

Family Newsletter

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Five Ingredients In Missionary Giving



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I. We Must Be Available

Romans 12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 Cor. 8:5 - And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

II. We Must Be Willing

2 Cor. 8:3 - For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves.

2 Cor. 8:12 - For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

III. We Must Have Knowledge Of God's Grace

2 Cor. 8:1 - Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia.

2 Cor. 8:9 - For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

IV. We Must Have Faith In God's Promises

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2 Cor. 9:8 - And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

V. We Must Be Committed

2 Cor. 8:5 - And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

2 Cor. 9:7 - Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.



Jon De Rusha

The Forgotten Peoples of Asia by Jon De Rusha

I read recently about the Bind people in West Bengal, India. There are about 1 million in this people group in India and the surrounding countries (Nepal, Bangladesh). There are no known Christians among this people group. They are 100% Hindu. The men negotiate the marriage of their daughters at age 13. Then She will likely spend the rest of her life caring for children, cooking rice and making baskets from reeds. She will not be afforded the opportunity to go to school, and she will remain illiterate with 96% of females in this culture. The Bind people are representative of some 3,500 other people groups in South Asia composed of 1.7 billion souls. Thank the Lord, a translation of the New Testament in their language was completed in 2006.

In addition to not keeping up with the growth rate in the world the attrition rate of missionaries keeps rising. This condition surely weighs heavily on the heart of our Savior. I ask myself, "why?" "Why is this multitude of souls still seemingly forgotten?" In seeking the answer I have to begin with myself. Why have I not been more greatly used of God? Let me suggest some reasons why we seemingly are going backward rather than forward.

First, I have to daily evaluate my motives. Why am I doing what I am doing? And why am I doing it the way I am doing it? Everything everyone does has one of two motives behind it. Those two motives are the glory of God or the glory of self. It is so easy to make what is going on in my life all about me. The truth, however, is that it is all about God. The multitudes of Asia are forgotten largely because we are sinfully motivated by self.

Second, I have to daily check my vision. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Clarified vision is the outgrowth of holy motivation. When we are motivated by the glory of God we begin to see like God sees; we begin to see what God sees. Being motivated by the glory of God we see God more clearly for the God He is. When we see God for Who He is we see others for who they are. Vision clarifies the condition of a lost and dying world and vision clarifies how and what I can do to get the Gospel to them.

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By Jon De Rusha
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Third, I have to say daily, "Lord, here am I send me." Daily, I must die to self. To me, the word "disciple" encapsulates the life of the believer who is motivated by the glory of God and sees the lost world as God sees it. Am I truly a disciple?

As long as these thousands of unreached people groups remain forgotten we reveal our unholy motives, our clouded vision, and our lackadaisical attitude toward Christ. May God have mercy on us and revive our cold, stony hearts!

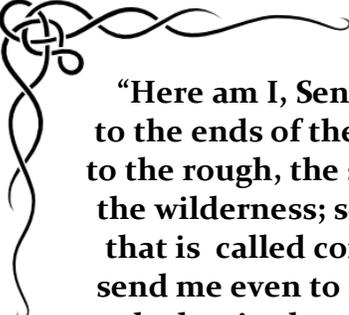
Will you pray that God will call your children, your grand-children, and the young people in your church to the forgotten people of Asia?

If any of us here at BMFP can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on us. We are available for mission conferences, Bible college classes, chapel services, or phone calls. We love you and desire to be used of God in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Editor's Notes

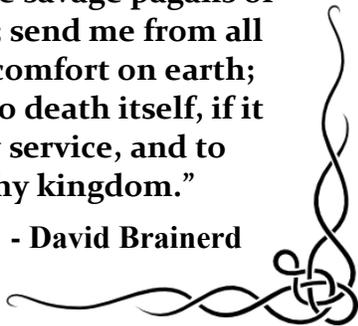
This is the time of year Bible college students are studying for finals and preparing for summer break. It is also the time we are getting ready for candidate training, helping missionary candidate's transition to missionary status, and making extra efforts to help develop a fervency in young people for sharing the Gospel with a lost and dying world. Please pray with us that the thousands of young people in our churches will attune their hearts with God's and yield themselves to the ministry God has purposed for them. Pray that they will get involved with missions at their church and consider taking a mission trip this summer to see what God is doing in another part of the globe.

BMFP has several candidates planning to come to candidate training next month but many more are needed. Let us continually call down the power of God for saving grace and for many more laborers. - Matt Quitter



"Here am I, Send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me to the rough, the savage pagans of the wilderness; send me from all that is called comfort on earth; send me even to death itself, if it be but in thy service, and to promote thy kingdom."

- David Brainerd



Please continue to pray for BMFP
Candidate Training Week
June 10 - 14, 2019
Jacksonville, Florida

News From the Fields

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God is faithful! This month marked one year since we began travelling fulltime in our new ministry. Over the span of those twelve months God has allowed us to serve him in dozens of communities from coast to coast in Canada. I wish I could tell you that all of our churches are bursting at the seams with new converts and a spirit of revival among the believers. I wish my report included the news that there are unprecedented numbers of young people surrendering to God's will for their lives, and numerous young men have been called to preach. Although I have not witnessed these results, they are my burden and prayer for our great nation of Canada. Furthermore, our goal is not to reach Canada as an end to itself, but to reach the world through Canada as we see laborers called and sent.

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It is a great calling and an amazing privilege to be a missionary. The enormity of it is often overwhelming. The preaching of the cross mixed with faith is changing the eternal destinations of otherwise wretched sinners under God's wrath. Our Saviour does the reconciling but has given to us the ministry and word of reconciliation, and so we are ambassadors for Christ (II Cor. 5:18-20). However, equal with that calling is the need for earnest and fervent prayer. It is God's work, and He will do it. Therefore, brethren, please pray for us. We had the great privilege of seeing another sinner come to the Saviour. Komal Limbu, age 53, has been a professing believer for 16 years. Early on, he boasted that he was responsible for getting many people to come to his village church. But after moving to Sangla and sitting under the teaching and preaching of God's Word in our church, he began to experience conviction and understood that he was not truly saved. We sensed God working in Limbu's heart and prayed for him specifically for several weeks. Then one morning in a men's fellowship, Limbu fell to his knees in front of us other men. He confessed to God that he had been living a lie for 16 years because of foolish pride in his heart. He asked God to forgive him and deliver him from his sins. And then he verbally surrendered his life to serving Christ. We rejoice in that we have seen a genuine change in Limbu's life. Please pray for him.