

Be a Mission Mobilizer

What is a "mission mobilizer?"

Few church-goers are aware that nearly two billion people still remain untouched by the gospel. Even fewer understand that these two billion have no access to the gospel. A mission mobilizer is a normal everyday Christian who walks with God but who has a unique global perspective of real world needs. Because of this perspective they work with intentionality to rouse others to mission action.

Why You Should Be a Mission Mobilizer

Imagine driving home and seeing your neighbors' house engulfed in flames. You have several options. You could run and attach your garden hose and begin spraying wildly at the roaring flames. You watch as your tiny stream of water vaporizes into steam and the flames roar on. Or let's consider option two. Perhaps, on first seeing the danger of the fire, imagine that you had the possibility to run and wake up one hundred sleeping firemen. They could do at minimum a hundred times what you could do yourself. Or of course there is option three, you go and make a sandwich, pull up a lawn chair, and watch the house burn. Which option will you choose?

We have the wild notion that you would desire to wake a hundred or more sleeping firemen.

- Who are the firemen? Why are they sleeping?
- What is the house? What is the fire?
- What is the waking? What motivates you to wake them?

This flier is written for you to become really good at waking people. It is prepared in such a way that you can easily teach someone else to become a mission mobilizer.

To rouse anybody to the mission task, you must first have a message. That message then has four wheels by which it picks up momentum:

- The message is compelling in nature
- The message is clearly communicated

- The message calls for specific action
- Ultimately the message provides simple steps to complete that action.

QUESTION: What is your message?

Your Three Roles

In a nutshell as a missions mobilizer, you have three roles:

- **You are a sower of vision.** Your primary job is to help people SEE what they haven't seen before. You are to paint clearly the Bible's mission theme for them. To help them see Holy Spirit activity in the world. To see geography, history, politics from a GOD PERSPECTIVE, *i.e.*, to help them see nations, peoples, tribes, and languages in desperate need of the gospel in word and deed.
- **You are a mirror of passion.** People will recognize your unusual passion for God and desire a similar passion in their own life. Passion breeds like passion. You received it from Christ, and now it is yours to pass on to others. People will ponder your passion for lost people and mirror that in their own life.



- **You are spokesman for the lost.**

AFM received a fax from a tribe in Africa. They had sent one of their men to the city to figure out how their people could have a missionary to teach them about the "Creator God." Rarely do the lost have a knowledge of what they are missing and rarely do they have a spokesman who will make their needs known. You are a voice for villages and tribes that can't make their appeal for help in person.

The Impact of One

The ripple effect of a life that is sold out for God is unending. You probably will never know the full result of your mobilizing efforts. Don't strive for a BIG

IMPACT; strive to be tenaciously dutiful to the SMALL CALLING God gives you. It is this obedience that God can multiply. Here is a story you can relay to others to illustrate this vital and humbling point. (A true story retold by Marti Smith from Caleb Project ministries.)



The year was 1904. Sixteen-year old William Borden was heir to a wealthy estate. When he came into his inheritance Bill would give many thousands of dollars to missions. But he was just

graduating from high school and took a year off to travel around the world. It was during his trip that he felt God's call to be a missionary.

Bill's father died when he was still in college. The family hoped Bill would take over the family business and pleaded with him to stay. He had to make a decision. Was he willing to give up wealth and fortune -- even fortune that could be used to God's glory - in order to follow God's call on his life? Making his decision, he wrote on the flyleaf of his Bible the words "NO RESERVE."

After graduating from seminary, his friends and family suggested he consider staying in America as a pastor. Surely as a pastor he could make a bigger difference and send out many others as missionaries.

"Why throw yourself away on a foreign field?" they asked. Bill prayed, and added to the inscription in his Bible, "NO RETREAT."



Bill's constant prayer was that God's will might be done in his life. He left with his family's blessing. "We were all so sure he would have a long and useful ministry," said his mother. But within four months of his arrival in Cairo, Egypt Bill became sick and died.

His corpse was put in a pine box, his Bible laid on his chest, and the coffin sent home to his family in Chicago. Reading the notes in his Bible his family saw Bill's words. "No Reserve." Their son had given everything to follow God's call. "No Retreat." How they wished he had stayed home and allowed other to go! Yet the day before he died, Bill had written, "No Regrets."

William Borden's testimony went around the world. By the thousands, students who heard it volunteered for missionary service. The Student Volunteer Movement recruited more than 20,000 missionaries—the greatest missionary movement our country has ever seen. Many, like Bill, gave their lives before they could have an "effective ministry, though their prayers and example made the way for others. They discovered the qualifications of a good missionary: Be willing to fail a lot. Disappoint your family and friends. Persevere."

Could a movement like that happen among students and young adults today? Unlike Bill, some of us are called to stay and give ourselves as senders, pastors, mobilizers, or intercessors, but like Bill all are called to live a radical life for Jesus, a life with no reserve, no retreat, no regrets.