

Campus Chronicles



Now Entering the Mission Field, by Kelly Hayes

It had been over 30 hours since I had slept--not to mention it was hot and humid--and there I sat in a church service. My team had flown "red eye" into Jamaica and most of us didn't get any sleep on the flight. It was so hard to stay awake and pay attention because we were so sleep deprived. I do not remember much from that church service because I was so tired but what I did take away has had a major impact on my life ever since. Above every doorway leading outside a sign read, **"You are now entering the mission field."**

There I was on a mission trip to Jamaica; and, in this church, they knew and proclaimed that every day of their lives is lived on the mission field. It hit me big time and that epiphany will never leave me. It is so true. Every day of our lives we are on the mission field. It is not just when we go to another country or a rough part of the United States, but every single day of our lives.

I remember a discussion in an English class at Sierra College. It had

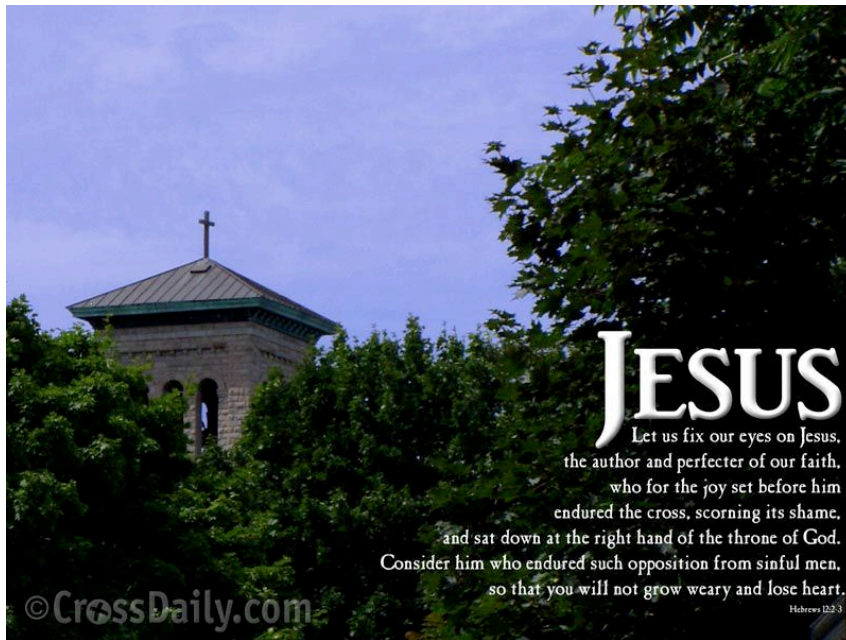
something to do with poverty and related statistics in the U.S. It really got me thinking about the way things are here. Yes, we have so much more here than in other places in the world, but there are hurt, hungry, and dying people in our neighborhoods too. However, the most important thing to remember is that there are lost people who do not know Jesus Christ. That discussion really started to change my mindset about missions. I began to think about home missions. That trip to Jamaica, followed by an evangelism training class at my church, and then a two-month missions trip to Vienna, Austria began to really change my thinking.

Everywhere I went and everything I did reminded me that the mission field surrounds me everyday of my life. I am a missionary. I love going to different countries and reaching out to the people in those cultures. I love learning ...



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The Apostolic Evangel, By Andrew Johnson

The gospel is a precious thing. Paul even describes the gospel as a “treasure” placed within jars of clay, all to show that the power is not from the evangelist, but from God (2 Cor. 4:7). It is my goal in this article to give a brief sketch of the gospel preached by the apostles. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Paul outlines the basic elements of the gospel he preached. Each element is indispensable to the true gospel message preached by the apostles.

1) *Christ died* (v. 3). One

Scripture that announced in advance the atoning death of the Messiah is Isaiah 53, wherein we read that “it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul *makes an offering for guilt*, he shall see his offspring...Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and *he shall bear their iniquities*” (Isa 53:10-11 ESV). Christ’s death on behalf of

“his offspring” (i.e. those who believe) brings acquittal of their sins, so that Paul may ask rhetorically: “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us” (Rom 8:33-34 ESV).

2) *Christ was buried and raised* (v. 4). Christ’s death would ...

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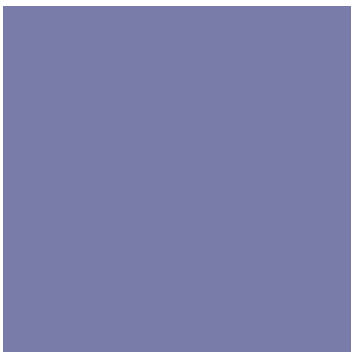
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... other languages and cultures. I love helping and serving. All of those things do not have to stop once I come home, though.

