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We believe in one God, the Father, creator of heaven and earth, of all things seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. All things were made through Him and for Him. He is true God and true man. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered, died, was buried, and on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, and He will return to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who eternally proceeds from the Father. He is Teacher, Comforter, Helper, and Giver of spiritual gifts. Through Him the saving and sanctifying works of Jesus Christ are applied to the life of believers. He is the empowering presence of God in the life of the Christian and the church. The Father has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit. Speaking in tongues and bearing the fruit of the Spirit are New Testament signs of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

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We believe that the grace of God brings forgiveness and reconciliation to those who repent, as well as transformation in holiness, enabling them to live a Christ-like life. Sanctification is both a definite work of grace and a lifelong process of change in the believer brought by the blood of Jesus, the Word of God, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

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We believe that God will ultimately reconcile all things in heaven and earth in Christ. Therefore, we look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."
1 CORINTHIANS 9:22

We are saved fundamentally to bring others to the same glorious experience of salvation. In the same vein, we are called to discipleship to make the ministry of reconciliation as pragmatic as possible. In retrospect, being a Christian transcends mere empty rhetoric and quiet contemplation; it is about weaving genuine faith into the fabric of everyday life. For this reason, living "missionally" is being made all things to all categories of men—all people—with the singular, paramount goal of bringing them unanimously to the only Way, the exclusive Truth, and quintessentially, the Life. We cannot afford to be dormant, inactive, and lackadaisical about this critical issue; this will only make the devil ecstatic and exultant. Rather, we should be passionately and actively engaged with sharing the transformative love of Christ wherever we go and whatever we do. Think of this as a 24/7 engagement. When the enemy tells you to recline and retire, re-fire! Instead of quitting and down-tooling, re-invent and reignite your commitment. The Great Commission—the sacred "go and make

disciples of all nations" in Matthew 28:18–20—is not just reserved for missionaries or a select few; this commission is, in itself, a call to action for one and all without any exemption.

Paul said, "I . . . have **taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God,** and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:20–21).



Paul, the revered apostle, did this—preaching the gospel of repentance towards God—publicly and from house to house with consistency. Regrettably, many ministers have stopped preaching repentance and are just content with making the people happy instead of being saved and holy. We are basically brand ambassadors for Jesus, walking models of his love (2 Corinthians 5:20). That means letting our light shine as the Lord himself instructed. And that light must shine brightly, not just in grand gestures, but in the seemingly mundane moments. Additionally, the gospel must not be confined to church walls; it must gush out into our workplaces, slip into schools, and penetrate into our neighborhoods—essentially, everywhere we happen to be. Our primary sphere of influence should be construed as our mission field, and places that are farther from us must not be neglected. Where we cannot physically gain access due to distance, our resources can do marvels by narrowing the gap. Like Paul, we should be ready to spend and be spent for souls. Amazingly, the apostle was glad about this fact: **"I will very gladly spend and be spent for you. . ."** (2 Corinthians 12:15). Even so, must we!

Living "missionally" is poles apart from being so overly engrossed with pseudo, coercive, and aggressive proselytizing from other faiths. This lifestyle prioritizes genuine conversion to Christ; it focuses on embodying Christ's teachings as well as loving our neighbors—"love thy neighbor as thyself," as the Bible enjoins us to do (Matthew 22:39). This mindset centers on becoming the kind of people who make others want to know more about the King of this heavenly kingdom.

The pivotal question begging for answers is how can we practically and unanimously develop this coveted lifestyle? Paul, who modeled this lifestyle, used a multifaceted approach, like a multi-layered cake, to achieve phenomenal success:

- Share your conversion testimony to reveal your personal transformation; it is a powerful tool. Listen actively to others, ask thoughtful questions, and show genuine empathy. Connection often leads to genuine repentance.
- As Christians, we must engage with the world, like Christ, embodying salt and light. Use the Bible as your guide. Volunteer, help neighbors, and perform small acts of kindness. Pray for others and live with integrity; let your actions speak louder than words. Practice hospitality safely and build connections.
- Finally, get involved in your community—attend local events and be a part of the fabric of your neighborhood. Jesus said**, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"** (Mathew 5:16).

This kingdom lifestyle overshadows grand pronouncements or dramatic displays; it is about consistently embodying the love of Christ in every interaction. It is about being the biblical example we wish to see in the church and in the world outside of it. It is a commitment to lifting up the Person and the gospel of Christ by default perpetually. Living missionally is a glorious calling extended to every follower of Christ, not just the chosen few. It is about letting our lives be a living testament to the transformative power of the gospel, one interaction at a time. It is inundating the earth with the glory of God just as the waters covers the sea.



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News from Paraguay

2024 CHILDREN'S CAMP | DECEMBER 2024

God bless our great family of faith. On the weekend of December 13–15, we celebrated our 2024 Children's Camp under the theme “Living Intensely with Jesus." We thank God and give him the glory for this beautiful and blessed camp. We saw his hand working in every aspect of this event. Forty-six children attended this marvelous event full of worship services, Bible classes, games, and more. We also thank our National Children’s Ministries Director, Jonathan Verdun, for his excellent work and the work of the entire team of volunteers and local leaders.

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Let's Go Prospecting for People

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BISHOP FRED S. FISHER, SR. (OCTOBER 13, 1934–MAY 13, 2024)
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Editor's Note: Bishop Fred Fisher's testimony was "I am addicted to ministry." In his 73 years as an ordained minister in the Church of God of Prophecy, he touched countless lives with his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith. He served. He ministered in his community, to his family, and the Church with compassion and grace. He offered godly counsel and guidance. He was a believer in "**Living Missionally in Everyday Life**" as evidenced in this 2004 editorial in the *White Wing Messenger*. He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and integrity. His words still inspire us to actively, purposely find ways to share Jesus wherever we are.

Prospecting is setting your sights and witness on a person or family—to those special people God places in your path. We meet people every day; some we know, some we do not know. But there are those times it seems God puts a person or persons right there at the right time for us to be a witness. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost comes upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Most of us who are "old-time" Christians and have been around the church for a long time, feel that a revival time must be set, an evangelist called in, and everyone come to church each night in order for evangelism to be done. We have had some success in this type of evangelism, but sometimes we are disappointed in those results.

Every community is an open field for evangelism. Since we live in such a busy world, we sometimes don't even know our next-door neighbor. What about this idea? List your neighbors by name, address, and telephone number. Make a prayer list for them and begin to pray for the Spirit of God to work on their hearts. Then start making some contact with them. Become a "friendly neighbor" and plant some seeds of kindness. Send greeting cards to them. Then, as you expand your work in this "field," to become a witness, God will begin to open doors for you.

