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## PASTOR TOMMY SNYDER ON THE MISSION FIELD WITH GIMI



### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Greetings in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is my joy and privilege to serve as the Vice President of Gateway International Missions Inc. As I write this article, our beloved President is preaching the gospel in south Texas as well as raising funds to support the work of Gateway around the world. I stand amazed at the fact that for every \$2.71 invested in this ministry, a soul is gloriously saved! God has chosen to lay His hand upon this ministry as the gospel is preached and needs are met on the continent of Africa. The Muslims are busy in Africa and we who have the truth are to follow the words of Jesus who says, ***“I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.”*** (John 9:4)

A mission team of 18 will depart on March 6th to go to Uganda to work in the prisons and schools. We will conduct medical clinics in the prisons with the purpose of helping the inmates physically, but our main goal will be to win people to Jesus Christ! Please make a note of the dates of March 6-18 and pray daily for our team. Pastor Stan and Miss Jo Anne will lead us on this trip. I can still recall early in my Christian life feeling if I fully surrendered to the will of God, He would send me to Africa. I thought about that on my first trip to Uganda in 2010 as I preached in “the bush” of that beautiful country and experienced the Lord’s perfect peace. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 12:2 the will of God is ***“good and acceptable and perfect”***. A. W. Tozer lived from 1897-1963 and was a Pastor, teacher, and writer. He prayed the following prayer, *“Lord, outside of the will of God, there’s nothing I want, and in the will of God there’s nothing I fear.”*

A *Peanuts* comic strip once showed Charlie Brown’s baseball coach addressing his hapless team. He said, “I have our statistics for the year. In each of our twelve games we almost scored a run. In nine of the games our opponents almost didn’t score a run before the first out. Lucy almost caught three fly balls in right field, and one time we almost made the right play.” In the last frame of the comic strip Charlie Brown said, “We led the league in almos.”

Beloved, I don’t want to get to the Judgment Seat of Christ and find out:

- I almost became a useable vessel in the Lord’s Hand.
- I almost fully surrendered to the Lord.
- I almost became a soul winner.
- I almost became a consecrated student of the Word of God.
- I almost became a Prayer Warrior.

- I almost became the husband and father I could have become.
- I almost laid up Treasures in Heaven rather than expending resources on Wood, Hay, and Stubble.
- I almost became a Godly Under Shepherd of His Flock.

Let's stay out of the land of "almosts" and be **"a vessel unto honour, sanctified and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."** (2 Timothy 2:21)

In closing, I ask you to join me in two endeavors. First of all pray for Pastor Stan, Miss Jo Anne, and this ministry on a daily basis. They are literally pouring their lives into this work. Pray for God's hand to remain upon them and for God to give them strength and health. Second, give generously to this work on a monthly basis. If you will do these two things, the lost will be evangelized, saints will be edified, and our Lord will be glorified.

All because of Jesus,  
*Tommy Snyder*  
 Pastor of First Baptist Church  
 Batesville, Mississippi

**"Two Letters from Ugandan prisoners whose lives have been changed through our ministry"**

#1—I am called Egwange Bonny born from Amolatar District. I was a religious person in the church before I received Jesus Christ as my personal savior and the lord of my life.

I was born in 1992. I am now 24 years old when I grew up I had been going to church every Sunday. I did not know that there is salvation in Jesus name. I have been believing so much in my faith that can save my life when I die. Pastor Patrick Ogaba one day gave me a small book, then I read Genesis chapter 6:6 and Job chapter 42:6 that was a time I admitted that I am a sinner. I committed a lot of sins, for example, drunkenness, womanizing, and robbery. I realized that I was not taken to prison for nothing.

I am convicted for 3 years imprisonment. I have acknowledged Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I have been justified and repented of all my sins. I also thank Patrick Ogaba for giving me this Gospel I read and understood. May God bless him and his family not forgetting thanking Gateway International for donating to prisoners books and pamphlets.

God's Word has opened our eyes and delivered us from our sinful lives. Amen.

