



Sunday August 16, 2009
The M-T-S Missionaries
(Monday-To-Saturday)

Review of Last Sunday's Message: "The MTS Mandate"

A : Altar aflame with love for the Lord

P : Practice the presence of Jesus at all times

C : Commitment to Christ-centered community

W : Witness unashamedly to your immediate world

O : Outreach to those outside your comfort zone

Today: The MTS Missionaries

Life stories of people who made a difference M-T-S

Our God is no respecter of persons. There is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:11 For there is no partiality with God.

Acts 10:34In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

What He has done for one, He can do for another.

Times change and people change, but our God does not. What He has done in times past, He can do again. He does this things in ways that are relevant to our day and time.

All of us are "missionaries" Monday-To-Saturday. We are on a mission – a heavenly one. In and through all of life's mundane pursuits, we are also responding to a "heavenly calling", a pursuit that is far greater than the immediate, a pursuit which cannot be understood by natural man.

The challenge for us is that in the pursuit of the temporal, we do not some how miss the eternal. In the busyness of this earthly life, we do not miss our heavenly calling.

Yes it can be done! We can blend the eternal in to the temporal. We can blend the heavenly into the earthly responsibilities. But for this we need to have a radical change in "purpose".

- We must purpose to live for what is eternal while fulfilling our temporal responsibilities.
- We must purpose to make choices and decisions from a heavenly perspective rather than earthly.
- We must purpose to give higher priority to the Kingdom, than our personal dreams. Jesus said "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

See yourself as a "missionary"!

Stories of People from different walks of life

[Dear pastors, feel free to include stories of people you know in each of these categories. The objective is to show that all age groups can be M-T-S missionaries]

Students/Young people

Daniel and his friends at the University of Babylon (Daniel chs 1-2)



Personal testimony

Student Missionary Movement

Equally important to the reenergizing of late nineteenth-century missions was the influence of a collegiate student movement that emerged from the revivalism of Dwight L. Moody. In 1886, Moody encouraged some one hundred students to volunteer as foreign missionaries, and they became the first recruits for an ecumenical revivalistic movement, the Student Volunteer Movement (SVM, 1888), which attracted many campus leaders. Under the direction of Methodist John R. Mott and Presbyterian Robert E. Speer, the SVM linked a revivalistic call for "the evangelization of the world in this generation" with a patriotic and worldly zeal. This group of so-called missionary statesmen exercised considerable influence in American and world affairs during the early twentieth century.

The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions was an organization founded in 1886 that sought to recruit college and university students in the United States for missionary service abroad. It also sought to publicize and encourage the missionary enterprise in general.

By 1959 over twenty thousand student volunteers had gone to serve the Church overseas. The Movement had shown repeated resilience in reacting to changing modes of theological expression, mission theory and student thought.

The Evangelical Union (EU)

One of the things that greatly impresses me about the EU in India is the number of students who have been touched through the ministry of EU.

Video: God Lands in Disney Land (11 min)

Teachers/College professors

Teachers/Professors can have a powerful influence on the lives of their students not only in influencing their academic interests, but in also forging and influencing their moral and spiritual choices.

Personal Testimony (Ref. Andrew Taylor)

Home makers

The ministry of hospitality

3 John 1:5-8

**5 Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers,
6 who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,
7 because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.**

The ministry of intercession

Being an intercessory makes you a silent missionary and a mighty warrior from your home base!

Judges 5:24-27

**24 Most blessed of all women is Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite, most blessed of homemaking women.
25 He asked for water, she brought milk; In a handsome bowl, she offered cream.
26 She grabbed a tent peg in her left hand, with her right hand she seized a hammer. She hammered Sisera, she smashed his head, she drove a hole through his head.**



27 He slumped at her feet. He fell. He sprawled. He slumped at her feet. He fell. Slumped. Fallen. Dead.

Business people

Your business is ministry

Paul the apostle

Carried out tent-making as a business to support himself and his team in Corinth, Thessalonica and Ephesus.

Ken Eldred - Founder of Ariba

"Christian business people can make a difference by bringing the life-changing gospel of Jesus, modeling integrity in the marketplace, and teaching biblical principles that lead to successful business." Ken Eldred

Education

Stanford University, MBA

Stanford University, B.S. in Political Science

Background

Ken Eldred has founded many successful companies including Ariba Technologies, Inc (NASDAQ: ARBA) the leader in the Internet Business-to-Business industry and which has reached a market valuation as high as \$40 Billion. He was also Founder, Chairman and CEO of Inmac a company which he took Public in 1987 and grew to \$400 million in yearly revenues as the first business to sell computer products, supplies, and accessories by direct mail and later merged with MicroWarehouse.

