

“Mission is, quite simply, the participation of Christians in the liberating mission of Jesus, wagering on a future that verifiable experience seems to belie. It is good news of God’s love, incarnated in the Witness of a community, for the sake of the world.” - David Bosch



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I am convinced that as a church we have failed to realize the deep implications of mission.

We seem to place missionaries into three general categories (with multiple subcategories I’m sure). **1) Supra-Christians.** Missionaries, we believe, live in a sphere of holiness, calmly flicking petty sins off their shoulders as they brave the dangerous unknown to change the world. **2) Hippies.** Sure being a missionary is a great thing, we may say, but aren’t missionaries, well, a little strange? **3) Chameleons.** We agree that some people just seem to have a knack for learning a language in three weeks at the most and adapting deftly to a new culture.

On a serious note, we may alternatively view mission work as a specific – and many times very short – period of our lives, but now we have to face the “real world” and leave mission work to missionaries.

I understand that not everyone has a specific call to overseas ministry, but I fully believe that every single follower of Jesus is without question called to be a part of God’s mission. It is important to realize that mission does not begin with the church, but it begins with God. We are called to participate in what God is already doing – to redeem the world through Jesus and by the power of the Spirit.

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”



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