

ACTS13 AFRICA UPDATE



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This Edition: Mission Minded Qualities

Who is a mission minded person? What are they like? We know there are some foundational qualities that can be identified in most mission minded people. For example, they are resilient and persevering. They have a heart devoted to God and worship, ever growing attitude of faith, a life committed to prayer and the Word, and belief that service to God is well worth the sacrifice. However, this question does not come with a straight forward answer.



It is clear, however, that each mission minded person brings their unique skills and passions to the table. These qualities are often not based on one's natural abilities, skills or personal knowledge, but they flow from a connection with God, a humble heart and a willingness to learn. Jesus' closest companions, the apostles, experienced an intensive discipleship course that included teaching on practical life skills, obedience to following God's ways and learning to love people. The apostles were not without faults. Neither did these men have extraordinary skills. They were ordinary people, just like you and me. However, they had the privilege of closely following Jesus for three years through to his death and resurrection. The wonderful thing is that God then commissioned them to begin spreading the gospel of Jesus that would travel the world and continue to burn bright throughout the centuries.

Let's take a look at two characters from the Bible:



Take Peter for example. At one moment he was walking on water, and the next he was sinking in doubt. He was known to be impulsive and remembered for denying Jesus when the pressure was on. Yet he was deeply loved by Christ. Peter became a bold evangelist and missionary, and one of the greatest leaders of the early church.

John was referred to by Jesus as one of the "sons of thunder," but he referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Despite his fiery temperament John had a special devotion for the Saviour and held a favoured place in Christ's inner circle. He had an enormous impact on the early Christian church in the way he taught them to serve and love one another.

Both of these apostles were ordinary people, yet they were empowered by Jesus to do incredible things. Let's take a closer look at some mission traits that make up ordinary mission minded people.

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As we continue to mobilise for missions, may our prayers be filled with faith that God will indeed send out workers into his harvest field. He requires workers who are steadfast, dedicated, humble, resilient and teachable.









Acts13 Prayer Updates:

Ghana – University students are meeting again finally after Covid-19 disruptions, so campus prayer meetings have resumed. Pray for all those who come and pray for the unreached, that they will be called by the Lord to go to the places and people they are praying for.

Students – Over the past year ACTS13 has been involved in teachings and trainings with African students studying in Asia. Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to and call many of these well trained African young people to full-time cross-cultural ministry.

Ethiopia – Continue to pray for the relationship with the Church in Ethiopia. Pray that a visit by the ACTS13 leaders to the country would be possible in the second semester of the year to explore the possibility of other missionaries going out to the field from Ethiopia. We are also praying for a ACTS13 representative to be based in Ethiopia to help raise awareness.

Zimbabwe – A short term Bible study was started with local boys at the farm, studying Psalm 23 since the boys all have experience in shepherding cows or goats. With schools closed for most of two years now (when they were open, teachers were on strike), many kids are lost for productive education, and miss the structure school time gives. Pray for this interaction with the boys, that it would lead to salvation, discipleship and mentoring.

CO Director – Pray for Beatrice Greiner who is our new Candidate Director. She will begin her new role in October, being based in Europe. Pray for her as she enters into this vital role for ACTS13 that she will be filled with wisdom and creativity.

South Africa – A couple has come to join the mobilisation team. Pray for Tina and Doug as they learn more about Global Missions. Pray the Lord use them mightily to bring a missionary vision in the area where they live.

East Africa – Aloys is leading pastors from the area in teachings to become more missional. He is also teaching micro-enterprises to help people become self-supporting so that as they go out to the mission field they have a means to support themselves. Pray for wisdom and strength.

Mission Opportunities – Pray for O and A from Ghana. They are both waiting for the door to open to their fields of service. Pray that the Lord may bring many to support them in prayers and finance while they share about the call of the Lord in their life. Pray for the right timing and resources that they both need to be able to go.

Media Opportunity - ACTS13 needs to find extra hands to help with media and promotion. Please pray for someone who is able to assist in this vital area.























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