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NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES: STEPPING INTO THE SHOES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Have you ever considered the enormous hurdles Christian missionaries encounter as they embark on worldwide missions? **The magnitude of their undertaking is enormous, and comprehending the purpose and ultimate goal of global missions necessitates a thorough examination of the challenges they face.** Missions are one of the most challenging endeavors worldwide, and it is critical to start reflecting on the many challenges many committed Christians face.

The early church in Antioch (Acts 13:1-4) demonstrated how deeply embedded sacrifice is in worldwide missions. **Today's missionaries, like Saul and Barnabas, face the great sacrifice required of them. They transcend geographic, cultural, and language obstacles, leaving behind family, friends, professional identity, and modern-day conveniences.**

Missionaries leave behind the familiar and enter a wholly alien and strange environment. **They deal with a variety of problems, including difficulty finding their way, mental exhaustion from navigating the new environment, being overwhelmed with new sensory stimuli, and dealing with concerns about trust and belonging.** The emotional impact of feeling disoriented and disturbed in an unfamiliar environment cannot be understated.

Additionally, communication is a massive challenge for missionaries. **In a society where many people take language proficiency for granted, missionaries frequently devote years to studying and practicing a new language.** Beyond verbal expression, language contains cultural ideals; therefore, fluency is vital for recognizing nonverbal clues and cultural nuances.

Presenting the gospel of Christ always causes a conflict of worldviews. As Christ's emissaries, missionaries face resistance, closed hearts, and, on occasion, agitation from people who hold opposing beliefs. Missionaries must face spiritual conflicts with resiliency and perseverance, as the apostle Paul describes.

Besides what we mentioned before, missionaries face environmental concerns that affect their health and capacity to serve. Severe health conditions, harsh weather, and specific geographical obstacles all present additional challenges. Some missionaries are compelled to return home owing to health issues, highlighting the inherent risks of their work.

Despite these enormous hurdles, missionaries find unwavering hope in Christ. Recognizing the difficulties of their job from a human standpoint, they seek strength from a God who operates beyond human constraints. Supporting these missionaries provides an opportunity to contribute to a cause that transcends ordinary difficulties in a world undergoing demographic, technological, economic, and political transformation.

In light of these challenges, consider how you might help. You can invest in missions by helping fund or facilitate missionaries' work. Your financial contributions and prayers can be a crucial source of hope for people doing the most arduous labor globally. **Let us all rally behind those who devote their lives to disseminating the timeless message of Christ around the world.**

Christopher Curiel

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HEBREWS 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them

UPDATES

- **Ncuentro Network, a church planting strategy with Latinos in Arizona, now has seven churches.** They provide coaching, compliance, and communication assistance to each church. (Ncuentro.net)
- **Pastor Fabian Molina from Comunidad Cristiana Camino Nuevo in Tempe, Arizona, has moved to a new location to be in partnership with City Point Church.** They are the daughter church of Iglesia Experimenta Vida.

NEEDS

- **Last year, we lost monthly financial support.** Churches are changing how they support missions, which brings new challenges for organizations that rely on their support to cover the \$6,000 monthly needs of the Operations Fund.
- **Funds for the purchase of computers for the Global One80 offices in Peru.** We need about \$4,000 to be able to upgrade the equipment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Support is needed by the seven new leaders** appointed in December for our Latino Mobilizers project.
- **Wisdom to grow to 100 new leaders** by the end of 2024. We currently work with 76 leaders in 29 countries.



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