There are two types of people in your community: those who attend church and those who don't; those who know God in his fullness and those who don't. We, as Christians, must be ready to be a blessing and offer prayer to everybody. We must look at everyone as a "prospect" for salvation. Some of the people you meet in your neighborhood may never come to your church, but you may be the only person who can lead them to Christ. So, let's do our best.

We may not all be called to preach or called to run revivals, but we are all called to be witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria—those nearby and those just the other side of our own backyard. Every Christian has been given a special power to witness. The Scriptures have said that after the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you will have power to become witnesses. Trust that power; allow him to use you and direct you to the right people. It may be in the home, it may be in the market, or it may be where you work. God will direct you to the people who need you to minister to them.

Do you want to be a prospector? Do you want to find gold? Begin now to look all around you. Become a witness. Pick out your spot and begin to dig. Then watch God work and help you by his Spirit to lead others to salvation.

Living Missionally Is Living Intentionally

When we reflect on mission and being missional, for many of us, our minds might go to the movie series *Mission Impossible*. An agent is tasked with a mission to accomplish. Should they accept that mission, they are then given the details of what that mission is to be.

As a Christian, we have been given a mission. That mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a world that needs to hear it. It is our great "co"-mission, as we work in cooperation with God's mission for the redemption of mankind.

There are several factors that go into accomplishing the mission that we have been given. It is my belief that the greatest factor is our being intentional about accomplishing this mission. Our lives must be lived in such a manner that we are always aware, always alert, and always prepared.

To be aware on our Christian mission, we must be in tune with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will direct us if we allow the Spirit to do so. The Holy Spirit is always aware of those who need to hear the gospel. The Spirit is at work, drawing them to Christ. As we stay in touch with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will put us in touch with those who need to hear the message of hope in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit will open our awareness and our spiritual eyes so that we might see those whom the Holy Spirit sees.

Being aware is one aspect of intentionality; however, we must also be alert. Being on alert is more intense than being aware. Being alert is much like a guard who is guarding a certain property or person. Their task is to be always scanning, always listening, and always observing as to never be caught off guard. For us as Christians, we must be ever alert. Unfortunately, for many of us, we become consumed with our own lives and our own work that we are not alert. Our focus gets drawn inward, and we fail to see the lost souls who pass us by at the grocery store, in our neighborhood, or in our workplace.

Finally, we must be prepared. Preparation starts with prayer and the Word of God. Without these two key elements, we will not be prepared to care, share, and lead someone to Christ. Preparation must be continual. We are never fully prepared without a need for further preparation. Daily, we must prepare our hearts, minds, souls, eyes, ears, and our whole being to be aware and alert for those who need to know Christ.

Intentionality in our awareness, alertness, and preparedness will propel us to intentionality with our mission. As we are intentional on a daily basis, we will see greater opportunities to meet the needs of others that will point them to Jesus Christ.

Intentionally be that smile that people see. Intentionally be that "hello" to those around you. Intentionally be the one to lend a hand when one is needed. Intentionally care about the life of others.

It is with intention that we will accomplish the mission of Christ. Lackadaisical Christianity will never reach the lost. However, a heart intent on hearing from the Holy Spirit, responding to the Spirit's direction, and being obedient in ministering to others will reap a harvest of souls for Jesus Christ.



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ON MISSION

THE NEW REFORMATION

We are on the cusp of a new reformation that mirrors the fruit seen in Jesus' ministry, reflecting his promise, "Greater things than these shall you do because I go to my Father" (John 14:12, paraphrased). As we abide in the Vine, Jesus said we progress from no fruit to fruit, more fruit, much fruit, and finally, fruit that remains. This progression happens when we embrace not just what Jesus accomplished on the cross but also how he lived and made disciples. Jesus commanded us to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19), a mission that reclaims discipleship and places it back in the hands of ordinary people.

This reformation is about bridging the gap between clergy and laity, empowering people to be engaged in the Father's business within their occupations. A minister's occupation may involve leading a church organization, but their vocation is to "walk worthy of the calling" (Ephesians 4:1). When churches equip their members with the patterns and practices of Jesus, ordinary people become capable of extraordinary things.

For today's church to experience multiplication like the early church, we do not need larger buildings with more seating capacity; we need *sending capacity*. Many churches operate with an institutional mindset that serves their internal communities rather than embracing a missional approach that takes the church beyond its walls. The first Reformation focused inwardly, reforming the ecclesiastical nature of the church. Today's reformation is outward-focused, emphasizing mission over institution. It challenges churches to be the outward expression of an inward kingdom, a "priesthood of believers" living in "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17).

The world will not be transformed through bigger buildings, celebrity pastors, or memorizing more scripture—although these can have value. True transformation happens when God gives the increase. Paul reminds us, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6–7 NIV). Churches must prioritize aligning with the Great Commission, moving members out of the pews and into the streets.

The Missional Aspect of Church Assessment

When assessing the health of a congregation, its missional vitality is key. Many churches mistakenly measure their mission-mindedness by how much they give to missions or how many they send abroad. A more accurate assessment considers the congregation's lifestyle, evaluating whether mission is an integral part of daily life rather than an occasional event. Being missional means every follower of Jesus lives out the Great Commission "as they go" (Matthew 28:19), making disciples in their everyday lives.

Jesus sent his disciples with the assurance, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NKJV). He also said, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). Today, believers must embody this sending, becoming the visible expression of an invisible kingdom. Making disciples must be the DNA of every church, which is essential for its vitality and growth.

A Lifestyle of Mission

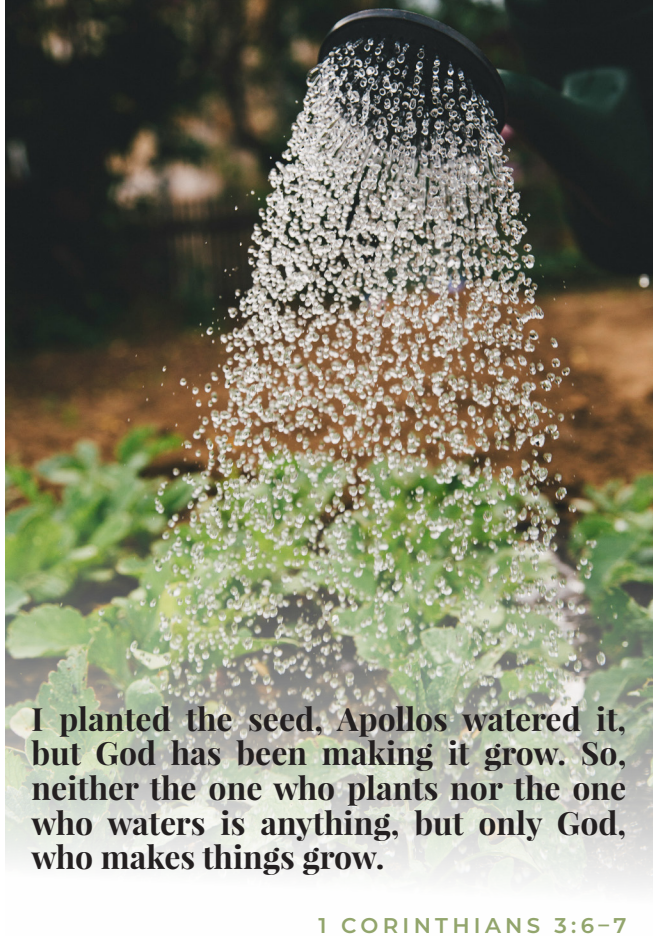
A healthy missional church connects people to God, his Word, and his people. It equips believers to live out a Great Commandment lifestyle, expressing love for God and others in ways that reach the broken, wounded, and lost. This lifestyle is fueled by daily encounters with God, his Word, and his people, keeping the fires of reformation alive.

