

**Julai 2, 2017**

**Kutumwa**

Sisi Wakristo ni "watumwa" na tumepelekwa katika ulimwengu wetu - maeneo yetu ya kazi, jirani zetu - kuwaonya wengine kwa utawala wa Mungu. Ni jukumu letu kama vyombo vya mikono ya Mungu kuleta ladha ya ustawi, haki, uzuri na upatanisho, na kuwawezesha wengine kujua haya yatakuwa maua wakati wa kurudi kwa Kristo. Katika 'kushangaza ulimwengu', Michael Frost anapendekeza sisi kuandika kila njia Mungu ametutuma kuwa ishara, foretaste na chombo cha ufalme wa Mungu.

Hii ni juu ya kutengeneza utambulisho wetu karibu na wito wetu wa msingi kama 'watumwa' wa Mungu. Kwa kuendeleza tabia ya uandishi wa habari kwa njia ndogo (kubwa na ndogo) wewe tahadhari wengine kwa utawala wa Mungu wa upatanisho, haki, uzuri na ustadi, utapata mwenyewe unazidi kujitambulisha kama SENT moja ya Mungu.

**Nakala: 2 Wakorintho 5: 13-21**

*Nishati ya kuamka na kuendelea kama Mkristo, kama mtu anayefanya kazi kwa ajili ya injili, kwa hiyo, huja kutokana na hisia ya baridi ya wajibu, si kwa hofu ya kuadhibiwa kama huna kufanya kidogo yako, lakini kutoka kwa Majibu ya joto ya upendo kwa Upendo uliofikia nje, umefikia chini, na ukafikia wewe. Inaweza, bila shaka, kukufanya kufanya mambo kwa njia ambazo hushangaa au hata kumshtua watu wengine. Injili zinajaa kitu hicho; Hivyo ni hadithi ya maisha ya Paulo. Lakini, kama yeye anavyoendelea kusema, ikiwa ulimwengu mpya umezaliwa, hutarajijia kuonekana kama ile ya zamani, je! (N.T. Wright, 2004)?*

**Wiki ijayo:** *Mshangao wa Dunia unaendelea!*

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**Sent**

We Christians are the “sent ones” and we have been sent into our worlds — our workplaces, our neighborhoods — to alert others to the reign of God. It’s our role as instruments in God’s hands to bring tastes of wholeness, justice, beauty and reconciliation, and to let others know these will fully flower in the return of Christ. In ‘Surprise the World’, Michael Frost recommends we journal all the ways God has sent us to be a sign, foretaste and instrument of God’s kingdom.

This is about reshaping our identities around our fundamental calling as the ‘sent ones’ of God. By fostering the habit of briefly journaling the various ways (large and small) you alert others to God’s reign of reconciliation, justice, beauty and wholeness, you will find yourself increasingly identifying yourself as a SENT one of God.

**Text: 2 Corinthians 5:13-21**

*The energy to get up and go on as a Christian, as one who works for the gospel, therefore, comes not from a cold sense of duty, not from a fear of being punished if you don’t do your bit, but from the warm-hearted response of love to the Love which has reached out, reached down, and reached you. It may, of course, make you do things in ways that surprise or even shock other people. The gospels are full of that sort of thing; so is the story of Paul’s life. But, as he now goes on to say, if a new world has come to birth, you wouldn’t expect it to look exactly like the old one, would you (N.T. Wright, 2004)?*

**Next week:** *Surprise the World continues!*

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Je, inakuja nini mawazo yako wakati mtu atakavyosema 'shamba la ujumbe'? Je, hilo ni kupanua au kubadilisha?

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Sisi - kama mwili wa Kristo - hutumikia kama ishara, utabiri na chombo cha ufalme.

**Ishara:** Tunawaelekeza watu ukweli kwamba ni haki kote kona-Ufalme wa Yesu na kurudi kwake hivi karibuni.

**Utabiri:** Kama trailer ya filamu, kanisa ndilo ambalo watu hupata ladha ya baadaye katika sasa. Tunaonyesha jinsi maisha ilivyo kama wanawake na wanaume wanaishi chini ya utawala na utawala wa Mungu kwa nguvu ya Roho.

**Chombo:** Kanisa ni chombo mikononi mwa Mungu ili kusaidia kusonga baadaye ya Mungu kwa ulimwengu.

***Kwa kujifunza zaidi, soma Mathayo 28: 16-20***

Tunapoenda ... Yesu anaitua sisi kufanya wanafunzi-wa watu wote mahali pote. Katikati ya maisha yetu ya kila siku, Bwana anatamani sisi kuonyesha imani yetu kwake na mabadiliko ya mioyo yetu na maisha yetu. Je, neno 'mwanafunzi' lina maana gani kwako?

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What comes to your mind when someone says 'mission field'? Is that expanding or changing?

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We — as the body of Christ — serve as a sign, foretaste and instrument of the kingdom.

**Sign:** We point people to a reality that is right around the corner—the Kingship of Jesus and His soon return.

**Foretaste:** Like a movie trailer, the church is where people get a taste of the future in the present. We demonstrate what life is like when women and men live under the rule and reign of God in the power of the Spirit.

**Instrument:** The church is a tool in the hands of God to help shape God's preferred future for the world.

***For further study, read Matthew 28:16-20***

As we go... Jesus calls us to make disciples—of all people in all places. In the midst of our everyday lives, the Lord desires for us to demonstrate our trust in Him and the ongoing transformation of our hearts and lives. What does the word 'disciple' mean to you?

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