

# OUTREACH TO THE UNREACHED MINISTRIES

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Dear Faithful Friends and Partners:

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus! Our one aim as missionaries has been to see the lost saved; the sick healed, the hungry filled and the Kingdom of light to shine brighter and brighter, overpowering the Kingdom of darkness. We have a zeal to do this work and train others to do this work. The Lord has confirmed His Word with signs following. However, from time to time something will happen in the work that is of an unforgettable humorous nature. We would like to share an experience of one of our African brothers.

This brother had a zeal that exceeded zeal. He noticed that the place he stopped to buy bread and milk was always crowded with people "who had stayed too long with the wine". It seriously burdened him to see their lives wasted. But what could he do? If he could do it over he probably would not do what he did. His solution was that he would trade his bread for their wine. They accepted his bread and all was well until he started walking away with their bottle of wine. The wine had misunderstood that giving his bottle was part of the deal for receiving the bread. He started yelling, "Thief, thief"! His drinking buddies started coming out of nowhere. As best they could they ran after our friend, who in turn took off running, with bottle in hand. He made it to his car and sped away, the drunks giving chase and yelling, "Thief, thief". They faltered quickly. The brother made a clean get-away and then was struck by his conscience that he had actually stolen a bottle of wine. He wondered how he could have thought his plan would work. What had started out with the best intentions had ended in a fiasco. He threw the bottle away, drove home and started thinking of some new place he could buy milk and bread!

Some say you learn from your mistakes, others from your successes. Why not both? Our brother's heart was in the right place, but his method just didn't work. You can easily change methods. Therefore, the essential is to keep the zeal of our hearts for the work of the Lord on the "front burner".

May the Lord repay you in manifold ways for your covenant of friendship and support.  
Galatians 6:9.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

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