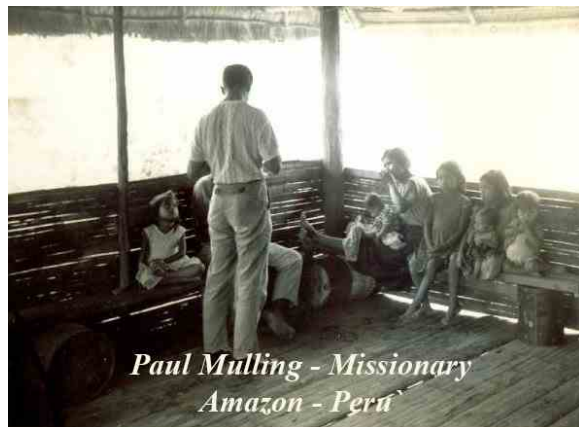


"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." Romans 10:10-11 KJV

The word *missionary* is not in the Bible. Those with a mission are missionaries. Anyone can be a missionary about anything. Rock groups are *missionaries*. Politicians are *missionaries*. Foreign ambassadors are *missionaries*. Believers are to be *ambassadors for Christ*. Jesus said, *Ye shall be witnesses unto me*. The word *witness* is from the Greek, *martus*, from which the English word *martyr* comes, refusing to recant Truth, even upon penalty of death! The word *witness* is interesting. It means to record or give a report to others of an experienced truth. Believers are to be living records of Truth and *with the mouth* we proclaim this report. You cannot give a report of what you KNOW without speaking. *With the mouth confession is made*. If you are ashamed or embarrassed to recount Truth, then you do not really believe it. *Whosoever believeth on Him shall NOT BE ASHAMED. Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto (obey) ALL Thy commandments. And ye shall KNOW that I am in the midst and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall NEVER BE ASHAMED.* Hoping something is true is a long way from knowing it is true! A Godly life-style may raise a few eyebrows or provoke some persecution, but unless you open your mouth and give *witness* to the Truth you know, you are not really a witness. You are simply a *wisher*. I hope I get good presents for Christmas! is a different hope than I hope it snows, soon! One KNOWS it snows in winter; it's just a question of *when*. You might wish you had treasure, but if you KNOW where treasure is, you go and get it. If it is an infinite treasure you tell others. Is eternal Life available for all? Is it an infinite treasure? Who have you told? A believer's commission is, *Preach the Gospel to every creature*. You don't get to choose who. It is a *commission*, because it is a command. It is a *co-mission*, because Christ goes with you. *Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*. If you have an opportunity, you have a responsibility. *With the mouth be ready ALWAYS to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the HOPE that is in you*. What kind of hope do you have, a KNOWING hope or a WISHFUL hope?



Words unspoken are never heard;
The Truth is given with spoken word:
If you would rescue souls from Hell,
Your mouth must, Truth, to others tell. ~CGP

Believers are not on earth to establish wealth or live in leisure. Our treasure and leisure are being kept in store for us by God. When our work in the fields is done, we can go up to the house for supper and rest. The Gospel is the Truth and men need to know it. *They think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead (unbelievers), that they might be judged*. They will be judged by the Truth in the end of time and believers will receive rewards based on what they did with it. True believers *will not be ashamed* to proclaim the Truth.

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for IT is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Hab. 2:4)." Romans 1:16-17 KJV