

*World Harvest presents ...*

# **THE OFFERING BUCKET**

**Your Greatest Opportunity To Lay Up True Treasure  
BY SENDING THE GOSPEL TO WIN PRECIOUS ETERNAL SOULS**

Faith Message by Len Lindstrom

The huge crowd shots contained in this article depict 20 large Miracle **"JESUS SAVES & HEALS"** campaigns conducted by Int'l Evangelist Len Lindstrom amongst the Indo-Chinese people groups in these remote rugged Himalayan foothills in far NE India alone — multitudes more such huge campaigns have been held in other regions of the great Indian subcontinent in India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bhutan — but this gives a partial snapshot of the multiplied hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of precious souls this ministry has reached just in NE India alone — and it is **TIME TO DO IT AGAIN**

This little article may have an unusual title — but let me ask — what is the first thought that goes through your mind when you see the *"Offering Bucket"* coming towards you during a Global Missions appeal?

Does your heart jump inside as you shout, Praise God, I may not be able to go to all those rough remote regions of the world to share the love of God but this is my chance to do my utmost to help fulfill the Great Commission and spread the Word of Christ to a lost and dying world that has never heard — making it possible for hurting multitudes to experience Christ's power and to help provide means for another 50, 100 or 200 thousand people to hear and be *"Born Again."*

Or are you one of the more self-centred believers who have little concern for the lost and who suddenly feel the urge to slip out to the washroom or wish you had stayed home, or immediately think all the preacher wants is money! Actually, our attitude towards money and what we do with it to help reach the lost speaks volumes about the true depth of our Christian faith!

**CHRIST'S FINAL COMMAND  
HAS NEVER CHANGED**

**GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD  
AND PREACH THE GOSPEL  
TO EVERY CREATURE**



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We need remember that there is only one thing of eternal value we can do here in this earth — and that is to reach eternal souls with the Gospel of Christ — soul winning is the highest calling on every believer's life, and it is Christ's expectation of all of us to be fully involved in His Divine Work — after all, He did not suffer such an horrific agonizing death on the Cross just so you and I alone could be saved but that all may hear — every soul on this old spinning ball of dirt — be they white or black, brown or yellow, green or blue!

A universal cry in the spirit for lost eternal souls has been the heart beat of every great preacher, evangelist or missionary throughout the ages — and that same cry and passion for the lost must once again grip the hearts of every true believer in Christ — otherwise we are only playing games with the Gospel!

In fact, the great statesman preacher who shook England, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, went so far as to state, ***“Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you're not saved yourself, be sure of that!”***

That may sound like a rough declaration — but in light of the life-transforming power of the Gospel and the ultimate price Christ paid to purchase our salvation, it makes perfect spiritual sense — as anyone who has been truly saved should overflow with such gratitude and passion in their hearts that they desire all others to experience the same marvellous Love of God!

Of course there are some who declare that reaching the masses is only the business of those with a special calling — but as the great English revivalist **JOHN WESLEY** who founded the Methodist Church and swept the world with the zeal of God and greatly fuelled the spread of the Gospel in North America stated of every believer, ***“You have one business on earth — to save souls!”***

So let's briefly look at a few more of the feeble excuses most lethargic or non-committed Christians in North America use to shun or intentionally neglect the Offering Bucket when it comes to Missions — beginning with those who have been deluded into believing their only concern or commission is to fund their local church so that the same people who warm its comfortable pews every week can hear the same Gospel message Sunday after Sunday after Sunday while the rest of the world goes to hell.

As that great Scottish missionary **OSWALD J. CHAMBERS** who wrote the classic, “My Utmost For His Highest” said, ***“Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist.”***

In other words — take the universal call to World Missions and reaching souls out of your Christianity and there remains no reason for the Church to even



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exist here on earth — just get saved and go straight to heaven!

And few preachers ever drove this point of self serving Christendom home so pointedly or repeatedly as the great Canadian missionary statesman who founded Toronto's Peoples Church, **DR. CHARLES PRICE**, who stated, ***"Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before anyone gets to hear it once!"***

Now that should strike a very sobering reality check into the heart of every reader — why should North American Christians enjoy all the blessings and keep heaping Christian comforts and fancier cathedrals on themselves without even bothering to generously give to the true cause of Christ which is to reach the unreached of this world!

