

Where is Your Harvest Field? by Brian Weller

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How big is our world? Is it only as big as me, myself and I? Is it me, myself and I, plus my family? Is it me, myself and I, plus my family and church family? Or perhaps, our world extends as far as our jobs, schools, our neighborhoods and even to the neighborhoods around the church we attend. That is good and I would never belittle that. **But, I would add that God wants our world to be bigger than that. He wants our WORLD to be the WORLD that He sees from His throne of Grace in Heaven, and that my friends is the WHOLE WORLD?**

Jesus said in Luke 10: 2 “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few”. Oswald Smith put it this way “You never in your life heard of a farmer working in one little corner of his field. The farmer works the WHOLE FIELD.” You see the smaller our perception of the world is, the smaller our harvest field is and the smaller our harvest is. It doesn't take a lot of faith to believe God will meet our personal needs. So, in reality, It doesn't take a lot of faith to just live in our comfort zones here does it? As we grow closer to Him we realize He is Faithful, and as we give our lives for the sake of the Gospel we all learn to trust Him more and more. God wants us to work with Him in fulfilling the Great Commission He has given us to reach the **WHOLE WORLD.**

Every year, big juicy oranges fall off the tree in our yard because I don't take the time to harvest them. They just fall to the ground and spoil. Today, I looked out the window and thought “what a waste”. **That reminded me that every year 55.4 million people die on the harvest fields of the world. The majority of these people are not Christians. Sadly, my dear brothers and sisters many of these souls will go to hell for an eternity of separation from God. My heart aches just thinking about that! Did you know that 50,000 people die every day in the 10/40 window of the world that have never heard the gospel one time. They have never been a part of God's harvest. Maybe it's because we spend so much of our time and resources harvesting our little corner of the field of the world here in the United States. Do you feel remorse over this?** We spend most of our resources here because we like our comfortable corner of the world. We justify it by saying “we haven't completed the work here.” God's command was not do one task and then begin the other. He said in *Acts 1:8* “*you shall be witnesses unto me **both** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*” This is to be a simultaneous work! **Farmers in Florida don't let the grapefruit harvest die on the trees so they can save the oranges. They harvest both fields and pick the strawberries too! They do it all!**

And so it is to be in God's Kingdom. **God has the love, the power, the resources and the people to do it all! Does the work at home have to suffer because we go to the rest of the WORLD? Of course not! I truly believe if we expanded our vision to reach the WHOLE WORLD in more ways than we do now, we would be even more fruitful here in the United States, not less fruitful.** Imagine a triumphant church focused on reaching the **WHOLE WORLD** both here and abroad. A church focused on fulfilling the task of reaching the **WHOLE WORLD** in this generation. A church like that would have little time or energy to worry about things that just don't matter in the eternal scheme of things.

So the question is not “God do you want me involved in World Missions?” but rather “Where do you want me involved in World Missions?”. **If you are already involved I encourage you to keep it up! Don't drop the ball! Don't lose your focus! If you aren't involved, I encourage you to get involved today. .**