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Near the close of the millennium, there were a flurry of "...disturbingly rash promises" to reach the nations – but the church failed. The failures were not followed by either deep remorse or apology. David Barrett charged that had such a 'spectacular failure' by any other entity 'to achieve its own trumpeted goals would have been mercilessly exposed ...' and entity closed down. Is the ineffective church capable of the change necessary to obey the Great Commission?

THE MANDATE

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant with thanksgiving; praying also for us, that God would open a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ ...

Colossians 4:2-4

THE MEDITATION

Three "greats" - the Great Commitment of prayer; the Great Commandment of caring love; and the Great Commission of sharing the good news.

Lord, we are doing Great Commission work without Great Commandment relationships with the lost. We speak to them across a relational divide. Forgive us. We have spoken truth – but not always with love. Our strategy is backward.

Sadly, we have tried to fulfill both the Great Commandment (care) and the Great Commission (sharing the gospel), in our own strength. We often feel powerless and defeated. There is a reason. No will power, even with sincere determination, can conjure up agape love or open hearts. We can't do this by our own strength! It isn't our love improved that is needed, it is your love imputed – and that is by grace thru faith-soaked prayer.

It is so simple, Lord. How could we have missed it?

The more we pray for kings, and the lost around us (the Great Commitment), the more we care about them (the Great Commandment). Starting to consistently pray for them is the hardest part. The more we pray for them, the more we find you loving them through us. The more we care, the more we are drawn to do compassionate deeds for them. In such moments, you are loving them through us. In the end, we are moved to care about their soul. Do they know you? Have they ever heard your story in a compelling way? The more we pray, the more we care. And the more we care, the more we want to share. Then an amazing thing happens. Prayer fuels compassion, and love opens the door for moments of natural sharing.

Lord, help me become a "Great Commission" Christian!

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From Ethiopia:
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INTERCEDE FOR...

MONDAY - Finding the Unreached

The Majangir peoples are scattered in the forests of Southwestern Ethiopia. They are often located on an escarpment between the highlands and the lowlands. They have been an abused people, raided for slaves by highlanders, who survived by hiding in the dense forest.

TUESDAY - Nurturing New Believers

There are only 45,000 in this people group, and most are Orthodox Christians. They are situated in one of the most persecuted spots in Africa, between Sudan and Somolia. Only a fourth of those who are Christian are evangelical – pray for God to send a spirit of revival in which he becomes the ‘living Lord’ in their midst.

WEDNESDAY - Investing

These poor people survive on slash and burn farming, hunting and fishing, and cultivating honey. Polygamy is far too common and family structures – a man and woman with their children as a close-knit unit is not the norm. Only in the last twenty years have Bible portions, but not a complete New or Old Testament, been translated into their language and audio Bible recordings provided.

THURSDAY - Sending

Forty years ago, these people turned to Christianity, but they were never disciplined. Cultural challenges make the transition to Biblical Christianity difficult. They are a people between – native, animistic beliefs and genuine Christianity.

FRIDAY - Harvesting

A harvest could be saved with helps in the area of Christian maturity and discipleship. They need medical care and assistance with more productive farming techniques. Pray, that as someone is sent to help them with their harvest, a spiritual harvest will be reaped.



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