

The Faith Script

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“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” Romans 10: 13-15 (NIV)

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Called, Challenged, Changed

Christ has told us “Go and make disciples...” (Matthew 28:19). That can be right in our own backyards and communities, or halfway around the world. Personally, my husband and I always had other commitments, professional responsibilities, and business to run. But God had other plans for us when we sold our pharmacy! The time was now right—it was time to “go!”

We were being CALLED—and this time we listened and went. If you are hearing God’s call to mission, act on it. Your mission ministry may be as a prayer warrior for those who make a trip. It may be to give financial support to others who might not otherwise be able to afford the travel. Perhaps it will be to send along supplies or much needed Bibles. Mission embraces many areas, but the focus must be to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

On our trip to northern South Africa, we were CHALLENGED. Our team was small, the trip was very long, and the work days were long as well. The questions kept looming: How do we make a difference? Am I doing it right? Where do I fit in—what gifts/talents/abilities do I have? We as Christians have not been promised a life of ease without problems. Being among those we served in South Africa, we were clearly reminded that, by comparison, we DO have a life of ease and our problems seem miniscule when balanced against the daily lives of so many others in the world! Any “inconveniences” we suffered during that brief stay were only temporary, and we could return to our comfortable lives in a matter of days. Our mission was to bring the light of Christ and His eternal promises to those we touched, and that remained our focus.

I have been CHANGED by this opportunity, as have most people who go on a mission trip. The memories are still sharp: the overwhelming joy exhibited by the worshippers at a Sunday morning service, complete with dancing and singing. Why

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can't we be that "free" in our worship services? I picture the faces of the children—eager and smiling, hungering for love and hugs, as well as for a bowl of nourishing food. The bare feet that likely walked a great distance to that morning worship service, through rocks and dirt and broken glass, are still a memory. The time in South Africa offered a reality check to me on priorities, material possessions, the impact of the Gospel and the need for so much more mission to so many more people, at home and far away.

If you have always wanted or intended to "get involved" with missions, please don't wait any longer. There are opportunities for involvement of every kind and at every level with a variety of mission organizations, both medical and non-medical. Give yourself the chance to be called, challenged, and changed by the experience. You will be blessed!

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