



## Fellow Workers in the Truth

*By Derek Kiser on October 21, 2021*

**READING:** 3 John

This passage is commending Gaius. Gaius was known in the region to share hospitality for missionaries who were passing through. Gaius was praised by strangers who had stayed with him as they were coming through on their way to share the gospel. In verse 7 John states, "For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles." Gaius was very much a part of their mission by helping them. He was being used by God through his hospitality.

By the nature of my job I get to be around people in ministry vocationally perhaps more than most. Through friends in seminary or previous churches, I have met many people who serve God on mission full time. I can think of some amazing people who are serving all over the world doing hard work "for the sake of the name." I talked to a former student last night who is serving in Malaysia as a missionary. He has a job that provides him some income and the ability to stay there now as an adult with his wife, but their entire goal is to be on mission in the country. We, as Southern Baptists, sent him and his wife there through the International Mission Board. I can think of a friend who is planting churches in Utah through the North American Mission Board, another planting a church in Canada and another in Boston. These are people I know well, and they are serving God in other places.

I thank God I am part of a church that has supported all of these people I know through the gifts of our tithe that goes to the IMB and to the NAMB. Some of these we have directly helped and continue to help. I know how much these guys appreciate our help. I know how much they want to serve on mission and how appreciative they are any time we love on them. Missionaries are lonely. They are alone in a place far from home and culturally different from what they are used to. How can we individually be known as a person or a family who helps those who show hospitality to those who serve "for the sake of the name"? Verse 8 states, "Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."

**PRAYER:** God, help me show hospitality to those who are on mission with You. God, help me love others and help them feel Your love through actions I can provide.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Jude

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