

*Missions Month*

## **The Church as a Diverse Community**

Matthew 9:35-38

Both the Old and the New Testament contain God's command to His people to bless all nations. His Son, as well as the early church, showed us the example of reaching a diverse community.

### **I. Jesus, the Gospel Proclaimer to All Peoples**

- A. Jesus is for all peoples (*Luke 19:10*)
- B. The Gospel for all peoples (*Mark 16:15*)
- C. Proclaimer for all peoples (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

### **II. Our Attitude Towards a Diverse Community**

**(Matthew 9:35-38)**

- A. We must have the Compassion of the Savior (*v. 36a*)
- B. We must know the Condition of the Sinners (*v. 36b*)
- C. We must obey the Commission to the Saints (*v. 37, 38*)

We must pray for the harvest. Why?

- 1. The Harvest is now.
- 2. The Harvest is ripe.
- 3. The Harvest will be destroyed.
- 4. The Harvest must be seen.
- 5. The Workers must be sent.

### ***Things to Ponder:***

- 1. How is your compassion quotient with regards to reaching people for Christ?
- 2. Think of one person in your community who needs to know Christ. Pray for him/her and share to him/her the Gospel.