum, they need frequent**

refreshment and renewal. Many wrestle with personal, family, and/or ministry issues that are more complex because of the international context.

The majority of mission agencies provide at least some debriefing and counsel for their members. However, global workers also need care from their home church. Since some missionaries do not have proactive care from a sending congregation, other churches will need to consider filling the gap.

What does that care look like? Let's begin by identifying the multiple types of missionary care. We'll further unpack these categories on the next page.



LOVE AND TRUTH

I. JOHN'S AUTHENTIC LOVE

v. 1 – wellbeloved


vv. 2, 5, 11 - beloved



FAITHFULNESS & SACRIFICE

II. JOHN'S COMMENDATION

(v. 5)





GAIUS'S HOSPITALITY

III. THREE DIMENSIONS (v.6)

A. The Length

B. The Breadth

C. The Depth





Two Reasons

IV. THE CHURCH SHOULD DO
MORE FOR MISSIONARIES

A. Because of our Savior's
name (v. 7a)



Two Reasons

IV. THE CHURCH SHOULD DO
MORE FOR MISSIONARIES

B. Because of the sacrifices
made (v.7b)



OBLIGATION & PARTNERSHIP

C. Missions is an obligation
as well as a partnership (v.8)

“out to receive”

“be fellowhelpers”



BUT HOW?

What significant provision could be made?

- A. Housing
- B. Vehicle
- C. Health Needs
- D. Fellowship / Friendship