Jesus says, in Acts 1:8, “...you will be my my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth,” and in Matthew 28:19-20, “ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely

surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Jesus started with Jerusalem, where they were. Then the word went out to the surrounding areas, and then to all nations, and then to the end of the earth. We should proclaim the Gospel, the *Good* news, and make disciples. Everyone should know of His great love and saving grace.

I do not want to down-play foreign missions. I am all for them. However, I wanted to share with you what I learned my first night in Jamaica. It’s something for us all to remember: live the mission field everyday!



+ Looking back on: The National Day of Prayer By Nicholas White

On the evening of May 6, 2010, the steps of the California State Capitol Building began to fill with people of prayer. By six o'clock the place was filled with at least one thousand, by my count. Christians who had gathered for the event were mingling, praying, and reconnecting. The excitement, and expectation for a great movement of God's spirit were palpable.

In one area, I happened upon a group of Native American tribesmen chanting worshipful prayers accompanied by driving, rhythmic drums to Christ our Lord. That was such a beautiful experience for me, and wholly unique to my perspective. They later helped lead a time of corporate worship on the steps of the capitol. A local youth ministry led another beautiful part of the service with a performance of "Everything" completely live. The band played the Lifehouse song "Everything" while the drama team performed a human video depicting how the world's pull on our flesh can get in the way of our relationship with our savior, but that in the end He is stronger, and we have only to press toward Him. The performance brought tears to my eyes; it was breathtaking. The worship team from Mars Hill also led us beautifully through a time of corporate prayer, and worship.

+ I just "hate" ... By Joel Thompson

I want you taken the time to consider the multitude of times that the word "hate" is heard in day-to-day conversations. It seems to roll off people's tongues at the drop of a hat. The word "love" is used rather loosely as well. Why? Do we not stop to think of the ramifications and the power of the tongue? The tongue can be mightier than the sword and we often forget that in our normal, everyday conversation.

I've noticed that many adults, as well as young children, use the word "hate" to describe their feelings about classmates, friends, schoolwork, haircuts, poorly fitting clothes, or even the cars they drive. I'm sure you get the idea. However, is "hate" a

word that our Father in Heaven prefers we use? Perhaps is it one of those little subtle tools that the enemy uses to sow seeds of self-doubt and "hate" into our subconscious minds?

God is love, so why do we—Christians—use the word hate? We all know that "hate" is not of God and that we are taught by Him to love our neighbors... So, why do we use such a volatile, emotion filled word? I'm serious when I tell you how ridiculous and disheartening it is to constantly hear the word hate throughout the day! It's always in a casual conversation; someone saying that he or she hates her teacher, neighbor, brother, ...

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...sister, mom, ex-spouse, boyfriend, etc. Do people feel that strongly, or has the true meaning and depth of emotion been lost?

Seems to me there should be laws against “hate”... Oh yeah, there already are! Certain crimes have been designated “Hate Crimes.” Go figure! If there wasn’t so much use of the word “hate”—perhaps there wouldn’t be such a proliferation of hate and violence in our society. Furthermore, I wouldn’t be surprised if this is one more factor contributing to the “hardening of our hearts” in our society today!

We all must remember to guard our hearts and tongues. When we speak, our hearts and minds are on parade. Therefore, we must guard what we say as to not cultivate such a passionate word in our souls.

As Christians, we must remember to consistently be in unison with the word “love” and remember that “hate” is of the evil one and NOT of God. We must also, remember that we are to be a

shining light to all we encounter in our day-to-day walk. It is imperative that we allow Him to shine through us in all we do. We must radiate His love to whomever we encounter and be a beacon to show His love to all. The number one human emotional need is to love and be loved. To hate is to live in darkness...but, to love is to live in His light.



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...be meaningless, however, if He was not also raised and exalted to the right hand of the Father. Paul concedes that “if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is futile and your faith is empty” (1 Cor. 15:14 NET). Reasons for this fact could be multiplied; however, it may be simply noted from Rom 8:33-34 that along with Christ’s death saving from condemnation, He also intercedes for us at the Father’s right hand. Furthermore, if God did not raise Jesus from the dead, we would have no hope that He will raise us. However, Jesus Himself affirmed that it is the Father’s will for “everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and *I will raise him up at the last day*” (John 6:40 NET). The resurrection is the reason we have hope, for just as Jesus was raised, so we who believe in Him will be raised on the last day.

3) *Christ appeared* (v.5-11). We are not left to wonder whether Jesus was in fact raised. After rising from the grave Jesus did not simply disappear, He appeared to a multitude of witnesses, “more than five hundred of the brothers.” He appeared to all the apostles, including a later appearance to Paul on the road to Damascus. Their witness is of primary importance because they saw Him alive, “flesh and blood,” and they testified to a generation that would have dispelled the “myth” of the resurrection if they could.

