

Jesus put a burden on His twelve for the next towns. Is there a town near you that needs a church?

**Mark 1:38** And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: **for therefore came I forth.**

**39** And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

The Bible says: "God so loved the World." He came to seek and to save that which was lost. This is God's primary goal. He used the seed of the woman to do it. The purpose of all He does on earth is to get the attention of the lost. He does this by revealing Himself. He wants to do that in the towns near you.

Spiritual warfare is fought between our flesh and our spirit. We win this war not by might nor by power but by His Spirit. Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power**, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 4: 12 Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee:

13And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

I have been in Capernaum three times. The first time I was not in the city itself but under the same conditions. It was when I sat in darkness and I too saw the Great Light of Acts 2:38.

The next two times I was there literally. Capernaum is a very interesting place. It is on the north end of the Sea of Galilee. Peter's mother-in-law lived there. The Sea of Galilee is 700 feet below sea level. As you go down the mountain there is a sign on the side of the road with a line on it. The line marks Sea Level. You then drive 700 feet below that line to the surface of the Sea of Galilee. I have a picture of me on that Sea, looking through the windshield of the tourist boat, with the Captain's Cap on, steering the boat towards Capernaum. Today I am steering people toward Jesus.

I received a telephone call from Paul Schafer recently. We talked about the time he helped me find a building to rent in Hamilton, Ohio. It was a small store front building. We rented it, bought folding chairs, ran an ad in the paper and started with only my family on Sunday, October 12, 1958. As time went on we were able to build a new, octagon shaped building on the west side. It is a strong Church continuing on today. I am now retired and for nine years I have been a faithful tithe paying member of that church. Now my job is to just be there.

The call from Heaven is still going out. Jesus is still saying: "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: **for therefore came I forth.**" **Mark 1:38**

It takes a special breed of a man to endure the loneliness that goes with this calling. The man has to be self contained. One Sunday evening, when we were supposed to start Service, my 4 year son Albert said: "Daddy, no one is coming tonight is there?" I felt the same way, but had no idea he was feeling that way. Quickly I said: "That's alright son, we will worship and pray anyway." He happily said: "alright." Then I told myself ~ Al Friend you should have told yourself that about 10 minutes ago when you were feeling that way.