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## *Going and Doing*

Praise the Lord! God still keeps on blessing and blessing. I say that from a personal standpoint and from CrossTies Ministry standpoint. It's hard to imagine that it has been 18 years since the inception of CrossTies Christian Ministries, Inc. God has guided us through that span of time. I'm sure over the years He's looked down on us just like He did the Israelites and thought, "What are you doing?" As with the Israelites, He has probably even been angry with us. He might have possibly thought...I give you everything that you need, let you see my miracles and yet you still have trouble doing what I ask of you.

In 18 years, just like the Israelites, I'm sure we have made mistakes. I know we have. If you have made mistakes as well, I want you to know that God still cares for us, His people. I Peter 5:7 says to cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

Things have changed in the last 18 years in our personal lives and in CrossTies Ministry. For example, one thing that has changed is how we touch people's lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have had to change our programs as people's life-styles change so that we can touch people from their perspective or point of view. To meet the needs of people, we have had to change the way we approach or connect with them in today's society. One might say a different approach is to be able to meet people where they are. The Israelites got pulled and tugged on by the world around them just as today. As adults and teens we need to keep our eye on the prize, Jesus Christ. The prize should take all priority in our lives... over softball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball, rugby or soccer. What about us less athletic ones? Do we spend too much time in front of the TV or on the golf course instead of spending time by ourselves praying and reading the best book in the world (in my opinion), the Bible?

This past weekend I listened to a preacher speak on something that the Lord has been dealing with me about. To reach people for the Lord in today's society we have to step outside our comfort zone, our box if you will. We must approach things a little different than the old traditional way. It might hurt a little or feel very uncomfortable. How do you think Moses, who stuttered when he spoke, felt trying to lead the Israelites? So God provided his brother Aaron to do the speaking. I beg to say neither Moses nor myself really felt/feel qualified to do what the Lord might be asking us to do. He will equip us for the task. He gives us the Great Commission; Mark 16:15. "And He said to them go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." My question is...are we going and doing for Him?

## 2013 National Quartet Convention Trip

The NQC trip is always a fun, close to home trip for us and we cherish our memories of years past. With this being the last year for the NQC to be held in Louisville, KY, this would be an opportunity for all of you to make it a memory too. NQC 2014 will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN. As of right now, it appears that the cost this year is going to be close to the same as last year, which was \$271 each for 2 people double occupancy. That price includes Bus transportation, hotel with hot breakfast, Friday and Saturday night NQC tickets and lunch on Sunday. It's an inspiring trip and wonderful fellowship. Come and go with us! The first half of the cost of the trip is due by July 15, 2013.