

## 024 Equipped – So now What?

I would like to introduce Mansel Chuter. He has been a Pentecostal minister for many years and a friend of our family for what seems like eternity!! In fact Mansel's father officiated at my sister Shirley's and brother-in-law Brian Hayes wedding. Brian wrote the studies on 'The Fathers Love'. Mansel, as you will see, is very direct too and has a deep passion for missions.

As you read this article, I hope you will be honest with yourself, just as I have had to with myself. I can only seek God's forgiveness for years of allowing normal, and basically unbiblical Church life distract me from God's greatest and most pertinent command.

*"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."*

His commission is the greatest command of all time.

***This article is to encourage mission/evangelism commitment.  
The next article will show the need and what we can do.***

We are living in a world and time that breeds a life style and attitude of self-centeredness and selfishness. The greatest tragedy is that we have allowed that worldly attitude to permeate the Christian life and lifestyle. So as a challenge to us all I ask the question. Are you a self-centered selfish Christian just simply enjoying your salvation and God's blessings and little else?

Maybe this question makes you feel uncomfortable, shamed-face or even angry with me? Perhaps it arouses some self-righteous indignation, or I am touching a sore point.

We are all challenged by this kind of questioning, but it is important for us to face real issues and face facts. So let's stir the pot a little more. How much time do you spend on missions and missionary work and evangelising compared to the time you spend raising your hands and singing songs? How important is worship in relation to missions and evangelism?

Are you aware that missions and evangelism is God's method of reaching the world so they too can "worship" Him. Do you realize that we are the only instruments and tools that God uses to win souls? Do you know that 80 million people die every day without knowing Christ? It is so easy to just enjoy your own salvation oblivious of lost souls and yes selfishly taking what God has for you and not sharing it. Trust me, we have all done it.

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There are almost a billion, Pentecostals, Charismatic's and truly born again people in the world. Think what would happen to the world if each one brought one soul to the Lord in 1 year. Then you would have a reason for great worship, singing and dancing, and God would be well pleased.

At the moment I do not think God is very happy with His Church. In fact, Jesus would like His Church back, since it has been hi-jacked by materialism, leaders and so-called apostles who have their own agendas.

I can see no excuse at the present time for singing and dancing without having a genuine concern for the souls that are going to hell. We'll have plenty of time for that when we get to Heaven. That does not mean I am against singing, praise and worship. Quite the contrary, I love it. But where are our priorities. The call of the Lord is not a choice between Praise or Evangelism; it is a call and an anointing for both **Praise AND Evangelism**.

So you pray a lot do you? That's great, because prayer is so important. However the challenge is, are you also one who hides behind being a 'prayer warrior' rather than giving, going and encouraging?

Do you understand that you do not have to just keep praying to God? He answers straight away but the answers tend to be slow because He uses the likes of you and me to carry out His answers and deeds.

Hmm!! Does that mean lots of prayers go unanswered?

Well now, before you get too upset with me. Let me say this. There are pockets of blessing, great ministry, missions and evangelism. However, rather too little and seems to be centred more in undeveloped countries.

Here is a challenging exercise for us to do, and I do mean do it.

Add up all the hours you spend in prayer, praise, worship, singing hymns or praise songs, waving hands etc in the course of a month. Now add up the actual amount of time and energy you spend in real focused evangelising and spreading the Gospel in a month.

How does it compare?

And it matters not how much we talk, sing, pray or wave our arms, without evangelism, the Kingdom of Heaven will see few souls, and maybe we will find it very lonely up there.

Okay, that's my introduction over. I know it is a great debate. But I tell you this now, without a doubt in my mind, that whatever excuses, reasons and comments there are, there is one fact that is cemented in God's Word - Missions and Evangelism.

So here goes with some articles from my Missionary Magazine. Enjoy!!!

## ***14 REASONS FOR MISSIONS.***

Sometimes I wonder, just like anyone, "Is my work necessary?" As someone who has been called to motivate people into getting involved in world evangelization, I find myself reflecting and learning and adapting to many different responses, needs, and perspectives – whether it's one person or more. Specifically with missions, there are many motivations that God uses to spark interest in people and move them into some kind of involvement.

Here are fourteen (just because I haven't thought of # fifteen...yet).

