



Living Well

Easter Mission



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Jesus came to ...

"God had only one Son, and He was a missionary."

David Livingstone

The whole world was His mission field. He came with a mission that was unfamiliar to most who heard it.

In His words, He came to:

◆ **Show what God is like:**

It is true that no one has ever seen God at any time. Yet the divine and only Son, who lives in the closest intimacy with the Father, has made him known. (John 1:18 Phillips)

◆ **Save the world**

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:17)

◆ **Set us free:**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to

preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed. (Luke 4:18)

◆ **Seek and save the lost:**

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)

◆ **Give us an abundant life:**

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:10b)

◆ **Show servanthood:**

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:16-17)

◆ **Die on the cross:**

Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? No, it was for

this very reason I came to this hour. (John 12:27)

◆ **Do God's will:**

For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. (John 6:38)

When hearing Jesus' message, not everyone responded in a positive way

- some did not believe, some were skeptical, some were angry or felt threatened, some thought it was too hard, and some were afraid.

Jesus fulfilled His part of the mission, regardless of how people responded.

He said that He himself could not make them believe. *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.* (John 6:44)

Jesus was dependent on the Father to draw the them to Him.

The results

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.

(John 1:12)

Today, 2000+ years since Jesus Christ **came to save the world, we have 2.18 billion Christians in the world currently, a third of the world population.**

The percent of Christians compared to the world population is about the same as it was 100 years ago.

In those same 100 years, the percent of Christians in the **Americas has dropped from 96% to 85%** of the population. In Europe, during that same span, Christians dropped from 95% to 76% of the population. Yet, in Africa, it increased from 9% to 63%

of their population. In the Asia-Pacific area, it **increased from 3% to 7%.**

Though Christianity began in the Middle East-North Africa, today that region has both the **lowest concentration of Christians** (about 4% of the region's population) and the smallest number of Christians (about 13 million) of any major geographic region.

(data from The Pew Forum)

On the reverse side:

Our Mission

Other Results

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Our part of the mission

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become. Henry Martyn

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Your will be done. We have a long way to go to see God's will done on earth.

How can we pray this prayer without a desire to see God's will done in all the earth?

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

We still have lots of malnourished "sheep" in our world today. Are we willing to follow Christ into

areas that are devoid of ubiquitous resources 24/7, to people where seminary or Bible college is not an option?

And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.

As we care for children, we care for Jesus and from Jesus. Teaching God's word to children and bringing His love to them is ministry that is very close to His heart.

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

MISSION ZAMBIA JUNE ♦ 2012

The Zambia mission includes:

1. **Teach 50 pastor couples** for 5 days on marriage/family, give them study Bibles, and resources.
2. **Wisdom Community School - physical needs** (have it plastered before we arrive, paint it both inside and outside, misc. physical work)
3. **Wisdom Community School - teaching** (give 160 Bibles to the students, grades 1-4, supply books for the classroom, teach the Bible to all students, music, crafts, activities, games)

As we go, we make disciples. The Bible does not say for us to go make converts. In fact, it warns against making converts (Matthew 23:15). We are to make disciples, teaching them to obey His commands.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Orphans become the most defenseless and neglected segment in many countries. In Africa, many children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS and other diseases and accidents. They are then given to another

family member (a grandparent, uncle, or older sibling) who often abuses or neglects them.

Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

HIV/AIDS spreads primarily through heterosexual sexual relationships in Africa. Most often, married men spread HIV through their unfaithfulness, even among Christians. Teaching faithfulness in marriage is an imperative.

Other results

Zambia enjoys the great history of David Livingstone exploring and bringing the gospel to their land. They have been heavily evangelized and are somewhere **between 50-75% Christian.** The **Zambian constitution even declares them to be a Christian nation.**

Unfortunately, **these factors do not translate into Christian lifestyles.** Zambia has one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS. **About one in every seven adults is HIV+.** The life expectancy is around **50 years old** (up from 39 years at the height of the epidemic).

Children have been much affected by the AIDS epidemic in Zambia, where

120,000 children are estimated to be infected with HIV. In 2009 there were 690,000 **AIDS orphans** in the country and made up half of all orphans in the country. In 2003, it was revealed that increasing numbers of child rape cases were being fuelled by the "virgin cure" myth (which wrongly claims that sex with a virgin can cure AIDS).