

## John did it

A visitor to the county of Lancashire on England's northwestern coast back in the 1700s noted that its reputation for being a wild, hard-drinking kind of place was well earned. Upon returning a few years later, however, the visitor found it strangely different. Former boozers were downright tame, and a decrease in drunken behavior had brought with it improvement in many other aspects of the social scene.

The visitor asked one of the ex-party animals what had happened, and the man responded, "There came a man among us; his name was John Wesley." Nothing more needed to be said.

You may know John Wesley as the founder of the Methodist Church. But to the people of Lancashire, he was used by God to change their lives.

Wesley's job was the same as ours—to make Jesus Christ known to a world that desperately needs Him.

It's not a matter of personal talents or persuasiveness. Jesus did everything that was necessary when He died for our sins. We just have to tell people about Him.

—Radio Bible Class

You may feel incapable of helping to change someone else's life, but remember, you don't do the work of changing them—God does. You just link them up to Him by showing them how to pray, how to make contact with Him, and He does the rest. Then you will see lives changed, because God will answer prayer. He will do it.

—Chloe West<sup>1</sup>



## You can change the world

By David Brandt Berg (*Dare to Be Different*)

Sometimes it doesn't take a lot to change someone's life. It reminds me of something that happened while my family and I were visiting the Montreal World's Fair in 1967. One day I took my mother, who at eighty years of age was still an enthusiastic Christian, to tour the Soviet exhibit. As we entered the pavilion, the director, a tall, clean-cut, good-looking young Russian, came forward and offered a wheelchair to my mother. Then, for some reason, he volunteered to escort her around the pavilion and explain it to her.

For the next two hours, they became quite interested in each other and engrossed in deep conversation as he pointed out to her the various new inventions on display. But as I found out later, they talked about a lot more than just mechanical gadgets. At the end of our visit, he bade us a fond farewell, saying, "Please come again!" He was quite hospitable and seemed to have become very close to my mother in that time that they talked together.

A few weeks later we received a letter from him in which he said, "You have changed my life! I have received Christ as you suggested. You have changed my whole way of thinking, my way of believing, you have changed *me*! But I have a wife and three children and I am living in a communist society where it is against the law to practice Christianity, so *now* what do I do?"

My mother's advice to that young man in the letter she wrote back to him was, in essence, "Change the world! Change the world you're living in! Start now! Tell others what God has done for you, what His love and His truth have done for you personally, and you can start changing your part of the world—even a communist world!"

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