

## IN TOUCH

### IMPACT THE WORLD

Dear Friends:

The third phrase of our church mission statement is "Send Believers Out To Impact The World". But what does it mean? Scripture answers that perfectly (Luke 10:25-32) in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. You are familiar with the story so I don't need to explain it. I do, however, believe a little clarity will help. In the eyes of the Jewish people there was no such thing as a "Good Samaritan". Hated by the Jews since about 900 BC Samaritans became known as half-breed, false worshipping, unpatriotic people. If a Jewish person had to go north of Samaria they would travel 100 miles out of their way to avoid Samaria it would be like driving to Tennessee but refusing to go through Kentucky to get there.

Jesus offers up the parable to teach his listeners and us a lesson: There are none who are beyond God's love, nor should they be beyond our love either. As Christians there are dozens of people we interact with weekly who need the love of God shine through us. When we let that happen we impact the world.

You know who the most prominent group of Samaritans are to us today? Muslims. Sunday during the sermon I am going to tell the amazing story of a guy named Jeff who has ministered to Muslims for nearly 30 years. He's been jailed, shot at, kicked out of countries, and more. The night I heard him tell his story he concluded by saying something to the effect: "Would you ever be a Good Samaritan to a Muslim?".

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Donna Clickenger, Our Snowbirds: Faye Cooper, Dick & Sandy Hickernell, Tom and Joyce Barrowman, Rose Farber, Joyce Brockman

Events: Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Sunday, February 9, 9:00 am Life Group Bible Class

“ 10:15 am Worship Service

“ 6:30 pm Prayer Service