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To Seek & To Save

Evangelistic Opportunities

Interested in door knocking? Kelvin will be door knocking each morning at 9:30am. If you would like to be help, please sign the sign-up sheet on the Evangelism board.

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 God has promised that His word will not return void (Isa. 55:11). "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:5, 6). What do we know about the soils in Jesus' parable. The soils were different. The seed could not grow in every soil. Paul understood he could not save everybody, but he would try. For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak be-

came I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" (1 Corinthians 9:19-22).

What did Jesus say about the harvest in his parable? "But on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience" (Luke 8:15). The church can never give up its mission. The psalmist stated, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5, 6). Do not be surprised when only few accept the message (Acts 17:32-34). Rejoice when more than you expected receive it (Acts 18:8). Always be patient. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

Conclusion

To seek and to save the lost is the noble obligation of every Christian and the mission of the church as a whole. Soul saving was the very reason our Lord came to this earth. How can we accomplish this in our lives? Live your life in harmony with the message you profess to believe, teach it to others, support every good work that encourages the spread of the gospel, pray regularly for the salvation of souls, and stay positive expecting God to give the increase.

Barry Grider

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Evangelistic Efforts at Collinsville

Summer is upon us and it is a great time to get involved in evangelistic work. Although, some of the mornings have been very hot, Richard and I still went door to door trying to encourage our friends and neighbors

in the area to study Gods' word. I told Richard one morning, "We can truly sing are you sowing the seed of the kingdom brother in the heat of the noonday glare?" On that particular morning it was very hot. Although we

did not get any Bible studies, we made some contacts with some people in the Collinsville/Troy area who may be potential bible study candidates.

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Statistics for June 2009

6 calls to the Bible Call System with 23 accesses to lessons.

202 doors were knocked.

4 new Bible Correspondence Courses started.

The Christians Charge

And Jesus came and spoke unto them saying, "*All authority has been given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" Amen

Matthew 28:18-20

Vision

Great feats cannot be accomplished without proper vision. This also applies to evangelistic work at local congregations. We have been involved in door knocking efforts, literature distributions, House to House Heart to Heart distributions, Bible Call, and soon DVD's on our website. These are all great ways to get the gospel into our community. One of the greatest ways is through the use of television! Great things are occurring at the Global Broadcast Network. They are using the medium of television and internet to broadcast the gospel on a 24x7 basis. Response to GBN scheduling has been phenomenal!

Wouldn't it be great if we could produce our own television program and air it locally here in our area? As people are channel surfing, they

are bound to stop and check out any new face on the screen that is preaching the gospel. A friend of mine in Memphis began a television program in 2002 and it has had tremendous response. He told me they have visitors from the community every single Sunday because of the television program. They have had several baptisms since airing their program.

This area only has Searching for Truth on Charter Communications. Having a local congregation producing a local television broadcast could open several doors for the church. What will it take to make this vision become a reality? First, it will take the prayers of faithful saints diligently praying the Lord would open doors for us to use this avenue of evangelism. Second, it

will take someone dedicated to filming weekly programs and preaching heart convicting sermons that the world needs to hear. Third, it will take money to either have the show produced or the church purchasing its own equipment to do its own filming. Fourth, it will take the involvement of those who have the talent to help technical aspects of the work.

No one can do this alone. This will be a team effort with the church working together for a common cause. Keep this endeavor in your prayers, as it could be a great vehicle the Collinsville church can use to become more evangelistic, not only in this area, but throughout the entire St. Louis area.

-K.A. Pugh