

Tuesday, December 19

Go Forth and Make Disciples of All Nations

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As I reflect on this past summer’s Bible Camp in a village called Wha’Ti, I think how fortunate my friend George and I were to be able to go forth and make stronger disciples of some First Nation’s children. I believe this because two young boys came and asked me to pray for them. I know that without the Holy Spirit’s presence this would not have happened. We also would not have been there without the village elders’ blessing.

How do I know that the Holy Spirit was there? Not only did the elders bless us, the Lord guided us by having two women come to help as well. They belonged to a group called the Focolare Movement which operates in 180 nations. As we joined other Focolare members around the table, it was brought to everyone’s attention that we represented seven nations of birth, all sitting together - and all working together for one God.

We truly were disciples from many nations going forth to make disciples of all nations. Knowing this, my thoughts were on Jesus’ words in Luke’s Gospel: *Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.* (Luke 10:2, NIV). During this Advent season let’s not overlook the opportunities we have to be and make disciples.

Father, thank you for your great generosity in entrusting us to do your work. May I always be alert to the opportunities to share your good news.

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