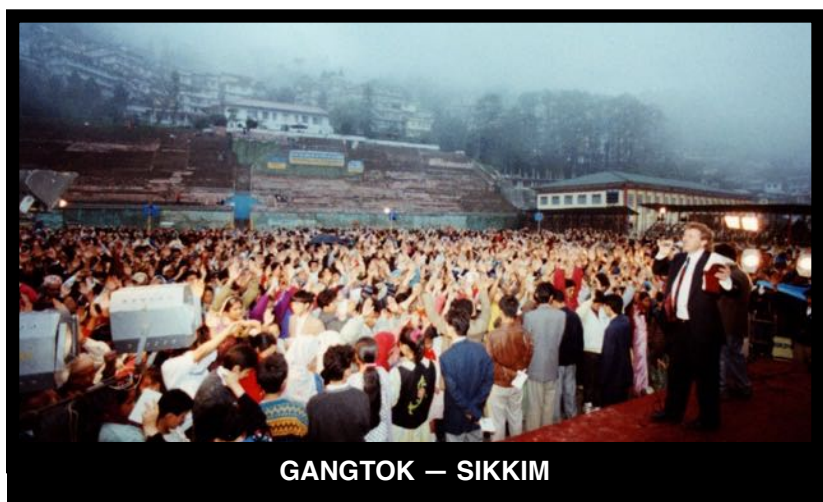
The Church was never meant to be a people pleasing social club whose principle purpose seems to be the entertainment of saints — God intended His Church to be a soul-saving sending station — and this may sound like poor grammar but I tend to put it this way, — ***"True Ministry is Not to Bless the Saints — but rather to Reach the Aints!"***

In more eloquent oratory, **C.S. LEWIS**, the famed British novelist and academic who amongst his many classic books also authored the famous Chronicles of Narnia and is recognized as one of the world's greatest Christian apologists, stated, ***"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men unto Christ, to make them little Christ's. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose!"***

Exactly — God took on flesh and died in our place for all mankind — not just North America — so all the fancy buildings and ecclesiastical trappings mean absolutely nothing and are of no value if we are not doing our absolute utmost to reach the unreached all around the world — we are here for no other purpose!

Perhaps that is why **OSWALD J. SMITH** also stated, ***"The reason some folks don't believe in Missions is that the brand of religion they have isn't worth propagating!"*** And that may be part of the problem — as many seem to have adapted a twisted version of faith where their carnal spirituality is measured strictly by material belongings — and others have adopted a head knowledge type of faith void of the corresponding actions which God fully expects.

Still others embrace the deluded notion that God is too nice to let anyone be lost or go to hell so He will surely save them all on His own — and thus none will be lost so no need to share your faith or to give towards His Number One Call to Missions! That is utter foolishness — everyone needs to be saved!



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**ALONG — ARUNACHAL PRUDISH**



Others attempt to duck their heads and say not my calling, not my responsibility — but God did not exclude any believer when He gave His Last Command — His Final Marching Orders to the Church were clear, ***“Go Ye into all the world and preach the Gospel...” Mark 16:15*** Who does “YE” refer to — YOU — expressly you and me and every other believer — there simply are no exceptions and there will be no valid excuses — every believer is called to be wholeheartedly involved in Missions!

It was **HUDSON TAYLOR**, the renowned Protestant missionary to China who spent 51 years preaching under some of the most gruelling conditions and persecution as he founded the great Mainline Church of China before he finally died in 1903, who stated, ***“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed!”***

Again, it was the prince of preachers **CHARLES SPURGEON** who stated, ***“If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervour at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world.”***

So how has so much of today’s church managed to slip so far from what is the True Gospel and Only Plan of Salvation and our Master’s Firm Orders to be about His Business of reaching the lost! As **A.B. Simpson**, founder of the Missionary Alliance Church stated with fervent passion for the lost, ***“The Christian is not obedient unless he is doing all in his power to send the Gospel to the heathen world!”***

Still others who have absolutely no concept of eternal values or what will truly count for ever and ever — who don’t realize that long after all their toys and multiple mansions and worldly kingdoms have rusted, rotted or burned away — still dare to say of the committed missionary, “What waste of a life — that person could have excelled in business and become rich in this world but instead they chose to waste their life sacrificing comforts and running to the nations” — but I love the way **CHARLES SPURGEON** addressed the matter — ***“If God calls you to be a missionary, don’t stoop to be a king”*** — once again powerfully reminding the Church and those who are truly committed to the cause that there is absolutely no higher calling than to ***“Win the lost at any cost!”***

And let’s not forget the words of our blessed Saviour **JESUS CHRIST** Himself, who stated, ***“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*** Matthew 6:19-20



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PASIGHAT — ARUNACHAL PRADESH



And yet so many modern-day self-professing Christians who spend their entire lives trying to accumulate more and more and yet never seem to have enough — all trinkets and gadgets and earthly toys and assets that will perish and burn — disregard the clear warning of the the Lord by failing to lay up much, if anything, in the way of true eternal treasure!

