



I was reminded by my friend, Ron Dingus, recently that 165 years ago yesterday (April 21, 1855) a Sunday School teacher named Edward Kimball went to visit one of his students in the shoe store where he worked. He was nervous, but determined. So there, in the stock room of Holton Shoe Store, Edward Kimball led 18-year-old Dwight L. Moody to Christ. Moody became the most successful evangelist in his day. He met more than one president, held revivals that stole crowds from the World's Fair, and led people to Christ that eventually led to the conversion of a young Billy Graham. All this because a Sunday School teacher with a limited education was burdened for the hearts of the students in his class.

I heard someone else recently say, "I don't know how people are getting through all of this without Jesus." Think of all the uncertainty out there and all of the frustration and stress. Now think of the peace that knowing Christ brings. The world is sick and we have the cure. Are we truly burdened for our neighbors? Are we burdened enough to do something about it?

Somewhere out there is the next great evangelist. We may not be called to be the next D. L. Moody. But we are all called to be like Edward Kimball. People need to hear now more than ever. Will we answer the call?

*'How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"'*

Romans 10:14-15