



Jesus says in Matthew 16:25, *"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."* Is there any question that missionaries like Rev. Marcus in Idaho, and Rev. Jeff and Deaconess Gina in Germany have "lost" their lives to the call of the Gospel, as their chief, if not sole, reason for being where they are in this life is to win souls for Christ?

For the sake of motivation, it is well for us who have not been similarly called to remember to faithfully support those who have. While this notion may not consume our waking hours, as it likely does for our missionaries, there is an occasion for responding to our calling with constant prayer and our weekly dollar contributions to 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions.

The Epiphany season articulates the message clearly in John 1:29b, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" For others to receive this revealed wisdom of Christ's identity is why we are doing what we do with Mission 1-1-1. Please reflect on the following questions with your Mission 1-1-1 lay owner:

- How is your congregation doing with Mission 1-1-1?
- In what ways is it strong?
- In what ways can it grow and develop?