



Definition

“An important assignment given to a person or a group of people, typically involving travel abroad.”

In the context of Christianity:

“A calling and a response to that call, compelling us to go out into the world to share the good news about Jesus Christ.”



The Opportunity

Luke 10:2 (NLT):

“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

The harvest is even greater today, both in our own nation and around the world



The Call & Response

The Lord to Isaiah: **Isaiah 6:8 (RSV):**

“And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me””





The Call & Response

Acts 26:16-18 (NLT):

“Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen me, and tell them what I will show you in the future ... Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.”



The Commissioning

The great commission: Matthew 28:18-20:

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”



The Commissioning

The church at Antioch: Acts 13:1-3:

“Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon ... Lucius ... Manaen ... and Saul. One day as these men were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.”



The Mission

Mission can take various forms, e.g. open evangelism, discipleship teaching, but also meeting the practical needs of folk as a means of sharing the love of Jesus with people – this is what **LifeWater** is all about.





The Mission

Matthew 25:34-40:
“Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me ... I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”



The Report

Paul on returning to Jerusalem after his first missionary journey:
Acts 15:4 (NLT):
“When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them.”

Uganda - Nyakabungo Trip



Rejoicing!

The disciples and Jesus after their mission: **Luke 10:17 & 21 (RSV):**
“The seventy returned with joy, saying to him, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”... In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit ...”


