



What do you want me to do?

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Acts 9:6 (NKJV) So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

We all ask God questions, but the Apostle Paul asks Jesus this good question, “Lord, what do you want me to do?”. Paul, the enemy of Christians, converts and recognizes Jesus Christ as the Lord; he decides to respond and act.

Have you asked God this question?

My story as a missionary

- John 4:42 (NKJV) " Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

This is a picture of how I started: I didn't know the whole Bible, I didn't know how to preach, or worship, or pray well; But I had a great desire that all people would receive Jesus Christ as Savior; my home, my parents and siblings; all my family, grandparents, uncles and cousins; my fellow students, co-workers, friends, neighbors and all people.

My desire was to lead them to Christ. Many of them have converted to the Lord and some are even Pastors.

Mark 5:19 (NKJV) "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

Jesus gave these instructions to the Gadarene, and he obeyed and told everyone in the city of Gadara in the Decapolis region east of the Jordan River his story.

A year later he gathered 5,000 men in the desert (not counting the women and children) so that they come and hear the teachings of Jesus.

Romans 10:14 (NKJV) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Missionary work with my wife in Venezuela and the United States:

- We established missionary radio programs to encourage the missionary work in the Churches, Pastors, and also win souls for Jesus Christ in Venezuela.
- We also carried out missionary work among the indigenous Wayuu in the State of Zulia, Venezuela for 5 years. There the work focused on salvation, academic training, and integral health. Helping those children and young people who were in extreme poverty and abandonment improve in their studies, others become interested in studying or preparing to achieve higher education, master's degrees, business owners, etc. These students would reach out to their parents and family members who were in the same desperate situation to love them, and lead them to Christ.

In 2008 those Wayuu children, who were now adults, invited us to a restaurant in Venezuela. They told us that they were now doctors, lawyers, teachers, business women and 75% of the people who lived in the neighborhood had been won to Christ.

- Florida was the place where we planted two churches, and we also worked with those who emigrated from Latin America; where in addition to Salvation, we encouraged them to achieve the American Dream: buy houses, prepare them for the job market, English and computer classes.
- After many years we moved here to Ohio became members of House of Praise. We support the ministry of the International House of Praise Church: Ministering at funerals, marriages, baptisms and serving as small group Church leaders, and teaching classes preparing future small group leaders at our Spanish campus.

This missionary work for the House of Praise Church in Venezuela:

We have been a member of HOP for 12 years, and 3 years ago Prophet Gary Hayes was invited to our church and God used him to confirm my call to go to Venezuela, to preach to everyone there, as if it were a valley of dry bones as Ezequiel chapter 32 says.

At first, I did not understand the call, because it was like going back to work as a Missionary in the country where I was born, but then we understood it, we communicated with Pastor Gilbert, Pastor Iris and all the elders of the Church expressing the desire to go and we ask for their support; and the Board of Elders of the Church approved it.

The objective of the Mission is: to be of support to the Pastors and the Churches throughout Venezuela.

In 2020 we spent 9 and a half months doing the Mission of the House in Venezuela and everything was very fruitful. Despite the fact that the Pastors and the Churches had their own programs and were from different denominations (some independent), when the pandemic broke out, everything was paralyzed and so God allowed me to speak face to face with 700 Pastors, who were encouraged and rose to another level in their work for souls.

From the start, doors were opened in a radio program on FM Cristiana 98.3 called "Casa de Alabanza en Radio".

I preached at least 3 times a day. 200 people received Christ as Savior, there were also many miracles and healings.

God moved a missionary from the House of Praise in Lorain, OH to Venezuela to reach the lost.

Economic contribution to the missionary work:

Acts 20:35 (NKJV) And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

A very important part of the missionary work is the financial support missions and the work.

Many of us dream or long to go around the world, but not all of us will, due to personal, economic or other circumstances. However, can all participate in the missionary work of the Church. When we participate with an offering in the missionary work, in a wonderful way we are going with that man or woman who has been sent to that place, distant or near country.

We go with them when they walk, when they preach, when they touch the sick, when they give them bread, or medicine or a hug, there we are on the mission.

When souls that were lost, without hope, in abandonment, in misery are reached by that missionary, our contribution goes there. It's a privilege. A wonderful way to work for God.