### **1) The Promise (Gen 12:1-3) –**

*Gen 12:1-3*

*12:1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.*

*2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.*

*3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

- Because God has promised to bless all nations (or people groups) on the earth. What better motivation and encouragement can we have than the understanding that missions (blessing the nations with the Gospel) is in the sure purposes of God.

### **2) The Purchase (Rev 5:9) –**

*Rev 5:9*

*9 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

- Because Jesus has already purchased people from every tribe and nation with His blood. Let the Church be motivated by this purchase so it can repeat what two missionaries said as they set sail for India, "May the Lamb receive the reward of His suffering!" In other words, He has already purchased them; our job is only to gather in what is His. Our job is easy! Just gather in the harvest.

### **3) Because the Harvest is plentiful (Matt 9:37) –**

*Matt 9:37*

*37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful..."*

Now this is for all the numbers gurus out there who are motivated by sheer statistics. Today, out of the 6.5 billion people on the planet, over 4 billion are without a saving relationship with Christ.

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More tragic is that 2.4 billion of these who are lost have no means to hear the message of salvation through Christ – they are cut off from the gospel through lack of missionaries, lack of resources, etc. If you lined them up in a single file line they would wrap around the earth 25 times. The majority of these people are located in the area of the world known as the *10/40 Window*. The harvest is plentiful!

**4) Because the Labourers are few (Matt 9:37) –**

*Matt 9:37*

*37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful **but the workers are few.**"*

This is probably what runs through my head the majority of the times I speak. Only one in every 20,000 believers ever takes the gospel to those who are out of reach of the church. What's worse than that? Out of all the cross-cultural missionaries in the world, you would hope that the majority would be working where the majority need is. However, only 2.5% of all the 430,000 missionaries are working in the *10/40 Window*. More labourers are needed. (More about 10/40 window later)

**5) Because the Destiny of the Lost (Rom 1; John 3:18; John 14:6) –**

*Rom 1:16-30*

*16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*

*17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

*18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,*

*19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.*

*20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*

*21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

*22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools*

*23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.*

*25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator — who is forever praised. Amen.*

*26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.*

*27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.*

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*28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.*

*29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.*

*They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,*

*30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;*

*John 3:18*

*18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

*John 14:6*

*6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Now this is harder to take in, but I believe the Bible gives us no means by which a person can be saved other than through Christ's work, and by exercising faith in His name. This means not by other religions, not without hearing specifically about Christ (through evangelism and missions) and not because they died without hearing. The Scripture leaves no loopholes for those living in ignorance.

All are born in sin, the Cross has real meaning for salvation, and the Great Commission is necessary for people to hear and be saved. If this shocks you, you may have been influenced by the universalism that is gossiped among churchgoers. In Romans 1 (creation) does exactly what God designed it to do – it condemns people, leaving them without an excuse and knowledge of a creator – but no salvation knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. This makes missions not only important, but also urgent.

**6) Logical Necessity for Hearing the Gospel Message (Rom 10:14-15, Acts 8 (Philip) and 10 (Cornelius)) –**

*Rom 10:14-15*

*14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

*15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

*Acts 8:12*

*12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

*Acts 10:33*

*3 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."*

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This goes along with the last one. Every time someone comes to Christ in Scripture there is a human messenger involved. It would be great to think that God would draw people to Himself in the world apart from someone going. He is *able*, but this is not the *means* He has chosen to use.

The Church is the means. The Ethiopian eunuch was reading Isaiah (the OT Bible!) and still God miraculously transported Philip, a human messenger to explain Christ to him. An angel appears to Cornelius, a god-fearer. But still Peter must be summoned and travel all the way to Cornelius' house to explain the gospel to him before he could be saved. Why didn't the angel just tell Cornelius? It would have saved a lot of time and petrol money for Peter – but God used a human messenger.

Missions and evangelism are necessary. I hope we are speaking the message around us as well – they must hear at home and abroad.

**7) The Example of the Church (Acts 1:8, 10, 15, Rom 15:20) –**

*Acts 1:8*

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.*

*15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)*

The early church has given us a model to follow. They went out, sent out their own missionaries like Paul and Barnabus, and evangelized the Gentiles beyond the reach of the gospel in their world.

