

NO TIME TO SLOW DOWN THE WORK

Sometimes I am tempted to slow down the work, to put it off till a better time, even to give it up.

After all, we face tough times today, in the U.S. and around the world.

There is: The Danger of Radical Islam

The Danger of Revived Paganism & Idolatry

The Danger of the Prosperity Gospel, changing the definitions & goals from within the church itself,

The retreat of many of the larger missions

Reduced funding

Increased fear

Yet, in Africa, in these days, people feel a real need for God.

People feel alone, deserted, and hopeless, so any small effort is greatly appreciated.

Efforts are fruitful because hearts are hungry & prepared.

Yes, there is a temptation to slow down.

The work is hard.

People are tired.

Discouragement is widespread.

A general slowdown in giving diminishes our financial capacity, making it even harder to do what we should.

Yet, I am convinced, the only solution is to press on.

This will require sacrifice that will inevitably affect our lifestyle, perhaps drastically.

We have to face this question:

When hard times strike, what will change first, and what will change most?

Will it be our personal lifestyle, or will it be the work of God?

We can keep on. We are not yet out of options.

We cannot keep on while still maintaining the personal lifestyles that we have become accustomed to, and that we have come to regard as our right.

The times are hard. It is no time to slow down the work. It IS time to make whatever adjustments in our lifestyles we need to, so that the work of God may go on.