Still there are many others who are so caught up in End-Time teaching who run around crying the world is coming to an end and we must prepare for the worst — hunker down, find a cave, stock up, the enemy is coming — while others are crying Christ is coming so I must squeeze in every drop of pleasure — but neither have time or money for doing that one and most important thing — winning souls! And the strange thing is, if they really believed we were in the end of time they would know that the most important thing they could ever do is to win the lost before Christ returns and splits the sky with His Presence!

In fact, in that great Matthew 24 passage outlining some of the end-time signs leading up to His Glorious Return, Jesus stated that the most important prophetic sign of His return would be — ***“And this Gospel shall be preached in all the world as a WITNESS*** — complete with signs, miracles and wonders which prove that Christ is the only true God and that He has indeed risen from the dead — ***and then shall the end come!***” *Matthew 24:14*

Hence, in the midst of all the mixed paranoia and euphoria concerning the imminent return of Christ, Christians would do well to never forget we still have a mammoth job to do in order to fulfill the Great Commission — or as Oswald J. Smith so poignantly stated, ***“We talk of the Second Coming — but half the world has never heard of the first.”***

That my friend is a travesty — and it is only because the Church has been waylaid, the Gospel twisted, our priorities changed, and too often a self-centred it's-all-about-me Gospel preached — when in actuality we are all called to be sold out to Reaching the World!

How we need to hear again the words of the founder of the Salvation Army, **GENERAL WILLIAM BOOTH**, who cried out, ***“Not called did you say? Not heard the call — Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face — whose mercy you have professed to obey — and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world.”***



**NRIJULE — ARANANCHAL PRADESH**



**JORHAT — ASSAM**



**SIBSIGAR — ASSAM**





Wow — old General Booth and his Army of Salvationists nails each and everyone of us right between our spiritual eyes with the challenging truth of Christ's Command — we are all called — the destiny of eternal souls is in our hands — and God expects everyone of us to respond and do all we can to share this blessed Gospel — right now — this very moment — for every moment wasted precious souls are slipping away into a hell that was never meant for them — all because His people were not obedient to send them the Gospel as He commanded all of us!

So who do you suppose will receive the greater judgment! The one who had no possibility to hear — or the one who has received the Good News but has not enough concern for others to send it to them!

Even the beloved contemporary Christian composer and singer **KEITH GREEN** who broke the corporate mould and instead of selling his anointed music CDs literally distributed them by freewill donation or gave them away for free, said ***"This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth."***

So how do we participate in this urgent task if we cannot go ourselves to the Mission Field — the obvious answer is the "Offering Bucket" to fund Soul-Winning abroad — and when that bucket comes our way we should understand the spiritual power and opportunity it represents especially if you are giving to a truly God-called and God-anointed ministry with a proven track record of making dollars stretch and count to win as many eternal souls as possible!

And never forget — in the midst of all the Seed-Time and Harvest principles we hear preached — giving to the thing closest to God's Heart is the key principle that releases the greatest blessing in this life and will certainly be the most rewarding in the next!

No wonder old **C.T. STUDD**, another British missionary who poured his life out for God in China, India and Africa and whose very life stands as a firm rebuke to all easy-going careless Christianity said, ***"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."***

So we must ask — what compelled these great men of yesteryear — most of whom fulfilled their ministries during the late 19th to early 20th Centuries — to forsake all to follow Christ and to count no sacrifice too great for the Master and His Work — and to risk life and limb and all they had for the cause of Christ!

Whatever zeal it was, it certainly seems to be lost on much of today's listless apathetic unconcerned Church — as is sadly and too frequently evidenced by the Missions Offering Bucket!



