



Welcome back to DRIVE!

Tonight: Part Three of Growing in Service

Serving the World

In this final episode, we will:

- ▶ Discuss the Biblical imperative of world missions.
- ▶ Provide several ways to get involved.
- ▶ Offer an opportunity to formally partner with Crossroads

We trust the DVD content, and the information provided in this throughout this series has been a blessing to you, and has helped you make positive forward steps as you continue to grow deeper in your relationship with God, by influencing others for Christ.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”
¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? (Romans 10:13-15a, NLT)



The Imperative to Reach Everyone...

While Biblical evidence for the importance of supporting global missions is overwhelming, at Crossroads, there are a few key Scriptures that influence our attitude about serving the world.

Matthew 28:19

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(Jesus) Acts 1:8

“...you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

For our purposes Jerusalem is at home. Judea is throughout our land. Samaria is in neighboring lands. To the ends of the earth is everywhere else.

We are called to make disciples of _____.

The Imperative to Send People...

Here’s another Scripture that is foundational to our belief in supporting world missions:

Romans 10:12-15

¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”



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¹⁴ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? ¹⁵ And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

How will anyone go and tell them without being sent? The call is compelling and not something we can ignore.

Supporting world missions is the responsibility of _____

The End Will Come...

Jesus himself talks about His return throughout the Gospels. And he makes it plain that at some point God is going to literally interrupt time, and judge the world. But in His overwhelming grace and mercy, God is patiently waiting for the world to call upon his name. God so loved the world he sent Jesus to die for the sins of all humankind, so when that interruption in time as we know it comes, none will perish, but all will find eternal salvation through Christ.

Jesus says the end will come...and then the judgment. But that reality is conditioned on this reality:

Mark 13:10

“...the good news must first be preached to all nations”.

The Bible says, “the Gospel is GOOD NEWS to the poor”. If it is to truly be good news to the poor, it has to be more than just words. Serving the world is more than just preaching the Gospel. Good news to the poor means feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, caring for the sick, meeting the needs of widows and orphans, and promoting justice for those who are oppressed.



Be “Good News” until it does!

When we serve the needs of the suffering, we DEMONSTRATE the Gospel in REAL TIME. Those actions pave the way to share the good news of eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

There are many organizations focused on the mission of Christ to share the gospel with the world in tangible ways. And they are organizations worth supporting. Organizations like WORLDVISION, the SALVATION ARMY, SAMARITAN’S PURSE, VOICE of the MARTYRS, the BLOOD-WATER MISSION and many others. Organizations like these reach around the globe, not only to preach the Gospel, but to serve the needs of those who are suffering.

But we can’t support them all. And remember, the dollar you give in support of world missions, needs to go to organizations with the lowest overhead possible, to do the most good on the ground. So go to www.charitynavigator.com before you give, to find the organizations that do the most with the support they receive.

Here are three of the organizations we support at Crossroads. We encourage you to partner with us to help these organizations go further faster, to bring the message of God’s redemption and restoration to the world.

EDESIA

www.edesiaglobal.org

Mission

Edesia's **mission** is to treat and prevent malnutrition for the most vulnerable in the developing world through Ready-to-Use Foods and other locally appropriate solutions.

Vision

Our **vision** is a world in which all people have access to the basic human right of food and nutrition. To assure that vulnerable individuals no longer suffer and die needlessly from malnutrition – a completely preventable





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condition. To treat children as our own, and give them the life-saving tools to overcome malnutrition and thrive. We act now, because the cost of inaction is too great.

Mandates

1. **Produce** high-quality ready-to-use foods (currently Plumpy'nut[®], Supplementary Plumpy[®], Plumpy'doz[®] and Nutributter[®]) for humanitarian organizations and non-profits.
2. **Collaborate** on research and development to improve distribution systems and optimize the use of ready-to-use foods.
3. **Support** local producers of ready-to-use foods in the developing world.
4. **Engage** in educational efforts and direct advocacy to raise the profile of global malnutrition.

Approach

Edesia recognizes the complexity of addressing hunger globally. Nutrition for young children, pregnant and breastfeeding mothers, people living with HIV/AIDS, and other vulnerable populations is part of larger and more complex problems. Addressing education, agriculture and policy change must also be a part of the solution.

Edesia supplies product for organizations working in **emergency situations** as well as **standard nutrition programming**. In recognition that treating the most severe cases is not a permanent solution, Edesia also supplies products for and is an advocate of **preventative approaches**.

Edesia cannot do this alone. Edesia believes in collaboration and communication and works with a number of organizations and research institutions to ensure that a multi-faceted approach to alleviating malnutrition is being pursued. Edesia is always looking for opportunities to develop new **partnerships** and move toward **long-term sustainable solutions**.

Moving ahead, research will play an essential role in innovative prevention. Edesia is engaged in **research and development** to continue to identify targeted solutions that meet the specific needs of global populations and increase the distribution systems and effectiveness of these life-saving products.

Edesia is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our work is guided by our mission and vision. Everything we do reflects the urgency to act now to have a lifelong impact on children's lives.



LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS

www.landofathousandhills.com

In April 1994, Rwanda (an African country half the size of the state of Maryland) experienced one of history's most atrocious genocides. In just 100 days, close to one million ethnic Tutsi and moderate Hutu sympathizers lost their lives to the hands of extremist Hutu militia.



