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World Missions

The HIGH CALLING of our DAILY work

Believers are called to work according to God's purpose. Heaven's rewards aren't just for the preacher with the biggest church or the missionary in a far away land. Everyone can work with a high calling in mind.

Stonemasons

Three stonemasons were building a church building when a stranger walked by. The first stonemason was toting rocks to a pile near one wall of the building. "What are you doing," asked the passer by? "I'm building a wall," he replied. The stranger asked the second laborer, "What are you doing?" "I'm building a wall," he replied. A few steps away, the stranger came upon the third mason. "What are you doing?" he asked. This worker smiled and said, "I'm helping to build a church building for the glory of God!"

Think of it...same job, but different missions. Any job, done for the glory of God proves the high calling of our daily work.

Making a Living

Every morning, the four year old son asked his father, "Where are you going?" "Son, I'm going to make you a living." Every evening, when the father returned, the son would ask, "Daddy, where's the living? If you're making a living, it ought to be in your hands."

The father answered, "Well, of course making a living does involve what you get in your hands. I do bring home a paycheck. But making a living is far more than that; it's making a difference every day whatever the job you have.

Making a real living connects you to a bigger picture, a grand design, an abundant life. Each of us has only a small part to play, but what a part! It's the high calling of our daily work.

"And let the beauty of the Lord our god be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Ps. 90:17

Lonnie & Margie Smith Sr. in Mexico

Finances were available for the material for Vacation Bible School in which there will be over 6,000 boys and girls through out Mexico coming throughout the summer. Our prayer is for souls to be saved July and August is the time to reach these young souls with the salvation of our Lord. Pray for the grace of God to reach into their hearts. From past experience, we could see over 3,000 souls accept Christ this summer.

A special thanks for the Bedford Baptist Temple, of Bedford, Tex. for their help during June. Many came on a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico, but we also went fishing for the souls of men. They brought tracts and booklets to distribute in the afternoon to the people around the New Jerusalem Baptist church in Brownsville, Texas. The pastor there, Joel Olazaran was saved in Monterrey under my ministry, and graduated from the Bible College and have since moved to Brownsville, Texas, and is doing a fine job in the church there. The building was filled there on a Wednesday service. I translated while someone else preached. Three souls were saved that night.

We are praising God for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support toward our ministry for over fifty years in Mexico. God continues to bless in the many churches we have been privileged to begin. The Mexican pastors are still carrying on with this most precious work. Souls are being saved and Christians are growing in the Lord.

Yours for Souls in Mexico,
Lonnie and Margie Smith

For your love and support...Thanks!