

# FINISH COMMITMENT

## Praying for a Global Harvest

ISSUE 33



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### MISSION FACTS

If the whole world were a village of 100, 80 would live in substandard housing (67 of those would live on the streets, half would be illiterate), 50 would suffer from malnutrition, 33 would not have access to clean, safe drinking water, 24 people would not have any electricity. The vast majority of those with electricity, would use it only for light at night.

### HEART CHECK

*Think about your most recent encounter with lost people, an encounter in which issues of faith came up. Were you gracious? If people were to rate you by your non-verbal content – facial expression, smile, general demeanor, tone of voice – would your lost friends say you were gracious? If people around you came to faith in Christ, would they want to be a Christian “like you?” Or would they look for another mentor.*

### THE MANDATE

*“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector’” (Luke 18:11).*

### THE MEDITATION

Lord, I don’t want to be a stuffy, self-righteous Christian. I confess, I need your help to love this lost world. North America has changed so radically in the last forty years that I find myself revolted by things and people around me. How can I love a world, itself so in love with sin, and so resistant to godly standards? I am conflicted, God.

You led with love – not truth. To the world, the sinners, you were loving and non-condemning. To the righteous, you were confrontational. I have it backwards. I have been trying to “truth” the world into love. I have been telling them to shape up and be loved. I have made your love conditional!

Forgive me for not always being a gracious Christian. Forgive me for getting so lost in my own desire to live in a “Christian” nation with Christian friends, that when you have needed my witness to those around me, I have been AWOL.

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**MONDAY**

### **FIND the Unreached**

Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of the Somali towards Christians so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.

**TUESDAY**

### **NETWORK Servant Leaders**

Ask God to grant favor and wisdom to the missions agencies that are focusing on the Somali. Access to modern health services is very limited in Ethiopia. Droughts, famines, and wars have created numerous problems. Malnutrition alone has accounted for the death of thousands of Somali since the 1970s.

**WEDNESDAY**

### **INVESTING**

Very few Somali children attend school, and over half of the adults are illiterate. This is not surprising since they did not have a written script until 1972. Pray for effectiveness of the Jesus film among the Somali. Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio and television to the Somali.

**THURSDAY**

### **SENDING**

Pray that God will raise up prayer teams to go and break up the soil through worship and intercession.

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### **HARVESTING**

The activities of missionaries among the Somali have met with little success. There are only a few known believers among the Somali living in Ethiopia. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into Ethiopia. Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Somali.

*Join these prayer connection calls:*

*Saturday Night Fire Call*

*Each Saturday – 9:00 PM EST*

*Pray for Unreached Peoples*

*First Wednesday of each month – 12:30 PM EST*

*Call-in number: 641-715-3580; Access Code: 466086*

### **UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP TO PRAY FOR**

Somali of Ethiopia



### **MISSION QUOTE**

*Missionary zeal does not grow out of intellectual beliefs, nor out of theological arguments, but out of love.*

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