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Dear Friends in Christ,



Jesus looked upon the multitudes and was moved with compassion. They fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then, Jesus made this all important statement, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Matthew 9:36-38.

### **The Harvest is Plenteous...**

Sometimes people wonder about the work of the Lord: is it really necessary to send missionaries in 2012? People aren't interested in the Gospel today. And certainly, with all the technology we have it seems redundant to send someone to physically preach the Gospel that is so readily available. Yet, Jesus made this statement that looked through time and saw you and me. Yes, there are still many, many people who need to hear the Gospel. It IS really necessary to do all we can to make the Gospel available to people because the harvest is so great. The greatness of the harvest is contrasted against Jesus' next statement.

### **The Labourers are Few...**

The pressing need of the hour is to reach people! The harvest is ready! But where are those who are willing to join in the harvest? We have time for everything else under the sun, but no time for God's work. The mandate for the local Church is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). All that we do must be centred around this mandate. We hear "times have changed." The simple truth is this: Christians have changed. The lost are still lost. They will continue to do what the sin nature dictates. Jesus taught the Parable of the Ten Pounds in Luke 19. The nobleman left and told the men to "Occupy till I come." We Christians have learned the "occupy" part, but we've forgotten the "till I come." We need to do all we can for the cause of the Gospel of Jesus Christ because Jesus is coming.

### **Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest...**

It is God's harvest, but He uses people to bring it about. God calls many to service, but few respond. Ever have the Holy Spirit nudge your heart to witness and you didn't? Then you know what we mean. There are many young people who could give their lives for the Gospel. It is a matter of their response to God's call - listen....He's calling you!

## A Harvest Awaits...

As you remember, the Deaf Church here sent Joyce to Zimbabwe as their first missionary to the Deaf. She is doing a wonderful job and is supported fully from South Africa. Since the end of December, she's had 17 Deaf ladies saved. Praise the Lord! However, she contacted us and said that the men are wanting to come to her classes. She told them that she can't teach men (she can give the Gospel, but not discipleship). There are so many Deaf people in Harare, Zimbabwe. This burdened our hearts. We are training men in our Bible College, but they haven't completed their studies. What can we do? When God calls, it is important to listen.

## We Need Your Help...

Are you willing to help us? We need to make a trip to Zimbabwe. Not to see

the sights or have a vacation. We need to preach the Gospel to the men in Harare. They are asking to hear the Gospel! How can we refuse? Our problem is we do not have the funds to make the trip. Would you be willing to help us? We would like to go as soon as God provides. And God is waiting on you! Lucinda will assist Joyce with the women and I will teach the men.

If you can help, go to our website ([www.signsoflifemissions.org](http://www.signsoflifemissions.org)) and use the PayPal link or send your gift to BIO marked "Zim Trip."

The harvest is plenteous...but the labourers are few.  
Pray....and go!

In Christ,

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We are here.