

MISSIONS SUMMIT

So All Can Hear

Sunday, October 15, 2017

I. Missions Stats

- Of the 7.3 billion people in the world, 1.6 billion have never heard one time the truth and hope of the Gospel.
- Despite Christ's command to evangelize, 67% of all humans from AD 30 to the present day have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.
- In the last 40 years, over 1 billion people have died who have never heard of Jesus, and around 30 million people this year will perish without hearing the message of salvation.
- 70,000+ people die everyday in the unreached world without Jesus.

"We talk of the second coming, but half the world has yet to hear of the first."
-Oswald Smith

In the Assemblies of God (the group of churches we belong to):

- Every 29 seconds, 1 new believer somewhere in the world is added to the church.
- Every 63 minutes, 1 new church somewhere in the world is started.
- Every 43 minutes, 1 new minister somewhere in the world is enlisted.
- The Assemblies of God is serving in 255 countries, with over 67 million attendees.
- 95% of Assemblies of God attendees worship in a church outside of the United States.

II. God's Divine Plan for Missions

"Without God we cannot. Without us, God will not." -St. Augustine

Romans 1:14-16 (The Amplified Bible)

Both to the cultured and to the uncultured, both to the wise and the foolish, I have an obligation to discharge and a duty to perform and a debt to pay. So, for my part, I am willing and eagerly ready to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it God's power working unto salvation to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

A. “Missions is not just something we do, it is our identity.”

Matthew 28:19 (The Amplified Bible)

“Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” – **The Great Commission**

B. Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every lost person this side of hell.

C. We are in debt to the nations.

“Churches that have lost their heart for missions (evangelism) are living out their final chapter.” –Anthony Pappas

III. How Do We Pay Our Debt To The Nations?

A. Component #1: Pray for the Church

Matthew 9:37-38 (The Amplified Bible)

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. So pray the Lord of the harvest to force out and thrust laborers into His harvest.”

1. When Jesus looked at the harassed and helpless multitudes, His concern was not that the loss would come to the Father. Instead, His concern was that His followers would not go to the lost.
2. Calvary’s Missions Prayer Plan:
 - Missions Prayer Task Force - 500
 - Monthly Missions Connect - 500

B. Component #2: Read the Bible

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- If we are going to survive, we desperately need minds saturated with God’s Word.

C. Component #3: Give Generously and Sacrificially

Psalm 116:17 (NIV) I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

1. Sacrifice is giving away what it hurts to give.
2. Sacrifice is not giving according to ability; it’s giving beyond our ability.

3. If God can give through you, He'll give it to you.
 - According to Scripps Media, Americans this year will spend \$9.1 billion on Halloween – spending \$700 million more than last year. The average per household is \$86.13.
 - Until recently, Americans gave less money to reach the unreached than they spent buying Halloween costumes for their pets.
4. Calvary's Missions Giving Plan:
 - General Monthly Missions Giving - \$25,000
 - 200 Monthly Supported Missionaries

D. Component #4 – Spend Some Time in Another Context

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore, go...”

1. In light of Jesus' example, our primary impact on the nations will occur in the disciple making we do right around us.
2. When we open our lives to the Great Commission, God will show us things we have never seen and take us places we have never been.
3. Calvary's Going Plan:
 - 500 who will be short-termers
 - 100 who will be full-termers

“A World Christian is someone whose life has been forever impacted as a result of a short-term missions experience. They live differently. They pray differently. They give differently. They are different! A World Christian is someone whose heart beats continually for missions.”

E. Component #5 – Intensify Your Passion for Christ

Psalms 144:2 (NIV) He is my loving God and my deliverer...”

1. A lack of interest in missions is not caused by an absence of compassion or commitment, or by a lack of information.
2. A lack of interest in missions is not remedied by more shocking stats, more gruesome stories, or more emotional commands to obedience.
3. It is best remedied by intensifying our passion for Christ, so that the passions of His heart become the passions that propel our hearts.

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.