Prior to Ariba Technologies, Mr. Eldred founded several other companies as well, including ClickAction (Formerly Mysoftware Co.) which went public in 1994 and Norm Thompson Outfitters, Inc., a direct mail, consumer specialty retailer of high-quality merchandise. He also helped found and remains on the board of advisors at Crosspoint Venture Partners, ranked the leading venture capital organization in the United States by Forbes magazine (Ariba, Brocade, Foundry Networks, Juniper Networks, among others). Most recently he helped found Epicenter Technologies, a fast growing service center in Mumbai, India and serves as a director.

In 1988 the Institute of American Entrepreneurs named Ken Eldred Retail Entrepreneur of the Year for the San Francisco Bay Area and he is a past member of the Young President's Organization. He has also been involved politically serving on the Finance Committee for the George W. Bush Campaign in 2000 and supporting candidates that support Free Enterprise and Judeo-Christian Principles.

Currently Mr. Eldred is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Living Stones Foundation, a public support organization created by Mr. and Mrs. Eldred with approximately \$100 million in assets for the purposes of supporting Christian work and charity around the world. He focuses on charitable projects and providing services to Christian organizations as a board member or as an independent advisor. He is a Visiting Hoover Fellow at Stanford University and has served on the Board of Trustees for Regent University, including the Executive Committee.



He was also appointed by Dr. David Yonggi Cho as an elder in Seoul, South Korea at the world's largest church with over 750,000 members and he leads a weekly Bible study for business leaders in Silicon Valley, which he started over 10 years ago.

Ken Eldred was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area. Mr. Eldred and his wife Roberta currently reside in Silicon Valley, California, and have 3 sons and 2 grandchildren.

His Publications

Author of "God is at Work"

This is a book about kingdom business, the effort to promote Christian faith and commerce through profitable business. It recognizes and describes the fundamental connection between spiritual transformation and economic transformation. By mobilizing its business people, the church has a unique opportunity to make an impact in developing nations. While secular development efforts focus solely on economic objectives, kingdom business recognizes that successful commerce, which improves a nation, requires a biblical moral-cultural foundation.

Coeditor "On Kingdom Business"

On Kingdom Business proposes a new model for using business in missions: kingdom entrepreneurship. Kingdom entrepreneurs are "job-makers," starting for-profit businesses of all sizes--real businesses that meet real needs. This book provides a conceptual foundation for kingdom entrepreneurship and explores its contemporary development using case studies of kingdom businesses and reflecting on the lessons kingdom entrepreneurs have already learned.

Lydia - a business woman, a praying woman, a hospitable woman

Acts 16:13-15

13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Politicians/Government officials

Joseph, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel

People who in their day influenced decision makers and affected the course of nations.

Missionaries

The history of Christian missions is full of people who chose to give their entire lives for the cause of missions. Here is just one story of a successful business man who gave it all to become an powerful apostle to Africa.

John G. Lake - "A Man of Healing"

(Please summarize/briefly narrate the story below)

If there was ever a man who walked in the revelation of "God in man," it was John G. Lake. A man of purpose, vision, strength and character, his one goal in life was to bring the fullness of God to every person. He often said that the secret of heaven's power was not in the doing, but in the being. He believed that Spirit-filled Christians should enjoy the same type of ministry Jesus



did while living on earth, and that this reality could only be accomplished by seeing themselves as God saw them. John G. Lake lived his life and fulfilled his ministry in the earth with this type of spiritual understanding. If we would just grasp the reality of our position through Jesus Christ, as Lake did, every nation would ring with the praises of God.

- was responsible for raising over 1,000,000 converts, 625 churches and 1,250 preachers in five years of ministry.
- because of his resurrection revelation, had a deadly plague germ die in his hand, yet at the start of his ministry thought one could only be healed in Dr. Dowie's Healing Home.
- had such an incredible healing ministry, that according to statistics, the U.S. Government declared his city, Spokane, Washington, to be the healthiest city in America.

John G. Lake was known as God's "Apostle to Africa". Born in Canada in 1870, his family soon relocated to the United States, where he grew up. His healing and preaching ministry spanned the years 1898 (when he saw his wife instantly healed under the ministry of John Alexander Dowie) until his death in 1935. In 1908, God sent him to Africa, where his anointed miracle ministry resulted in what has been described as "the most extensive and powerful missionary movement in all Africa." As Gordon Lindsay wrote, "during that time he spent five history-making years in South Africa, engaged in a ministry which in some respects rivaled that of the Early Church." Upon his return to America, Lake established a ministry in Spokane, Washington which resulted in no less than 100,000 astounding miracles of healing within the space of five or six years. He then established a similar work in Portland, Oregon, which also attracted widespread attention.

