

Why 17,000 Believers Are Starting a 40-Day Fast This Week—And Why You Should Too

The Send was an incredible stadium event on Saturday, Feb. 23. Held at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, tens of thousands of Christians gathered together seeking God's face.

As believers obeyed the Great Commission and prayed for a new era of missions and evangelism, the power of God fell on those gathered together. Close to 90,000 registered for the event. Around 59,000 attended, and thousands more were watching the live-stream as people shared the link through social media.

Worship, prayer and praise to God were backed up by powerful teaching. It was a great and diverse lineup, with many generals of the faith as well as up-and-coming leaders from across the body of Christ. All were there, focused on Jesus.

With the goal to "catalyze every believer into Christ-like action," there were four "mission fields" where the collaborators of The Send are believing to inspire the church nationwide to go. The mission fields were colleges, high schools, neighborhoods and nations.

Mission Statistics From The Send

Holly from The Send team told me that 522 people gave their lives to Christ as evangelists. Daniel Kolenda and Todd White preached the gospel with power and conviction. And 17,576 people committed to participating in the Jesus Fast from March 1-April 9, led by Lou Engle. It will be 40 days of intensive prayer and fasting for revival.

Two thousand, one hundred thirty-seven people committed to reaching their colleges for Christ and 2384 will reach their

high schools. Another 4893 people declared that they will reach their friends and neighborhoods, with 5038 saying they will go to the nations as missionaries. And the stats keep coming in.

The Spirit of Adoption

Not only did The Send emphasize these mission fields, but the event also challenged many in the area of adopting and fostering children. During this challenge, a close friend and I prayed over a precious couple who were moved to tears. We called on heaven to pave the way for their potential adoption of a child.

In the state of Florida, there are over 19,000 kids in foster care, with 600 needing permanent residences. Just one large church in Florida can fulfill this need. Church members can pick up the cause, opening their homes and lives to these kids needing a home where they can receive healing, nurturing and love, growing in relationship with God and others.

After The Send

The Send launched an online platform called The Suitcase, a “collection of training content and resources to equip a generation to live a missional lifestyle.” Many of those who spoke at the event this last Saturday appear on these video courses, activating you to live a Christlike action lifestyle.

Right where you are, you can participate in any of these mission fields, the Jesus Fast and the Suitcase. If you want to be part of any of the four mission fields, you can use your cell phone, texting “fast” or “college,” “friends” or “nations” to 97123. The Send will keep in touch with you through texting, email and social media. They’re using all means necessary to catalyze you and other believers into your calling.

And there is more to come from The Send! {eoa}

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