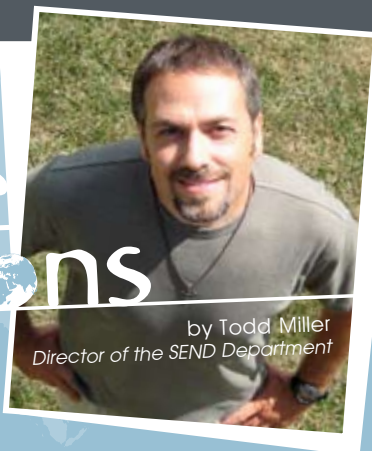


God Made us for Missions



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Did you know that our English word for *mission* comes from the Latin word for "sending"? Being a Christian means that you are sent into the world as an ambassador of Jesus Christ. In John 20:21, Jesus said, ***"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."***

2 Cor. 5:17-20 says "... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation ... And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." Webster's definition of an ambassador is: "The highest-ranking diplomatic representative appointed by one country or government to represent it in another." That is an awesome definition of a Christian! This world is not our home, but we do have a purpose for being here. We have been chosen by Christ, commissioned, and sent as His ambassadors to the world to continue the mission He began.

Then Jesus came to them and said, ***"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 I am with you always, to the very end of the age."***
Matt. 28:18-20

In Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life*, he puts it this way: "This commission was given to every follower of Jesus, not to pastors and missionaries alone. This is your commission from Jesus, and it is not optional. These words of Jesus are not the Great Suggestion. If you are part of God's family, your mission is mandatory. To ignore it would be disobedience. You may have been unaware that God holds you responsible for the unbelievers who live around you. The Bible says, 'You must warn them so they may live. If you don't speak out to warn the wicked to stop their evil ways, they will die in their sin. But I will hold you responsible for their death.' You are the only Christian some people will ever know, and your mission is to share Jesus with them."

For me... this means that I need to get out of the office and Discipleship Training Center and be intentional about building relationships with people that need to hear the good news. It means that I am going to look for opportunities to represent Jesus. It means stepping out of my comfortable, self-centered life.

How does being sent as an ambassador of Jesus Christ affect your life?



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