

Is Deputation Broken?

<i>Script</i>	<i>Visual</i>
Meet Joe, a new missionary candidate.	Joe
Joe believes that God wants him and his family to bring the gospel to North Africa.	Joe and his family
To do this, Joe will need support.	
Joe's church sends missionaries out by having them visit like-minded churches to seek prayer and financial support. – A process called “deputation”	\$ + Time = Deputation
Joe is concerned about going on deputation because he has heard that it can take 3 to 4 years to raise full support.	Calendar turning month over month over month, etc
He wonders how much time will be lost in the meantime and what about the people to whom he has been called?	People group growing older, moving
He looks forward to sharing his burden with churches, but winces at the thought of what an average “deputation” might look like:	Anxious Joe ☹
150,000 miles 200 + churches to visit with approximately 1/3 supporting the missionary \$5,100 per month	GRAPHICS
Although Joe knows the obstacles he gets started by sending email, using social media, websites, “snail-mail,” and phone calls to contact churches who might provide support.	Show Joe actively doing his part to engage churches via a desk and computer
Months begin to pass before Joe gets his first meeting.	Time moving on ...
Joe starts to contemplate, why does deputation need to take so long.	Bubble thought (why does it have to take so long?)
So Joe talks to some retired missionaries and finds out that deputation in the 1960's used to only take 6 to 9 months.	Young Joe talking to two older missionaries.
In the 60's, it was not unusual for a church to give \$50 to a missionary family, which equated 8% of the missionary's needed support.	\$50 = 8% of total – Show pie graph and \$50 = 8%
It took about \$7,400 per year to support a family during this time;	
This meant about 12 churches were needed at \$50 per month to support the missionary.	Show 12 (churches) @ \$50 = Missionary 100% support
The missionary would arrange 20 to 40 meetings, travel for 6 to 9 months, and then head for the mission field.	Short calendar
Joe wonders what has gone wrong today that has caused deputation to take more than 3 years?	
Maybe missionary support is too high.	Am I asking for too much money? Bubble
\$617 dollars per month for the 1960's was pretty low compared to \$5100 per month today.	Show small dollars vs big dollars through a pair of blurry glasses
But then Joe finds out that inflation has dramatically driven up prices on just about everything.	Graph of inflation
Oil in the 1960's used to be \$2.88 a barrel. In 2013, a barrel of oil costs over \$100.	Show these items in the graph or as separate pictograms
College tuition in the 60's cost about \$2000 per year; Christian universities rose to about \$20,000 per year in 2012, while their secular counterparts charge closer to \$30,000.	
The same was true for food, health care, utilities, housing, and just about everything.	

Then Joe examines the rise in the median American family income.	
In 1966, a family's income was roughly \$7400 per year. In 2012, the amount jumped to \$57,500.	
This means that the cost of missions really hasn't increased at all.	Now it comes clear the \$ are actually pretty much the same
The problem is inflation.	
Joe calculates that if a church gave \$50 to a missionary in the 1960's, it should give about \$425 in 2012, adjusting for inflation.	Hmmmm
But churches on the whole do not adjust for inflation.	Churches never changed
Instead, they add more missionaries at lower rates,	
which means that missionaries must get support from more churches,	
which means that they had to have more meetings, travel more miles, and take more years to complete deputation.	So we have to get the same money from more people or...
Joe learns that the average church gives \$90 per month to a missionary, and not \$425.	
If churches were to keep up with inflation, it would take only about 12 churches to raise the needed support.	Show difference of time and supporting churches
If the missionary only needs to have 12 supporting churches, deputation would go back to about 6 to 9 months.	
Joe thinks, "If I could only find churches that support for greater amounts, perhaps I could get to the field more quickly."	How do I find more churches or less that will give more?
More importantly, if churches would increase the amount of their support, then missionaries could reduce the time spent on deputation.	Less time on deputation means more time doing the work of the Lord
Is deputation broken? Yes!	Show the word DEPU / TATION Breaking..
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