Biblical spiritual health begins with a congregation that is Christ- and gospel-centered, reflecting Christ's image in private, family, and corporate life. Size is not necessarily a measure of health, but a congregation's vitality is evident when life in Christ becomes a lifestyle rather than a compartmentalized activity. True spirituality is not measured by attendance, giving, or memorization, but by a heart transformed by God, producing fruit through daily obedience.

Shifting Focus from Institution to Mission

Churches must move beyond institutional values, which often prioritize attendance, buildings, and cash over mission. As Jim Cymbala noted, "our focus on the ABCs" can lead to self-preservation rather than advancing the church's mission. Instead, leaders should assess congregations through the lens of the Great Commandment ("Love the Lord your God . . . and your neighbor as yourself," Matthew 22:37–40) and the Great Commission ("Go and make disciples of all nations," Matthew 28:19).

Paul's instruction to equip the saints for works of service (Ephesians 4:11–12) highlights the importance of every believer's role in the church. A healthy church empowers all members to serve, fostering a culture where discipleship is a shared responsibility. David Ferguson defines a healthy church as one where followers of Jesus, secure in their identity as his beloved, minister



first to the Lord and then live out a Great Commission lifestyle empowered by Great Commandment love.

Forward to a Vibrant Church

Churches that plateau must redefine or realign their mission to thrive. Without this intentional shift, decline, decay, and death are inevitable. Growth strategies alone are insufficient; churches must focus on health, ensuring that every program and initiative aligns with the mission of making disciples who disciple others.

The mission of every local church is to cultivate a lifestyle of mission, impacting lives beyond the walls of the institution. Kingdom-minded leaders prioritize discipleship over systems and structures, viewing the church through the lens of the kingdom rather than the other way around. A spiritually healthy congregation reflects Christ in all aspects of life, moving from an institutional focus to a missional lifestyle. This shift ensures that churches remain relevant and vibrant, fulfilling their purpose in the 21st century and beyond.

The focus of the first Reformation was ecclesiastical. It had an inward bent to change the ecclesiastical nature of the church. It might have been described as God working

in the people who made up the church so the church would reflect more readily the nature and character of the head of the church (Colossians 1; Ephesians 5). The church needed ecclesiastical reformation because the church's people needed spiritual reformation. You might say this was God working in the church related to his purpose for the church. The church's impact should be driven by an intrinsic, personal transformation, not by forms, systems, and structures. This reformation changed the people, and the church was reformed—realigned to God's purpose of making disciples who disciple others. Life is found in the people, not in forms, rituals, systems, structures, or buildings.

Today's reformation is missional rather than institutional or ecclesiastical. This reformation is not inward regarding systems and structures. It is not about the church but rather the world. Consider how the church positions itself in the world to be the outward expression of an inward kingdom. A priesthood of believers driven by the principles of *"righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost"* (Romans 14:17, NKJV) *will* transform the world. This world will not be transformed by constructing bigger buildings, making more rules, memorizing more scriptures, appointing celebrity pastors, or developing more remarkable academic institutions. While these are necessary and might be good, at times, good gets in the way of God. We become dependent on doing good when we need to be doing God. Paul writes when we do God, God gives the increase:

> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. (1 Corinthians 3:6–9 NIV)

This new reformation is about the world. It is outward in focus. Churches that have outward-focusing ministries are churches that are making a difference. Those who do not will plateau, decay, decline, and ultimately die. That is the life cycle of a church that moves away from being missional. Our tribe might say, "We need a revival!" That might be good, but more importantly, we need to align ourselves with the primary purpose of the church—to make disciples. You see, it is not just the altar that will alter our life. Daily encounters with God, his Son, his Word, and his people will keep the reformation fires of revival burning and move God's people out of the pews and into the streets.

The key is to embrace the mission of Jesus and the way of Jesus. He's just the best there ever was! For today's church to experience the multiplication mentioned earlier, we do not need larger buildings with more seating capacity; we need *sending capacity*. Most pastors would say they have a missional mindset when talking about church. If that were so, would we not be multiplying like the first century church did as recorded in the book of Acts? We want to believe we are missional, but in most cases, we have developed an institutional mindset that serves the existing community of faith rather than moving the church outside the walls—saints in circulation.

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BISHOP SCOTT GILLUM
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LIVING MISSIONALLY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

SHARING THE HOPE OF JESUS

Our Mission

Matthew 28:19–20 states, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Acts 1:8 says, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” We have been commissioned and empowered to spread the gospel “unto the uttermost part of the earth.” That may look like traveling out of the country to be a missionary for some Christians, but for most, it is telling those near us about the gospel of Jesus Christ. For most Christians, the uttermost part of the earth will be your workplace, your neighborhood, your local grocery store, the park up the road, etc. For me, three years ago, it was Southeastern Louisiana University (SELU).

Campus Bible Study

Freshman year at SELU was difficult, especially in 2020 when COVID-19 had just begun, and so much had changed. I tried to get involved in two different





Above: *We named our Bible study group "Lions with Hope" because we aspire to share the hope that Jesus Christ has given us.*

Bible study organizations. Both were Bible-based organizations, but they just did not feel right for me. During my freshman and sophomore years at SELU, I became known as "the girl who prays for people." I would stop classmates and give them compliments and offer them prayer. When I had to wash clothes in the laundry room, I got to know whoever was in there with me, and I would pray with them as well. One specific night around midnight, I remember stopping a group of fellow students on their way out through the laundry room. There were five students, and I offered to pray for them; two stayed, and the other three ran away. Both of those who stayed would later end up becoming my close friends. On occasion, I would run into these girls and other people I had prayed for, and I would invite them to church. Every now and then, someone would show up at a service, but for the most part, my offer was rejected over and over. I kept inviting them, nevertheless.

