

# MADE TO CHANGE THE WORLD



#### A Simple but dangerous prayer: Ramesh Richard's prayer, "Lord, do things we're not used to."



## Matthew 19:21

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.



# Soeren Kierkergaard

#### Everyone wants progress. No one wants change.



# **Thomas Jefferson**

# If you want what you've never had, you've got to do what you've never done.



# Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



## Matthew 9:35-38

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."



# **A. The Vulnerable**



## Matthew 9:36

#### When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd



#### 1) Seeing the crowds.



# Seeing the crowds. Feeling compassion.



# Seeing the crowds. Feeling compassion.

#### 3) Knowing their true condition.



# **B. Who Will Help?**



## Matthew 9:37-38

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest



#### **1. A Surprising Opportunity**



# A Surprising Opportunity A Somber Observation



# **Steven Cole**

I want to challenge all of us, but especially those who are young: Don't throw away your life to achieve the North American dream of financial security, early retirement, and a motor home, so you can spend your final years driving around to capture the National Parks on videotape.



## **Steven Cole**

Spend your life for the only purpose that lasts: to see the nations glorify God for his great mercy in Christ (Romans 15:9-12).



# **David Whyte**

I don't want to have written on my tombstone, when finally people struggle through the weeds, pull back the moss, and read the inscription there: "He made his house and car payments on time."



# There are some questions we need to ask at this point:

a) What vision is God birthing in your heart?b) How will you be remembered?c) How much are you willing to invest?



A Surprising Opportunity
A Somber Observation
A Solemn Obligation



# Matthew 9:38

#### Pray to the Lord of the harvest.



The church's primary response to the needs of the world can be summed up in one word. Pray.



## Matthew 9:37-38

"What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"



# **Ramesh Richard**

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