Pastor Egwange Bonny

#2—First of all I want to thank God for great thing he has done in my life through Pastor Patrick Ogaba. Our God is the God of mercy and his wonder can be seen if you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

I am called Okello James. Most of my life is a prison life because of offences committed. I am now 36 years old but half of my life I have been in prison. People think that prison administration and rule can change people's way of life, but this is not true.

One day pastor Patrick Ogaba came to the prison of Gulu and preached the good news to us. That was the time I was born again, delivered, and set free. Still I can not believe this has happened in my life, and my family has seen the power of God working in my life. The words of God have rebuked me, delivered me, and transformed me. I am no longer called a murder as I was in the beginning.

Some of the Scripture was in book of Isaiah chapter 38:1, Romans chapter 7, Matthew chapters 11:8, and finally, Romans chapter 8.

I also want to thank director of Gateway International Missions for giving us books, pamphlets, bibles, etc.

May God bless you.





**A Very Merry Christmas 2016 in the prisons of Uganda!!!  
"A picture is worth a thousand words!"**

Just look at what your financial support did/does in the lives of prisoners! Your generous, loving contributions gave Christmas to people who would otherwise have had no Christmas! The most important thing is that with these humanitarian gifts of love, many of them also received the greatest gift, Love itself personified in the Precious Redeemer of all men, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! To Him be all the thanks, praise, honor, and glory—for ever and ever! Amen