During the summer of 2022, I felt like God was calling me to start a Bible study, but I felt extremely insecure and incompetent. I told my pastor I felt called to lead one on campus, and she told me to be prepared. That summer, I took a course offered through the COGOP about teaching young adults. After taking this course, however, I still had not completely submitted to God's call for me to start a campus Bible study.

Starting

Starting is the hardest part. The devil plays so many tricks to stop us before we start what God has called us to do. I remember feeling incompetent, but I also remember every time being reminded by the Holy Spirit to start the Bible study. The devil continued to remind me of everything I lacked. I questioned my security in Christ and my position with God. It was like in the movies when an angel is sitting on one shoulder and a demon is on the other. I confided in our church secretary about how I felt the need to start a Bible study, but I also felt like I had nothing to give other students. I told her that I was the same age as them, and there was nothing I could possibly give them. I mentioned the other Bible studies on campus and how nothing I could do would compare. These other Bible studies had resources that were unavailable to me. I told her I was going through the same things the other students were—struggling on a college student's budget, trying to pass classes, the transitions of life—and that I lacked biblical knowledge. She encouraged me, "Just tell them what you learned at church. It doesn't have to be that complicated." I carried those words with me and still do.

We have so many reasons (excuses really) as to why we do not witness and why we cannot reach people. For every excuse I made, there was a solution. I was just the person to minister to those my age because I



Above: *We enjoy lifting each other up in prayer and practice.*



Above: *Before we leave Bible study, we always join together in prayer for one another's requests.*

could relate to them easily. Although there were other Bible studies on campus, each group ministered in a different way, and each way was important for reaching different people. Do not allow excuses to distract you from the mission. Tell the devil he is a liar, and fulfill the Great Commission! I have friends who have said they cannot witness to people like I do because they are introverts. That is perfect for God because he needs someone to reach other introverts. There are several avenues for witnessing right where we are.

For four years, my mission field was SELU. Your mission field can be your job; offer a coworker prayer or encouragement. It could be the grocery store; let the cashier know that Jesus loves them. It can be the restaurant; next time you dine out, leave a church card along with your tip. Our biggest connection to the mission field today is probably social media; start the podcast, post the scripture, and comment on the post. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Start letting your light shine right where you are.

Progress

Starting the campus Bible study was not easy, but neither was continuing without it. After talking to our church secretary and revisiting the idea with my pastor, I said "yes" to God's call. One Sunday, after none of the invited friends and classmates from campus had shown up to church, I decided to call some of them. I told them to meet me in my dorm hall because I wanted to tell them what happened at church. Having felt the unction of the Holy Spirit to start the Bible study, I now had a sense of urgency. I felt like the Lord said, "If they don't come to church, bring the church to them," so that is what I did. Our first Bible study was a group of three to five of us in my dorm's commons area where we just talked about church.

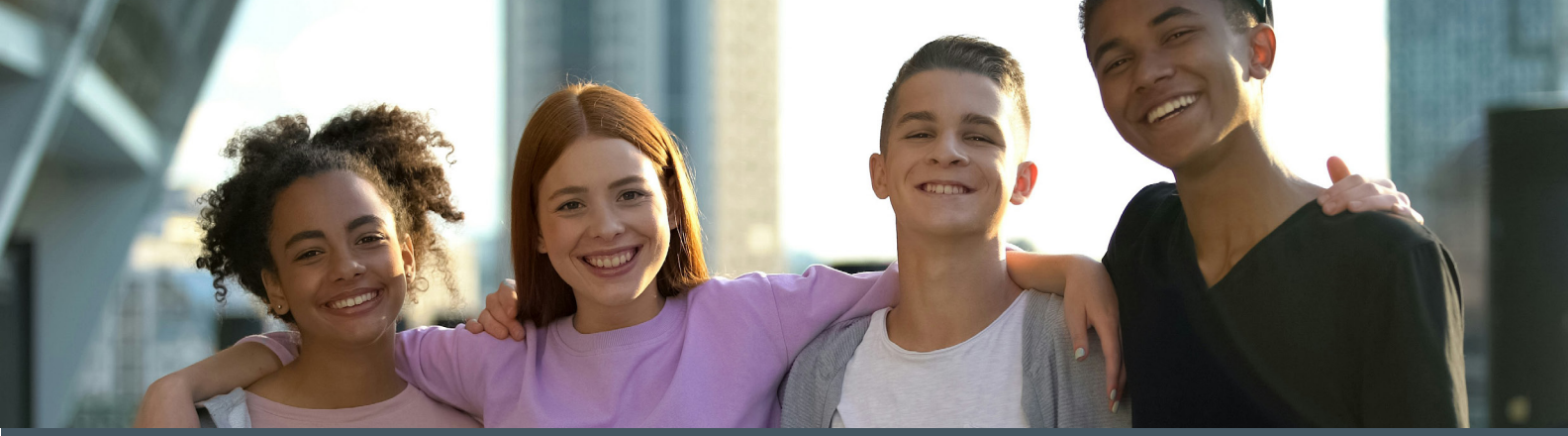
In the beginning, our meeting times were irregular as we met on different days and at different hours. However, eventually, we were gathering regularly every Monday night at 8:00 pm. After two semesters, that group of three to five students had turned into 30 to 35 students, and at the most, we had 42 students meeting to earnestly begin and/or further their relationships with Jesus.

It was beautiful to see the various personalities coming together to talk about Jesus. We had students speak in tongues for the first time, receive the gift of salvation, experience the presence of God, and grow in their faith. It was an amazing group to be a part of. The lessons I learned from teaching others will go with me forever. I went from "the girl who prays for people" to "the girl with the Bible study." If God can use me to reach my fellow students, he can use you. Live everyday ready to share the hope of Jesus Christ with someone around you. You never know what God will use you to do, and where he will do it.



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LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

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Building Faith and Community:

HOW ONE LIFE GROUP IS TRANSFORMING FAMILIES

For more than two decades, Twin Eagles has been more than a neighborhood—it has been a vision brought to life by Randy Jones Construction. With every home built and every family welcomed, the neighborhood has grown into a vibrant community. But for one member of the Jones family, it became the foundation for something much more profound: a thriving Life Group Bible study that has touched lives in surprising ways.

