

What Do We Do
and
Why Do We Need
Support?

The Redmond Family
Missionary-Evangelists
to
North America

Dear Friend,

Many pastors and church members wonder exactly what we do and why we need to raise support. In a few words, I want to try to explain those two thoughts. Our ministry is exactly like the Apostle Paul's with the only difference being that he went into a place and started a church and then left a preacher there as the pastor. This is what he did with Timothy and Titus (I Timothy 1:3-4; Titus 1:5-6), and I believe that is the practice that he did everywhere. We do not go and start churches and then leave someone as pastor. Rather, we go where a family has been called of God to plant a church and seek to help them preach the Gospel. In the process of preaching the Gospel, we desire to encourage them and exalt the name of Jesus Christ.

How do we preach the Gospel? We stay with the church planter and his family for two weeks. The first week we canvass the area around the church or any other area that the pastor desires us to work in. My wife and children all participate in this canvassing of the neighborhoods. We also have prayer meetings, either at the church or in homes the nights of that first week. The second week we hold an evangelistic meeting preaching the Gospel fervently and clearly throughout the week. All of this is in accord with the commands of Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 14:23, 23:46-47, John 20:30-31, and Acts 1:8.

We also seek to encourage the church planter, his wife, and their children. Many times the results do not come as fast as the church planter thought that they would. As a result, he feels like a failure and is embarrassed to let others know that they are not seeing people saved each week and that the church is not self-supporting within a few months or years. They need someone to help them get the Gospel out to the neighborhoods and also to strengthen and encourage them. That is what Paul did in Acts 14:21-22, and also what some men did for Paul in I Corinthians 16:17-18.

Our ministry continues the Biblical model of sending preachers out 2x2. Jesus sent the apostles out 2x2 in Mark 6:7 and the seventy

out 2x2 in Luke 10:1. Peter and John were together in Acts 3:1 and 8:14. Paul always had at least one man with him—Barnabas on the first journey, and Silas on the others. But many times Paul had several traveling with him and helping him preach the Gospel, such as in Acts 16:10 and following, when Timothy and Luke joined Paul and Silas. We can help the church planter and his family so much when we labor with them.

But why do we need support? People hear the term evangelist and think that we live from the offerings that we receive. A normal evangelist will do that (although most evangelists that I know receive some monthly support), but he goes into established churches that can give him a substantial offering to meet his needs. The churches that we go into are just starting and cannot afford to have an evangelist in for a meeting, although they desperately need someone to come and help them. Some want to try and give something to us, but the most that we have ever received is between \$200 and \$300 on average per week. While this is greatly appreciated and comes with a great sacrifice, it does not begin to meet our necessary expenses. We need the support of established churches to carry on this Biblical and necessary ministry. I have made out a budget of what it would take to pay for all of our expenses. This is an educated guess based on doing this ministry for three years now. **Some of the expenses may not occur every month, so we would not necessarily need this full amount every month.** I have included every possible expense, so you could see what it would cost if everything was needed at one time. I appreciate your taking the time to read over this. If you cannot support us, please remember us in prayer as we seek to preach the Gospel to the sinner, encourage the believer, and exalt the name of Jesus Christ until He comes again.

Monthly Expenses

\$ 600.00—Tithe
 100.00—Special Offerings (other ministries that we would like to support)
 170.00—Truck Insurance
 60.00—Trailer Insurance
 100.00—Wal-Mart (for monthly supplies)
 230.00—Trailer Payment
 100.00—Verizon (cell phone)
675.00—Truck Payment
 \$2035.00—Constant Monthly Expenses

\$ 400.00—Groceries (4 weeks x \$100 per week)
 300.00—Fuel (4 weeks x \$75 per week)
240.00—Spending (4 weeks x \$60 per week; \$30 for me; \$30 for my wife)
 \$ 940.00—Changing Monthly Expenses

\$2975.00—Total Estimated Monthly Expenses
 500.00—Taxes—estimate only; will change for deductions and actual income
 750.00—Social Security/Retirement—estimate only; based on paying both halves of SS; may be more
 100.00—Life Insurance—estimate only; more or less depending on coverage
 500.00—Health Insurance—estimate only; more or less depending on coverage
 500.00—Traveling Fuel—needed for long trips across country; would only need a few times a year; would cover other expenses when not needed
 100.00—Savings
400.00—Miscellaneous (Rental Space for parking trailer when church does not have hookup/Postage/School books and supplies/Clothes)
 \$5825.00—Total Estimated Expenses

\$6000.00—Monthly Support Needed