Like Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians, let’s pray for God to send missionaries to people who haven’t heard of Jesus yet.

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Six-year old Ludwig sat at his table at the time he always did every day to read his Bible and pray. Suddenly, enemy soldiers burst through the door. Ludwig looked up then kept reading and praying. The soldiers stopped, stared at him, then left. “We can’t destroy a place God watches over,” they said. That was in 1706, a long, long time ago.
By the time Ludwig was twelve and in boarding school, he was reading the Bible in Latin and Greek as well as his language, German. His dead grandfather had been king of their country, Saxony (now part of Germany), so Ludwig got special privileges and was very rich. What mattered to him, though, was pleasing Jesus.

One day at his boarding school, as he sat at lunch in his usual place beside the principal, Professor Franke, Professor Franke said, “Let me introduce to you our guest across the table, Herr (Mr.) Ziegenbalg. He went to this school when he was young and is now a missionary in India.”

Ludwig thought, “Oh, wow, someone who works for Jesus in another country. I’ve never met anyone like that before.”

Politely, he asked, “Please tell me all about your missionary work, Herr Ziegenbalg.”

Mr. Ziegenbalg was surprised that a twelve-year old boy was interested, but said, “The language, the food, the people, the weather—everything is very different from here. But some Tamil people are believing the Gospel.”

Then Herr Ziegenbalg said something about Jesus in the Tamil language. Ludwig saw a man from India smile with happiness and nod. That filled Ludwig with joy.

Afterward, Ludwig told a friend, “Today I promise that I am going to do all I can to take the Gospel to those who don’t know it.”

Later, Ludwig and four friends promised to pray for missionaries. They called themselves, “Order of the Grain of Mustard Seed.”

The boys were just 12 and 13 years old.

As these friends grew up, they stayed true to their promises to reach the world for Jesus.
The Moravians would not give up their prayer times for anything. They kept a prayer chain going all day and all night for ________ years. (See page 3) They had groups praying all the time. They prayed for their ________________ and also that God would send more of them to places where people didn’t know God.

Not only the adults but also the children prayed for the missionaries. Hearing the children pray made everybody want to help reach the lost for Jesus and to be serious about praying for them.

Luke 10:2 NIV

LUKE 10:2 (NIV)

THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, but the workers are few. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST therefore, to send out workers into the Lord’s harvest field.

Ludwig’s full title was Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf.

Because of that royal title he was expected to act like he was important. He was not supposed to work for the sake of ordinary people.

But instead, so he could help people, Count Zinzendorf bought his grandmother’s castle, village, and nearby farms. He called it Herrnhut.

At that time many Christians were chased out of their countries, even jailed and killed for their faith in Christ.

Count Zinzendorf offered them the Herrnhut village as a place where they could live and work. If any of them wanted to go back to their lands to preach the gospel, Nicholas gave them whatever they needed to take with them.

Many who stayed were from Moravia. They started the very first missionary sending group ever in the world and scheduled volunteers to pray at certain hours so that someone was praying—especially for their missionaries—all day and all night.

The Moravians prayed this way for over 100 years. During that time they sent missionaries all over the world. ◙

How about you?

There are still people all over the world who don’t know the Gospel. Will you ask God to send people with his Good News to them?
Among the first Moravian missionaries were two young men who sold themselves as slaves because that was the only way they could take the Gospel to slaves in the Caribbean. No outsider was allowed to tell those slaves about Jesus. These men knew they would have to live there as slaves until they died.

As they left Europe, they said

**What did they mean?**

Who is the lamb of God who was died for us?

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Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins and to give us eternal life with Him. But we have to first hear, believe, and accept it as His gift to us. When we do, it gives Jesus eternal joy.

We will be with Him for all eternity, sharing his joy in Heaven. This is “the **r______** of his **s_______**.”

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This seal was the motto of the Moravian missionaries going all the way back to the 1450s.

Who is the lamb? J_______.

Who has he conquered? S_______ (the d______).

Will you follow the Lamb of God? ______

Notice some of the different ways the Moravian seal has been drawn and colored. Draw and color one below in your way. Use crayons or colored pencils so ink won’t soak through the paper.