

A Dream Come True

To us, in Foreign Missions, “Global Impact” is a dream come true! Personally, as the General Director of Foreign Missions I emphatically proclaim, “This is my kind of program!” If you narrowed the objectives and vision of the Foreign Missions Division to two words it would be “Global Impact.” That tells our story. It unveils our commitment.

This bold new initiative has arms that reach around the globe. It encourages a vision as big as our world. It forces us to lift our eyes above ourselves and focus on ripened harvest fields. More than mere goals, “Global Impact” calls for a lifestyle change. We develop a mentality of looking beyond ourselves. It is certainly a change advocated by Foreign Missions and necessitated in the realization of the Great Commission. We will be wholeheartedly involved.

In January we called 177 nations to prayer and fasting for thirty days. We informed our overseas constituency of the global impact vision, discussed it with our administrative staff, set faith-based goals, and are pressing toward their achievement. We will continue to cast the vision.

We project doubling the number of those baptized in Jesus’ name and receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We envision doubling our churches, number of ministers, and our finances. We need more men and

women for the mission. Therefore, we are asking the Lord of the Harvest to increase our missionary force.

We have tracked our growth of the past three years and are ahead of our goals. We will double in less than ten years. We are stepping through every open door to reach all countries within seven years. We have a list of target nations for each region. Our desire is to see a truth-preaching church in every country. One we have been praying for is Angola, Africa. Area Coordinator, Ted Grosbach reported that a Zambian pastor was sent to follow up on contacts. He visited the leadership of an organization of thirty churches. Truth was shared and they are considering being a part of the UPCI. A pastor in the Democratic Republic of Congo had a professor from Angola visit his church. While there, the message of truth was declared, the man responded by being baptized in Jesus' name, and filled with the Holy Ghost. He has returned to Angola with the gospel. Doors are opening. That is how we reach nations. We start with prayer. Opportunities arise for personal witnessing, a Bible study, a tract is shared, or a web site is visited. We reach out one by one.

I am encouraging our deputizing missionaries to preach faith and church growth. One of our missionaries, Brother Ciulla, to Belgium reported that eighty have already received the Holy Ghost in his deputation services. We need you to be involved through sending our missionaries to the frontlines.

Our onsite missionaries are asked to keep goals before the leadership. Each of nearly 24,000 churches is being asked to get on track with “Global Impact.” People are stepping out in faith; believing God will use them. Christopher Rock, a 2001 graduate in Nigeria, started a church under a tree. For more than two years it never rained while they were in service. Through opposition from a witch doctor, and villagers, Christopher persevered. He now has a building and over two hundred members.

Missionaries and members are involved in teaching Bible studies. Edward Hosmer, missionary to Japan, is working diligently to learn Japanese. Language study does not prevent him from being an active witness. Nine of his fellow Japanese students attended a recent Holy Ghost rally. It was the first time they were ever in a Christian church. Two received the Holy Ghost. One of his saints wrote a book of her testimony. Many are reading it and exclaiming, “I’ve got to go to your church!” Several have received the Holy Ghost as a direct result of the book and a saint surrendered to “Global Impact.” Missionary Hosmer recently had a baptism in the East China Sea at midnight.

We continue to evangelize through our one hundred and twenty crusades around the world. The crusade in Liberia saw an attendance of 25,000. There were 1,723 filled with the Holy Ghost, and seventy-six baptized in Jesus’ name. One of the civil war generals in Liberia was

taught Bible studies on baptism and did not obey. Was it time to give up? No, it is always too soon to quit! God has opened his understanding and he was gladly baptized.

In another crusade in El Salvador, a young lady paralyzed since she was a little girl, came out of her wheelchair completely healed. Another man, with crippled and twisted feet was healed. During prayer his legs straightened in the evangelist's hands. One of the legs was longer than the other. They watched as the right leg grew to be the same length as the left. A blind person was healed. Two more people came out of wheelchairs. We're not the only ones interested in global impact. The Lord of the Harvest, our Great Healer, longs for a reached world.

Missionary Stan Scism reported that one brother has baptized twenty-eight Trinitarian ministers and wives in Jesus' name. Recently, a young man held a youth camp which Hindu activists threatened to close down. This truth is dynamite. God had other plans. Thirty Hindu activists have been converted. Nothing will stop proclaimed truth. It will not return void. It accomplishes its purpose. It has global impact!

Missionary John Wolfram sent a fresh testimony from Vietnam. A young evangelist has been given an open door to minister to over one hundred churches in an organization. Already many are being baptized in Jesus' name. The president of this organization has recently received the Holy Ghost and was baptized.

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Our mission is to send the message to every tribe and nation. How will this be done? Through “Global Impact.” It’s a dream come true!