

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a


A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



Kevin & Pam Barthel - Arizona

PRAY - There are several folks in our Church, including Pam, that are having some difficult health issues right now. Thank you for praying for them.

PRAY - Native Traditionalism (religion) is growing stronger and stronger. There is greater pressure than ever to worship traditionally in the schools and throughout the tribal workplace. Please pray for souls to be saved and for Christians to stand strong in their faith.

PRAY - There is also growing negative sentiment toward non-natives. Please pray that we handle this with God’s love and grace.

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Reach Out Globally, Start Locally

Global mission is nothing more than local mission outside your home environment, and ministry at home is the best preparer for and indicator of success overseas.

It is easy to forget that Paul, the prototypical New Testament missionary, started out in local ministry. In fact, before his year-long ministry at Antioch under Barnabas’s supervision (Acts 11:25-26), Paul wasn’t really the man we think of. What activities made up this year of ministry? No doubt many of the things that make up local ministry as we know it today: relationship-building, outreach, evangelism, discipleship, teaching, leadership development, etc. These building blocks of ministry were as fundamental to Paul’s success as they are to ours. They are equally as critical to local ministry as to global work. And, like Paul, missionaries called to global engagement will need to learn these skills within their local context before ever moving to the other side of the world.

This is a case of being faithful in the simpler things before you are entrusted with the more complex. While we’re convinced that local mission is just as critical as global mission, the latter is often a more complex proposition. Moving a family thousands of miles away, investing years in language study and crossing major cultural barriers are all exceptionally risky endeavors. And there is no greater predictor of success in global mission than success on the local front. Without local mission, there is no global mission.

It is easy to focus on local ministry because local needs surround us on a daily basis and demand our attention. But since the very beginning, God has been in the business of pushing his people out of their current context and sending them into the wider world. Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel are all notable examples. And these individual instances are microcosms of God’s larger emphasis on sending Israel to the nations.

God sent Israel as a whole and Abraham, Moses and many others in particular. He left his own throne to live with us. But to what end? To the end of blessing the nations, of bringing the good news of his kingdom to the lost and broken kingdoms of the world.

It will not do, then, to separate local ministry from global work, picking and choosing the emphasis that suits our purpose. To do so is to fundamentally change the mission of God and set off down a path that is foreign to God’s heart as revealed in Scripture.

Source: <https://team.org/blog/local-and-global-mission>

KEY VERSE

Luke 24:47(NKJV)

“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Luke 24:46; Matthew 26:39; I Corinthians 15:1-4

Reach Out By Necessity

1. When did you first hear the Gospel?
2. Why is it necessary for you to preach the Gospel?

Tuesday: Luke 24:47a; I Corinthians 1:21; Luke 13:3; Acts 4:12

Reach Out Through Preaching

3. What does it mean to repent?
4. What is special about the name of Jesus?

Wednesday: Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; Revelation 7:9-10

Reach Out To All Nations, Beginning With Neighbors

5. How well are you doing preaching the Gospel here at home?
6. What do you do to participate in this call to share the Gospel with the nations?

Thursday: Luke 24:48; Mark 5:19; Matthew 28:19

Reach Out As A Witness

7. What does it mean to be a witness?
8. List things that God has done in your life.
9. How can you share this with others?
10. How can the Holy Spirit empower our efforts to tell others about Jesus?
11. Describe a time that the Holy Spirit helped you to share the Gospel with someone.
12. What is one aspect of evangelism that you would like to grow in this week?