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## *Love Your Neighbor*

by Ken Pounders, Missionary Evangelist

Dear Friends,

The Lord has been opening my eyes more and more to the vital place that love and relationships have in our walk with God. Of course, first and foremost we love God (with all our heart) and must cultivate a growing relationship with Him. However, when the Lord was ask about the greatest commandment He replied "love the Lord your God with all your heart..." and very quickly He added "the second is a lot like it, love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

In a similar situation Jesus was asked "and who is my neighbor" and He replied with a story that was shocking to the hearers. He told them the story of the Good Samaritan and with it he challenged their (and our) thinking stirring us to love across racial, economic, and even religious lines and to love sacrificially and to the extreme. We are to love (and it means real action) as He Himself loves! It means that we must give of ourselves completely to love people in to the Kingdom and then our love (and the relationship) intensifies to see them become fully trained followers of Christ. This isn't for a select crew but for every one of us.

This is one thing that I love about our Priority! Kids ministries around the world. Not only are our children being feed, clothed, and sheltered but they are being fully equipped for life and a vibrant relationship with Jesus! I have witnessed the total transformation with my owns eyes and the good work continues. Pictured below is a young boy named Rusian that just arrived at the Father's House in Slabazea, Transnistria. He came to us from the local hospital because he was chronically ill from lack of care and deplorable living conditions. The house where he lived had no electricity, heat, or running water. Since arriving at the Father's House, Rusian is filled



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*Just as Jesus looked to the  
Father for everything -  
We should go and do  
likewise!  
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**Go into all the  
world and preach  
the gospel!  
Matthew 28:18, 19**



## *Just a Little Too Old Fashion?* by Sonya D. Ponders, Missionary Evangelist

*I am old fashioned. I don't deny it. I don't feel the need to change it. I don't think that God has any beef with me about it.*

*There are things that I have adjust to as a Christian to make myself relevant to the world so that I may reach it. But when I become so relevant that I loose sight of what God really wants from me, I am in danger.*

*I'm old fashion in that I still think sin is sin, it begins with thoughts. Old fashion in that I still think that lude dress and nudity are the devil's workshop for breaking down the emotional strengths and courage of men and women. Old fashion in that I still think garbage in is garbage out. Old fashion in that filling your mind with sorcery and witchcraft opens you up for demonic activity, fears and emotional breakdowns. Old fashion in that I think the spirits behind secular music, movies, commercials and general media out there are used to detour the Christian in his walk and being totally sold out to God! (Lucifer was the father of "media" based beginnings!) Old fashion in that I still think what we do today has affects for generations to come. We mold and shape the future; the past has molded and shaped our present.*

*Now you want all my Scriptures to back that up? Better yet, go find them yourself! I also want to help others dig into God's Word and find what He has for them. Not what He has for me. I want you, as one of His children, to be whole, mature and lacking nothing - spiritually, emotionally and physically. But you have to want it for yourself first.*

*Our dependence on God both makes and breaks us. We want Him to make us, but when He first has to break us, we throw in the towel! The work is just a dirty job. We want instant changes for our benefits not the Kingdom of God.*

*It doesn't work like that. Next time you find the Christian walk hard, remember, it's not about you. It's about Him! He's working all things for our good and that good reflects Him.*

*If old fashion is the Christian walk God's called you to then know there is no sorrow in it. It is a joyful, exciting and adventuresome road to travel on. We can walk it together! He loves us enough to give us the courage and fortitude to stand even when others around us seem to fall away. Dealing with our hearts is what He is doing and we respond to that. Yes, Lord!*

with joy and is thriving in the safe, nurturing, and loving environment of the home. He is loved!

As always I am so thankful for your generosity with Priority! Evangelism. Your love, prayer, and support make this ministry possible and provide a safe place for Rusian and many other children just like him. Thanks so much for standing with us.

In HIS Service,  
Ken

