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On Mission for God! Newsletter

The Great Commission: A personal invitation to “Try this at home!”

MATTHEW 28:16-20 is probably subtitled in your Bible as “The Great Commission.” We don’t use the word commission often. The ceremony June 25, 2014, that officially inaugurated our mission journey to Sri Lanka was called our commissioning. While two years of work and preparation had taken place prior to our commissioning day, that special day signified a charge laid on our lives that would determine everything we did from that moment forward.



Our commissioning began a single-minded journey of surrender to serve God in a far-away country that we knew little about. Our response to Matthew 28:16-20, our response to that day in 2014, has been to accept our part in the **Great Mission**. The Great Mission? Just before he ascended, Jesus charged his disciples to **GO** make disciples of others, to baptize them, and to teach others what he had taught them. It was perhaps his final command to them ... and to us, if we are truly his disciples.

Sadly, Christians too often leave the discipling to the “trained professionals”: the pastor, the evangelist, the outreach pastor ... the missionary, as if there’s a warning: “Professionals only. Do not try this at home!” When that happens, Christians miss out on one of the most amazing parts of being a disciple of Christ. We miss

out on an incredible, personal journey in the Great Mission!

We can’t tell you that our journey has always been easy because it hasn’t been. There have been days when we wanted to quit, give up, and go home. We have shed tears, suffered pain, and had our hearts broken. But our journey in the Great Mission has been the most fulfilling part of being disciples of Christ. It is here, while living out the Great

Mission, that we experience the closeness of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is here, utterly surrendered to this journey, that we get to see God work miracles that we could not imagine. This is God’s design, that in the midst of our journey, we would not be alone. Jesus said it: “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (v. 20).

Here’s the thing. **God has a mission for you!** Is it overseas? In your city? In your neighborhood? Wherever it is, whatever it is, we disciples of Christ are charged to be **On Mission for God!** Will it be easy, comfortable, or safe? Probably not (Mt 8:20). Will you have to surrender your preferences, your rights, your desires, your time? Probably (Mt 16:24-25). But God has SO much more for you beyond showing up on Sunday morning. Disciple of Christ, **you have already been commissioned;** now **GO** on your very own amazing journey in The Great Mission! **It’s time to try this at home!** 🌍

Here are just a few life-giving events happening in Sri Lanka because of your prayer and partnership!



Disaster Relief: Septic Replacement

Monsoons washed out the hill that secured the septic system at a pastor’s house, causing a critical health issue for the family and the community. Disaster Relief helped to rebuild this system.



Spread The Word: Scooters for Evangelism

We are grateful to Spread The Word for their continued support of our ministry in Sri Lanka. The motor scooters help the pastors to share the gospel in remote areas.



Corona Crisis: Hunger Relief Assistance

Because of the recent strict lockdown to avoid the spread of COVID-19, many in Sri Lanka have been unable to feed their families. Hunger Relief assistance allowed pastors to provide life-giving dry rations to believers.



Disaster Relief: Roof Replacement

Strong winds and rain destroyed the roof at a church facility on the east side of Sri Lanka. Disaster Relief assisted in the repair of this facility that ministers in a primarily Hindu community.

Thank you for your faithful partnership!

We still need your continued support! Contact **Keith Spencer** at Global Strategy: 800-848-2464, ext 3071 or visit www.choglobal.org/spbeverly