“Who Are Only Undefeated Because We Have Gone on Trying’: The Mission Young”

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Luke 4:17-19

What is this mission of the Messiah—is it a _______ mission of the heart or is it a _________ mission of the hands?

- Luke 6:20, 21
  - That’s why “Blessed are the poor and hungry” can read, “Blessed are the _______.”
  - Where according to the CIA website, ______ of the populace live below the poverty line.
  - And ______ live in abject poverty.
  - And you know those numbers will spike higher in the wake of the quake.
  - And as the result of the catastrophic earthquake, __________more Haitians have been made homeless (out of a population of 9.1 million).

- While the average American lives on more than $90 a day, approximately one billion people live on less than _____ a day and 2.6 billion (almost a third of the human race) live on less than ______ a day.

- Closer to home:
  - According to FeedingAmerica.org, in 2008, _____ million Americans lived in “food insecure” households (living in hunger or fear of starvation), 32.4 million adults and ______ million children.
  - In Benton Harbor, MI, in 2008 ______% of the residents had income below the national poverty level (compared to 10.5% in MI).
  - In Benton Harbor, MI, in 2008 ______ % of the residents had income below 50% of the national poverty level (compared to 4.8% in MI).

So what shall we do . . . and how shall we live?

- Desire of Ages: “Many feel that it would be a great privilege to visit the scenes of Christ’s life on earth. . . . But we need not go to Nazareth, to Capernaum, or to Bethany, in order to walk in the steps of Jesus. We shall find His footprints beside the __________, in the hovels of __________, in the crowded alleys of the great __________, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps.” (640)

- “All may find something to do. ‘The poor always ye have with you,’ (John 12:8). . . . Were our condition and theirs to be reversed, what would we desire them to do for us? All this, so far as lies in our power, we are under the most solemn obligation to do for them. Christ's rule of life, by which every one of us must stand or fall in the judgment, is, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them' Matt. 7:12.” (Ibid)

- There are a hundred ways for you to follow his footprints:
  - Get on the Benton Harbor busses at 3 p.m. today.
  - Call Chaplain Keren Toms (269 471 3211) and volunteer to join one of the Benton Harbor outreach ministries.
  - Call Pastor Walter Rogers (269 849 9099) and volunteer to help at Kid’s Zone and Family Church at Harbor of Hope (HOH) on Sabbaths.
  - Call him if you’re willing to visit the children’s homes on Friday.
  - Call him if you’re willing to drive a bus or supervise a bus.
  - Call him if you’re a cook willing to be on a dinner team once a month.
  - Call Campus Ministries to join the Haiti relief team during spring break.
  - Call Neighbor-to-Neighbor Community Center in Berrien Springs (269 471 7411) and volunteer to serve the poor who come for clothing and assistance.
  - Transfer your membership from Pioneer to Harbor of Hope and shift your paradigm to worshiping and ministering as Jesus did.

“We’re all human beings.”

Spiritual, physical, Haitians, 80%, 54%, two million, $1, $2, 49.1, 16.7, 42.6, 19.7, sickbed, poverty, city