

# Christian Workers Review

Quarterly Newsletter

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Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



## Missions: “Here Am I, Send Me” by Jim Bogstad

SO YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ON A MISSION TRIP? WHY NOT?!!

“Well I cannot afford to go, “I cannot get the time off”, “I have too many kids at home”, “There has to be someone more qualified than I am to go,” I really don't have my act together-someone more spiritually mature should go, “I am scared to fly.” “I have too many obligations, people here are counting on me! “If I don't go someone else will.” “People are hurting and starving so why fly half way around the world to minister?”

As I thought about each of the reasons why someone would not go on a mission trip as they are listed above, I thought of a name and a real situation with each one. Someone who has been on a trip had these very same thoughts before embarking on a trip. Some of those listed were reasons I could not go. I am sure many who have been would testify that they had reservations before “signing up” to go.

All of these reasons are quite real. Let's face it; if it were easy, everyone would go. Many issues must be considered before answering the call. The bottom line is that our God is bigger than any of these things. If God calls us to go, God will take care of the details.

In the book of Acts, we discover that the apostles were instructed to wait until they received the power of the Holy Spirit and then they were to go into the world and be His witnesses. The fact is that the power came and they did not go. It would seem that it was not until the persecution against the early church started that anyone considered going. Maybe what hindered their obedience is that they had it good. They were too comfortable with where they were in life. Their biggest concern was who was getting more food in the daily distribution. They had to elect Deacons to distribute the food. The deacons did much more though. Stephen, a deacon, preached to Jews and was stoned for it. I guess we should consider that there are risks in obedience though they are greatly outweighed by the rewards, as Stephen was able to see Jesus at the right hand of the Father. Then Phillip, another deacon, was sent by God to share the gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch. God was quite clear as to where he should go and Philip was obedient to go. How clear does God have to make it to you?

Why should we go? God loved the Ethiopian. God gave Phillip the privilege to carry His love and Gospel to that representative of the Ethiopian Queen. Who knows, in God's grander plan, where that message ended up going.” That small seed could have spread all over the African continent. What if Phillip justified not going? I know one would be evangelist ended up in the belly of a whale! There may be consequences and certainly missed blessings in refusing to go!

You were bought with a price. You are not your own. The One who owns you, loves you and knows what is best for you. If He calls you to go it is because He wants you to go! It does not need to get any more complicated than that!

All right! So what do I do?

Prayerfully submit to the Lord “here am I send me.” Ask God for His guidance concerning how you are to be involved in His Kingdom work. As he reveals His will to you, through His Word, through His people and circumstances, be faithful to recognize it! Realize God is bigger than any reason you “can't” go (wherever, whatever it is He calls you to do!)

If He does not call you, though you are willing, to go abroad, it is probably because He has something special planned for you here. So look for those opportunities to partner with God right here. Just as the Gospel spread along with the persecuted church throughout the world, it also continued to grow right there in the “backyard” through the faithful left behind to face the persecution. May God use you wherever you are and wherever He leads!

## Around Our State



International  
Missions Board

[www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)

North American  
Mission Board

[www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net)

South Carolina  
Baptist

[www.scbaptist.org](http://www.scbaptist.org)

Women's Missionary  
Union

[www.wmu.com](http://www.wmu.com)

March 2-3: Disaster Relief Conference in Easley.  
March 17, 2007: SC Missionary Parents Fellowship at the Queenstown Bistro in Columbia, SC. The session will begin at 1:30pm. The restaurant is located at 1420 Colonial Life Boulevard West and is behind St. Andrews Baptist Church. Bobbye Rankin will be the guest speaker. For more information please contact the state WMU office.

April 14-Camp La Vida Work Day. This event begins at 8:30 am and will conclude at 5:00 pm. Free. For more

### **Prayer Room**

Through out the month of March, our focus will be on the missionaries of North America, which include those who are working in Canada and the U.S. Please remember these missionaries and their families as they minister to internationals, busy people and the impoverished found in our inner cities.

Project PANDA-There will be several trips to East Asia this year. The first one leaves in April. Pray for our teams as they travel and pray for the citizens they will be sharing life experiences with.

information, please contact the state WMU office.  
April 20-21-2007 Creative Ministries Festival at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. The cost is \$50.00 per person or cheaper per group. For more information and registration see [www.scbaptist.org/creativeministries.htm](http://www.scbaptist.org/creativeministries.htm) or contact the Worship and Music Office at (800) 723-7242 or (803) 765-0030.

June 23-30 and July 21-28-Judea Project 2007. Summerville, Moncks Corner and Surrounding Area. Cost is \$120 per person. Contact Screven Association for more information.

Peru-Throughout the summer and early fall, we will be sending several teams back to Peru. Please pray for our teams as they prepare to serve our Lord in this area of the world. Pray for the work that has already begun in Chumpi and Inquio. Pray that the Lord will give us a clear vision for what we are to accomplish in Peru this year. Pray for yourselves and your involvement in our missions program. We need support and willing hearts to except the challenge to go into all the world.

### **Calendar of Events**

March 4-11: Week of Prayer for North American Missions. We will be observing the Annie Armstrong Offering through Easter.  
April 2007- Project PANDA begins and the first team departs.

May 25-June 16, 2007- First team, lead by Mark Redwine, leaves for Chumpi and Inquio Peru. If you are interested in participating in this exciting ministry, please contact Mark Redwine.

## Organizational News and Events

The 2007 WMU annual meeting will be held at St. Andrews Baptist Church in Columbia, SC. This meeting will be held on March 16-17 beginning at 9:30 am on Friday. Some of the guest speakers will be as follows: Wanda Lee, Jerry and Bobbye Rankin, Jane Bishop, Johnny Rumbough, Adair Rogers, etc. For more information, please contact Darla Onstott. The Associational WMU Spring Meeting will be held on March 10, 2007 at Memorial Baptist Church. All GA, Mission Friend, and Women on Mission leaders are encouraged to attend. For more information please call the Screven Baptist Association Office. April 10, 2007 will be our quarterly trip to the Ronald McDonald House. If you are interested in going with us, please contact Edith Edney. The next meeting will be on March 20 at Nina Hickman's home. Nina will be presenting information on prayer walking and how to adopt an unreached people group through prayer. April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Mary Ellen Bailey's home. The May meeting will be announced at a later date.

GA's-This organization is for girls ages 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. They meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm through the month of May. If you or someone you know is interested in this exciting organization please, contact Sarah Stanfield or Ann Quinn.

RA's- This organization is for boys ages 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. They also meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm through the month of May. If you or someone you know is interested in this exciting organization, contact Wayne Gunter. April is the time for camp at Givans Baptist Church. Contact your RA leader for more information. Sometime during this quarter will be the annual RA racecar derby.

# Happy Easter Everyone