



A Small Part of a Big Thing!

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News from the Whitmore's

"For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

The other day I heard a missionary of many, many years sum up her ministry with this simple, yet eloquent expression, "I am a small part of a big thing." I was struck by the breadth of and contrasting perspectives expressed in these few words. "I am..." - speaks of personal identity with something. "I am a small part..." - speaks of humility and community, that it's not just about me. "I am a small part of a big thing." - speaks of grandeur of scope, purpose and value.

This perfectly describes those who are followers of Christ. If you know Christ, then you are part of a much bigger thing. You are salt and light. You are an ambassador for and the aroma of Christ. You have been commissioned by Christ to be a disciple maker. You may be tempted at times to think

that what you do for the Cause of Christ is inconsequential or of no great significance.

But the fact is that everything done for the Cause of Christ has eternal significance. I thought I would share with you some of the "small parts" that are undertaken through your partnership with World Reach. When you pray and/or give, it really does make a difference.

Just an Egg- In the central part of Honduras, hundreds of impoverished school children are given a hard boiled egg each day to supplement their diet. Not only can this make the difference between attending school or not, it also provides an opportunity to share the good news of Christ.

Only a Short Trip- Recently a team of seven people journeyed to Nicaragua to help bring basic dental and medical care to several rural communities. Providing this physical care gave opportunity to share the

good news of Jesus one-on-one. Many came to know Christ.

A Simple Shepherd- Scores of pastors and aspiring pastors in several countries are being grounded in the Bible. Each class is mentored by experienced teachers in how to study the Scriptures, foundational doctrines, how to preach, evangelism, counseling and much more. After completing the course in two to three years, these precious servants of Christ are better equipped to start new churches or shepherd their existing congregations.

Oh No, Refugees!- In today's world, that word brings out all kinds of political and social responses. But it is also true that God often views refugees through His eyes of compassion. As I write this, in one country along the migration path of thousands of refugees, World Reach team members are extending God's compassion to the hoards of men, women and children caught up in the turmoil of today's world.

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I Corinthians 1:26-29

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

Thank you for your part in a BIG thing!

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