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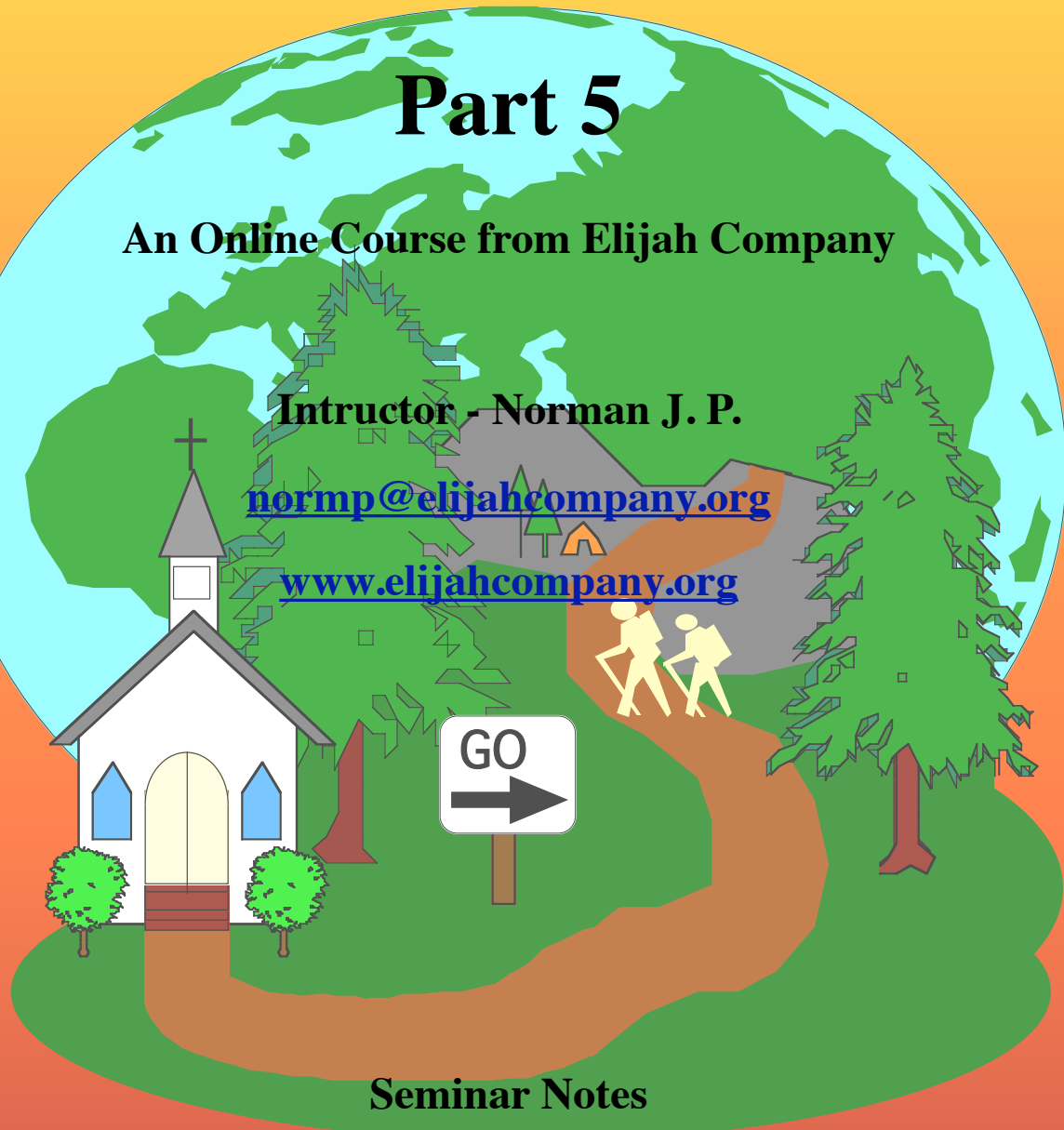
**Part 5**

**An Online Course from Elijah Company**

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**Seminar Notes**



# Building a Support Base

## A. Personal Preparation

*"Where God's finger points, His hand provides." Hudson Taylor*

The Lord has no problem providing for the work He calls us to do. If the funding does not come we may have to ask if it is the Lord's work, or if we are to wait for further preparation.

