



bits from bob....

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On Mission: Every Day

I leave tomorrow on a mission trip to Colombia and Ecuador. My agenda for the trip is filled and overflowing. I will check on three new indigenous church plants, I will meet with numerous church leaders and elders to help evaluate progress and to make suggestions about ways to move ahead. I will preach and teach every day, visit at least six local churches, proclaim the gospel, help develop healthy disciples, and teach evangelism seminars. Along the way, I am always glad to teach any personal Bible studies that the local brothers and sisters may have arranged.

I am encouraged when I have the opportunity to teach and preach formally. But these are not the sum of my mission—Thursday I shared spiritual conversations with some new acquaintances at the gym, Friday I was up at 4:00 AM to help a couple get to the airport for a mission trip, this past week I got to talk to my grandchildren about Jesus stuff, Saturday I attended an electronic board meeting to talk and pray about Baxter stuff, today's sensitivity to God's mission in the world and my response as I try to reach out spiritually resulted in a tentative invitation to talk to a group of believers in a local religious group.

Every Christian is called to go forth on a short-term mission effort every day! Christians are "on mission" every day—not just when we are away from home on a special effort. I encourage you to read the article below. My prayer is that you will find focus, new energy, encouragement, and strength!

<http://www.bobyongresources.com/missions/daily-short-term-missionaries.pdf>