

We're On a Mission

When someone is very focused and working relentlessly to achieve some goal or finish a task, observers are likely to say “he/she is on a mission.” In reality, those of us who have obeyed the gospel of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, have undertaken a mission for life. Our over-riding goal is to live faithfully to Him until our death or He returns to receive us.

There are “missions” within our mission to go to heaven. Jesus gave His disciples a mission to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). This is referred to as the “great commission.” We at Karns have a mission coming in 2008 called the “Honduras evangelism/medical mission.” This mission is part of our response to Jesus’ great commission.

In C. Gene Walk’s book, *Jesus on Leadership*, he writes, “to Jesus, His mission was everything. Jesus was a servant to His mission. He humbled himself to carry out His mission.” We see this focus on their mission in the lives of His apostles. For example, Paul told the elders at Ephesus “... nor do I count my life dear to myself, that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus ...” (Acts 20:24).

Does our focus and passion for serving the Lord provoke observers of the Karns congregation to say, “Those people at the Karns Church of Christ are on a mission!”? Teaching others by our example and words is simply part of our life’s and our Lord’s great mission. When serving God is our over-riding mission, the change in our lives will be evident to those we interact with on a regular basis. In the year 2008, let’s all determine to be more like Christ and make the mission of reaching out to our community and world “everything.”

-- For the elders (Don Denton)