Like Smith Wigglesworth, John G. Lake had already experienced mighty breakthroughs, powerful anointings and a real calling from God for many years before Azusa Street and the Pentecostal Revival. The following is a condensed account of the spiritual hunger and preparation that Lake was taken through by God, near the beginning of the most anointed period of his ministry. (Taken from the book, 'John G. Lake - Apostle to Africa', compiled by Gordon Lindsay, and told in Lake's own words):

"Eight years passed after God revealed Jesus the Healer to me. I had been practicing the ministry of healing. During that eight years every answer to prayer, every miraculous touch of God, every response of my own soul to the Spirit had created within me a more intense longing for an intimacy and a consciousness of God, like I felt the disciples of Jesus and the primitive church had possessed... Shortly after my entrance into the ministry of healing, while attending a service where the necessity for the Baptism of the Spirit was presented, as I knelt in prayer and reconsecration to God, an anointing of the Spirit came upon me. Waves of Holy Glory passed through my being, and I was lifted into a new realm of God's presence and power. After this, answers to prayer were frequent and miracles of healing occurred from time to time. I felt myself on the borderland of a great spiritual realm, but was unable to enter in fully, so my nature was not satisfied with the attainment..." (Pg 16).

"Hundreds, and hundreds of people were healed by the power of God during these ten years. But at the end of that ten years, I believe I was the hungriest man for God that ever lived. There was such a hunger for God that as I left my offices in Chicago, and walked down the street, my soul would break out, and I would cry, 'Oh God!' I have had people stop and look at me, and wonder. It was the yearning passion of my soul, asking for God in a greater measure than I knew. But my



friends would say, 'Mr. Lake, you have a beautiful Baptism of the Holy Ghost.' Yes, it was nice as far as it went, but it was not answering the cry of my heart. I was growing up into a larger understanding of God, and my own soul's need. My soul was demanding a greater entrance into God, His love, Presence, and Power. And then one day an old man strolled into my office, sat down, and in the next half hour, he revealed more of the knowledge of God to my soul than I had ever known before. When he left I said, '... God, if that is what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with tongues does, I am going to possess it.' Oh the wonder of God, that was then revealed to my heart!..."

John G. Lake Crusade Meeting held in a big tent.

"Finally I was led to set aside certain hours of the day that I dedicated to God, as times of meditation, and prayer. Thus a number of months passed, until one morning as I knelt praying, the Spirit of the Lord spoke within my spirit, and said, "Be patient until autumn." My heart rejoiced in this encouragement and I continued my practice of meditation and prayer as formerly. It became easy for me to detach myself from the course of life, so that while my hands and mind were engaged in the common affairs of every day, my spirit maintained its attitude of communion with God... I said, 'God, if you will baptize me in the Holy Spirit, and give me the power of God, nothing shall be permitted to stand before me and a hundred-fold obedience.'

"I prayed for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for nine months, and if a man ever prayed honestly, and sincerely in the faith, I did. Finally one day I was ready to throw up my hands, and quit. I said, 'Lord, it may be for others, but it is not for me. You just cannot give it to me.' I did not blame God. One night a gentleman by the name of Pierce said, 'Mr. Lake, I have been wishing for a long time you would come over, and we would spend a night in prayer together. We have been praying for the Baptism for a whole year and there is not one of us baptized yet. Brother, I do not believe that you are either, so we can pray for one another.'" I was so hungry to pray, so I went with all intentions of praying for the rest, but I had not been praying five minutes until the light of God began to shine around me, I found myself in a center of an arc of light ten feet in diameter, the whitest light in all the universe. So white! Oh how it spoke of purity. The remembrance of that whiteness, that wonderful whiteness, has been the ideal that has stood before my soul, of the purity of the nature of God ever since.

"Then a Voice began to talk to me out of that light. There was no form. And the Voice began to remind me of this incident, and that incident of disobedience to my parents, from a child; of my obstinacy, and dozens of instances when God brought me up to the line of absolutely putting my body, soul, and spirit upon the altar forever. I had my body upon the altar for ten years, and I had been a minister of the Gospel. But when the Lord comes, He opens to the soul the depths that have never been touched in your life. Do you know that after I was baptized in the Holy Ghost, things opened up in the depths of my nature that had remained untouched in all my life, and that which was shadowy, distant, and hazy became real. God got up close and let His light shine into me.

