

Acts 1:1-11 The Walk Of The Christian December 7 2008

Intro: A Heart for missions.

1. A Walk With The Word.

Acts 1:1-3 (HCSB)

¹ I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach
² until the day He was taken up, after He had given orders through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.
³ After He had suffered, He also presented Himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Luke 1:1-4 (HCSB)

¹ Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us,
² just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us.
³ It also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus,
⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

2. A Walk Of Eagerly Waiting.

Acts 1:4-7 (HCSB)

⁴ While He was together with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "This," [He said, "is what] you heard from Me;
⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, at this time are You restoring the kingdom to Israel?"
⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority.

Acts 1:9-11 (HCSB)

⁹ After He had said this, He was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
¹⁰ While He was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them.
¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."

Matthew 24:3 (HCSB)

³ While He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached Him privately and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?"

Two photos of mount of olives (next page)

Zechariah 14:2-9 (HCSB)

² I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem for battle. The city will be captured, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be removed from the city.

³ Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations as He fights on a day of battle.

⁴ On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, forming a huge valley, so that half the mountain will move to the north and half to the south.

⁵ You will flee by My mountain valley, for the valley of the mountains will extend to Azal. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come and all the holy ones with Him.

⁶ On that day there will be no light; the sunlight and moonlight will diminish.

⁷ It will be a day known [only] to Yahweh, without day or night, but there will be light at evening.

⁸ On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea, in summer and winter alike.

⁹ On that day Yahweh will become king over all the earth—Yahweh alone, and His name alone.

3. A Walk of Witnessing.

IMB FAST Facts slides (see 2 pages)

Acts 1:8 (HCSB)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

and you will be My witnesses

in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- **The Power of the Witness**
- **The Person of Whom we Witness**
- **The Plan of Witnessing**

Invitation A Call to prayerfully support missions and to be on mission with God.





Fast Facts International Mission Board vital stats

- 5,541 missionaries (as of 11/11/08)
- 25,497 new churches*
- 609,968 baptisms*
- 567,413 new believers in discipleship*

Status of World Evangelization

- 11,573 people groups worldwide; 6.6 billion people
- 6,508 unreached* people groups; 3.8 billion people
- 5,903 Last Frontier** people groups; 1.6 billion people

**Less than 2 percent evangelical*

***Less than 2 percent evangelical, no active church planting*

Lottie Moon past and present

- 2008 goal: \$170 million
- 2007 receipts: \$150,409,653.86
- \$3 billion given since offering's inception
- \$3,315 collected in 1888 for first offering, enough to send three women to China

South America regional focus

- 10 countries; 378.7 million people
- 699 total people groups
- 87 people groups among whom IMB personnel work
- 411 unreached (less than 2 percent evangelical) people groups
- 200 unreached people groups with no evangelical presence*
- 79 percent Roman Catholic**
- 6 percent evangelical
- 3 percent traditional ethnic/spiritist
- 12 percent nonreligious

*No missionaries working with these groups and no known believers or churches among them

**Many of these Catholics practice syncretism – a mixture of religions such as Catholicism and animism – or do not attend church at all.

How much does it cost to support a missionary?

- \$41,258.77 a year
- \$3,438.23 a month
- \$793.44 a week
- \$113.04 a day
- \$4.71 an hour