**8) The Descriptive Future is Prescriptive for Today (Rev 7:9, Rev 21:24-26) –**

*Rev 7:9*

*9 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.*

*Rev 21:24-26*

*24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.*

*25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.*

*26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it.*

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Now, it's tricky but follow this logic. If there are people described in heaven in the future – it is logical that they must be reached with the gospel at some point in history. So because we see a great multitude gathered around the throne *from every* tribe, people, and nation – we must labour to begin with this end in mind, bringing it into reality as God uses us to fulfill it. How is your labour going?

**9) Because We Will be Held Accountable (Ezek 33) –**

*Ezek 33:1-9*

*33:1 The word of the Lord came to me:*

*2 "Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman,*

*3 and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people,*

*4 then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head.*

*5 Since he heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning, his blood will be on his own head. If he had taken warning, he would have saved himself.*

*6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.'*

*7 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.*

*8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.*

*9 But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.*

Here is a passage that will cause you to re-evaluate life. The people of God, meant to be a blessing to the world, were held accountable for not warning others of the danger coming. Will believers be held accountable for their obedience to the Great Commission? It may mean great reward-loss by many Christians for failing to use what God has blessed them with to bless the nations. Are you losing any of God's rewards?

**10) Because To Whom Much is Given Much is Required (Luke 12:47-48) –**

*Luke 12:47-48*

*47 "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows.*

*48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.*

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Here is Jesus' measuring standard. It's like a blessing and obedience math's formula. Our accountability may be based on our resources, our understanding, or our ability – more given equals more expected. Does that make sense?

**11) Because the Church is the Means (Rom 1:5, Gal 3:14-15, 2 Cor 5:17-20) –**

*Rom 1:5*

*5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.*

*Gal 3:14-15*

*14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

*15 Brothers, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case.*

*2 Cor 5:17-20*

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

*18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*

*19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*

*20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

You are God's ordained means for the blessing of Christ reaching to all the nations, just like He promised (Gen 12). Jesus has purchased them (Rev 5:9) and commissioned us with the task of gathering them in for God's glory.

**12) Because History Awaits the Fulfillment of the Promise (Matt 24:14) –**

*Matt 24:14*

*14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

Not sure how it's all going to play out, but if God has promised that all nations are reached and Jesus says here that the gospel will be preached to all nations...then the end will come – it just seems logical. The story of history seems to be arranged on the thread of this mission, even the history we are a part of today. That is exciting!

**13) Because God wants people to worship Him and the Glory of God is yet to be known (Hab 2:14; Ps 72:19)**

*Hab 2:14*

*14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

*Ps 72:19*

*19 Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.*

There are actually about a dozen times that the Bible talks of God's glory "filling the earth as the waters cover the sea." God has created people to worship Him and that worship is being given to other lesser things right now. Missions, is spreading the worship and enjoyment of God to those who are not currently worshippers, because God's glory is increased by the increase of His church in the world.

**14) The Commands of Jesus (Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 13:47; John 20:21) –**

*Matt 28:18-20*

*18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

*20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Acts 1:8*

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

*Acts 13:47*

*47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."*

*John 20:21*

*21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

And last of all – because Jesus commanded it. Just as Jesus says in John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me," or 1 John 3:24, "The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him." I hope we can all stand before him in the end and hear him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

**"Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is -- where life and death, sin and grace, Heaven and Hell converge." –**

Robert C. Shannon

**"If you take missions out of the Bible, you won't have anything left but the covers" --**

**"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet." --**

Unknown

IF YOU ARE BORN AGAIN, YOU ARE A MISSIONARY

I personally do not believe that Jesus ever called people to be *part-time believers*, part-time Pastors or part-time disciples. I hear a lot of preachers distinguishing those that are called to the "full time ministry" and those that are not.

*We are all called to become FULL TIME FOLLOWERS of Christ.*

I also believe that every believer is a son/daughter of God and just as Jesus was sent for a mission, that every child of God also has a mission, making all believers missionaries.

You could be called to Africa or across the street. Either way we are supposed to *abandon the ways of this world* so that we can devote our entire life and live fully in His Kingdom for the mission He has called us to accomplish.

In October of 2006 I felt the Lord leading me down a path. At first I thought it was a path of my own creation, but I quickly found out that it was Jesus trying to get me on His path, which, if you remember, is the narrow one. What I didn't realize then, was that Jesus was going to walk me down that path.

