HAVE I GOT IT WRONG?

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As you may know, Sue and I are looking to move house; living seventy miles away from the place I work is hardly viable and more than a little tiring. As we've discussed our plans for moving, lots of our friends have asked the same question "is there a good church where you are planning to go?". Well, this is the South East of England, so there are lots of good churches of all denominations but...

Sue and I have been Christians an awfully long time, we have a fair bit of study and experience of Christian work behind us: why would we be moving to where we can go to a good church? Surely our priority should be to find somewhere where there is no church at all, or perhaps a struggling church that we can help. It seems that well renowned churches attract people, leaving large sections of our cities or large regions of the country with very little by way of Christian witness. People will commute miles to a *good* church leaving Christian Free Zones behind them. I realise it isn't all black and white, and I don't blame families for wanting to attend a church where the kids will be motivated and encouraged; but our children have long outgrown the need for Sunday school.

So, are we wrong? Should we be looking to live in an area where there is a thriving church to attend, or should we be looking to be missionaries to a small town or village with fewer committed Christians? I await your comments with interest.