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## I. The Situation We Face

- The average missionary needs **\$5000**/month support.
- The average church supports missionaries @ **\$90**/month.
- This means the average missionary will need **56** supporting churches.
- If 40% of visited churches offer support, **141** churches need visited.
- An average of 3.5 churches visited per month results in **41** months of deputation.

## II. Our Responsibility in Missions

3Jn 1:5-8 (ESV) Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

- **Commendation to Gaius**
- **Challenge to Gaius**
- **Commendation to the missionary**
- **Challenge for us**

**Application:** It is beneficial for me to support missionaries because I become their **co-worker**. Missionaries deserve special treatment and our **support** because of who they are **supported**.

Galatians 6:6-9

## III. Our Investment in Missions

- A. Pastoral Investment (6)
- B. Personal Investment (7-8)
  1. Time
  2. Talents
  3. Treasure
- C. Payday of Investment (9)

**Application:** I must **invest** in spiritual things, especially **missions**, and **patiently** wait for the returns.