

Dynamic Relationship Between Churches and Missionaries

The New Testament reveals a pattern that churches and missionaries should follow in seeking to spread the gospel of Christ to the world today. The following verses provide a small snapshot of the dynamic relationship that should exist between the local church and missionaries.

Verse	Teaching	Application
Acts 13:1-3	God used the church in Antioch to send out Paul.	Local churches should nurture and send out missionaries.
Acts 15:3	The church in Antioch assisted Paul with travel.	Local churches should provide logistical assistance to missionaries.
Acts 15:5-29	The church in Jerusalem provided Paul with counsel about difficult issues.	Local churches should provide counsel to missionaries as the need arises.
Acts 20:17	Paul reported on his work to the church at Ephesus.	Local churches should expect missionaries to report on their work for accountability and encouragement.
Acts 21:5	Believers in Tyre assisted Paul with travel.	Local churches should provide logistical assistance to missionaries.
Romans 15:24	Paul wanted to fellowship with the church at Rome and he desired their assistance with travel.	Local churches should provide encouragement and logistical assistance to missionaries.
I Cor. 16:6	Paul planned to spend the winter with the church at Corinth.	Local churches should desire extended visits with missionaries for the good of both the missionary and the church.

Patterns for Missions Today

1. Churches should produce and nurture new missionaries.
2. Multiple churches impact and assist individual missionaries.
3. Churches should know what the missionary is doing.