**LADY PRISONERS AND THEIR CHILDREN  
AT A GIMI SERVICE IN UGANDA**



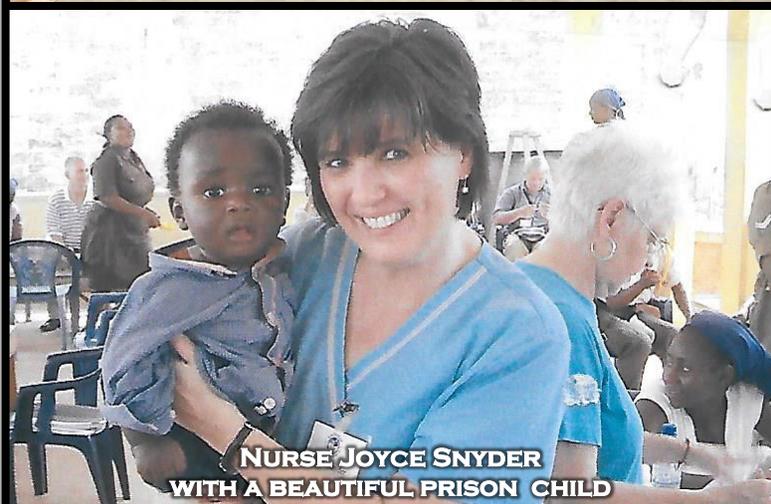
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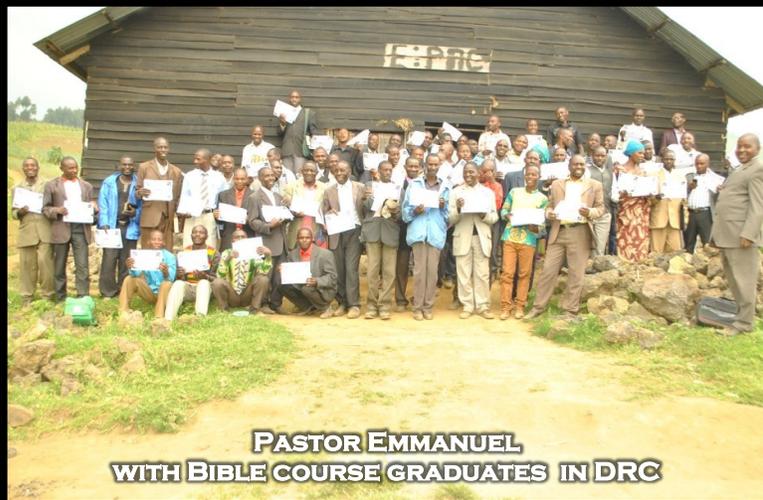
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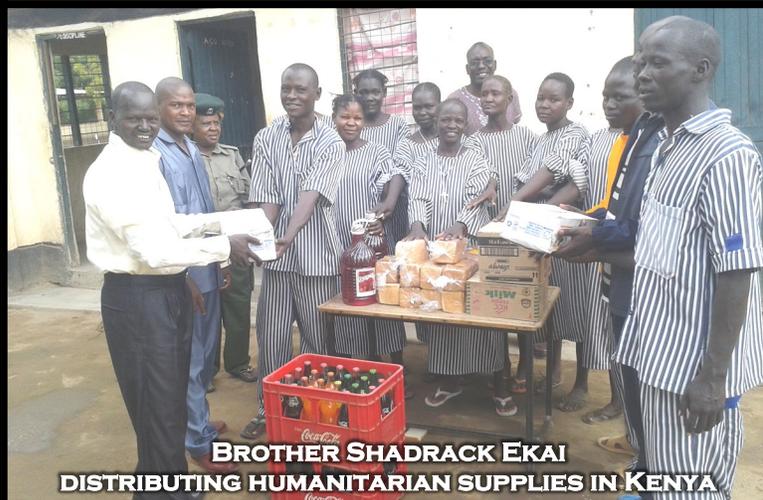
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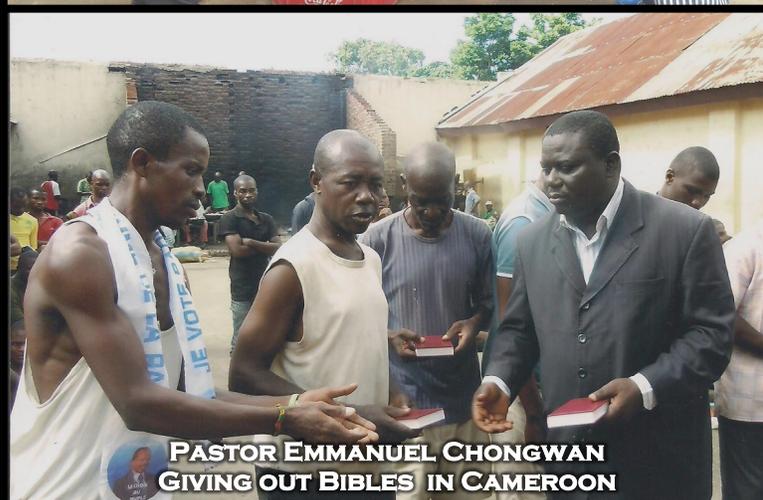
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# MISSION POSSIBLE—Acts 1:1-8

## A Sermon by Pastor Tommy Snyder

### INTRODUCTION:

I grew up watching the television show *Mission Impossible* that was shown from 1966-1973. The story line was about a small team of secret agents called the IMF (Impossible Mission Force) involved in covert missions against dictators, evil organizations, and crime lords. Later movies were produced starring Tom Cruise along the same subject line.

When we come to **Acts 1**, it seems to be a mission impossible. They were to fulfill the Great Commission. This is the fifth time the Great Commission is mentioned in Scripture.

- **Matthew 28:19-20** says, “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”
- **Mark 16:15** says, “*And he said to them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*”
- **Luke 24:46-49** says, “*And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with power from on high.*”
- **John 20:21** says, “*Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*”

This was a rag tag group with very little influence, political clout, or financial resources. By trade most of them were fishermen with very little education and yet they were given a mission that seemingly was impossible. They were to be His witnesses in 4 places. The KJV says **both**. It was not an “either” “or” but a “both” “and.” How were they going to do this without any of the modern means of communication and transportation? What would seem like a mission in which it was impossible becomes possible through Him.

