

MOBILISING - MENTORING - TRAINING

*This Edition: **PRAY - GIVE - SEND - GO** (Find our role in Missions!)*

Recently in Ghana the ACTS13 Team were invited by a Church in Accra, to take the congregation through four Saturdays of 'Mission Awareness'. This invitation came from a pastor, who truly believes that now is the time to **'awaken the sleeping giant'** and to encourage the Ghanaian Church to get onboard with local and global missions. The ACTS13 team therefore set about to develop contextualised resources around the theme of **"Missional Church – God's passion – Our purpose"**. The teachings were based on the verse in John 17:8 'As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.'

The objective of the training was to encourage everyone to find and take their role in missions, and to share the vision of the Great Commission being a mandate, not a suggestion, for every Christian. The theme was divided into four different sessions:

1. **Pray (Praying for Unreached Nations)**
2. **Give (Giving your gifts to serve)**
3. **Send / Mobilise (Becoming a sending Church)**
4. **Go (Mission Stories)**



SESSION 1: PRAY

There are 196 countries, and over 16,000 people groups in our world today. Around 7000 of these groups are unreached. That is 3 billion individuals.

Session one introduced the first challenge of **PRAYER**. Why do we pray for unreached people? We pray because we want to obey and love God. We pray because we have compassion for the lost. We pray because we want to hasten Jesus' return. We pray because we want to have an everlasting inheritance, to align with God's will, to join in his mission in the world, and to plead for mercy on behalf of the lost.

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9)

To reinforce the importance of prayer, half of the session was dedicated to praying specifically for certain unreached people groups. The session was ended with a declaration dance of faith that God would surely transform and set free those in bondage.

"I am convicted that I need to stand in the gap and pray".

(Participant quote)



Are you willing to partner with us to pray for 'Unreached People Groups'?

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SESSION 2: GIVE

God has entrusted us all with resources, professions, spiritual gifts, natural talents and abilities. He wants to use these to bring out the full potential in us and to bring glory to his name!

Session two encouraged the hearers to find ways to shift how they think about God's passion for the local and global missions. Through this process comes a better understanding on one's own role. Everyone is different but still indispensable part in the Great Commission task.

- One needs **PASSION** to learn, and to give of themselves.
- One needs **WILLINGNESS** to ask, "What is my role?".
- One needs **PERSISTENCE** to carry out God's Mission.

God is calling all types of specialists and non-specialists to join with his Mission through his means and methods.

"I see a movement of professions being used in missions. God is calling us". (Participant quote)



SESSION 3: SEND



"Send" comes from the Latin word "mitte", which means to send or an act of sending. Through the Bible God sent people, such as Joseph (Genesis 45:7), Moses (Exodus 3:10), and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8).

Sending was also the mission of Jesus. *"He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."* (Luke 4:18) The act of sending helps fulfill God's passion of Jesus being the Messiah for all.

Session three reminded the local Church that it has many roles in missions and one of these roles is to become 'senders'. The theme was reinforced through a drama called the 'Tomato Story'. This story shares about the importance of all people having the opportunity to hear the Gospel Message.

"I understand through this drama and teaching that the Church must become senders". (Participant quote)

SESSION 4: GO

Some are called to intercession, others are able to give, others become the senders, and yet some must **GO**. Throughout history God has called people to **GO** both locally and globally. Whether by voluntary or involuntary means, they have gone and impacted the world for Christ. **Session four** brought the challenge to an end that to get this commission task done, we must **GO**. At the completion of the awareness campaign, the ACTS13 team was able to see 10 people standing saying, ***"Here I am, use me"***. What a great reminder that God is still calling people to his work! Let's pray that these people would indeed act on their heart's decision to give themselves to missions, and that ACTS13 could support them in the journey.

PLEASE PRAY:

Please pray that the Lord would bring others to come and join the ministry of mobilisation of ACTS13. Media and IT, mentoring young people, teaching and preaching, and university campus ministry are some of the ministries one could help with.

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