There are many examples of God's supernatural provision. One is found in the life of Jesus:

*"But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."*  
Matthew 17:27

[Conflict Within: The Heart and Mammon](#)

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## B. Pay all existing bills

*"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. Give everyone what you owe him: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor." Romans 13:8-9*

## C. Learn to be content

*"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well-fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."*  
Philippians 4:12

*"But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that." 1 Timothy 6:8*

*"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5*

## D. Be a generous giver

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38*

The two greatest chapters in the Bible about giving are not in Leviticus but in 2 Corinthians 8-9.

*"Therefore I exhort you, brothers and sisters, I by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice – alive, holy, and pleasing to God – which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1*



## **E. Ask the Father for what you need**

-Know what it means to have God as your father.

*"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."* John 16:24

*"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"* Luke 11:11-13

## **F. Build your faith**

"Then He touched their eyes and said, according to your faith will it be done to you."  
Matthew 9:29

## **G. Bear fruit in your present situation**

## **H. Logistical Preparation**

1. Build a network of friendships. Who has the Lord linked you with: family; church friends, work mates, people you've ministered to, others who have ministered to you.
2. Build a data base with names and addresses. Communicate with them in every possible way.

<https://www.tntware.com/tntmpd/downloads/p/9647.aspx>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSETKEBmDQg>

- Make a list of 200 people you know by name and, who know you by name in the provided Excel spreadsheet. Think about those you would invite to your wedding or a large celebration. Remember, 80% to 90% of your support is going to come from this list. However, you will not invite every person on this list to be a part of your team. (1 hour)

- If you think you don't know 200 people, scroll through your Facebook friends, ask your parents for a list of family friends and family members, and go through your phone contacts and email contacts.



Write a newsletter telling about your dreams and visions and how you hope to accomplish them. Mention items regarding how the Lord has spoken to you and is confirming your call. Tell them how your past participation has led up to where you are now. Ask them for prayer and input.

## **I. Deputation**

This is the traditional approach to missions fund raising. Though it works for some, it lacks a solid Biblical foundation and is fast becoming outmoded in our present world.

To do deputation:

Prepare a biography of yourself and the work you are to do. Include your history, call, the organization you'll work with, the task you will be doing and when you hope to leave. Also include the amount of funds needed.

Have your pastor and/or mission leader write a cover letter explaining the work and their confidence in you as a potential candidate.

Call the churches to which you send the letter to arrange a meeting with the missions committee.

## **J. Other Assets....**

Email

Facebook

Twitter

Vonage

Skype

The two keys are continual contact and honest sincere relationships.

There is also the issue of security once you are on the field.

The greatest need will be to designate time to esteem the role of those who partner in giving and prayer.



# Relating to a Support Team - a sender's tool kit

## Recommended Book - Serving As Senders by Neil Pirola

Serving As Senders: How to Care for Your Missionaries While They Are Preparing to Go, While They Are on the Field, When They Return Home

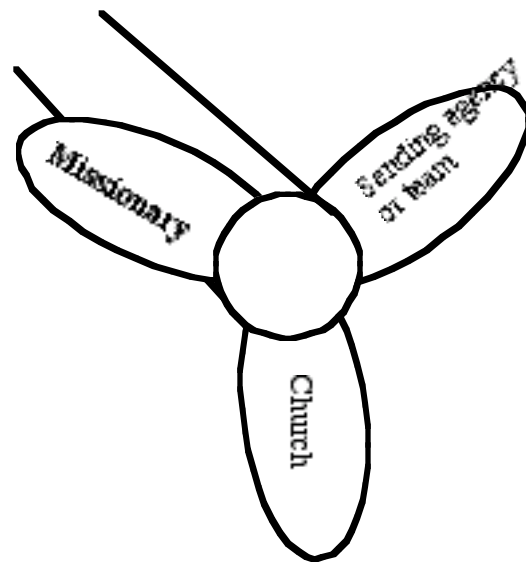
### 1. Purpose of the Sender's Tool Kit

The Sender's toolkit is an attempt to help any person who desires to play a part in sending missionaries to unreached nations.