The gospel dissolves if any one of these elements is denied or omitted. If Christ did not die, then we are still under condemnation. If Christ is not raised, then our hope in Him is empty and we are still in our sins. If Christ did not appear, there would be no witnesses to confirm that He did in fact rise. We could have no true assurance that what we believe is the truth. Yet, thanks be to God, Christ did die for our sins, was buried and raised on the third day, and appeared to a multitude of witnesses all to establish our hope, that “everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him” will have eternal life. My simple exhortation to every Christian is be sure none of these elements are lacking in our proclamation of the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Field Ministry
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This Week In Church History with Pastor Charlie

May 23

1633: France declared that only Catholic settlers were permitted permanent residence within the colony known as New France (today called Canada).

May 24

1738: The Methodist Church denomination was established in Great Britain.

May 25

1521: Holy Roman Emperor Charles V pronounced Martin Luther an outlaw and heretic for refusing to recant his teachings against the Catholic Church.

1793: Stephen T. Badin was ordained in Baltimore, Maryland, as the first Catholic priest to be ordained in the United States of America. He later served as a frontier missionary, and played a key role in establishing Catholicism in Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee during the early nineteenth century.

1824: The American Sunday School Union was established in Philadelphia.

May 26

1647: The colony of Massachusetts prohibited Catholic priests from entering the colony.

1899: President William McKinley wrote in his notebook: "My belief embraces the

Divinity of Christ and a recognition of Christianity as the mightiest factor in the world's civilization." (McKinley had been born again at age ten during a revival meeting, and later joined a Methodist church.)

May 27

1664: Colonial theologian Increase Mather was installed as minister of Boston's Second Congregational Church. He held that office for the next *59 years*.

May 28

1863: The first black regiment in the US Army (the 54 Massachusetts) left Boston to fight in the Civil War.

1898: In Italy, the Shroud of Turin was first photographed by Secondo Pia in Turin's Cathedral, where it had been held for 320 years.

1954: President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill which added the words "under God" to the US Pledge of Allegiance.

May 29

1453: Constantinople, the capital of Eastern Christianity since the year 324, fell to the Muslim Turks. The city afterward became the capital of the Ottoman Empire and was renamed Istanbul. Its conquest marked what was essentially the end of the Middle Ages.

JOB
Announcements

Admin/Graphics Position: Crossroads Community Church in Rocklin has a full time position open. You will enjoy the ministry position as a "frontline" person for the senior pastor. The position requires these attributes: self-motivated; organized; administrative; strong computer design/graphic and IT skills; able to build and administrate teams. If you are interested, please send your resume to jerimatson@gmail.com or call 916-276-3634 for more details.

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General Produce is looking for a warehouse order selector. Applications have to be in by June 3rd. Interested applicants can call or pick up an application: (916) 441-6431 - 1330 N B St, Sacramento, CA 95811. It is a swing shift position, full time with benefits.

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Many local pastors prayed with us and spoke, among them was Bishop Sherwood Carthen. He spoke a bit about prayer, saying that there are a great many things that we can pray for, but that the one major thing we ought to be praying for is the church. If we pray for the church, then things will really begin to take the desirable shape of the kingdom of God. With that in mind, he also gave us some food for, not only thought, but also action: we need to stop being people who pray, and become people of prayer. Don't just pray, but live in prayer. Be in and focused on His presence in such a way that every breath from our being is prayer. Other pastors from

from out of the area were also on the "A list," among them was a woman; a Chinese pastor from San Jose. She led us in prayer (in Chinese with a translator) to revive the Asian communities, for a movement of His hand among them. She also prayed to take down the strongholds of Buddha worship in the communities.

I felt honored, and privileged to be a part of that event in which we Christians appealed in prayer to call down the very Hand of God. I have heard that recognition of the National Day of Prayer by our government may be coming to an end. However, I know you are with me when I say that not only is everyday a day of prayer, but no matter what our government does, or does not do, I will always have my national day of prayer. Praise God, and amen!

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying.

*1 Thessalonians
5:16-17, NLT*



+ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the mention of the pillowcases in the Chronicles. I have collected/purchased about 50 so far and been busy sorting case colors to match hankies and bias tape ties, cutting armholes, sewing hankie collars on them and should begin to do the finish work with the elastic and bias tape this weekend. My backroom looks like a dress assembly line and I am having a blast as they are soo easy and so adorable.

Be blessed, Mona

Thank you. Great work. I appreciate all the information; it's very useful.

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