

# ENCOUNTER: JESUS REACHING THE NATIONS (TA ETHNE)

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## I. Hope and Heart

To bring us full circle in our Encounter with Jesus in that HE was sent (on mission) and in the power of His death and resurrection he is now sending us with promise - He is with us. Our mission is fulfilled in going with Him to neighbors and nations to awaken people to their belovedness and freedom from the power of Sin and Death in this world to live as true sons of the Father.

## II. Midnight Mantra

### A. The Mission Continues

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## III. Hook

### A. The World we are a part of

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1. We surpassed 8 billion people on the planet.
  2. Christians worldwide comprise about 2.6 Billion people.
    - a) Christians in the world are in about 10 nations
  3. Waffles and syrup
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### B. Resources to enlarge your global perspective and understanding

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#### 1. Worldometer

[Worldometer](#)

#### 2. Global Frontiers Mission - GFM

[gfm](#)

#### 3. The Joshua Project

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### C. This building and campus are launching pads to our neighbors and nations

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1. Jesus had a mission, and the mission continues –

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a) How will you participate in the continued mission?

## IV. Book

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### A. Matthew 28:16-20

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#### 1. The Message

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16-17 Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

18-20 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

#### 2. ESV

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##### The Great Commission

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.  
17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### B. worshiped him, but some doubted

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1. Worship will always be accompanied by doubt. Worship comes from those who see. "When they saw him"

2. Illustration: Jill and I seeing Dawn our banker in St. Louis right in front of us. RISK over comes doubt.

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## C. The Great Commission

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1. to formally choose someone to do a special piece of work, or to formally ask for a special piece of work from someone
  - a) Often this is art
  2. Ephesians 2:10
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In the Passion Translation they pick up the artistic nature of Poïema

"We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!" TPT

- a) poiéma: a work Original Word: ποιήμα, ατος, τό Part of Speech: Noun, Neuter Transliteration: poiéma Phonetic Spelling: (poy'-ay-mah) Definition: a work Usage: a thing made, a work, workmanship.
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## D. The Power of the mission

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1. All authority in heaven and on earth
  - a) Jesus has been teaching with authority - Matt 7:29 (he taught as one having authority not as their scribes; Matt 8:22 (even the winds obey Him); Matt 9:2-8 (he had authority to heal and forgive sins; Matt 10:1 (he gives his authority to disciples to heal disease and cast out unclean spirits)
  - b) His full authority is now expressed - all authority in heaven and on earth. This is the resurrected Christ - Death has been defeated.
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## E. The Mission

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1. Go therefore
  - a) The mission - to be sent as Christ was sent. With his authority
  2. Ephesians 3
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17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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## F. The Breadth of the mission

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1. Make disciples

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## G. The Length of the mission

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1. of all nations

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a) Panda Ta Ethne - video

<https://youtu.be/4nbXRuStiiE>

[ta ethne video](#)

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## H. The Height of the mission

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1. baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

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## I. The Depth of the mission

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the whole being is engaged not simply the intellect of beliefs. But the belief inherently is obedience.

1. teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you

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## J. The Promise of the mission

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1. I am with you always

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## K. The PROGRESSION of ENCOUNTERS reversed

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1. The fullness of the going to all nations comes from Love of Neighbor

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Going is hollow and anemic if we do not love our neighbor.

2. Love of Neighbor comes from our embracing the widening of God's divine embrace.

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When you begin to see all humans as image bearers you have only Neighbors to meet and love - no enemies

3. We can walk into the God's divine embrace of all people to the degree our allegiance is to the King and his Kingdom

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I can approach all with love because I have given allegiance to King and Kingdom not the systems of this world.

4. We give our allegiance to the King because he is a good shepherd king that heals and restores our lives.
5. We discover the Good Shepherd because He ministers in the margins of life between religious, political and economic power.
6. We can follow the King into the margins when we answer the question of Jesus to Peter - Who do you say I am? Jesus addresses the division not so much in the church or in the world but in our hearts.

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L. Revelation 5:9-10 - There is a picture of the fullness of Jesus' work on the cross and in the resurrection.

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9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

## V. Look

### A. Neighbor and Nations - We do it every week.

#### 1. Neighboring

- a) Supporting 14 plus community agencies
- b) For Columbia 2023
- c) Faith Community Breakfast with CPS and Dr. Yearwood
- d) The Source Summit
- e) Emotional Wholeness Workshop
- f) Hosting funeral this week for our community
- g) Practical Needs Newsletter

#### 2. Nationing

- a) Sending and Supporting 17 local, translocal and international missionaries connected to us here at CF.
- b) Ukraine Update 2022
  - (1) We took an offering in the Spring to support Ukraine. The offering plus \$10k the elders added to this from reserve \$\$ we had \$39K.
  - (2) Our elders discerned that supporting through relational connections and support local church work was the path for investment.
  - (3) We pursued 3 locations:
    - (a) *A local church caring for Ukrainian refugees in Chlem, Poland. (SLIDE 1)*
    - (b) *Through One Collective (the missions agency the Douces have been with) connect us to Doug Landro and Pastor Sergei and Irina in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. (SLIDE 2)*
    - (c) *Jill's and my relationship with Pastor Maxim and Julia in Dnipro and the church they pastor. (SLIDE 3 & 4)*
- c) CF contributed from the offering to participate in raising \$582K for Rebuild Ukraine through One Collective
- d) Involved with Teach Beyond this week in raising 150K for their day of Giving helping bring education and the gospel to students in more than 33 countries.

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## B. Neighbor and Nations Offering

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### 1. Our CF Mission Statement

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CF Mission is to help all people discover and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ in community for the sake of neighbor and nations.

2. If you are part of CF and contribute to our general giving you will be participating in the mission.
  3. Our Neighbor and Nations Offering moving forward will enable us to begin to start new initiatives for both the sake of neighbor and nations.
  4. The DOORS ARE OPEN - BOTH YOUR GIVING TO GENERAL FUND and to NEIGHBOR & NATIONS OFFERING help us walk through the threshold.
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## VI. Took

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### A. Where are we going?

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#### 1. Continued Sending and Supporting of Our Missionaries

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- a) Timothy Teams - Building support teams for our missionaries working in local, translocal and international ways.
  - b) Our missionaries
    - (1) Local (Slide 5)
    - (2) Translocal (Slide 5)
    - (3) International (Slide 6)
  - c) Potentially, sending another couple missionaries out from CF in 2023 into Europe.
- #### 2. UKRAINE PRAYER GUIDE –
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**Online digital prayer guide** -- All you need to do is share with your congregation this sign-up link: <https://content.onecollective.org/pray-for-ukraine>. You'll see that participants can simply enter the date of when the prayer initiative will start for your church, and then it will happen automatically.

(Slide 7)

#### 3. UKRAINE - May 2023

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- a) I will be leading a 3 pronged team to connect with the pastors and churches that we have been supporting. (Slide 8)

Construction team members, prayer and ministry teams, and listeners.

(1) Chelm, Poland

(2) Uzhgorod

(a) *Segei and*

(3) Dnipro

(a) *Maxim and Julia*

4. We are praying into beginning a work on the African continent. Here is the prayer: (Slide 9)

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a) Lord, give us a community that we can commit to for 7 to 10 years. Holistic community engagement and development.

## VII. Bellringer

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A. Let us commit together as a church to go to our neighbors and the nations.

B. Let us continue the mission

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## VIII. Ministry Time

## IX. Prayer Requests

## X. Dismissal