My Magazine, and an upcoming website and missionary projects are a reality. Reason being, the Lord has put me in His work right now. I have received His call and I am in the process of positioning myself so that I can enter fully into it. The space between receiving your call to fulfilling it is a big gap. Everybody's path may look a little different, but the end result will always be the same, for those that forsake the things and ways of this world and entered fully into the Kingdom of God in this lifetime.

I think it's beneficial for me to begin this now so that people can see the process and perhaps learn from it and maybe even be encouraged to follow the Lord with everything they have. There are a lot of practicalities to the process, money (probably being the foremost issue), family, ability, how-to, etc. I have gone through some of each to a small degree and I think it's important to be transparent and walk through it openly and let others see.

The First edition of the magazine 'Missionary' is 50% devoted to speaking about God's call, just what missionary work is and a big reminder that we are all called to 'Missions'.

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I really hope you have and will be stirred in your heart by what I have touched on in this study.

Let's wake up as a church worldwide and let's start doing the teachings of Jesus.

Already doing something? That's great, Could you do a little more. Can you do it more efficiently? Need more opportunities?

Many people asked me, "What are you going to do? What is your ministry?" It's the same call Jesus put on His disciples 2000 years ago, it hasn't changed:

Sorry folks, I'm old-fashioned I live for AD 1. (Or AD 33 whatever) I do not want the so-called "new thing".

I want the "old thing" Jesus started 2000 years ago done again.

*Matthew 10:7-8*

*"As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'  
Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely  
you have received, freely give. "*

## ***The Key to God Working in and Through you*** by B.Conley

Like most Christians, I am confident you desire for God to guide you. But what if I told you that being a God-led person involved something more than just praying for or seeking His wisdom in the Bible? Well, it's true and the following passage from the Bible, found in [Matthew 6:19-23](#) shows us what that is. Keep in mind that this is Jesus talking...

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"*

Jesus' point in this passage is that when it comes to money, the heart of the issue is the heart. Or to put it another way, if you give to God and God's work... and you give for the right reasons... God has your heart. And when God has your heart, He can lead you, because that is how God leads--through your heart.

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Now, you may be asking yourself, "What about being a servant, or sharing the Gospel, or loving others as yourself? Don't those show what's in my heart?"

Yes, those things do reveal your heart. But God knows that the one thing that *really* shows the barometer and focus of your heart is how you view and handle the money He has entrusted to you. That's why Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

So I want to ask you a very simple question today: Where are you laying up your treasures? Here on earth... or in heaven?

I don't have to tell you that our culture is obsessed with having stuff. So many people, inside and outside the church, think, "If I could just get a little more... if I could just build a bigger house and fill it with a little more stuff... if I could get a nicer car, then I'd be happy. I just need a little more, a little more, a little more." It's easy to fall into this trap, isn't it?

The Bible tells us that God puts wisdom in the heart. But if our hearts are full of other things... if we're laying up treasures here on earth instead of heaven... there's no way that we're going to discern God's wisdom for our lives. It's that simple.

Can I look back over my life and tell you that I've batted a thousand on this? No way! I've struck out more times than I want to admit. But I can tell you that for the most part, my heart has beat after God since the time I was saved. And since that day, I can tell you that without a doubt God has led me... He has met every need in whatever circumstance I have found myself in and He has brought blessing and abundance into my life.

And today I can say that I'm a blessed and happy man! I really think that a big part of that has to do with the heart.

Friend, God is after *your* heart. And the way to get your heart is to get your treasure. Because, when God's work and God's ways are your treasure, then He'll be able to do mighty things in and through you! Giving because you want to (rather than because you should) is rewarded with better and better blessings. In fact there will be blessings every single day.

**"I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light" -- J.K.Falconer**

**"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him" -- Hudson Taylor**

**THE GREAT COMMISSION<sup>1</sup> is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed" -- Hudson Taylor**

**"Sympathy is no substitute for action."** -- David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

**"Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell."** -- C.T. Studd

**"No one has the right to hear the gospel twice, while there remains someone who has not heard it once."** -- Oswald J. Smith

**"If you take missions out of the Bible, you won't have anything left but the covers"** -- Gunter.

**"We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first."** -  
- Oswald J. Smith

## **“What if my church ...**

“What if my church did not help people give to and pray or go to outreach ministries in countries worldwide?

