

## My Thoughts For Sunday, June 15, 2014

### "Reach Out And Touch Someone"

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,  
but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

[Mark 16:15, 16](#) NIV 2011

This was the command, the great commission, given to Jesus' followers. If we profess to believe in Him and follow His command to take up our cross and follow Him, it also applies to you and me. [Luke 9:22-24](#) If you are at all like me, I am sure you have dreamed of doing just that, going into all the world, because of the great sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. If you are like me you have also defeated that same idea with the excuse that "I can't give up everything and travel to foreign lands...I don't have the finances...I have too many responsibilities...I have a family to support... etc, etc, etc." We need to remember that same commission still applies regardless of our human and sometimes sinful reasoning.

After spending the best part of three enlightening days at our District Convention with over two hundred brothers in Christ, with like commission and many similar excuses, I was brought to a realization of a fact that should have already been apparent. Our great and graceful God who gives us all we need for our own sustenance has already solved the problem of our travel arrangements, family responsibilities and expense problems.

It was brought to our attention that instead of having to be a world traveler, God, in His infinite wisdom, knowing our excuses and challenges before we can even express them, has brought the world right to our doorsteps. Just look around your immediate neighborhood. We are blessed in having neighbors from the entire world within walking distance. We have only to reach out. We have neighbors and probably already friends from Cambodia, Japan, China, Korea, Panama, and the list can go on not even mentioning our own Native Americans, African Americans and friends from south of the Border.

If that is not enough opportunity for you, look at the potential for outreach through the great media tools available to us as never before; Facebook, Twitter, our Church websites, your own long distance and local E-Mail contacts and, again, the list goes on and on. So, how much more travel expenses and reason do we need to do just that, "Reach Out And Touch Someone?" Reach out to those who don't know and acknowledge Jesus as their personal Savior, those being led astray by false teachers who claim some other way to salvation. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." [John 14:5-7](#)

Another point to remember, if you feel like me, that I don't know enough to teach someone and convert them, our commission was only to preach the word to all creation. God with His Holy Spirit will cause the much needed change in the hearts of many and bring them to desire the knowledge necessary for repentance and for salvation.

We have many brothers and sisters already available and able to devote their time, talents and treasures to go where we may not be able to visit, those foreign mission fields. If everyone left for the foreign missions, who would be around to fill the ever growing need to reach out to

your friends and neighbors? You and your efforts are all needed and recognized by our loving Savior and will be rewarded generously.

We should have a fire burning in our hearts to do His will as He commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" the Holy Spirit will do the rest.

Make a special effort today and every day to "*Reach Out And Touch Someone.*"