

## “International Stock” Colossians 1:3-6, Philippians 1:3-6

In light of the fact that God has begun a great work amongst the nations and will surely finish it at the climax of human history as men and women from every ethnic people group surround the throne of God in worship, it seems only appropriate that we participate in this great venture. In fact, few ventures are such a worthy investment and come at such a strategic time in our lives!

“We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth.”

—Colossians 1:3-6

### **I. Expand your vision**

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

—Philippians 1:3-6

“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.’ You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

—Revelation 5:9-10

### **II. Expand your availability**

#### A. Worthy investment

“Missions is for the sake of the name of God. It flows from a love for God’s glory and for the honor of his reputation. It is an answer to the prayer, ‘Hallowed be thy name!’”

—Piper

## B. Strategic time

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”  
—Esther 4:14

- a. Believe
- b. Go
- c. Pray
- d. Give