

BE A BRINGER

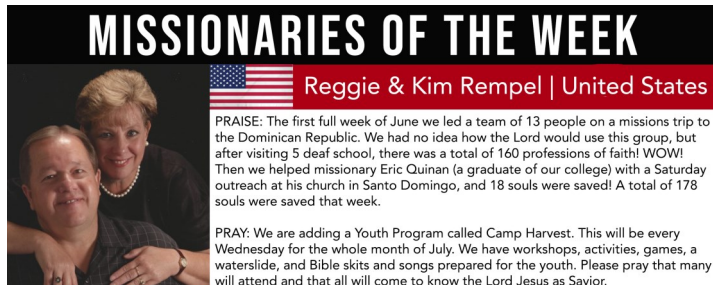
“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

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
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PRAISE: The first full week of June we led a team of 13 people on a missions trip to the Dominican Republic. We had no idea how the Lord would use this group, but after visiting 5 deaf school, there was a total of 160 professions of faith! WOW! Then we helped missionary Eric Quinan (a graduate of our college) with a Saturday outreach at his church in Santo Domingo, and 18 souls were saved! A total of 178 souls were saved that week.

PRAY: We are adding a Youth Program called Camp Harvest. This will be every Wednesday for the whole month of July. We have workshops, activities, games, a waterslide, and Bible skits and songs prepared for the youth. Please pray that many will attend and that all will come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior.



REACHING OUT **GROWTH GUIDE**

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Study Date: 07/31/22

Be the Answer to Someone’s Prayer

God Hears His People

God hears the prayers of His people. "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...." (2 Chron. 16:9). He heard the cries of His people in Egypt (Exod. 3:7). The Lord knew of Saul, "for he is praying" (Acts 9:11, 12). He heard the prayers of a military officer and used Peter to be an answer to Cornelius' prayer (Acts 10). "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14).

God Uses People

"God ... comforted us by the coming of Titus," Paul wrote (2 Cor. 7:6). The Lord often uses people to carry out His purposes. After the 70-year exile, we're told God stirred the heart of the King of Persia to allow His people to return home to rebuild the temple. He also moved the hearts of His people to carry out His plan (Ezra 1:1, 5). The same verb is also translated "stirred up" (NASB) "prompted" (TEV), "aroused the spirit" (Hag. 1:14, AMP), and "gave the desire" (LB). Nehemiah stated, "I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do ..." (Neh. 2:12). The Lord stirs and prompts His people to accomplish His purposes.

To encourage Timothy, Paul wrote, "In a large house there are dishes and bowls of all kinds: some made of silver and gold, others of wood and clay. Some are for special occasions, others are for ordinary use" (v. 20, TEV). The master used a variety of vessels or containers to accomplish various tasks. In a similar way today our Master wants to use His "vessels" to minister for Him.

How can we be usable vessels? Paul continued: "Those who make themselves clean from all these evil things, will be used for special purposes because they are dedicated, useful to their Master, ready to be used for every good deed" (v. 21 TEV). When a need arises, our Master looks for a clean, available vessel.

If you and I today are to be usable, we need to ask ourselves the following:

Am I available, cleansed from evil things, set apart, useful to the Master?

Am I listening for His promptings? Am I preoccupied with my agenda?

If I sense His prompting, am I willing to respond?

If I am unavailable, unprepared, or insensitive to His promptings, the Master may use someone else, and I will miss the blessing. (See Esther 4:14, 15.)

Source: <https://voice.dts.edu/article/be-an-answer-to-someone-else-s-prayer-dallas-theological-seminary/>

KEY VERSE

Acts 10:32 (NKJV)

“Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 10:1-48

Introduction

1. Describe a time when God has used a person to help answer your prayer.
2. Describe a time when God used you to answer someone else's prayer.

Tuesday: Acts 10:1-8, 30-33; John 16:7-15; Acts 9:11-12

God is Preparing People to Hear the Truth

3. Who was Cornelius? How did God prepare him to hear the truth?
4. How did God prepare you to hear the truth when you accepted Jesus as your Savior?

Wednesday: Acts 10:9-12; 1 Peter 3:12; Acts 9:10-11, 18:9-10

God is Looking For People to Help Answer Someone's Prayer

5. Who was Peter? Why do you think that God chose Peter to help answer Cornelius' prayer?
6. Based on today's readings and your answers to questions 1 and 2 above, what do you think God is looking for in a person who He uses?

Thursday: Acts 10:13-29; John 14:26, 15:1-8; I Peter 3:15-16

God Prepares People To Help Answer Someone's Prayer

7. How did God prepare Peter to help answer Cornelius' prayer?
8. How do you think God is preparing you to help answer someone's prayer?
9. What were some obstacles that God helped Peter overcome in order to minister to Cornelius. What are some obstacles in your life to ministry that God wants to help you overcome?

Friday: Acts 10:34-38; II Timothy 2:20-21, 4:2; Esther 4:14-15

Peter Became the Answer to Cornelius' Prayer

10. How willing are you to become the answer to someone's prayer? What can get in the way of our willingness to serve?
11. What desires for ministry has God placed on your heart? Who can you share this with?
12. Who in your life needs you to bring the Gospel to them?