I remember wrestling with joining the family business back in 2017. I had a good job out of college, but something did not feel right. After moving home from college (and back in with my parents), my father, Ron, and my uncle Randy presented me with an opportunity to join the family business in Gallatin, Tennessee. My uncle and father had been in the single-family residential development and home-building business for more than forty-five years. As I was becoming more involved in our local church (Gallatin Church of God of Prophecy) and community, the ultimate deciding factor was a better work-life balance. I could spend more time giving back my greatest resource—**time**.

Little did I know the implications that decision would have. Ultimately, I got to see Proverbs 16:9 lived out: "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps" (NKJV).

Placing my "yes" before the Lord would lead to a spiritual formation process that I could not have dreamed otherwise. From being asked to help with vacation Bible school and Sunday school discipleship classes, serving as a cabin leader in youth camp ministry (my favorite), to becoming the youth pastor at the Gallatin COGOP, going on multiple mission trips, and ministering to local schools, I ultimately started a neighborhood Life Group where I met and married the love of my life, Hollie. Keep reading to see how this decision unfolded.

Importance of Small Group Bible Study Ministry

Flash back before this decision. I want to focus on the importance of growing together in small group Bible studies. In college at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), God directed my steps into my first small group. After playing two years of college baseball, I transferred to this university mainly because it was just far enough from home. In addition, they did not have a baseball team, so I felt I could grow without still chasing the dream of going pro. It was not until after the semester started that I ran into an old friend. We played summer ball together in high school, and he also had just transferred to UTC after playing two years of college baseball elsewhere. After learning that I lived in an apartment by myself, my friend invited me to start attending a weekly discipleship group (D-Group) with him and his four roommates. This is where my love for God's Word and fellowship with others pursuing Christ started to grow.

Let me add here something I have learned—a Life Group and D-Group are two different forms of a small group Bible study. Here is a brief description of each:

Life Group

- Mixed group (male, female, couples, friends, groups with similar interests)
- All-inclusive, open group
- Larger groups (typically 4 to 16 people)
- More laid back
- More evangelical while still focused on discipleship

D-Group

- Discipleship focused (hence the name)
- Deeper dive into the Word
- Smaller groups (3 to 6 people)
- Gender specific
- Closed group; higher level of commitment



For the first time, away from home, I was challenged in my beliefs and learned to engage Scripture with a better understanding and a greater desire to learn. I did not want to be the one in the group who did not know what was happening or did not have anything to add to the discussion, so I began engaging God's Word daily. I greatly looked forward to our weekly Bible studies where we would fellowship, sing a song or two in praise and worship, pray, and dive into the Word.



After moving home from college, I continued to seek small group fellowship outside the typical Sunday service. I am grateful to the Lord that he was also working on the hearts of other men and former friends. We were able to start a men's D-Group that met from house-to-house or office. It was men engaging other men with God's love and his Word that led me to go on a mission trip to Nicaragua with Full Count Ministries—a baseball ministry focused on making disciples of Christ through the simple game of baseball with the vision to give every baseball player around the world the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond to the message, and grow in their walk with Christ.

Fast forward to August 2021 when the Lord called me to plant my own Life Group in my neighborhood. The seeds of this Life Group were sown thousands of miles away on a hilltop in Mozonte, Nicaragua. After returning from this mission trip and inspired by a morning spent in prayer overlooking the picturesque Nicaraguan landscape, the vision became clear: start a Bible study in the heart of Twin Eagles. That August, the Life Group launched, uniting neighbors in faith, friendship, and spiritual growth.



Over that first year of learning and growing together, a core group formed that met weekly. Of that group, we had a mix of people—from those who identified as agnostic, to new believers, as well as those who had grown up in church. I will never forget the first meeting in my living room as I shared my heart for starting the neighborhood Life Group; the Holy Spirit moved, and we all shared our testimonies. Laughs and tears ensued as the Spirit broke down the walls we had built.

A year later, on August 25, 2022, the Life Group became the setting for a life-changing moment when I met Hollie. This happened because one member was out walking her dog and stopped at Hollie's yard sale and invited her to join our Life Group (shoutout to Shanda). Our relationship blossomed, and exactly one year later, on August 25, 2023, I proposed to Hollie at the Twin Eagles neighborhood pavilion—the spot where we first met at the Twin Eagles Life Group. Most recently, on August 25, 2024, we tied the knot to forever celebrate August 25th as our wedding anniversary.



(The added significance of the 25th is that both of us were #25 in our athletic days.)

This is my story, and I am sticking to it! When we step out in obedience, God is faithful to take care of the rest.

When the Lord first laid it on my heart to step out in faith to start the neighborhood Life Group, it came with a two-year promise. The Lord kept laying "two years" on my heart, with steps of obedience to be taken while actively waiting on him. During this time, I can recall a man from our local church that kept speaking Psalms 37:4 over me: "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." I did not recognize what the Lord was up to, but it is amazing when we can take time to reflect and see how his sovereign hand was at work the whole time. Now, as I think back on traveling home from Nicaragua, I recall the lyrics from the song "Spirit Lead Me" that was playing as I was journaling all the wonderful works of God during our team's mission trip as well as the plans the Spirit was speaking:

> This is the cup You have for me
> And even when it don't make sense
> I'm gonna let Your Spirit lead . . .
> (Michael Ketterer et al., 2020)

Together, our Twin Eagles Life Group has explored the depths of Scripture, completing studies through various books of the Bible and Christian resources. One standout study for the group was *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing His Will*, by Henry Blackaby, which deeply resonated with many and helped illuminate God's presence and purpose in their lives. One famous quote from the author that stuck out states, "Watch to see where God is working and join Him in His work." I know that has been true in my life. God is always up to something—he just wants our availability.

During our time together growing in Christ, we have experienced the highs and lows of life—from a family welcoming their first child to supporting others grieving the loss of a loved one. Out of this group, one young family started consistently attending church together again, got their daughter involved in the children's ministry, and has even led family members to Christ. Another family decided to make a commitment to read through the entire Bible together when the husband felt convicted to stop consuming alcohol. One of my favorite and ongoing "faith-in-action" stories is where one friend felt led to reach out to leadership at his corporate job about starting a Christian-based resource group in their workplace.

Beyond the studies, the group has become a cornerstone of support, encouragement, and connection for one another and the community at large. Lifelong friendships have formed as neighbors come together, united by a shared desire to grow in faith and live out God's will. The story of Twin Eagles is no longer just about the homes built over the past 20 years—it is about the spiritual foundation that now enriches the neighborhood. Through prayer, dedication, and a willingness to follow God's call, this Life Group has brought light and life to a place that was already filled with promise.

