

## **MUTUAL SUPPORT IN MISSIONS**

### **Romans 1:11-12 and 15:22-32**

**For the worldwide work of God to be accomplished,  
we need missionaries and they need us**

#### **I. PAUL'S PROVISION** - Romans 1:11-12

- Paul's desire was to provide them with ...

##### **A. FAVOR: Imparting some spiritual gift (11a)**

1. He was anxious to share with them
2. Knowing God had gifted him in particular ways, he wanted to use his gift to benefit them
  - a. Explaining God's salvation work (1:18-11:36)
  - b. Encouraging Christian responsibility (12:1-16:20)
3. Being sensitive to God's direction, Paul wished to offer spiritually-directed blessings

##### **B. STRENGTH (11b)**

1. Shoring up their faith
2. The Means
  - a. By the preaching of Christ - Rom. 16:25-27
  - b. Encouraging them in every good work - II Thess. 2:16-17
  - c. Reminding people of what they already know - II Peter 1:12

##### **C. COMFORT (12)**

1. Being encouraged together
  - Being together and not just in the same place
2. Inspired by each other's faith
  - Sharing testimonies

#### **II. PAUL'S RECEPTION** - Romans 15:22-32

- The reality is that Paul needed from them ...

##### **A. HELP (22-24a)**

1. Provision to move one forward
2. The details he needed to know
  - a. Which ships to board, what harbors to avoid
  - b. Information, guides, contacts, finances
3. Missionaries need assistance!

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**B. ENJOYMENT (24b)**

1. Satisfaction from their interactions
2. Good company and conversations
3. For a while: Unhurried and undistracted

**C. PRAYER SUPPORT (30-31)**

1. Paul's Request (30)
  - A fervent, intense and vigorous effort ... join in the contest
2. Paul's Reason (31)
  - a. The disobedient in Judea
  - b. The hesitant in Jerusalem

**D. REFRESHMENT (32)**

1. Coming with joy
2. Finding rest
3. As it turned out Paul came as a prisoner to Rome - See Acts 28:15

**CONCLUSION:****What does the mutual support of missionaries mean to me?**

1. Be Ready: What will they give that I need to learn?
  - a. A spiritual gift from them to me
  - b. A strengthening of my spiritual life
  - c. Inspiration from their testimony
2. Be Sensitive: What do they need that I can provide?
  - Support ... interaction ... prayer ... rest