

THE MISSION FIELDS ARE COMING !!

‘The Pigmies are coming’! That was the title of a sermon preached by T.V Thomas a number of years ago during a Missions Conference at FGBI (Now Eston College) at Eston Saskatchewan, at which we were also invited to participate.

The Sermon title grabbed our attention and we listened intently as the speaker gave facts and figures of the thousands of immigrants as well as refugees who were coming into Canada from all over the world. He suggested that the ‘Pigmies from the jungles of Central Africa might also at some time be coming’. He challenged us to be prepared to reach out with the Gospel of Christ to these thousands coming into Canada.

Since that Missions Conference which took place a number of years ago, the influx of Immigrants and Refugees coming into Canada has increased and even escalated until some people are becoming alarmed, especially because some who are coming from certain countries are not only bringing their religion with them, but want to impose it on others, and would even resort to using violent means to do so.

We need to be careful how we react to this vast number of people coming into our Country. We can either view this as a ‘Threat’ or as an ‘Opportunity’ for evangelism and Missionary work amongst them.

Thousands are coming from countries where it has been almost impossible for Missionaries to enter with the Gospel, and where true believers are severely persecuted for their Faith in Jesus. Now these people are coming into our country and we can reach out to them with the Gospel of Christ. It is easier for them to turn to Christ and follow Him here in this country than in some of the countries they come from. So let us arise and reach out to them with the love of Jesus and share with them the message of the Gospel of Christ.

As we have travelled and ministered across this country as well as in some others, we have had the privilege of ministering in a number of Churches who are indeed reaching out to ‘the Mission Field who are coming’ into their community and city and many precious souls are coming to Christ. It is exciting to visit and minister in such a Cross Cultural Church. It reminds us of heaven where there will be a vast multitude from every tribe and national around the Throne of God and of the Lamb worshipping God. (Compare Revelation Chapter 5).

On the Day of Pentecost (Acts Chapter 2) there were gathered in Jerusalem thousands of people from many different countries, to celebrate a Jewish Feast, when the Lord poured out the Holy Spirit upon the praying Disciples filling them with spiritual power and boldness. Peter preached Christ to the multitudes and as a result three thousand souls turned to Christ. As we read the Book of Acts we see the number of Converts growing every day as the Church reached out to the lost with the Good News of Jesus. In Acts Chapter 8 we see Philip reaching out Cross-Culturally with the Good News of Jesus, to the Samaritans and many turned to Christ and were baptized. He then was led to minister to a man from Ethiopia who had come to Jerusalem. Philip preached unto him Jesus and this man trusted in Jesus Christ and was Baptized in water and returned to his country rejoicing and tradition tells us that he took the Gospel back to his own people of Ethiopia in Africa.

This is also happening in our day! There are those who have been converted to Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who have returned to the countries from which they came from and are preaching Christ to their own people and the Lord is mightily working through them.

Among the thousands who are coming into our Country, there are also ‘Born again, on fire for God Believers’, who are helping to bring fresh life and evangelistic fervour into our Churches! This is bringing blessing to the Churches and glory to Jesus Christ!

We are not suggesting that we no longer need to ‘go to the regions beyond’ to the unreached nations and peoples groups of the world with the gospel. We do need to continue to ‘go with the Gospel’ and ‘to pray for and support financially’ the work of worldwide missions. The Church does need to continue to reach out to a lost world both at home and abroad. But let us not neglect to reach out to the thousands of lost souls who are coming into our country from all over the world. God loves them and Jesus died for them and rose again, and desires to save them from their sins, and give them Eternal Life!

The Words of Jesus in John 4:34-38 come to mind. “My food is to do the work of Him who sent me and to finish His work. Do you not say “there are still four months and then comes the harvest”? Behold I say to you, lift up you eyes and look on the fields, for they are already white for harvest. And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured: others have laboured, and you have entered into their labours”. Jesus spoke these words in Samaria, a needy unreached people group within the land of Israel!

Let us also lift up our eyes and see the spiritually ripe harvest of precious souls all around us today and let us thrust in the Gospel Sickle and reap this harvest of precious souls for Jesus!

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