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If you want to work for God fulltime, get busy in serving others where you are now.

If God is calling you into 'Mission', **you will already be active in serving Him** in your own church in some way. You can not steer a boat sitting in the water and not moving. It must start to move, even in the wrong direction, for it to be turned to where it should be going. In the same way, praying for God's big call in your life while doing nothing in your local area shows that 'serving' is not really in your heart. God uses the faithful servant and guides them while they are moving doing His obvious will. God does not use lazy Christians, only busy ones doing His will.



Most Christians do not get the 'big' call, and that's OK. **We have all been called to serve one another** in the church, and to be a witness in the circles of people we are a part of, i.e. in our family; at school or work; with our friends, etc. You will find **that** call throughout the New Testament. It is about having a heart for the lost and loving your brothers and sisters in Christ, and then doing something about it. Even the little things, a cup of water in Jesus name, counts big with God. **Support Missions if you can't go.**

A Christian missionary is **commissioned by the Lord to make disciples, followers of Christ**. Jesus commands all Christians to share the Gospel, the message of His death and resurrection that conquered the penalty and power of sin. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:19-20). There is great joy and excitement in doing what God has asked you to do, in pleasing Him.

Although missionaries cannot be stereotyped, **they each have a call**. God calls them to set aside personal ambitions in order to be witnesses of the Gospel. Like Isaiah, a missionary gladly responds, *"Here am I. Send me!"*. Often God sends a missionary to a particular people group as Paul was sent to the unreached Gentiles and Peter to the Jews. Although technically a **Christian missionary is one specifically called by God and sent out by the local church**, yet every Christian has a mission to make disciples and be a servant where they are, regardless.

Missionaries do more than evangelism. The commission was to **make disciples**, not immature believers. Thus, a Christian missionary's outreach involves evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. These main goals are accomplished in a variety of ways: street preaching, tract hand-outs, church building, Bible studies, teaching English as a second language, relief projects, children's clubs, literacy teaching, radio broadcasting, etc.

Jesus tells us that missionaries will face opposition and suffering. Missionaries leave friends behind, experience culture shock and rejection. But instead of falling into self-pity or pride, they learn to delight in serving God. Rather than it being a burden, obeying His call brings joy and reward in heaven. Therefore, a **missionary serves not out of duty but love.**

Will you be a Christian missionary?

A Christian missionary is an ambassador of Christ. Each one must be yielded to the Lord, loving Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Specifically, a missionary is one whom God sends through the support of the Church to the unreached. All Christians, however, are called to be missionaries of the Gospel. The Lord works through them to rescue the lost and make them disciples. What greater call can one answer, than to be called by Jesus to serve Him?

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Who is a Christian missionary? Many people picture a missionary as perhaps a middle-aged man who leaves his job to evangelize and plant churches in Africa. But that is a simplistic view. Today, African Christians reach out to Muslims in the Middle East. College students spend their summer teaching English in Asia. A family befriends and witnesses to international students. A truck driver responds to an international disaster, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. All these are missionaries. It is their aims that make them missionaries for Jesus.

What does a Christian missionary do? The apostle Paul was a tentmaker by trade, and he relied on that trade to support himself on occasions while he travelled doing mission work. All facets of work life are included in the 'missions' job description. Administration, accounting, gardening, mechanic, electrician, etc. are all required for an outreach to run from day to day. Then most also do things like Bible teaching, evangelism, translation of scripture, counselling and so much more to share the gospel in Jesus name to the people they are serving.

Why does a Christian missionary go? When a believer realises that the secular goals in their life are perhaps a little meaningless and a bit selfish compared to the spiritual poverty of those who do not know the good news in Christ, then they begin the journey that will lead them to hear a personal call from God, a mission. Seeing that this life on earth is a short time and eternal life awaits, they decide to use their talents and spiritual gifts in serving God fulltime as He guides and leads. God has promised to supply the needs of those He sends.