**KOHIMA — NAGALAND**

**IT IS THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S MIRACLE LOVE AND POWER THAT DRAWS THE CROWDS — WHEN BLIND, DEAF, DUMB & CRIPPLED ARE HEALED EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CHRIST IS REAL AND THEY OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THE GREATEST MIRACLE IN THE WORLD — SALVATION!**



**GREAT JOY AS HER TOTALLY BLIND EYES OPENED**



**SHOUTS OF PRAISE — ANOTHER BLIND HEALED**



But thank God there are still many wonderful sold-out Christians today who follow in the like of **AMY CARMICHAEL**, the famous missionary lady to India who served in that land for 56 years straight without ever taking furlough before dying while still on the mission field — whose sacrificial life and words squeeze our hearts even tighter with her simple yet highly profound conclusion, ***“You can give without loving — but you cannot love without giving!”***

Therein lies a profound key to giving generously to Missions — LOVE — the love of God being shed abroad in our hearts — a genuine compassion and heart of concern for the state of those who are lost coupled with a wonderful sense of joy knowing that as you give to the cause of Christ, God can literally take the dollars you sow and through the faithful anointed preaching of the pure Gospel of Christ — convert those dollars into precious saved souls for eternity!

And therein also lies the missing ingredient in the equation that makes for what the Bible calls a truly joyful giver — as the **APOSTLE PAUL** said, ***“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.”*** 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

And then Paul went on to say, ***“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”*** 2 Corinthians 9:8-9

Wow — the picture of a joyful heart sowing into the Work of God for the express purpose of reaching lost eternal souls cuts straight through all the modern day carnal preaching about *“giving to get”* — as the true believer does this of their own free will — not grudgingly, not in fear of some Old Testament Malachi curse — but rather they give out of a happy, ecstatic, rejoicing and bubbling heart overflowing with cheer and joy — knowing that their sacrificial gifts are counting for eternity and that heaven will be all the richer for them.

And then because of their obedience and sincere heart desire to see Christ’s Kingdom extended, God Himself makes **ALL GRACE** abound or overflow to the one who gives — in direct measure to the bountifulness and generosity of their giving — and He also states there will be an ample sufficiency and abundance for every good missionary soul saving work undertaken!

So to wrap this little message up — here comes the **OFFERING BUCKET** for Missions Outreach — and



now it is up to you — you’re not sitting in church so there is no need to feel the sudden urge to sneak out to the foyer or go to the bathroom — no need to bow your head and pretend you are praying until the bucket passes — you may wish you had never read this article but now you know the truth and you also know what God expects of you and everyone of us!

But I am confident you are that wonderful type of truly committed Bible-believing Christian whose heart will fill with joy as you determine to willfully, joyfully and lovingly give the largest gift you can as the Lord gently prompts you by His Spirit to help this ministry go win souls!

You can see the photos from some of my previous campaigns in these remote regions of NE India — regions where time and again I bounced my head against the steel sides of jeeps for days on end bouncing and winding our way up and down the crooked narrow mountain trails through the Himalayas from campaign to campaign.

You can also readily see the fruit of this ministry — the track record proving this ministry is truly good ground to plant in — and the spiritual reality about drawing such huge crowds is that every crowd shot is comprised of tens of thousands or in some cases even hundreds of thousands of individuals — **each one a Precious Eternal Soul for whom Christ died!**

I have also included a few photos of the literal thousands of people healed of every kind of affliction — indicating the manifest glory of God's power that draws the masses and makes Christ real to them!

And now **I am off again to NE india** — and plans are underway for return trips to Indonesia, Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Islands and much more as we continue to step out by faith firmly believing that God has a people who are just as committed to supporting His cause as many of the old time revivalists mentioned herein — people who still have a heart for God and a heart for Souls and a heart for Missions!

**SO MY FRIEND — ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?**

If so consider this little article the **OFFERING BUCKET** — and please do whatever God lays on your heart — and remember — your joyful giving will loose God's blessing over your life — and result in a myriad of precious salvations — as we partner together in the **Supreme Task of Winning the Lost for Christ** and through God's phenomenal Life-Changing Message of the Gospel — **turn your dollars into the Blessed Treasure of Souls for Eternity!**

**NOW** — before you do another thing — **do not put this letter down** — bow your head right where you are and ask God what He will have you do and then quickly obey — strike fast and do it before the devil who hates soul-winning tries to talk you out of what God speaks — **DON'T LET ANYONE MISS THE BLESSING!**

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Abound Towards You — for  
GOD LOVES  
A CHEERFUL GIVER  
Who Puts Missions & Souls First**

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*Len Lindstrom*

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