

BE A BRINGER

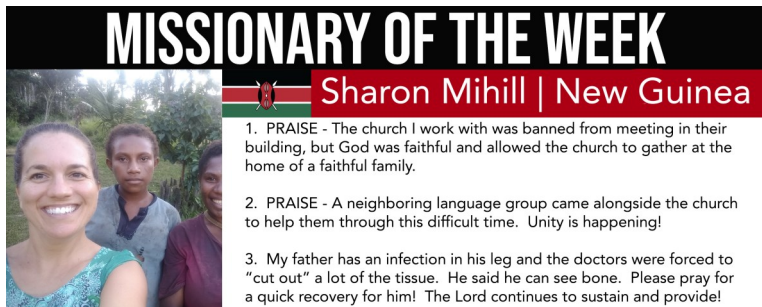
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
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1. PRAISE - The church I work with was banned from meeting in their building, but God was faithful and allowed the church to gather at the home of a faithful family.
2. PRAISE - A neighboring language group came alongside the church to help them through this difficult time. Unity is happening!
3. My father has an infection in his leg and the doctors were forced to “cut out” a lot of the tissue. He said he can see bone. Please pray for a quick recovery for him! The Lord continues to sustain and provide!

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Handout: 08/02/20

Study: 08/09/20

Bringing Others Home—Part 2

How compassionate are you towards those who do not know Jesus? While Jesus was going throughout the towns and villages teaching, preaching, and healing, He demonstrated His compassion for the lost:

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”

(Matthew 9:36)

Jesus, the Great Shepherd, God in the flesh, looked out at those who did not know Him and was moved with compassion. They were sheep without a shepherd. For those of us who know the Lord, we often don’t remember or think about what it was like to live without Him. We see our neighbors and coworkers, many of whom seem to be successful, and we fail to see their great spiritual need. It has become easy for us to see those around us without the compassion that we should feel as followers of Jesus.

With their great need in mind, Jesus uses the analogy of a field ready for harvest to describe the urgency and great need to share the Gospel. Jesus tells His disciples, and us, that we need to pray to God to send out more people to bring the Gospel to those who do not yet know Jesus.

“Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (Matthew 9:37-38)

The situation is the same today. The harvest is still plentiful and the laborers still are few. The urgency remains and the need remains. But how often do we remember to pray for God to send more people into the fields to share the Gospel? How often do we pray for God to use us to share the Gospel? If we are going to fulfill the great commission, we need to begin in prayer to the Lord of the harvest.

Jesus didn’t just feel compassion for the lost, He acted. Matthew 10 records Jesus instructing and empowering His disciples to go out in pairs to the “lost sheep of Israel”. As you know, the compassion of Jesus didn’t end in Matthew Chapter 10 and His sending out of the disciples to reach the lost. Jesus demonstrated His love and compassion for the lost, for you and me, by suffering and dying on the cross for our sins so that we could have a relationship with Him and one day go home to Him in heaven.

And He invites us today to be involved in reconciling others to Him by presenting the Gospel and making disciples. To do this we need to see people as Jesus did—with compassion. We need to pray to the Lord of the Harvest. And we need to be willing to go to those around us who are lost.

KEY VERSE

Matthew 10:12 (NKJV)

And when you go into a household, greet it.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 9:35-10:15

Introduction

1. What are some things you are passionate about?
2. Before sending out his 12 disciples on a mission, Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes (Matthew 9:36). How does compassion motivate you in evangelism?

Tuesday: Matthew 10:5-6; Matthew 28:16-20

Go To Your Jerusalem

3. What was the mission that Jesus gave to His disciples in today's readings? Who did Israel represent to the disciples?
4. Who is your Israel? What mission has God given to you when it comes to reaching people who do not know Him?

Wednesday: Matthew 10:7-8; Romans 10:14-17

Go With A Message

5. What message were the disciples given to proclaim according to today's readings? What did it mean?
6. What message has God given us to share with our world? Why is proclaiming the Gospel important?

Thursday: Matthew 10:9-10; Luke 22:35; Acts 1:8

Go In God's Power And Provision

7. Why do you think Jesus sent His disciples out without physical provisions?
8. How can we trust God to provide for us in life and in our evangelism?
9. How has God empowered your evangelism? Why is it wrong to attempt evangelism in your own strength?

Friday: Matthew 10:11-15; I Corinthians 16:9; II Cor. 5:20

Go Through Open Doors

10. What reactions have you received from people as you shared the Gospel?
11. What should our response be if people won't listen to us?
12. How can we have confidence that some people will listen to the Gospel? When was the last time you prayed for an opening to share the Gospel with someone?