

Why Send Missionaries?

Matt. 28:18-20 (Special Message)

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“Should American churches still send missionaries?”

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Common Objections to Sending Missionaries

- “Why should we send missionaries to other parts of the world when the spiritual needs in our own country are so great?” (cf. Acts 13)
- “There are enough Christians and churches established everywhere in other parts of the world who are able to reach their fellow countrymen with the gospel, thus there is no *need* to send American missionaries.”
- “Local pastors and evangelists can be employed for a fraction of the cost of sending an American missionary. Local believers also know the local language and culture... American missionaries are too expensive, too inefficient.”
- “Western missionaries represent a form of foreign dominance... as if it were up to westerners – mainly white people – to save the world.”

Reasons the American Church Should Still Send Missionaries

- “Two billion (2,000,000,000) people today are still unreached with the gospel.” (Romans 10:13-15)
- It is the task of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20), which is not finished by merely evangelizing.
- “True missions means sending our own sons and daughters as God sent *His* Son to demonstrate love and bring us salvation.” (John 20:21, 1 John 4:9,)

“We can’t delegate the Great Commission to others or just simply pay someone else to do it, because you can’t delegate love.”

We need to send the right kind of missionaries who are...

- Humble
- Teachable
- Qualified
- Called and affirmed