

## Being Mobile in Our Outreach

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season” (II Timothy 4:2).

“Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” (II Timothy 4:5).

What was Paul talking about? Could it be that he was referring to being ready at a moment’s notice to give an explanation for the hope that is within us? Not only when asked but proactively reaching out to someone else? Yes, I think Paul meant being mobile in our outreach.

What does being mobile really mean? The word mobile means “movable; characterized by extreme fluidity; characterized by ease of movement; capable of being readily moved about.”

In other words, being mobile in our outreach means taking this message of hope and redemption out to the people; being flexible enough to respond to any situation you might find yourself in; reaching someone who might not be reached any other way! Let me give you some examples.

One morning while in New Mexico several years ago, our group was getting ready to start our morning devotions when I noticed that there were several faces I didn’t recognize. What should I do? I did what any Pentecostal preacher would do . . . I told them they had to leave. Riiiiight. Not a chance! We started and included them right along with us. What a wonderful time we had, as we felt the presence of the Lord.

Another time I had worked with and witnessed to an individual who became the director of the local scout camp. For several days I had felt a need to go visit him. I called my wife, explained what I was going to do, and went. When he saw me he immediately informed his staff that he would be unavailable for several hours and that short of a major catastrophe was not to be disturbed. We went off by ourselves and for about two hours I ministered and prayed with him. He asked when we were done, “How did you know I needed this?” Scouting has allowed me to reach outside of my comfort zone and respond to situations so that someone can feel God’s presence.

That is what outreach is all about—being flexible in our approach, not restrictive as to the time or place but ready to be used of God to reach a soul.