

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

*Luke 19:10 NIV*



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## *Why We Exist: Reaching the Lost*

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In 1874, Ira Sankey was doing a revival with D. L. Moody in Edinburgh. In between services Sankey was reading a religious publication that had "The Ninety and Nine" by Elizabeth Clephane printed in it. What he read touched his heart so deeply that he cut it out and placed it in his vest pocket.

The next day, Moody's sermon was about the Good Shepherd. As the sermon was coming to a close, Moody asked Sankey to sing something suitable for the invitation. Sankey thought of the words he had tucked away. Though no music had yet been written for it, he went to the organ and struck the chord of A-flat, and right there and then came up with a tune that remains unchanged to this day. A large number responded to the invitation.

The invitation presented was inviting Christians to commit to reaching the lost. What follows are some of the words that spoke to me recently during my devotional time:

There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold;  
But one was out on the hills away,  
Far off from the gates of gold.  
Away on the mountains wild and bare;  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.



## *Christmas Greetings to Missionaries*

If you or your church would like to send Christmas greetings to missionaries, please use the contact info below. They will be thinking of family at the holidays, and your note could be an encouragement to them. Thank you for praying for our workers overseas!

- Family in the Middle East: To learn the best way to send Christmas greetings to this family, please contact Roxene Lo at roxene.lo@coghworlmissions.org or at 913-432-0303.
- Gayle and Micki Woods in Cayman Brac: PO Box 13, Cayman Brac KY2-2301, pastordgwoods@gmail.com

- Doyles in Papua New Guinea:

- ◇ Christy Doyle and Jacob—in the U. S. temporarily on medical leave: 39386 County Rd 555, Eucha, OK 74342, doylelawrance@gmail.com
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### Praise Report from Chrsty Doyle

Christy Doyle, missionary in Papua New Guinea, is in the U.S. on a temporary medical leave. She recently wrote an update on how she is doing after her foot surgery:

"I want to thank everyone for your prayers. I've felt them. I know my recovery has gone well so far because people have been praying. I want to praise God for that. And, I'm very thankful that I didn't have all the nerve pain that I had anticipated, which I had had after my previous two major foot surgeries. I've been on meds, yes, but I also know my body as a whole has felt better this time after the surgery than the other two times. So, PRAISE GOD!"

Christy is making sure to rest her foot as it heals, as it's possible she tried to be too active too quickly before.

Thank you for your prayers for Christy during her recuperation in the U.S. Please continue to pray for Jacob, who is with his mom, as well as Larry, Lawrance II, and Amaziah who remain in Papua New Guinea for school and work responsibilities.

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine;  
Are they not enough for Thee?"  
But the Shepherd made answer: "This of Mine  
Has wandered away from Me.  
And although the road be rough and steep,  
I go to the desert to find My sheep."

And all through the mountains, thunder-riv'n,  
And up from the rocky steep,  
There arose a glad cry to the gate of heav'n,  
"Rejoice! I have found My sheep!"  
And the angels echoed around the throne,  
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!"

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who went to seek and to save that which was lost. We, who are part of the Churches of God (Holiness), are called to also go, seek, and reach those who are lost with God's wondrous message of love, forgiveness, and salvation!

This is why the World Missions Department of the Church of God (Holiness) exists—to reach the lost for God's glory!



### Haiti Foodbank

*We are glad to be able to support school lunches for children in Haiti. For many children, this is the best meal they receive in a day.*

*However, the Foodbank offerings have been declining in recent months. This means we will have to reduce our offerings for next school year from \$2500 per month to \$1400 (closer to the average Foodbank offerings we receive monthly).*

*If you would like to support this ministry and help us avoid this cutback, please go to [www.coghworldmissions.org/give](http://www.coghworldmissions.org/give) or mail a check with "Foodbank" in the memo line.*

*Thank you for giving to World Missions. 5-10% of most donations are used for administrative costs.*