

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP: ENDURANCE IN THE FACE OF TRIALS

We often hear stories of missionaries that sound almost romantic—images of exotic locations, transformed lives, and miraculous breakthroughs. But there's another side to missions that doesn't make it into glossy brochures or Sunday morning video clips. It's the side where faithful servants of Christ face rejection, illness, cultural isolation, and sometimes genuine danger. Paul's words to Timothy weren't hyperbole when he wrote, "Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3). He was describing the actual cost of following Jesus into the broken places of our world. Understanding this reality doesn't diminish our calling—it deepens it, preparing us to stand firm when trials come.

The Daily Battles Missionaries Face

Missionaries don't just fight spiritual opposition; they wrestle with exhaustingly practical challenges. Imagine learning a new language while your children struggle to make friends. Picture explaining the Gospel in a culture where your most basic assumptions about family, honor, or community mean something entirely different. Consider the missionary who watches their child battle a preventable illness because quality healthcare is hundreds of miles away. These aren't worst-case scenarios—they're Tuesday afternoons in missions. The loneliness can be crushing. Birthdays pass without family. Holidays feel hollow. Meanwhile, supporting churches back home sometimes forget to write, and monthly funding occasionally falls short. Yet these faithful soldiers press on, not because they're superhuman, but because they've counted the cost and found Christ worthy.

The Spiritual Contribution That Changes Everything

What keeps missionaries going when everything in them wants to quit? It's the same power that sustained Paul in prison, Peter through persecution, and countless believers throughout church history. When missionaries embrace suffering as part of their calling rather than an interruption to it, something supernatural happens. Their endurance becomes a testimony more powerful than any sermon. Communities watching them suffer with joy, forgive with grace, and serve with consistency begin to wonder what kind of God could inspire such devotion. This is where the Gospel becomes tangible—not just in words preached, but in lives lived with radical faithfulness. The missionary's willingness to suffer communicates that this message is worth everything, and people notice. Seeds planted in the soil of sacrifice produce the deepest roots.

Transformed Communities Born from Faithful Endurance

The most vibrant churches in the world today often trace their origins back to missionaries who refused to quit when things got hard. In Southeast Asia, underground house churches flourish because missionaries stayed during persecution. In Latin America, indigenous communities now send their own missionaries because someone first came to them and endured decades of slow progress. In Africa, entire villages have access to clean water, education, and the Gospel because missionaries committed to long-term presence despite malaria, political instability, and heartbreaking setbacks. Transformation doesn't happen through short-term enthusiasm—it emerges from long-term endurance. When missionaries demonstrate that Christ is more valuable than comfort, safety, or recognition, they don't just plant churches; they cultivate a faith culture that reproduces itself across generations.

Your Part in This Sacred Partnership

You may never board a plane to a remote village, but you're not excluded from this mission. Every missionary serving on the front lines depends on believers like you who stand behind them through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Your consistent giving provides the stability that allows them to focus on ministry rather than survival. Your prayers sustain them when discouragement threatens to overwhelm. At GlobalOne80.org, you can discover the real stories of missionaries walking through trials with faith intact, and you can become part of their support team. Browse their projects, learn about specific needs, and prayerfully consider how God might use your resources to fuel His mission in the hardest places. When you give, you're not just sending money—you're joining the fight alongside those who've counted the cost and said yes to Jesus anyway.



2 TIMOTHY 2:3 (NIV)

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LEADERS OF THE MONTH

PETER CHINEDU LUKE

Latino Mobilizer



Peter Chinedu Luke is the founder and senior pastor of Pentecost and Power Christian Ministries International, a growing church movement headquartered in Lagos, Nigeria. The ministry began as a small fellowship on October 12, 2002, with 60 members and officially became a church on January 1, 2005, with over 200 members. Today, it is known for its vibrant worship, strong biblical teaching, and pastoral leadership. Under his direction, the ministry has planted six church branches across Nigeria and launched a theological institution—Christ Command College of Seminary and Theological Institute—which has trained over 550 pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders.

More information about this leader:

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RUTH & FRANKLIN FLORES

Strategic Alliances



Passionate about evangelism, Ruth has traveled to several communities in Bolivia, and she also supports Movida Bolivia as a volunteer. She is the regional coordinator for Perspectivas Bolivia and has a degree in childhood and adolescence. Since this department is known for being involved in paganism, they are currently concentrating on mobilization within the churches in the city of Oruro. They are currently training leaders in the mission of God through different courses, such as courses, summits, history to conclude, and perspectives.

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KATHERINE PEREZ

Exponential Leaders



Katherine currently serves as a full-time missionary with the Global Mission Society team. She has been focused on university ministry in Venezuela, forming influential groups in the universities through discipleship to extend the kingdom of God and teach biblical worldview to the university students who will lead Venezuela in the future. She is also part of the national coordination of Simply Mobilizing and national facilitator of Ready Set GO Venezuela, to serve the church both in Venezuela and Latin America.

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ELIANA MACHADO

Emerging Leader



Eliana is one of the missionaries currently serving at "Abide," a church in Osaka, Japan. Her vision and that of her sending church is to strengthen the local church through culturally effective evangelism and discipleship so that, as believers come to know God more deeply, they may bear fruit and be strengthened with all His glorious power to have all the perseverance and patience they need (Colossians 1:9-12).

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