

07.26.09 Reach Farther

- **CONCERN:**
 1. We know there are HUGE Problems in our World.
 2. It is easier to take care of ourselves.
- **A DEEPER PROBLEM:**

Our Souls Shrink to the Size of our Greatest Concern!
- **MATTHEW 9:10-13—**

"While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" One hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
- **A GROWING CONCERN & A MISSIONS MIND:**
 1. Missions is NOT a DEPARTMENT!
 2. We live in a MISSION Field!
- Sacrifice propitiates God, but mercy imitates Him and imitation is the perfection of diving service. ~ Alexander Maclaren
- **A BROKEN HEART:**

A Broken Heart without the Gospel brings DESPAIR!
The Gospel EXPANDS our CONCERN!
- **GO AND LEARN:**

Lord, what would you have me do in light of my growing concern and expanding heart?