The 1994 genocide that left so many innocent people either dead, orphaned, or widowed has now become a focal point of the global community. In the wake of civil war, Rwanda made a commitment to national restoration. The government called upon the church to lead the country in reconciliation and asked the outside world to support them as it looked to heal and eradicate poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

In 2001, Jonathan Golden, founder of Land of a Thousand Hills, recognized a simple and tangible opportunity to make a difference in the reconciliation of the Rwandan people. This realization led Golden to start a coffee company that pays a fair wage to the farmers of Rwanda, helps them with their basic needs, and brings a quality product to coffee lovers.

The introduction of specialty coffee to the healing fields of Rwanda proved to be an uncommon opportunity for once warring countrymen to not only rebuild their homesteads, but to work together toward lasting peace. A commitment to excellence in coffee has brought dignity and hope to a nation that history suggested would never recover.

Now, Land of a Thousand Hills has reached beyond the borders of Rwanda to bring dignity and hope to Haiti, Thailand, and other parts of the globe. We partner with farmers and local community leaders to develop the coffee into a sustainable income, pay a just Living Wage, and strive to further meet the needs of the people. When you buy Land of a Thousand Hills, you are receiving coffee that is 100% Arabica, fairly traded, and roasted fresh. Your excellent morning cup is offering hope to these developing coffee communities with each purchase.

Drink Coffee. Do Good.™



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BACKPACK WITNESS

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DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT LINES OF THE MISSION FIELD

All over the world people are in need. We hear about it every day. Turn on a television, open a newspaper, look online and the need is obvious. These stories, pictures and video reveal the bad news and desperate condition of our world.

Seeing these words and images we cannot help but ask, “Where is the good news?” Often, we’re left to wonder if there is a God. And if this God is full of love and compassion, then where is the evidence?

But there is good news. Good news told in countless stories of hope, help, life, love and restoration. These beautiful stories play out against a bleak background of suffering. These are stories of courage in the face of desperate uncertainty. Stories of success in the struggle for survival. These are stories of men and women sacrificing all, so they might save some. **These are stories that must be told.**

Where is the evidence that God is alive and involved? It is found in the work of those who have decided to be God’s love in the Earth. It is in them and their stories that his love can be seen. He’s in the slums, with the poor and needy, whispering hope and justice. He’s in the hands of the caring, sharing what little that they have with those who have even less. He’s the driving force behind a hungry servant feeding a starving child. And right now He is that tugging in your heart to do something more.

Backpack Witness goes to the farthest corners of the earth to connect you with these stories and the people that live them, so you can support the work they’re doing. As we live out of our backpacks, among these world changers, you’ll become a witness to the power the gospel.

Partner with us now as we travel to 16 countries on 5 continents, relentlessly pursuing the story of God in the Earth.

Donations for EDESIA and BACKPACK WITNESS can be made at www.giveCCC.org. One hundred percent of your donation at giveCCC.org will go directly to the organization. LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS coffee can be consumed and purchased every Sunday in the lobby of Crossroads Church.



Becoming a "ROADIE"

ROADIES Agree to

1. Share the RESPONSIBILITY of CROSSROADS by:

- ▶ **Praying for her** _____.

Church health is the responsibility of every believer. Paul says we're to all do our part, so that the whole church is healthy, growing and full of love. Eph 4:16 (NLT)

- ▶ _____ **warmly those who attend.**

So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. Romans 15:7 (LB)

- ▶ **Inviting my** _____!

Come and meet a man who told me everything I ever did! Can this be the Messiah? John 4:29 (NLT)

ROADIES Agree to

2. Support the MESSAGE of CROSSROADS by:

- ▶ **Attending** _____ **faithfully.**

Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer. Hebrews 10:25 (CEV)

- ▶ **Getting involved in a** _____.

They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer. Acts 2:42 (NLT)

- ▶ **Honoring Christ in my** _____.

Above all else, you must live in a way that brings honor to the good news about Christ. Philippians 1:27 (CEV)

- ▶ **Giving** _____.

On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. 1 Corinthians 16:2



ROADIES Agree to

3. Protect the UNITY of CROSSROADS by:

- ▶ **Refusing to _____.**

When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you. Ephesians 4:29 (NCV)

- ▶ **Following the _____.**

Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God. Hebrews 13:17 (NLT)

ROADIES Agree to

4. Serve the MINISTRY of CROSSROADS by:

- ▶ _____ **a place of ministry.**

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)

- ▶ **Developing a _____.**

The greatest among you must be a servant. Matthew 23:11 (NLT)

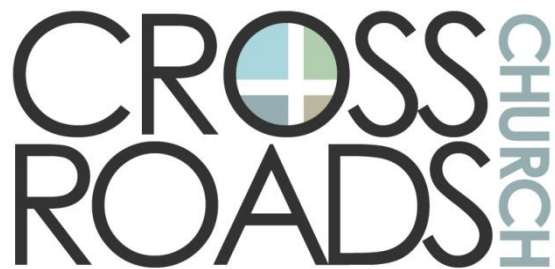
So there you have it. Drive. Our journey. To become more like Christ. Time in the Word, time in prayer, fellowship in large and small groups, lifestyle generosity all aimed at this:

Loving God, Loving Others and Serving the World.

If what you have experienced over the past 8 weeks has resonated with you, we encourage you now to partner with us and join the ranks of the ROADIES, who aren’t just “fans” of Jesus, but followers, dedicated to influencing the world for Christ.



Crossroads Partnership Covenant



I agree to promote the purpose and beliefs of Crossroads; to share the responsibility, to support the message, to protect the unity, and to serve the ministry of Crossroads Community Church for as long as God has placed me in this community and in this fellowship of believers.

Printed Name

Signature

Date