

Monday, December 1, 2014

*Then 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!" **Isaiah 6:8***

### **VOLUNTEERING: When We Become the Hands & Feet of God**

Following His baptism, Jesus began to recruit disciples. He called on people of strong moral courage willing to enter a life filled with challenges and spiritual rewards. His twelve volunteers set the course of our powerful Christian faith.

#### COURAGE TO ACT

His first disciples were humble fishermen willing to drop their nets then and there and follow Him. I bet they really got yelled at when they arrived home and told their family about their plans!

God speaks to us through the meritorious acts of good people. I have seen that special light in the faces of ordinary people willing to take the brave step of faith. I saw it on the face of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he delivered his speech, "I have a dream." I saw it on the face of an airline pilot who guided his crippled plane into the Hudson river and saved the passengers.

Moments when we are able to get right on target with important issues are highly valued in our Christian experience. Volunteering highlights virtues that make the important difference in life. Random acts of kindness count high on the list of possibilities in our church. We are not looking for heroes here, but simple trust in God's lead when He speaks to our hearts. He is speaking to you right now!

#### TAKE THE STEP

*Dear God, lead us to become Your hands and feet in this life. Our life is a wonderful journey to the other side. Lead our way, especially those of us in our twilight years, so our remaining time here is well invested. In the name of Christ Jesus, Amen.*

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