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## Beyond Borders

Lesson Six • Acts 18:1-22

### Rejuvenation for God's Servants

#### World Outreach Celebration Missionaries

Peter & Margré Hayes – *Bridging the Gap in Netherlands*  
Bill & Vicky Hoving – *Bridging the Gap in England*  
Jim & Sharon Smith – *Bridging the Gap in Latin America*  
Silas [Last Name Withheld] – *Bridging the Gap in Mongolia*  
Hudson Smith – *Bridging the Gap with College Students*

#### Missionaries Are People Too

Therefore, missionaries are often in need of REJUVENATION while bridging the gap beyond borders.

#### Rejuvenation for God's Servants

### 1. Missionaries Go through Times of DISCOURAGEMENT!

*After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. Acts 18:1*

*"I came to you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling."  
~Apostle Paul, 1Corinthians 2:3*

#### Reasons Missionaries Get Discouraged

- Missionaries endure personal DIFFICULTIES. vs. 1
  
- Missionaries encounter spiritual DARKNESS. vs. 1
  
- Missionaries experience financial STRESS. vs. 2-3
  
- Missionaries encounter Gospel OPPOSITION. vs. 4-6

### 2. Missionaries Need ENCOURAGEMENT to Keep Serving!

#### God's Faithfulness to Paul

- God provided devoted PARTNERS. vs. 2-4
  
- God sent financial SUPPORT. vs. 5
  
- God blessed with Gospel FRUIT. vs. 6-8

#### God's Assurance for Paul

- God's gentle REBUKE: "Don't be afraid." vs. 9
  
- God's strong MANDATE: "Speak and do not keep silent." vs. 9
  
- God's sovereign PROMISES: "I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." vs. 10

#### The Result of Being Rejuvenated

Paul CONTINUED to bridge the gap beyond borders until he returned home to Antioch.

*And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Acts 18:11*

*And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. Acts 18:22*

#### How You Can Encourage the WOC Missionaries

- PARTICIPATE in the World Outreach Celebration on October 25-29.
- PRAY for the missionaries at Celebrate Unplugged (next Sunday @ 5:00 PM).
- PARTNER with the missionaries through Faith Promise Giving at LifeBridge.