



# myWorld Newsletter



## GET INSPIRED TO CHANGE THE WORLD

### INVITE GREG OWENS TO SHARE ABOUT GOD'S PASSION FOR THE WORLD

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Sarah, Abby and I are moving back to the United States at the end of March. **It would be an honor and a privilege for me to come to your church or ministry and share about the work that God has started through World for Christ Ministries and inspire your congregation to passionately get involved in missions and evangelism.**

**Would you please consider scheduling a time to have me come and minister with you at your church, youth, revival or missions service? Just contact me at 615-823-3927 or email at [greg.owens@worldforchrist.org](mailto:greg.owens@worldforchrist.org).** To find out more information about World for Christ, go to [www.worldforchrist.org](http://www.worldforchrist.org). Thank you and I look forward to talking with you soon.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- WFC to reach the unreached.
- WFC funding to increase.
- Sarah and I to quickly find housing and employment in the States.
- myCapeTown events and missions trips to powerfully show God's love.
- The final details to come together in preparing our South Africa staff for operating once we leave.

## GET OUT OF BED, SLEEPYHEAD!

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN MISSIONS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I recently read an article by Mark Struck from Desiring God, a ministry of John Piper ([www.desiringgod.org](http://www.desiringgod.org)), about **how to help you and your church stay passionate about God's global mission**: which is for everyone to know that God loves them and that they can have a relationship with him through his son, Jesus Christ.

He points out that according to **George Barna's 2010 year-end report, Christians in America are becoming more inward focused and less interested in outreach (I know this applies to Christians in other countries as well)**. This is a disturbing trend that is **trickling into our churches and is preventing us from fulfilling the command that God gave us** to share his Good News with and make disciples in the nations of the world. *(continued on next page)*

## DONATE

Your financial contributions help ensure World for Christ will continue to share God's love with people around the world. Please partner with us. Here's how you can donate:

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So to help us practically, Mark gives 30 **ideas about how to awaken yourself and your church to be more missions-focused**, 10 of which I would like to share with you now. (To see the full list, [click here](#).)

1. **Host a visiting national pastor for a week or two of ministry and interaction with your church.**
2. **Budget for your pastors to make at least one cross-cultural ministry trip each year.** (Greg's note: I would like to add that I believe **every person**, not just the pastor, **should go on at least one international mission trip in their lifetime**. This expands your view of the world plus it gets you out of your comfort zone which allows God to speak to you in a way that you wouldn't normally be open to hearing from him.)
3. **Incorporate world-aware prayers into your worship services**, and encourage the formation of an accessible, missions-focused prayer group in the church (perhaps based on the book [Operation World](#)).
4. **Visit your missionaries.** Have people help them move, and regularly send teams to minister to your missionaries and potentially aid in the work. Missionaries are usually more inclined to share needs with a visiting church member than their field supervisor.
5. **Reach out to internationals in your own city.** Invite them to dinner, ask them to come and fix a dinner for the congregation to share the foods of their nation, teach them how to get around in your area, etc.
6. **Dedicate a week of the year to missions at your church**, incorporating things such as special messages from guest speakers, ethnic dinners, documentaries on particular nations and people groups, missionary testimonies, and prayer meetings.
7. **Take advantage of global events.** When a crisis happens, address it in your services, pray, raise money, send a team. If you are a pastor, before church services always check websites like CNN, BBC, etc. to see if there is world news that the congregation should know and for which they should pray that very day.
8. **Develop a succinct and memorable statement of your church's vision for missions**, and post it in a visible place in your church. Have it printed weekly on the church bulletin until everyone can say it from memory.
9. **Preserve (or establish!) the position of Missions Pastor at your church.**
10. **Observe the [International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church](#)**, which happens every November and is sponsored by [Voice of the Martyrs](#) and [Open Doors](#).

**Evangelism and missions are the heartbeat of God.** Ask him to continue to give you a passion for the people in your community and around the world and to show you ways that you can get involved. Don't just sit around and wait for someone else to do the job that God has called you to do. **Remember, you are the answer to your own prayers for God to send someone to tell others about Jesus. Go out and make a difference!**



**Greg's  
Corner**

## BE THANKFUL FOR THE NEW YOU

We were talking recently in our church small group that I lead about what our lives would be like without Jesus. As I was thinking about my life, I didn't like what I saw. Seeing where I am now because of having God in my life reminds me that I would never want to go back to my old life. I'm so thankful that God saved me from my sins and gave me a new life in him.

Jesus said in John 3:3, *"I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."* It's impossible for us to be with God because of the sin in our life. So God established a plan to remove our sin by having Jesus die on a cross and pay the penalty for our sin that we should have paid. And three days later Jesus rose from the dead and is now alive in heaven!

When we make a decision to follow Jesus, God does an amazing miracle that only he do. He takes all the junk and sin in our life, removes it and exchanges it with all the blessings he has. He doesn't give us a different version of our life. He gives us a completely new life, one that is acceptable to be in his presence. We are born again into the family of God!

So if you're a Christian reading this, be thankful for all that God has done to offer you his forgiveness and grace and that you have been given a new life and a fresh start.

If you haven't given Jesus control over your life Jesus, what's stopping you? What is so valuable about your life that you aren't willing to let it go so that you can receive God's gift of new life? His same offer of forgiveness and mercy is available for you. You can talk with God right now and ask him to help you live a new life in him. He will quickly respond and give you a new life, the life he created you to have.



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