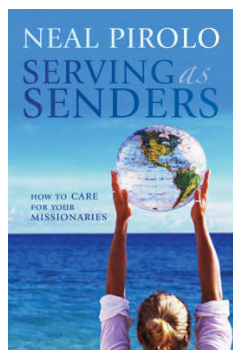


Serving as Senders

is a course designed to enable local churches to fulfil their part in the Great Commission by caring effectively for their mission personnel.

Many churches support missionaries but do not always know how to do it well. They instinctively feel that caring for their members serving overseas means more than an occasional gift or prayer, and yet are uncertain as to how to improve the support they offer. Serving as Senders helps to make missionary care understandable and accessible to local congregations.

This one day seminar can be tailor-made to suit the needs of individual churches. Larger congregations with established mission programmes can benefit from expert help and be refreshed in what they are already doing; smaller churches and those with a developing mission vision will be encouraged to see that they too can play a significant part in God's world-wide purposes.



What does the course cover?

The material is loosely based on the 'Serving as Senders' book by Neal Pirollo, one of the most positively reviewed missionary books of the last decade. A whole range of relevant and interesting topics is on offer. The choice is yours. The content of any particular day depends upon the needs of those attending. Subjects usually of interest are:

- The Biblical basis of mission
- The role of the local church
- The importance of 'senders' & who sends them
- Understanding the strains and stresses of missionary life
- Pastoral care of overseas workers
- Creative ways to keep in touch
- Effective prayer and financial support
- Effective mission committees
- Support at important times: leaving home, furlough, re-entry
- Special needs of single workers and of missionary families

How is the course run?

The course is led informally with a mixture of straight forward teaching and group participation. Well produced handouts accompany each session, and use is made of a video projector where available.

There is opportunity for group discussion and case studies, and time to ask questions. It is sometimes possible to offer optional seminars within the programme so that more issues can be covered.

Course Leader

The course is led by **Mike Frith**, the UK advocate for Emmaus Road International's 'Serving as Senders' course. He worked for a number of years as a missionary pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Madagascar and Uganda before returning to the UK in 1999. He is currently the founding director of OSCAR, the UK Information Service for World Mission. He is an accredited lay preacher and has been involved in training mission workers and supporters all over the UK since 2000. He is married to Cheryl and they have two young children.

Occasionally, other leaders experienced in member (missionary) care will share in the teaching during the Serving as Senders day.

How could Serving as Senders work for you?

It could be that your church is large enough to run a day for your own people. Church leaders, those involved on the Mission Committee, friends and relatives of mission partners, link people etc. would all benefit from the course. An alternative is for a church to host a course and invite other churches in the locality to join them.

What about costs?

There is no set charge for the day, but we would ask that you cover the direct expenses of the leader's travel and the printed notes. After that we suggest that you consider a love offering to cover the work and time taken to plan and deliver the course.

If you are interested in running a Serving as Senders day in your church or locality, please contact us to discuss the possibilities. We would love to help you in equipping your church to be an effective sending church.

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What others have said about 'Serving as Senders'

"It was stimulating and challenging about how to get your church interested in overseas mission, something I'd been trying to do for some time. No one else had so many ideas or was so creative and it was all so interesting and inspiring ... the best missionary day I had been to"

Lenora Priestley, Christian Institute Church, Oswaldtwistle.

"It was spot on ... very useful for us as a church and for me as an individual too. You have given us much to think about."

Debbie Hawker, St. Aldates, Oxford.

"Thank you so much for such an informative and inspiring weekend."

Barbara Pugsley, Plymstock Chapel, Plymouth.

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