

Sending Churches: What Is a Sending Church?

Q: What does sending church mean now, particularly given that fact that now we have ease of transportation... anybody can come and go? It's almost [just] buying a plane ticket and people can go overseas and see themselves as a missionary. So, what's changed, or where do we see that definition [of the sending church] now?

A: Well, I think the [opportunity] for a sending church to be more involved with the workers that they are sending is [one thing new]. This is a tremendous way to get a good glimpse and connection to what's going in the worker's life on the field and to really walk with them through the process of seeing disciples made and churches planted in a cross-cultural setting.

With travel today, you can get on a plane and be anywhere in the world within the next, probably 15-20 hours. With not only ease of transportation but also communication, there is a multitude of ways now that churches connect with their workers on the field using tools of technology like Skype... a wide variety of ways that a church can not only catch a vision but really own the vision along with a worker who's going to be serving, and being extended from their church into that context.