“What if my church did not receive prayer requests and praises from around the world, allowing people to pray boldly for God’s power to be released against the forces of evil?

“What if my church did not get news of what God is doing to meet the needs of the world?

“What if my church did not have a plan for missionaries to come to personalize missions for us?

“What if my church did not have the opportunity to be personally linked with missionaries?

“What if my church did not know how to participate in short-term mission opportunities worldwide?

“What if my church did not have the opportunity to help needy children and to provide for self-help programs for marginalized people?

“What if my church was not creating mission vision in the next generation through education, involvement and mentoring?

“What if my church did not have an infrastructure that energized and engaged people in fulfilling the Great Commission?

COULD THIS ARTICLE HELP TAKE away the “if”’s” and make it easy for every church.

**"The command has been to 'go,' but we have stayed -- in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth ... but 99% of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland."** -- Robert Savage, Latin American Mission

**"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives ... and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."**

**"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."** J Stott

**"If God's love is for anybody anywhere, it's for everybody everywhere."**

**"People who don't believe in missions have not read the New Testament. Right from the beginning Jesus said the field is the world. The early church took Him at His word and went East, West, North and South." -- J. Howard Edington**

**"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet." --**

Spread God's Word to all nations. Traditionally, Christians respond to that command in three ways, through:

- Effective, specific prayer
- Active personal involvement locally
- Active nationally and internationally
- Financial support.

Sadly, most of us are woefully uninformed and thus unaware of the daily opportunities, issues, successes, and needs facing countless Christian mission efforts at home and around the world.

***SO....Where would you rather be?***

***Driving your dream car on your way home from a great job going to a beautiful house --while trying to avoid God. Or, yielding to the call to missions and being surrounded by the peace that passes all understanding - even if it means living a life of sacrifice.***

Cars and jobs and houses aren't evil. And, God doesn't call *everyone* to be a missionary in some far-off land. But, He does call many. Maybe even you.

All we ask is that you seek the Lord. Learn from **Him** if He wants you to follow Him in missions. We believe He will make it clear to you. Then, all you have to do is obey. (You're right. That's not always easy, is it?)  
It sounds crazy to a lost generation, but following God leads to peace.

Seeking personal, selfish pleasure is the most certain path to an unfulfilled, wasted life. If God says to **go**, becoming a Missionary can help you go for greatness during YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE, WHATEVER YOUR AGE.

Don't settle for safety, boredom ... and, if the call to follow the Lord is ignored, *regret*.

**God made you for a higher purpose than just to get a degree, a house, good job and a Honda.**

New Testament or 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church?  
A Ministry of Wave of Life Ministries

You can debate who was the first missionary from Job to Jesus. The truth is that when Adam and Eve fell, God's plan to redeem mankind to Himself was put into action. The greatest missionary of all is Jesus. He paid the ultimate price to redeem man to God.

Missions was God's design and His heart from the beginning. We in the Church today have mistakenly thought of missions as a New Testament thing, a relatively new idea. Not so is the truth of the matter. God has desired all peoples, nations, and tongues come to him, from the beginning. God's covenant with Abraham was that he would bless nations. God has His sights on the entire world to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus. That's His heart, His vision, His desire.

God is eagerly moving to establish a forever relationship with 6.724,790,657 billion people. ARE YOU?

1.1 billion people have never heard about their Saviour. He wants each one.

***God is also working to give them food, water, safety, education, and true freedom. ARE YOU?***

***1 in 5 have no access to healthcare, schooling, clean water or food.  
Every year 15 million children die from preventable causes***

John the Baptist said, "The one who has two coats should give to him who has none." "We need to live simply so others might live." "We are called to a wartime, not a peacetime lifestyle against the devil." No money or time to give? Then transform your lifestyle.. Start laying up treasure in heaven

***THERE IS A BIG "GO" IN THE WORD GOSPEL.***

Well there we are. If you have read this far, then God bless you real good. I look forward to meeting you in Heaven with all the souls you will have won for Him. In the meantime lookout for article no 2, which shows the need and where, what and how you can help. You may need a handkerchief!!

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