### I. HIS PRESENCE IN US – when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

When does the Holy Spirit come to set up residence in a person’s life? At the time of salvation. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** says, “*What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*” So often, we hear that statement of God living in us as a Christian and it does not register with us. Paul says in **Colossians 1:27**, “*Christ in you, the hope of glory:*”. Paul says in **Galatians 2:20**, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*”

Jesus introduced this truth to the disciples before going to the Cross. Jesus says in **John 14:16-18**, “*And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.*” Jesus was reminding them as we need to be reminded that as Jesus was beside them, the Holy Spirit would be in them. The word *another* is a Greek word that means “another of the exact same kind.” There are two Greek words that are translated “another.” One Greek word means “another of a different kind.” So, let’s say that you had a horse and you’re going to get another form of transportation—you get a car. That’s another of a different kind. But, let’s say you have one car and you’re going to get another one just like it. That’s another of the same kind, you see. Now, the word He uses here is the Greek word that doesn’t mean “another of a different kind”; it means “another of the exact same kind.” That is, “I’m going, but I’m not leaving. You’re going to receive another just like me.” They are co-eternal and co-equal with the Father. The Holy Spirit has been described as *Christ in the Christian*.

### II.HIS PROMISE TO US – But you shall receive power.

Now Jesus had made a promise. In the **Gospel of Luke chapter 24, verse 49**, He said, “*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*” Now Jesus said, “Don’t go out and try to do anything until you’re endued with power.” Now friend not only is it foolish, but it is wicked—it is wicked to try to do God’s work without God’s power. His power is His Spirit doing His work in us and through us.

There was a preacher in Kentucky who used to keep

on his desk an old tattered leather glove; and each Sunday, before he'd go out to preach, he took that old glove off of the desk, and he would slip his hand into the glove and flex it several times. Then he would take the glove off, put it on his desk, and go back out and preach. Someone said, "Why do you do that?" He said, "To remind myself of this vital lesson that that glove is absolutely impotent and powerless until my hand is slipped into it, and then I say, 'O God, as my hand has activated this glove, I want you, Lord Jesus, to activate my life, and I want you, Lord, to enter into me and inhabit my humanity and live Your life through me.'"

**Romans 8:26-27** says, "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*"

### A. I Need His Power to Enlighten Me

And why do I need that power? I need that power to enlighten me. I don't know where to go. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to say, but He does. I don't know what to pray for as I should and you don't either. Jesus said that He'll guide you.

### B. I Need His Power to Enable Me

But not only do I need Him to enlighten me, dear friend, I need Him to enable me, because, as I've said before, I can't. He never said I could. But not only will He enlighten me. It's not enough to know the will of God. Do you think that, if you knew the will of God, then your problems would be over? You've got to do it. Well, how are you going to do it? Well, it's going to be Him doing it in you. You can't do it. He has to enlighten you, and then He has to enable you.

### C. I Need His Power to Encourage Me

And then dear friend, He has to encourage you. You see, as a matter of fact, the word Comforter—the name for the Holy Spirit—also means encourager: one who is called alongside of me—a paraclete, which means somebody who just gives us strength and encouragement in order to get the job done.

These Christians were going to face persecution—that's not an easy road. There were going to be heartaches and tears. Some of them were going to be physically threatened, and some of them were going to be killed; but they had the power to live for Christ and to die for Christ, because the Holy Spirit of God had come upon

them.

### III. HIS PURPOSE FOR US – ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

In order to fulfill His purpose for us, we need to appropriate the first two. He gives them scope of their witness.

- **Jerusalem** – This was their present location. *They started there because they were there.* Our Jerusalem would be our community in which we live.
- **Judea** – This would be our state
- **Samaria** – This would be our nation.
- **Uttermost parts of the World** – This would be our world. If you can go then go! If you can't go, then give so others might go. For every \$2.71 invested in Gateway International Missions, a soul is saved! It will be worth it all when we stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ one day.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him the more intensely missionary we

### DON'T MISS THESE MOST RECENT ADDITIONS TO DR. STAN'S WRITTEN RESOURCES!

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A commentary on Jeremiah 23
2. **"Jonah: A Prophet With A Bad Attitude" (\$10)**  
A commentary on the book of Jonah
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