

June 1, 2011

Dear Friends,

I pray that my letter finds you rejoicing in the Lord, for He is your Good Shepherd! He loves you and cares about your every need. And because He so loves the world, He has called you and me to be Great Commission Christians. This is God's solemn charge to us.

The Bible tells that God has a clear purpose for the miracle He performed in each of us: "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

God Calls You and Me to a Ministry of Reconciliation

As Great Commission Christians – which God calls us all to be – we need to engage in the Father's ministry of reconciliation. I realize that the millions people that make up what Jesus called "fields white unto harvest" may tend to escape your focus because of the many details of everyday life. But they do not escape God's focus!

Life has a way of settling us into our environments. It has a way of moving around us and getting us to play a role that becomes mostly reactionary. Time and again we find it difficult to be proactive and do what we purpose to do. We typically fall short of our New Year's resolutions because the routine and the inertia of life around us seem too strong for us to make significant changes.

So how do we live consistently as God intended us, as Great Commission Christians – not just in our theology – but in our daily living?

Knocking Down the Enemy's Strongholds

Coach Shug Jordan was once asked about the type of player he was looking to make his football team. Looking for guidelines, his questioner asked: "Coach, would you rather have the player who gets knocked down and still gets up to make the play? Or would you rather get the player who gets knocked down twice and gets up to make the play?"

The head coach replied: "I want the guy who keeps knocking all those players down!"

God doesn't want us to live a reactionary lifestyle and be just "hanging on" to ideas we don't put into action. God wants us to be proactive and by His Spirit knock down every stronghold that opposes us. He wants us to be His hands and arms and feet in the building of His church! That's not my idea, it's the message of the New Testament.

We Are Not Bound by the Commonplace!

So if there was ever a reason for you to be counted among the “movers and shakers,” it is in response to the Great Commission. We cannot be bound by the commonplace. We are called to be proactive, producing and celebrating spiritual fruit that is being produced wholesale. As my Cuban friends so wisely observe: “if there is no fruit, there is something wrong with that tree.”

By God’s grace, tens and tens of thousands of people are coming to faith in Christ month after month. All because many of His people are taking the Great Commission to heart and action.

The reason I began my letter to you with a passage from the Lord is because I believe that when we remember that we are truly His “chosen people” – a “Royal Priesthood” – we will become more engaged in reaching the fields of the world that He has placed before us.

The situation in our world today calls us to be a Royal Priesthood to those who are in dire need. We live to proclaim the excellencies of the One who rescued us from darkness to His marvelous light. Where would you and I be if we had not received mercy? But, praise God, we “have received mercy!”

Our Power May Be Limited, But God’s Power Isn’t

There are so many lost opportunities in life when we defeat ourselves before we start because the odds are so much greater than we are! As Christians we absolutely need to look at the task, not in comparison with our limited power, but in light of the power of our infinite God. We are expected to rely on His power – and to do all we can and watch God do what He can do! We are only responsible to do what we can do day by day, week by week, and month by month!

20 Years of Fruit Beyond Our Wildest Dreams

This year marks the 20th anniversary of our seminary in Madrid, which is the flagship of our work in so many countries around the world. And what great things God has done in those 20 years! Looking back, I stand amazed at the power of God.

The seminary came about a six years after we began our evangelism and radio ministry in Spain. The task seemed vast then, and we felt quite insufficient in reaching a population that was nominally Christian at best and totally secular at worst. The truest reality is that we were not alone! God was with us every step of the way. There were scores of Christian workers and thousands upon thousands of people working alongside us to serve the Lord.

The result has been an unveiling of a wonderful plan that had never crossed our minds in our wildest dreams! We are seeing hundreds of thousands who are being presented with the Gospel and we are seeing so many churches planted.

The task remains great, but we are doing all we can to grow our capacity to do more.

We praise God for those who have believed with us that our God can take our efforts and our prayers and produce an outcome which is beyond our dreams.

New Challenges to Articulate Our Faith – and Yours

As great as our celebration and praise may be, we are faced with new challenges every day. There are so many in every country that have yet to hear the Good News. We are grateful to God for giving us a very fruitful model of ministry that makes bold progress possible. We must be diligent to use what He has given us wisely and widely.

God would have us work and run and wrestle not as beating the air, but as to make every stroke count!

I believe God is calling us to move towards an even higher level of ministry.

But we do not dare to overlook the ongoing needs of the ministry which require a diligent effort just to stay in step with the growth in the fields where we now operate.

We need to “open up space” to pursue the next level campaign, but for that we need to guarantee the funds to operate the ministry during the next year.

You Can Make a Difference in So Many Lives

We need your ongoing help to make a difference! No single person will help all “the starfish,” but we are to work together as if we really mean to get to them all!

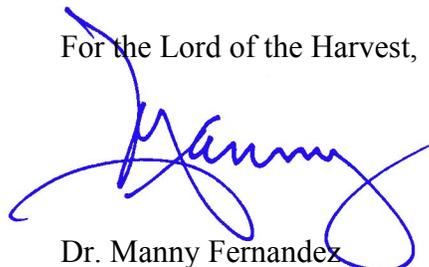
By God’s grace and through your help, we have been able to meet our operating budget month to month. But the Euro to US Dollar exchange rate and the growth of the ministry present us with a shortfall that will require \$300,000 a year more than we are currently receiving. That amounts to \$25,000 a month more, a real challenge.

I humbly ask for your prayers – and for your financial help. I am thrilled for all that God has used us to do together in these years. I know unequivocally that God wants to use us – you and us – to build on what He has given us to reach tens of thousands more people.

So I ask for your prayers – and for your help – to reach this \$300,000 goal over the summer months so that we may have room to work on the needful next level campaign to become a mid-size “fishing vessel” capable of fishing for men in the seven seas.

Please pray with us and ponder how God would have you to participate in this breakthrough venture which will not only transform us, but, even more importantly, will transform for eternity the people we reach because of this ministry expansion.

For the Lord of the Harvest,



Dr. Manny Fernandez



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P.S. There is no greater calling than the Great Commission. I believe God has and will equip you and me to do our parts in fulfilling it. Please join me in praying about your role in our growing work in the harvest fields of the world. Your generous support has never been more important.