

PRAISE

the Lord for:

- ★ Volunteers who come in each month to help with the Challenge wrap. We have had a few more join the crew and we are thankful to the Lord for each of them
- ★ His wonderful care of the Challenge team. Also for the Lord's protection of the premises
- ★ Continued opportunities to go into various churches to share and help train and equip folk in the area of personal evangelism
- ★ His wonderful unconditional love. It is amazing to know that God loves us without strings attached

WHERE TO GO IN WITNESSING

ACTS 1:8 "And you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." The implication here is that evangelism should start with the people next door, with our communities.

As the church strives to fulfil the Great Commission of taking the gospel to the world, it must not fail its mission to the local community failure at the home front is not an option.

Although the message never changes, methods do. Indeed, in an ever-changing world, the church needs to remain vigilant and creative in its efforts to reach the hearts of people with the gospel.

A causal reading of the Book of Acts reveals various means by which the early church sought to evangelise its world. Most of these had some success in producing disciples and can be modified in some way to become effective tools today.

Temple / worship centre evangelism. Acts 5:42; 13:14ff; 16:13.

House to house. Acts 5:42; 20:20.

Public preaching. Acts 20:20 and the opening chapters of Acts.

Personal evangelism. Acts 7 & 8; 11:19-21.

Jails and schools/ places of learning. Acts 16:23ff; 28:30-31. Acts 19:9-10.

The early church also made use of the printed page for evangelistic purposes (see John 20:30-31; Acts 1:1), along with banquets (Matthew 9:10).

As with Christ, the early church used benevolent activities to create receptive hearts to the gospel (see Acts 3:1ff). Hence, any effort to alleviate the hurts of the community can be used as an opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

The New Testament shows us methods the early church used with great success. We are not limited to those methods alone. We have freedom to use other means by which we can present the gospel to our world today. Some means exist today which were not even dreamed of in the early church. The church has a plethora of modern means of technology. Some make good use

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PRAYER needed for:

- ★ Upcoming trip to Kenya for Carl as he works with LAZARUS KISAU to help train and equip church leaders to work strategically in prisons
- ★ Our prison edition of Challenge in Australia. Please pray with us for this important door to remain open. The paper is giving chaplains great opportunities to share and we pray prisoners lives will be changed
- ★ Our South African director COBUS BRITZ and wife CHRISTA. Pray for opportunities to grow and enlarge the distribution of the paper throughout South Africa. Cobus is working hard to make this ministry arm of the work self-sufficient. Pray for him
- ★ Our Malawi director in ANANDA PULA and wife GRACE. Ananda and Grace with their children travelled from India to Malawi in faith, so we value prayer for them as they look financially to the Lord. Pray for Grace who has a few health issues

of the Christian school movement, coffee houses, sports evangelism, Christian counselling centres.

The church must always stay fluid in its approach to evangelism. It must never compromise the message to make the church acceptable in the community. The message never changes, but methods do. Our approach to evangelism should be to find a way for our community to hear the glorious gospel of our Saviour. If our methods fail in helping us communicate the gospel, we must look for other more effective means.

The church's mandate to evangelism begins in "Jerusalem," that is, in the city in which the church is located.

- From EVANGELIZING THE COMMUNITY, 2011, by Alex Montoya

He that is wise wins souls

PROVERBS 11:30

Lead me to some soul today;
O teach me, Lord, just what to say;
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.

Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray;
Melt my heart and fill my life;
Give me one soul today.

Will Houghton, 1936

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