The idea of the Sender's Toolkit is to encourage ideas under the creative leadership of the Holy Spirit which will empower, encourage and increase workers into unreached nations. Senders can play a large part or small, but all are needed.

#### • The three "blades" of missionary sending:

1. The Sent. Those who will be cross-cultural ministers of the Gospel.
2. The Sending Agency or Team . Traditionally known as a para-church organization that provides for the logistics, training, and field placement.
3. The Sending Church. Traditionally this has been one church from which the missionary comes.



### 2. Biblical Basis for Being a Sender

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:13-15*

Jesus is the Lord of the harvest, He sends using His Body.

*Pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust workers to the harvest field."*

Matthew 9:38

For every one soldier on the front line of battle there is needed 15-20 uniformed soldiers in the offices and support structures. For every missionary or couple there needs to be the same number of senders.



### 3. Why Senders are Needed:

There are at least three blades to most ship's propellers. If one of the blades is missing, it will be unbalanced and will be missing.

### 4. Challenges Faced by Those Being Sent.

Missions is an exciting venture full of challenges:

Personal Limitation -- Family Relocation -- Cultural Adaptation -- Financial Obstruction -- Language Acquisition -- Field Location -- Agency Expectations -- Parental Hesitations -- Emotional Consternation -- Spiritual Contention ...

Those going on a mission need a crew of senders, like a military air command.

### 5. Sending Team or Barnabas Team

**Sender's Tools** - Adopting a missionary, you can help provide by:

#### Moral support

- Speak affirmation
- Just be there
- Speak faith "Jesus is sending you, He is with you." "We are more than conquerors." "You're in our prayers."
- Be an active listener
- Boast about your missionaries to others

#### Logistical support

- Take care of all the cumbersome details the missionaries face, i.e. sale or storage of possessions, rent of home, etc.
- Managing business affairs
- Attending personal details (ie packing up)

#### Financial support

#### Prayer support

- Be a daily prayer supporter for the missionary
- Be a coordinator to organize and stimulate prayer
- Some requests common to all missionaries:
  - Adjustment to new culture, language, food, etc.
  - Protection in travel, health, accidents, dangerous situations.
  - Parental concerns for children's well-being, education, friendships
  - Loneliness, homesickness, and lack of fellowship
  - Interpersonal relationships
  - Effectiveness in ministry
  - Functioning of ministry tools



The people to whom they are ministering  
The personal qualities of wisdom, love, compassion, power, self discipline.

#### Communications support

- Filter e-mail to closed access nation
- Receive communication from the field to compile and process for printing and distribution.
- Post newsletter, photos, etc. to be seen by family and church (with discretion).

#### Reentry support

- Provide personal, self-contained housing
- Provide meals when necessary
- Line up meetings
- Understand the adjustments that the missionary will go through
- Go with them to a super market

## **Telling Your Story in a letter**





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**Dear Friends,**

Greetings in the name of the Lord. In this letter **I want to share with you some principles to keep in mind when writing a newsletter.** Keep in mind that your correspondence will be what generates prayer and other forms of support.

***The purpose of a missionary newsletter***

There are several reasons why you want to write a concise, interesting, readable newsletter.

- To let supporters know how you are doing.
- To let supporters know what you need and what to pray for.
- To remind supporters of the world that is beyond their world.
- To maintain the relationship you have with them.

***The people who should receive your newsletter***

There are several ways to think in regards to the size of your newsletter mailing list. Remember that we live in an age of mass information. Many people will not read what does not remotely pertain to them.

We suggest that your personal list contain as many as 500 recipients and that these receive a quarterly letter. Of these, a more intimate list of 25-40 associates should be formed, these should receive a letter each month.

***Do's and Don'ts***

- Use an economy of words. Most people are lazy readers so we need to make the correspondence as brief and interesting as we can, packing as much as we can into a given space.
- Use standard 12 point font for easy reading. Embolden and/or underline important parts of the letter.
- Generally a two page, typed, space and a half is most readable.
- Use pictures and graphics but make sure they are clear and *photocopiable*.
- Keep a balance between personal and ministry information.
- Always let a day or two go by before printing the final draft and always consult a proof reader!
- Include a list of specific prayer requests.

**For the Lord of the harvest,  
 Norm & Deb  
 Norman and Debbie Przybylski**

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