I encourage you to live out the Great Commission wherever the Lord has planted you. You never know the exhilarating ride he will take you on for his glory and for your good. You might just find your spouse!!! I close with the life verse of a good friend and mentor—one that he coined "triple lettuce" because of its "let us" that is referenced three times:

> **Let us** draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us** hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And **let us** consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:22–25 NIV, emphasis added)



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Write Your List

I must have a list. Before I leave work every day, I sit down and write a list of the important things I need to accomplish the next workday. If I don't, I jump from one project to another. I need the list to help me focus. But there was one list that I made that completely changed the way I do my job, and I remember the day I wrote that list.

I was sitting in a lecture hall at Lee University. Dr. Cliff Schimmels was teaching a large group of students who were ready to take on the world of public education. Dr. Schimmels instructed us to take a sheet of paper out of our notebooks and to draw a line from the top of the page to the bottom of the page, dividing the page in half. After we had done so, we were to label each side of the page. On the left side of the page, we were to write "Things I Want to Do in a Public School to Witness to My Students." The right side of the page was labeled "Things I CAN'T Do to Witness to My Students." We were given 30 minutes to write down every way we would possibly share the love of Jesus with our future students in the left column.

Since it took some time to write that list, let's step away from that scene for a moment and join another classroom—one where a risen Jesus was addressing his students:

> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 18–20 NKJV)

The teacher, Jesus, was about to leave and was charging his students with the task of not just sharing the gospel, but of making disciples of

Jesus by immersing potential disciples into the deep, rich lessons Jesus had taught them [these current disciples] and by showing them a new way to live—just like Jesus had done with them.

Young's Literal Translation translates the opening command of Jesus (in verse 19) as "having gone." In other words, wherever you have set your feet, make disciples—the neighborhood you live in, the community where you reside, your workplace, where you attend school, at the store. Wherever God has allowed you to take a step, you have been commissioned to take the greatest news human ears have ever heard. But we do not stop there; we disciple them. We teach them Jesus' teachings. We live out, in front of them and along with them, a better way to live—a life that is driven to bind the wounds of the lost and hurting.

We do not just stop with what we do in our neighborhoods, schools, and workplace (our Jerusalem). We are also commanded to go to the surrounding areas (Judea and Samaria), which might make us a little uncomfortable. And even further still, we are compelled to share this good news with all the ends of the earth. We have been given an ever-growing list of places to take the gospel and make disciples (Acts 1:8).

Let's go back to the lecture room and Dr. Schimmels. The lists have been completed. The left side of each page has been filled with hope—things we cannot wait to try so we can make disciples of Jesus out of our future students. Dr. Schimmels stepped up to the lectern and asked us to look over our list one last time. After a brief moment, he commanded us,

> Now what I want you to do is do all of these things you have written down on the left-hand side of your paper; all of the things you want to do in a public school to witness to your students, do them! Do all of them! Don't worry! [He had the authority to tell us that.] If you get sued, lose your job, or thrown in jail for doing them, THEN move them to the other side of the list—the side for things that you CAN'T do. But until then, do them!

Now I want you to do something for me. I want you to go get a sheet of paper. Draw a line from the top of the page to the bottom of the page, dividing the page in half. Ready? Set? GO!





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Towards a Trinitarian Understanding of Reconciliation



BISHOP CARSWELL A. LEONARD, PHD
PARAGON REGION BISHOP

The theme of our last International Assembly, ***Reconciling the World to Christ through the Power of the Holy Spirit***, has had pervasive and purposeful effects across the global ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy since its adoption. Few, if any, of the conventions and gatherings across the globe have not integrated this theme in some way or another. This emphasis on the ministry of reconciliation finds its source in 2 Corinthians 5:19: "That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (NIV). This text, while being descriptive, is also prescriptive. It is prescriptive in the sense that it outlines how God has chosen to execute his redemptive and reconciliatory work in the world.

In this short article I want to posit that this theme that has informed and impacted ministry throughout the Church of God of Prophecy since our last International Assembly is, among other things, a declaration of our Pentecostal-Trinitarian



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2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

commitment. This commitment to a Trinitarian understanding of the nature and work of God is often missing in our theological discourse. The compelling Assembly theme consists of a triadic formula that, in my opinion, reflects such an understanding of and commitment to this rich heritage.

In addition to being descriptive and prescriptive, the text referenced above is also formulaic. The word *formulaic* is defined as "constituting or containing a verbal formula or set form of words." The formula in the text is dyadic. *Dyadic* is defined as "of or consisting of a dyad; being a group of two." In the text, the dyad is **the Father** (God) and **the Son** (Christ). Many of these dyadic formulas can be mistakenly seen as binitarian in nature. By *binitarian*, I am referring to a focus on only two persons of the Godhead.

A commitment to Trinitarian doctrine and practice affirms that every act of God is indeed a Trinitarian act (an act that involves all three persons of the Trinity). This is known as *the doctrine of inseparable operations.* Regarding this doctrine, Torrey J. S. Teer posits,

> The doctrine of inseparable operations affirms that all external works of the triune God are undivided (*opera Trinitatis ad extra indivisa sunt*). That is, in every divine act in the world (*ad extra*; i.e., 'toward the outside'), all persons of the Godhead work together as one, by virtue of their one shared nature, will, and power (*ad intra*; i.e., 'toward the inside,' or who God is in himself). Thus, when the Trinity acts, there is only one action, not three."[1]

In an article entitled "2 Cor 3:17a Unlocks Paul's Dyadic Doxologies," Andreas Hoeck of Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver writes, "Whenever Paul praises God the Father together with Jesus Christ his Son, he implies the Holy Spirit."[2] This observation by Hoeck reflects the Pauline understanding of the triune work of God and comports with the doctrine of the inseparable operations of the triune God.

In theological terms, the triune work of God in the world is known to as the economic Trinity. The term *economic Trinity* refers to the relationship of the triune God in the context of salvation history or simply, what God does in time and space in relation to the salvation of humanity. This is in contrast to the immanent Trinity. The *immanent Trinity*, or *ontological Trinity*, refers to the inner life or the relationship of the three persons within the Trinity.

As Trinitarian Pentecostals, it is important for us to see the phrase **"through the power of the Holy Spirit"** in our theme as more than an explanatory appendage of the reconciling work of God in the world. It is also important that we understand it as more than a Pentecostal pneumatological inclination. We should understand it as part of our commitment to a Trinitarian understanding of the reconciling work of God in the world. This understanding should inform and shape our preaching, teaching, and practice as it relates to the ministry of reconciliation.

[1] Torey J. S. Teer, "'As the Father Has Sent Me, Even So I Am Sending You': The Divine Missions and the Mission of the Church," JETS 63.3 [2020]: 537.
[2] Andreas Hoeck, "2 Cor 3:17a Unlocks Paul's Dyadic Doxologies," http://repositorio.sandamaso.es/ bitstream/123456789/300/1/4-HOECK.pdf.

