



REACHING THE UNREACHED: HOW EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN *Help as a Goer or Sender*

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How do we reach the unreached? This requires two things: people to go to the unreached and people to send them. Both are a genuine, necessary answer to God's call. The question is not whether you have a role... The question is, which one? There are goers, there are senders, and there is a third option we will get to shortly. Spoiler: throw that one out entirely.

THE STORY THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

My friend Hamid is a Middle Eastern man who is having a powerful impact on the world today: mobilizing people, launching disciples, and engaging unreached tribes across multiple regions.

Hamid had always felt he did not have what it takes to reach the unreached. He was too shy, too ordinary, not an up-front person.

The man he met for coffee said something simple: "Jesus does not only want pastors, evangelists, or leaders. He wants you, Hamid. He wants the everyday, common person to join Him in His mission. Acts 4:13 shows us that Peter and John were ordinary and uneducated men, yet they had an immense impact because they had been with Jesus. That's it. The same can be a reality for you, brother." Those words reoriented his life toward helping reach the unreached.

When Hamid shared this with me, I thought of Matthew 9:37: "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few." Jesus did not say He needed more pastors, leaders, or evangelists, as great as they are. Jesus said the greatest need in the world is more laborers—common people found in everyday places who He loves to employ.

GOERS, SENDERS, AND THE ONE OPTION TO THROW OUT

Romans 10 makes it clear: there are three types of Christians when it comes to answering God's call to the nations. There are goers, senders, and disobeyers.

We hope you are a goer, a sender, or some combination of both. Just throw away the entire option of disobeys.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SENDER

You may not be called to move overseas, but you are called to send. The diversity of ways to do that is actually amazing.

 **Pray.** I have a friend named Marie. She has a disease that causes her bones to be so weak that her muscles literally crush them. She can barely move. I am continually telling her what God is doing on the frontlines of the mission field, and she is always coming alongside in prayer, offering wisdom and encouragement. God has taken this faithful praying woman and partnered her up with goers to see His mission advance in places she will never physically visit. Prayer is not a consolation prize for those who cannot go; it is how the mission moves.

 **Give.** You can invest \$1, \$2, \$5—whatever you have—and God will use even the smallest amount to bring about huge Kingdom impact. Jesus Himself and His twelve disciples were funded for their itinerant mission journeys. Luke 8:1-3 gives us a glimpse of those senders: women who "provided for them out of their means." Remember the boy who brought five loaves and two fish to Jesus? He fed 5,000 people with that small offering. Some gifts are not money—you might have stock, real estate, or other "gifts in kind" that could make a huge difference for the Kingdom.

 **Encourage.** Going can be a really difficult and daunting call. Those on the frontlines of spiritual darkness need to know they are not forgotten. Send a text, an email, or even a care package. You never know how God can use a small word of encouragement to fuel someone who is weary.

 **Use your gifts.** Are you in business? You could consider planting your business in another country, creating a platform for goers. Are you a tech expert? Secure communication systems, covert Bibles, and innovative digital tools are desperately needed in restricted nations. Are you a photographer, videographer, or storyteller? You could creatively tell the story of what God is doing on the frontlines to spread the word and fuel the movement. The possibilities are endless. It is all about looking at how God has wired you and asking: *How can this serve His mission?*

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOER

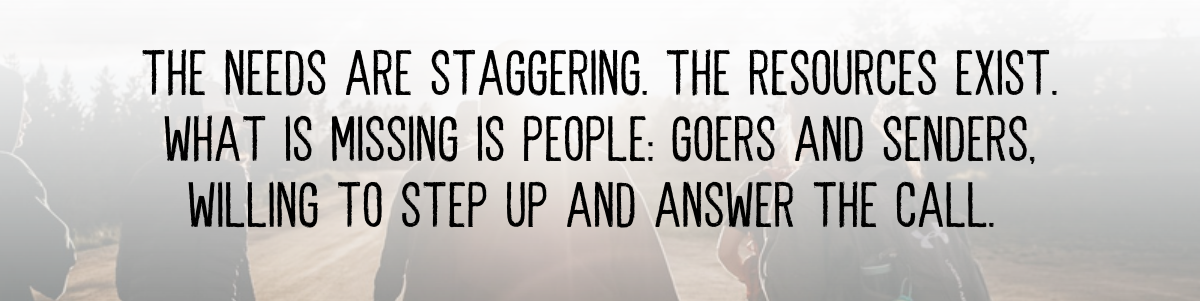
I remember the first time I stepped out of a truck on a short-term trip and was told to go share Jesus with the people nearby. I was full of fear. But I stepped out in faith anyway. I shared simply what I knew about Jesus: His life, death, and resurrection, and how He had changed my life. When I invited those people to follow Him, they did.

I was amazed. *Lord, You can even use me to do this.*

He can use you too.

If God is prompting you, here are some practical next steps. Take a short-term trip to a place where there are unreached people, call an organization, check with your church, or if nothing is available, buy a plane ticket and go explore a region of the world where the need is great. Begin researching at JoshuaProject.net and PeopleGroups.org. Pull up the interactive maps and look at the red dots: the least reached people and places on earth. Pray over them. Ask God if He is calling you to any of them.

[If you are called to international missions, click here for even more practical next steps!](#)



THE NEEDS ARE STAGGERING. THE RESOURCES EXIST.
WHAT IS MISSING IS PEOPLE: GOERS AND SENDERS,
WILLING TO STEP UP AND ANSWER THE CALL.



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