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We can imagine the beginning of the Church. The apostles gathered after the Lord's death and resurrection, wondering if this was the beginning of the Kingdom of God. At that moment, what they thought about the Kingdom of God was a new conception of the world, of Christian life. The Lord warns that it is not up to us to know when this begins (the physical Kingdom at His second coming; see Matthew 25:13) or when it ends, for His Kingdom is eternal. Instead, we have the mission to proclaim everywhere on Earth that the Kingdom of God has been implemented; it has begun. (Matthew 28:18-20)

And I imagine that two thousand years later, we can ask, "Is it now, Lord, that You are going to come and establish Your Heavenly Kingdom on Earth?" And the Lord responds once again that it is not up to us to know (Matthew 25:13) when that Kingdom begins, for we are given the mission to proclaim to the ends of the Earth that the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived. And let us remember what the Lord tells us in Matthew 28:20: "I will be with you until the end of the age."

This is the mission that the Lord gives to each of us today. The Lord counts on everyone here and sends them as missionaries to announce the Kingdom of God. This is a great responsibility that the Lord places in our hands.

What does it mean to be a missionary for the Kingdom of God? Above all else, it is to have a heart full of love for God and His people. He who is not filled with this grace given by God's love is unable to preach the Kingdom to his brothers and sisters. Being a missionary means giving yourself completely to the Kingdom of God. It also means letting go of everything and everyone—of all security and living only for the Kingdom and its proclamation.

Some of us had the grace to go on a mission to another country, others received the grace to go to another city, but most of us are called to be missionaries in our own "backyard." It is possible to be a missionary in your own country, in your own city, in your own family. I may want to preach the Kingdom of God far away, but if this apostolic love does not exist in my daily life, if it does not burn in my heart to evangelize my family, it will be difficult for it to burn so that I will announce the Kingdom of God in other distant places.

Every day, I must feed from Christ and live on him



so that, every day, I can announce Him to others. Every true mission begins within myself, from my relationship with God, my love for God, and my intimacy with Him.

In the mission, we cannot expect anything from God. We can never say, "Look, Lord, what I have done for You; now, reward me." Being a missionary means working without expecting a return, unlike the useless servant who put himself at the service of the master, did not invest his talent but hid it, and then expected a reward.

Some may say, "I love the mission, I love God, and I love people, but I don't know how to bless others since interacting with people is not my thing." Good news, there are several ways you can serve if you don't feel comfortable enough. I will only mention two of those ways.

- 1. The Bible says that whatever we ask in Jesus' name, we'll receive. The Bible definitely takes into consideration that "all things work together for the good of those who love Him." It is not about what I want but what I need. We at Adventist World Aviation count on your prayers. That's an amazing way you can be part of God's mission on Earth.
- 2. The second way you can be part of the mission is by sharing the blessings God has granted you.

God is so faithful in blessing us with material goods that we can become a channel of blessings. We don't believe that by giving, more will be given to us. We know that a generous heart is an expression of our love for God. Somebody may say, "I will never be able to or

be brave enough to leave my comfort zone to travel and preach." Your donations can certainly do that on your behalf, be it in Guyana, The Philippines, Nicaragua, or any other AWA project around the globe.

Every little contribution helps when it comes to financial gifts, and every little amount multiplies in God's hands! Thank you for your support and continued uplifting of the Guyana Project. Your prayers and gifts see us through.

God bless you!

~ From the Guyana Project Team

