

MISSIONARY PAGE

THE IMMEDIACY OF

Every Creature Evangelism

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In any age, in any place, under any and all circumstances, "NOW is the day of salvation," for life is uncertain and the eternal aspect of salvation is of such import that it can be neglected or put off only at the possibility of undying loss. Though this is not the subject of our message, its truth adds tremendously to its weight when we realize that momentarily the "NOW" time of salvation is passing for multitudes of souls who have never even been told that there is a Saviour, a salvation, a release from the power of sin, and a peace which passeth all understanding.

The burden under which we pen these words is that of the accumulation of facts which I am exceedingly fearful of meeting when I appear before my Lord. To awaken to my responsibility "in that day" is going to be eternally too late for multitudes of souls who, by my voice, my talents, or by my entrusted possessions might have been enlightened about the Calvary message. I do not want to face my Lord, or these lost multitudes for whom I can be accounted responsible, if factually and actually I have not only in a passive way placed myself and my all at God's disposal, but also have obeyed Him in positively putting them to work for the purpose of making God's Calvary plan applicable to a lost world by making it known. The world's greatest fortune would leave its intended recipients starvation poor, if no knowledge of the fortune were conveyed to them. Calvary with all the fullness of its meaning and provision for ALL men is meaningless, powerless and useless to every creature who never hears of it. Your neglect and mine can mean that many unevangelized souls will never hear of Calvary until they are told of it, perhaps in our very presence, at the judgment seat of Christ.

We are faced with facts that have become trite both by our being oft reminded of them, and by our doing nothing or little about them. How many times have we been reminded that the heathen population of the world is increasing far faster than we are evangelizing them? How many times have we had striking phrases, pointed pictures, and graphs brought to us telling us of how many souls are dying hourly, daily, and yearly, without ever having heard of Jesus? How many times have we been told of the sad proportion of Christian workers in heathen lands in comparison to the abundance of preachers at home preaching to indifferent congregations? How many times have we been reminded of the vast millions of dollars being spent on buildings, programs and comforts at home while so small a percentage of the Christian's dollar goes for the evangelization of the millions that never hear of, and die, without Christ? Missionary conventions, missionary messages, missionary pictures, including expensive colored moving pictures, and missionary literature, are so poignantly and frequently bringing the needs of the unreached millions before us that our responsibility cannot but be a tremendous and constant accusation to our souls. And, how

many times have we been reminded that we are living in the last days, in the eleventh hour, and, therefore, that what we do must be done quickly?

God is in every way possible ringing His clarion call to world evangelism, and it would seem that no other arguments would be necessary to stir and arouse us to the intense need of urgency to the so long comparatively neglected task of what we call "foreign missions." They are largely "foreign" because we have so relegated them to a place outside of our main thought and activities in our Christian lives.

Now looming high and terrible in the midst of God's signal reminders of the immediacy of the need of "every-creature" evangelism, is the dread and horrific onmarch and onslaught of world-conquering and determined Communism!

Christian neglect has hindered and slowed down world evangelization — Communism is opening and blatantly slamming the doors of nations in our faces and is absolutely stopping evangelism. The caverns of hell must resound with devilish laughter as gradually in nation after nation the voice of evangelism is stopped. Christian activities are driven underground as the soil once more is being moistened with the blood of martyrs. Communism is out to win, and Communism is winning and taking not cities, towns and villages, but NATIONS, right before our eyes, and even while we still half-play at the great task of missions!

There are hundreds of millions of souls today under Communistic sway who are untouched and untouchable to the gospel messenger. No amount of money and no program is large enough to enable us to reach them! Other millions are fast passing out of our reach not just because they are dying without the Gospel, but because there is another program and another power at work in the world today which are more determined than we are to reach these millions with their doctrines and domination.

The neglect of world evangelism is and has been the great shame of the Church of Christ; but even a greater shame is ours today as we see entire nations within but days passing entirely outside of the possibility of our reaching them with an evangelistic effort.

Beloved reader, are you a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ? Am I? How can we stand idly by in such an hour? How can we count our lives dear? How can we withhold that with which He has entrusted us? He needs us NOW! He needs us ALL! There is immediacy in His call, and in the crying voice of the vast fields of the unevangelized millions of earth who are still within the scope of our reaching them—but they may not be, tomorrow!

—The Missionary Standard

"From one to five times a day, 200,000,000 turn their face toward Mecca and repeat, "There is one God and Mohammed is His prophet."

THE ITINERARY OF OUR MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH TO DATE

Missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Sanders; Miss Thelma Rose; Miss Uta Chase, part-time deputation worker.

PLACES	DATES
Presque Isle, Me.	—August 23-29, 1954.
Halifax, N. S.	—September 12-19.
Port Maitland, N. S.	—Sept 30 - Oct. 3.
Grand Manan, N. B.	—Oct. 6 - 13.
Woodward's Cove	—October 6.
Grand Harbor	—October 7.
Seal Cove	—Oct. 8-10-13.
Wood Island	—October 11.
North Head	—October 12.
Beals, Me.	—October 15 - 17.
Jonesport	—October 17.
Crawford	—October 19.
Calais	—October 20.
Perth, N. B.	—October 22 - 24.
Doaktown	—October 25 - 27.
Barkers Pt.	—October 28-31.
Fredericton	—October 31 - Nov. 3.
Marysville	—November 4 - 7.
Woodstock	—November 8 - 9.
Moncton	—November 11 - 14.
Amherst, N. S.	—November 15 - 16.
Truro	—November 18 - 21.
Westchester	—November 22 - 24.
Woods Harbour	—November 28.
Sandford	—December 5 - Dec. 9.
January 1st - March 31st	—Reserved for Bethany Bible College.
Hartland Circuit	—April 5 - 10—1955.
The rest of April and May	—"OPEN DATES" for remaining churches.
For Booking Dates ahead, please contact, Secretary Foreign Mission Board, Rev. R. H. Parks, Calais, Maine.	

HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE THIS YEAR TO MISSIONS?

(A little argument with myself)

- IF I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favour of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign fields.
- IF I give less than heretofore, I favour a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contribution.
- IF I give the same as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort!"; forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go!"
- IF I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favour an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ. Shall I not join this class?
- RESOLVED:** I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries, therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.
—Bethany Young People's Star

"It is a great deal easier to do that which God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, than to face the responsibility of not doing it. We have abundant assurance that we shall receive all the strength we need to perform any duty God allots to us."

The King's Highway