THINGS MISSION AGENCIES SHOULDN'T SAY #3

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At the risk of being simplistic, when mission agencies send out publicity, be it on social-media, magazines or magic-lantern shows, they are trying to encourage you to get involved with them. One of the things that agencies say to encourage your involvement is:

You can really make a difference, or perhaps, ***you can change the world.***

Enough already!

I've talked about this in numerous blog posts and I probably will do so again. Anyone who knows anything about mission work or evangelism knows that success only comes through a work of God's Spirit. We can strive as hard as we want, but only God can build his kingdom and draw people to himself. The amazing thing is that he chooses to use people like us as the vehicles for achieving his purposes, but he and he alone brings about fruit. We plant, we water and we might even weed, but it is God who brings the increase.

When we claim that people can make a difference or change the world, we are granting them a degree of power and influence that belongs to God alone. There is a word for doing that and its something that we should avoid.

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