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Second Peter 3:9 reminds us that God is not willing that any should perish. His plan is for those who have already experienced his salvation to share the Gospel message with others around them. While he could have deployed any strategy, he primarily chose for his people to be the ones to tell the good news to others.

In Acts 1:8, we see Christ directing his people to tarry in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. After they were filled with the Holy Spirit, their first action was to spread out throughout the area to share what they had experienced. They responded to Christ's command in Matthew 28:19, 20 to "go and make disciples," empowered by the Holy Spirit. As a result, the kingdom grew, and new churches were established.

Paul writes, in Romans 10, that the Gospel must be preached, but he also asks, "Who will send them?" The church, corporately and individually, have a responsibility to support those who "go" and share the Gospel. While many think of financial giving as the primary way we support our missionary brothers and sisters, we must also support them through our fervent prayers.

Prayer Directives

- **Pray for open doors for the Gospel to be shared and for churches to be established. These doors include invitations to present the Gospel personally, for divine partnerships in ministry, and for favor with governments and communities. Pray that missionaries will be led by the Holy Spirit and discern these open doors (Colossians 4:2, 3).**

- **Pray that God's Word will spread and for the removal of barriers as missionaries share the Gospel. These barriers include personal hardness to the Gospel, cultural challenges, and language barriers (2 Thessalonians 3:1).**
- **Pray for boldness to share the Gospel—overcoming fear, embarrassment, and intimidation (Ephesians 6:19).**
- **Pray for strength to withstand the attacks of the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-18).**
- **Pray that people will resist the enemy's plans to obstruct the work of missionaries (James 4:7).**
- **Pray for the protection of our missionary leaders (2 Thessalonians 3:2).**
- **Pray for effective, fruitful ministry—now and in future generations (John 15:5).**
- **Pray for the safety, emotional health, and provision of missionaries (Mark 16:15; Matthew 11:28-30).**

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