



## MISSIONS

MONTH

**CALLING FOR HARVEST HELP: Let our first response to the large harvest of needy souls be to call for help!**  
Matthew 9:35-38

**1. Have any of you or someone you know ever had to call 911? If you are comfortable sharing, what was that like for you?**

Read Matthew 9:35-36

**2. Referring to v 36, what elicited compassion in Jesus? What kind of images do those adjectives/adjective phrases (bewildered – helpless - like sheep without a shepherd) bring up in your mind or experience?**

**3. Describe a time in recent memory of a person or situation that “grabbed you in your deep.” How did you respond?**

Read Matthew 9:37-38

**4. Is it surprising to you that in the face of a massive number of souls to be gathered in (the harvest) that Jesus’ first move is to pray for more workers? Why or why not?**

Possible answer: In my flesh, I see the need and I want to get right to doing something about it. Praying for help puts my role in the process of meeting this harvest need in the right perspective. It is from first to last a divine enterprise, which is reflected in being prayerfully dependent on God. It is also revealing (and honoring) that Jesus deeply desires to partner with his people to do his harvest work of bringing the healing gospel to the bewildered and helpless in the world.

**5. What do you think the significance is of Jesus using a word (“send”) that means “to thrust out” in how we as his disciples should pray for harvest workers?**

Possible answer: To know and be burdened by God in the depth of your soul that you need to be sent as a missionary is precisely what is needed to overcome all the obstacles and hardships of leaving the comforts of your home culture to do spiritual battle in an enemy stronghold among these unreached people groups.

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Prayer requests:

1. Have everyone in the group share about one person they’d like God to “thrust out” to share the gospel/be a witness to Jesus in that person’s life. Pray for each by name.

2. Pray God would “thrust out” workers to join Andy and Margaret Andersen as COD partners with them in seeing a reproducing church among the Nyamwezi in Tanzania.

3. Pray that the Lord of the harvest would “thrust out” more workers into the fields where our COD missionaries and partners serve – Vietnam, Spain, France, Ecuador, Kenya, Bangladesh and India.

4. Pray for God to burden and prepare the 7 people who are in COD's Missions Prep Group (MPG).