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### ***The Great Commission!***

To All of You!

**Thank you for your recent support of our Ministry!**

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Dear Ministry Friends,

In our last newsletter we reiterated the greatest action of the Lord Jesus Christ after his Resurrection, and before His ascension back to Heaven. It was His mandate for us to take His Gospel to all the World. The Great Commission. "The Mission of the Church is Missions."

Then we considered several aspects of Ministry which are available to us in the modern world, and are worthy of your prayers and support:

**Inter-city Missions, Home Missions, Educational Missions,  
American Indian Missions, Media Missions (Which may include tracts and books)**

**Now, let's consider a few more** avenues of ministry which God has chosen to use, winning souls to Jesus, training them to follow Him, motivating them to service, "distributing to the necessity of saints."

**Bible Literacy and Distribution:** "The entrance of God's Word gives Light" (Psalm 119:130). Wherever the Word of God has been received into the hearts of mankind, it has improved every aspect of life, including physical health, mental development, as well political and social enlightenment.

**Medical Missions:** Throughout the World, even here in the United States, medical missionaries have been the leaders in opening of hospitals, clinics, training facilities, and counseling centers, accompanied by the loving care and the redeeming power of the Gospel.

**Music Ministry:** Do you realize that even in the Old Testament there were singers and players of instruments that were "not charged with any other business," but they were supported by the Congregation for this essential Work of God. Music that feeds your soul, builds your knowledge of God, and brings praise to Him, is worthy of our support.

**Humanitarian Missions:** Jesus said, "The poor you have with you always." God's Word commands us to help the poor, fatherless, widows, the aged. But the Church has forfeited this sphere of influence by relinquishing our responsibility to the Government. Look what that is costing us!

**Refugee Missions:** At one point when lots of people were trying to flee from the ravages of Islam, thousands of the refugees were won to the Lord through Christians in the refugee camps. We need to be praying for the people of Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Israel, Nigeria, and other “trouble spots” of the World. God wants these people to hear the Good News, to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, to be transformed by His Grace, and to be politically Free.

**Muslim Missions:** One of the Greatest threats to peace, Liberty, prosperity, and Faith in Christ, is the awful scourge of false religion, especially Islam (Mohammedism), trying to force itself upon the whole world, This has been going on for 1400 years, and there are now Muslims infiltrating every country, including 3.4 to 4.5 million in the United States. We tend to look at them totally as a threat, but they are also an immense mission field. Many of them have gotten saved, and have become vibrant witnesses of God’s Grace. Pray for those who are working among them.

**From the wife’s point of view:** One day, while at the store, a well meaning lady asked, “You’re married to a missionary, aren’t you?” It was one of those questions you’re never quite expecting. Smiling, I cordially answered in the affirmative. If I had not already been on the mission field...but, I had been, and I had found out about a wife’s role there. You see, when we first went, I had thought that my husband was the main one, and I, the number-one support for him, as he carried out the major responsibilities. However, very soon after arriving, I found out differently!

There was much to do, for both of us, and the expectations were great! Teaching the little children to read and speak English, being ready and willing to speak in Ladies’ Saturday morning Bible Studies, and Ladies’ Retreats, singing and leading the Whosoever Will Choir, teaching piano lessons, making banana bread, and birthday cakes, teaching cooking, and sewing, saving babies’ lives, opening our home to PNG children and grandchildren, and the list goes on. Yes, being a missionary is telling others about Jesus and so much more. So we are both missionaries, and the Lord, and You folks, are our support team! So thank you for your love, prayers, and support, which have helped and sustained us throughout the years. Our hearts beat for Papua New Guinea!

There are many doors of opportunity open to us in PNG. We recently received a contribution from over there, amounting to about \$450 in US funds. We wondered, if just 10 more individuals, churches, or entities, could contribute that amount, it would pretty well cover a two-month mission trip to our “beloved second home.” Such a gift could be given over the next four months or so. We are aiming for departure about Thanksgiving time.

We are distributing a series of newsletters, mostly by email, our website, text links, and Facebook links, aimed at enlightening our friends and associates with more understanding regarding God’s mandates, and the great harvest in which we can each have a part. What’s involved in missionary work, and what can we do?

Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,<sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:18,19).

In the Harvest,

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