

# QUOTES

Here are a few Mission quotes that we used in the “PUTTING MISSION ON THE MAP” Billions article. We hope they might help you start discussions on the place of Mission in the UK Church.

*“Missions is not the ‘ministry of choice’ for a few hyperactive Christians in the church. Missions is the purpose of the church.”* — **Unknown**

*‘the reason some folks don’t believe in missions is that the brand of religion they have isn’t worth propagating.’* - **Unknown**

*‘a mission focus looks first at those who are outside the church before it ever looks at the internal needs of the church’*,  
**Martin Robinson and Dwight Smith, Invading Secular Space: Strategies for Tomorrow’s Church,**

*‘the mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.’*  
**Mike Stachura (Operation Mobilisation)**

*‘the church must send or the church will end’.* **Mendell Taylor,**

*‘The church is by nature missionary to the extent that, if it ceases to be missionary, it has not just failed in one of its tasks, it has ceased being church’.*

**J Andrew Kirk, What is Mission? Theological Explorations**

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*‘When the church ceases to reach out to all people, it ceases to be the true church’.*

**Edward R Dayton and David A Fraser, Planning Strategies for World Evangelisation**

*‘The command has been to “go”, but we have stayed – in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth... but 99 per cent of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland.*

**Robert Savage (Latin American Mission)**

*‘What are we here for – to have a good time with the Christians or to save sinners?’*

**Norwegian pioneer missionary Petra Malena ‘Malla’ Moe (1863-1953)**

*‘As long as there are millions destitute of the Word of God and knowledge of Jesus Christ, it will be impossible for me to devote time and energy to those who have both.’*

**JL Ewen**