This Is My Story

In the February *White Wing Messenger*, we are excited to launch a new monthly column, "This Is My Story."

In each issue, we will share a testimony of the goodness of God: what led the writer to salvation and how the Lord has transformed their life. Some will write about a single crisis moment, while others will chronicle a long journey. We are also interested in stories of God's provision, healing, direction, supernatural help, or any of the marvelous ways God shows himself good and faithful. Each story will encourage others and help them encounter God for themselves.

To introduce this new column, I offer a modernized rewriting of the hymn, "Blessed Assurance"—whose refrain begins with "This is my story"—as a poem, requested for a recent Ladies' Day.

If you want to submit a "This Is My Story" article, please visit https://form.jotform.com/243113995703054 to complete a helpful virtual interview **or** submit 700–750 words in a Word document to editorial@cogop.org.



LET ME TELL YOU MY STORY



MARSHA ROBINSON

I'm convinced
that Jesus is always with me
Most of the time, anyway.
Sometimes I have to
work on the "convinced" part
There have been dark days and
Darker nights.
But even in the dark,
he gives me a glimpse
of what will be Perfect one day.
See, he made me his own when
I had nothing to offer, and if I look back
I see he's never failed me.
So, I'm trying each day to
Tell him thank you.

Let me tell you my story,
let me sing you my song
Some parts flow; some do not
But I'll sing it anyway, in hope, by faith

See, this is my story,
my own song to sing
The lyrics aren't the same as you've
heard; the melody is all mine
It might even sound out of tune to you
But still
I've got a story; I've got a song
Listen and I'll tell you why I love him

I always have a place to fall
His arms catch me and hold on tight
I didn't even know he was there
I can rest
So many times, all of sudden,
sometime after
I see what he did and I'm so grateful
Angels or my heart whispers to me
"Listen!
He added a verse to your song."

Let me tell you my story
Let me sing you my song
I hope it will help you
It's all true even the unbelievable parts
Thank you, Jesus, for my story
Thank you for helping me
sing my song.

HAITI

A BIG THANK YOU for your contributions that have allowed the children to experience a moment of great laughter while celebrating the birth and life of our Savior, Jesus. Thank you for allowing the children to find so much joy in such a difficult time.

“Thanks for the party; I really enjoyed every moment,” said Emmanuel, one of the children. “I had a great time enjoying the program fully. And I am happy with my gift. Thank you very much!”











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Wishing you a very happy and prosperous new year in 2025. Many thanks to all the donors of the Church of God of Prophecy International (Global Missions, One Child Fund) and individual donors.



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MYANMAR

This Christmas, we were delighted to receive a wonderful gift for our children at Carmel Home, New Hope, and Light House. We deeply appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness in remembering and blessing the children during this festive season.

Thank you very much for this heartfelt gesture, which has brought so much joy to our children. Your kindness truly means a lot to us.







PHILIPPINES

As we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas—the love of Jesus, kindness, and generosity—we are reminded of the importance of relationships like yours. Your support is a reminder that we are not alone on this journey.

This year has been filled with challenges and triumphs, and your help has made all the difference. We are thankful for the love, care, and resources you have provided, which have allowed us to continue providing a safe and loving home for our children.





RWANDA

Greetings from Rwanda in Jesus' Name,

Thank you for your greetings, encouraging words, prayers, and support for us. The Lord was very good to us during the Christmas festival with the children. We wish to send a big, warm hug full of gratitude from Rwanda to our COGOP family, whom we want to thank very much for helping us make the Christmas celebration so great. It was a joyful festival full of drinks, food, and gifts for exchanging among the children. There was so much joy among the children in our local churches, with whom we managed to share the OCF Christmas funds during the festival. May the Lord bless you very much, and we wish you a happy and prosperous new year 2025.

Yours in his service,
Bishop Redias Nkundabera





RWANDA





UKRAINE

Kamenskoe









UKRAINE

Nikolaev

Christmas is always an opportunity to serve new people, especially children. The church in Nikolaev did an evangelization service for children right before Christmas. Irina and Valera invited their neighbors' kids and the parents. A lot of children and adults came and heard the gospel for the first time. It was a great service and time of fellowship for Christmas. We are praying that the new people will give their

lives to God. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thanks to you, people were able to have a good Christmas, help others in need, and can continue to serve God.









BULGARIA

Dear sponsors of One Child Fund,

On behalf of the children from Bulgaria, we express our big thanks for your gifts this past Christmas. You helped to spread joy and happiness to 150 orphans and poor children during that very special time—a time that is meant for every person of the world—when our Lord and Savior came to the world as a baby. God bless you, your families, and your churches.

Bishop Darin Ivanov
Bulgaria National Bishop







HERITAGE MINISTRIES

IN HIS PRESENCE

MINISTERS | REPORTED JAN 1, 2025

DORITT V. GRANT
Bahamas
September 26, 2015
Licensed minister for 10 years

EMMA C. HANNA
Bahamas
August 30, 2024
Licensed minister for 29 years

DEANNIE G. JOHNSON
Bahamas
December 11, 2015
Licensed minister for 18 years

DESMOND L. PETERS
Bahamas
July 22, 2024
Licensed minister for 56 years

ROWENA SAUNDERS
Bahamas
August 30, 2024
Licensed minister for 12 years

EUDEL B. MARTIN
Canada East
July 14, 2024
Licensed minister for 45 years

THERESA C. MASON
Jamaica
January 1, 2015
Licensed minister for 44 years

STANLEY B. MATTIS
Jamaica
Date not available
Licensed minister for 56 years

JUANITA E. FLORES LUGO
Mexico
September 24, 2024
Licensed minister for 15 years

REY MARTINEZ SANTIAGO
Mexico
February 24, 2024
Licensed minister for 34 years

RAMON VAZQUEZ ENCINA
Mexico
May 9, 2024
Licensed minister for 42 years

REMIGIO MERCADO
Nicaragua
August 13, 2024
Licensed minister for 24 years

JIMMY T. FORNAL
Singapore
December 27, 2023
Licensed minister for 36 years

JACOB G. MONTIJO
California
March 2, 2024
Licensed minister for 62 years

HARVEY O. QUINN
California
November 13, 2024
Licensed minister for 44 years

MIKEY C. JONES
Florida
August 12, 2024
Licensed minister for 70 years

PAUL ANDERSON
Georgia
September 20, 2024
Licensed minister for 54 years

JOSEPH O. BROWN
Georgia
March 9, 2021
Licensed minister for 54 years

CECIL O. COUCH
Georgia
July 13, 2021
Licensed minister for 49 years

GERALD J. MANN
North Carolina
December 2, 2024
Licensed minister for 49 years

CHARLEY W. CHANDLER II
South Carolina
November 3, 2024
Licensed minister for 11 years