"Shortly after this experience, one afternoon a brother minister called, and invited me to accompany him to visit a lady who was sick. Arriving at the home we found the lady in a wheel chair. All her joints were set with inflammatory rheumatism. She had been in the condition for ten years...While my friend was conversing with her, preparing her to be prayed with, that she might be healed, I sat in a deep chair on the opposite side of a large room. My soul was crying out to God in a yearning too deep for words, when suddenly it seemed to me, that I had passed under a shower of warm tropical rain, which was not falling upon me, but through me. My spirit,



and soul and body under this influence soothed into such a deep still calm, as I had never known. My brain, which had always been so active, became perfectly still. An awe of the presence of God settled over me. I knew it was God.

"Some moments passed; I do not know how many. The Spirit said, 'I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears. You are now Baptized in the Holy Spirit.' Then currents of power began to rush through my being from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet. The shocks of power increased in rapidity, and voltage. As these currents of power would pass through me, they seemed to come upon my head, rush through my body, and through my feet into the floor... Even at this late date, the awe of that hour rests upon my soul. My experience has truly been as Jesus said that He shall be within you 'a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.' That never-ceasing fountain has flowed through my spirit, soul, and body day, and night, bringing salvation, and healing, and the Baptism of the Spirit in the power of God to multitudes.

"Shortly after my Baptism in the Holy Spirit, a working of the Spirit commenced in me, that seemed to have for its purpose the revelation of the nature of Jesus Christ to me and in me. Through this tuition and remolding of the Spirit a great tenderness for mankind was to awaken in my soul. I saw mankind through new eyes. They seemed to me as wandering sheep, having strayed far, in the midst of confusion, groping and wandering hither and thither. They had no definite aim and did not seem to understand what the difficulty was or how to return to God. The desire to proclaim the message of Christ, and demonstrate His power to save and bless, grew in my soul until my life was swayed by this overwhelming passion." (Pg 16-20).

"I found that my life began to manifest in the varied range of the gifts of the Spirit. I spoke in tongues by the power of God, and God flowed through me with a new force. Healings were of a more powerful order. Oh, God lived in me; God manifested in me; God spoke through me. My spirit was energized. I had a new comprehension of God's will, a new discernment of spirit, and a new revelation of God in me.

"Then a new wonder manifested. My nature became so sensitized, that I could lay hands on any man, or woman, and tell what organ was diseased, and to what extent, and all about it. I tested it. I went into hospitals where physicians could not diagnose a case, touched a patient, and instantly I knew the organ that was diseased, its extent, condition, and location. And one day it passed away. A child plays with a toy, and his joy is so wonderful, he sometimes forgets to eat."

Before obeying the call into full-time ministry, Lake felt the need to dispose of his very successful business interests. He sold everything, giving the money to God's work, and embarked on full-time ministry with a heart full of the fire of God. Soon afterward, when he was ministering in a city in Northern Illinois, God spoke to him clearly and distinctly: "Go to Indianapolis. Prepare for winter campaign. Get a large hall. In the Spring you will go to Africa."

John G. Lake continues: "One morning when I came down to breakfast, I found my appetite had disappeared. I could not eat. I went about my work as usual. At dinner I had no desire to eat, and no more in the evening. This went on till the third day. But toward the evening of the third day, an overwhelming desire to pray took possession of me. I wanted only to be alone to pray. Prayer flowed from my soul like a stream. I could not cease praying. As soon as it was possible to get to a place of seclusion, I would kneel to pour out my heart to God for hours. Whatever I was doing, that stream of prayer continued flowing from my soul ... On the night of the sixth day of this fast, that the Lord had laid on me, while in the act of washing my hands, the Spirit said, 'How long have you been praying to cast out demons?' and I replied, 'Lord a long time.' And the



Spirit said, 'From henceforth, thou shalt cast out demons.' I arose and praised God." (Pg 21). An opportunity to test this newly-given anointing to cast out demons came the following Sunday, when a violently insane man was brought to Lake, who commanded the demon to come out of him in Jesus' name. The man was instantly delivered, and two days later was released from the institution that he had been confined in.

In April 1908, Lake and his family left for South Africa. Though they had no visible means of support, they were miraculously provided for every step of the way. And thus began a tremendous Revival, with mighty healings, miracles and deliverances, which was to profoundly impact the African continent for years to come, even long after Lake was gone. In 1913, following the tragic death of his wife, Lake returned to America, but by this time the torch had also been passed on to Elias Letwaba and others in Africa, and the work went on there, in great power. Lake continued his ministry in North America until his death in 1935, and like Smith Wigglesworth, he fought an outstanding fight and ran a great race, right to the very end. (Source: <http://healingrooms.com>)

The Challenge

Be a missionary Monday-To-Saturday.

Influence and impact those around you for the kingdom of God.

SALVATION CALL

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

1, Get people to discuss some practical ways they can be missionaries M-T-S in their present vocation in life.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>