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Sunday, March 7, 2010

“BEYOND MYSELF...BEYOND THESE WALLS”

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During the Forty Days of Love we sought ways to apply the Bible’s teaching about love. Today is our Church Ministry Fair. It is a day to engage in ministry to share God’s love beyond ourselves in service. What is your mission and ministry from the Lord?

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“During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers by leaps and bounds, hard feelings developed among the Greek-speaking believers--"Hellenists"-toward the Hebrew-speaking believers because their widows were being discriminated against in the daily food lines” (Acts 6:1-2, The Message).

1. WE MUST LIFT PEOPLE UP – ENCOURAGEMENT (v. 2).

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others” (1 Peter 4:10, NIV).

2. WE MUST LOOK PEOPLE OVER – ENLISTMENT (v. 3).

“Your hands shaped me and made me” (Job 10:8, NIV).

3. WE MUST LET PEOPLE IN – ENROLLMENT (v. 5).

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you’ll never get anything done” (Ecclesiastes 11:4, NLT).

4. WE MUST LINE PEOPLE UP – EQUIPPING (v. 6).

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's

people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV).

5. WE MUST LET PEOPLE OUT – IMPLEMENTATION (v. 7).