ANDY C. YOUNG
Georgia
October 5, 2024
Licensed minister for 29 years

SHIRLEY F. WILLIAMS
North Carolina
July 29, 2024
Licensed minister for 42 years

DONNA W. GUIRE
Tennessee
November 29, 2024
Licensed minister for 41 years

GARY T. LINKOUS
Illinois
December 5, 2023
Licensed minister for 56 years

TEZRAH R. WILLIAMS
New Jersey
September 9, 2024
Licensed minister for 22 years

JAMES W. JERNIGAN
Tennessee
October 17, 2014
Licensed minister for 24 years

JOE A. RICKARD
Kentucky
January 1, 2024
Licensed minister for 70 years

ELAINE M. LEWIS
New York
September 16, 2024
Licensed minister for 14 years

ALVIN M. JONES
Tennessee
September 26, 2024
Licensed minister for 60 years

PATRICIA MILLER
Maryland
October 19, 2024
Licensed minister for 1 year

CONSTANCE V. PETERS
New York
November 25, 2024
Licensed minister for 15 years

BENJAMIN J. LAWRENCE, JR.
Tennessee
August 26, 2024
Licensed minister for 69 years

ALFRED B. BEST, JR.
Minnesota
September 29, 2024
Licensed minister for 23 years

ALTON D. MULLINS
Pennsylvania
October 12, 2024
Licensed minister for 43 years

NELSON W. RABURN
Tennessee
December 1, 2024
Licensed minister for 72 years

DAVID J. TAYLOR
Montana
November 9, 2024
Licensed minister for 61 years

DAVID T. BOSLER
South Carolina
June 9, 2024
Licensed minister for 70 years

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Church of God of Prophecy

NEW CHURCH PLANTS

Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. . . .[N]o weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord. (Isaiah 54:2–3, 17)

The Church of God of Prophecy is on the move! These new churches were reported in 2024. Watch the White Wing Messenger for newly planted churches in 2025!



BRAZIL
Fortaleza
Pastor: Jose Valdo da Silva
February 26, 2023



BRAZIL
IDP Varjota
Pastor: Fabiano Rodrigues de Cunha
December 12, 2023



BRAZIL
Prado Comunidade Santo Antonio
Pastor: Aclesia Santana
September 30, 2023



CANADA EAST
EDP de Repentigny
Pastor: Vitran Tess
June 25, 2023



CANADA WEST
Kairos Misión Hispana Canada
Pastor: Ruben Hernandez Calvo
September 15, 2024



FRANCE
EDV COGOP, Hochfelden (Alsace 2)
Pastor: Olusegun Oladipo Stephen
October 15, 2023



MEXICO
Benito Juarez 2da Secc (Bernadé)
Pastor: Joaquin Castellanos Garcia
March 3, 2024



SLOVAKIA
Církev živého Boha Nové mesto nad Váhom COGOP
Pastor: Danail Kamenov
April 1, 2023

HERITAGE MINISTRIES

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Moruga COGOP
Pastor: Isaac Abraham
February 4, 2024

U.S. – IOWA
Casa de Paz y Gracia IDP
Pastor:
August 1, 2024

U.S. – CALIFORNIA
Be Part of Change Ministries COGOP
Pastor: John D. Braxton, Jr.
July 14, 2024

U.S. – IOWA
Ebenezer IDP Marshalltown
Pastor: Elvira Mejia
October 12, 2024

U.S. – FLORIDA
Casa de Refugio IDP
Pastor: Fermin Vicoso
December 1, 2024

U.S. – NEW YORK
Farmingdale Spanish COGOP
Pastor: Tomas E. Lopez
December 1, 2024

U.S. – FLORIDA
IDP Centro Cristiano Restauración
Pastor: Arlette Soto
January 14, 2024

U.S. – OKLAHOMA
Duncan COGOP
Pastor: Israel Duncan
April 14, 2024

U.S. – GEORGIA
Family Ministries COGOP
Pastor: Ansel C. Rowe
September 29, 2024



Each One, Teach One: How to Live Missionally and Encourage Others to Do the Same

Living missionally in everyday life means actively integrating faith into daily routines. To live out this lifestyle, we must view every interaction and moment as a precious, God-given opportunity to share who God is and what he has done in our lives. A missionally-minded individual continually seeks ways to engage others to embody the Great Commission. Daily life is a vibrant mission field, not a mere passageway while we wait for "real" ministry to present itself.

Be intentional. Look for moments throughout the day to show kindness, compassion, and genuine interest in others. This creates a space for sharing your faith story naturally when the time is right.

Live "on purpose." Embrace the belief that your work, hobbies, and relationships are divine gifts, empowering you to serve God and others while reflecting his character through your actions.

Maintain prayerful awareness. Begin each day with prayer, inviting God to open your eyes to the needs around you and to guide your interactions throughout the day.

Be an active listener. Tune into the conversations around you, aiming to understand the struggles of others and offering support wherever possible.

Consider simple acts of service. Engage in small acts of kindness, such as helping a neighbor, volunteering your time, or simply being present for someone facing a challenge.

Share your story. When the moment is right, be prepared to share your personal testimony. People are eager to hear how God moves and impacts lives, showcasing the transformative power of faith in Jesus Christ.

Engage with the community. Involve yourself in local initiatives that resonate with your values, creating opportunities to connect with others beyond your immediate circle.

Draw strength and purpose from Scripture. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20 NIV). "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

Living missionally will transform you! You may find yourself wanting to take the next step. What is that? Share this lifestyle with others! Social media posts, blogs, and podcasts are powerful tools. You can use them to inspire those around you to embrace missional living in their everyday lives. A social media post or podcast may feature the following:

- An opening challenge: Invite your audience to be sensitive to the needs of others that day. Give examples of possible everyday opportunities they may encounter to be a faithful witness of God's goodness.
- Reflection on Scripture: Delve into one of the verses already mentioned in this article or dig deeper into a passage that has stirred your spirit. Contemplate and expound on how it can be referenced to share the gospel or applied to daily life.
- Personal reflection: Share specific situations where your audience can see how you intentionally expressed the goodness and love of God at work, in your neighborhood, or within your family. Encourage them to follow your example.
- A closing prayer: Express gratitude to God for the opportunity to walk alongside him in everyday life and ask for his strength to do so faithfully.

Remember, living missionally is not defined by grand gestures but by the faithful embodiment of your Christian faith in the small, meaningful moments of your day. Live missionally in your everyday life! Be a living epistle—a testament to God's unwavering love for you and those around you.



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