

Devotion

Current Missionary Need \$100,000

All: Hark the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?"

Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?" LBW 381

Leader: Most of us will never see the mission field and except for pictures and stories we have no concept of what it is truly like to devote yourself to spreading the Gospel to strangers in a foreign place. Those who commit themselves to this life of service are very special people. You put your life here in the United States into storage and start a new life in a foreign country. Wow. What do you need as a missionary to begin this life? How are you going to learn a new language? How in the world do I get insurance for travel and for living there? These are some of the questions that are answered through Mission Central. They continue to support new missionaries throughout the world with resources for daily life while in the field.

All: Loud and long the master calls you; Rich reward he offers free.

Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

Leader: Mission Central, based in Iowa, offers helps for all sorts of needs the missionary and their families. One of the concerns of mission families is education for their children. Do they need to provide this for their children along with their mission work? Helping with education for children is one of the many benefits Mission Central provides to missionaries in the field. Whether it's through provided educational materials or through schools for missionaries' children, the children are cared for and taught an approved curriculum. But the most beneficial learning is not in the school but in their interaction with other children native to that country. Can you imagine what it does for a growing child, sharing the love of Jesus with children in that foreign country?

All: Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"

While the multitudes are dying, And the master calls for you.

Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be.

Answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I, Send me, send me!"

Leader: We are truly blessed to have an organization like Mission Central. They take the numerous concerns and worries of missionary families and answer questions and solve problems. They try to make life easier so that the missionary can concentrate on spreading the Good News of Jesus' life and His saving love. The list of things they provide is amazing from flights to and from the mission field where they serve to the cost of orientation and training prior to leaving for the field; from health insurance to a computer for work and communication to the states; from household utilities to language training. The list goes on and on. With so much good work coming from a single organization you wonder how they do it. With our help is how. They need our financial support and our prayerful support for their work and for those they work for. Our mites for this project will go a long way towards supporting our missionaries leaving for the field with their families. We need to keep in mind the pictures of newly baptized Christians in faraway places and keep picturing the joy on their faces as we support this grant. Heavenly Father, help us to help those who are willing and able to go to other lands to spread the news of Your love and salvation for all who believe. This is why we are here on earth, to tell others about You. Bless the efforts and good work of Mission Central. May this grant further your kingdom! Amen.