- **IV.** IT'S EASIER TO GO AROUND THE WORLD, THAN IT IS TO WALK ACROSS THE STREET
 - A. Three reasons we don't GO across the STREET.
 - COMFORT is always the greatest opposition to our calling.
 - TRUST we're not sure we can always live a lifestyle consistent with our message.
 - FEAR we're chicken.
 - **B.** The first church didn't pray for OPPORTUNITIES, they prayed for BOLDNESS.

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" Acts 4:29

V. CONCLUSION

- A. What if Christianity spread based on how faithful you were to GOING?
- **B.** What's stopping you from walking across the street?

Let's Go Across The Street And Around The World!

"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples" Psalm 96:3

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Declare His Glory By Being His Witness Pastor Donnie Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

"23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." Acts 14:23-27

B. The theme of our 2016 Global Missions Focus is "ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD".

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C. In ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD, we will be challenged to go across the street and around the world for Jesus Christ. This six part series features the following messages:

July 3 Declare His Glory Among The Nations	Declare His Glory Among The Nations
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- July 10 Declare His Glory By Fulfilling His Mission
- TODAY Declare His Glory By Planting His Harvest
- July 24 Declare His Glory By Being His Witness
- July 31 Declare His Glory By Proclaiming His Name
- Aug 7 Declare His Glory By Supporting His Missionaries
- **D. TEXT**: II Corinthians 5:18-20 (Pew Bible/Pg.1135/New Test.)

DECLARE HIS GLORY BY BEING HIS WITNESS

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The church exists to **BRING** people back to God.

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;" II Corinthians 5:18

III. WHERE DO WE GO?

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

A. Jerusalem- those CLOSEST to you and most LIKE You.

B. Reconcile means to "<u>RESTORE</u>" or "make one account consistent with another".

II. OUR ROLE IN RECONCILIATION STARTS WITH BEING A WITNESS

A. Witnessing STARTS with GOING.

"19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Matthew 28: 19-20

B. Judea/Samaria - those BEYOND us and NOT LIKE us.

C. Uttermost part of the earth - those FARTHEST from us and MOST not like us.