



What is an ambassador?

1) _____
A diplomatic official of the highest rank sent by one country as its long-term representative to another;

2) _____
An official representative of an organization or movement;

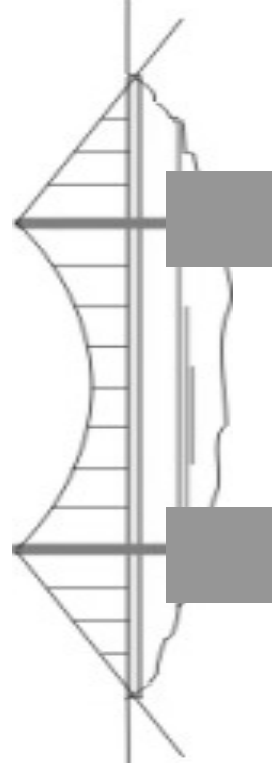
3) _____
Somebody or something regarded as an unofficial representative or a symbol of something.

No one will _____ this message unless they first _____ this message in _____.

KEY QUESTION:

What are you willing to _____ to complete “Ambassador Bridge” so that people in this community can come to Christ?

A lot of _____ goes into the building of a bridge!



What is a bridge?

Why are we interested in building bridges?

A devotional reading – January 30, 2010
“Our Dangerous Mission”

What Compels Us to Build Bridges

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2 (NLT)

1.

¹¹Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. ¹²Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. ¹³If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God.

And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit.

¹⁴Either way, Christ's love controls us.

2.

Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. ¹⁵He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

3.

¹⁸And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

²⁰So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

4.

²¹For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

¹As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. ²For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.



"Our Dangerous Mission"

¹The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. ²These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." ³Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. ~ Luke 10:1-3 (NLT)

- 1) Jesus sent His disciples out in _____.
- 2) Jesus instructed His followers to _____ for more workers to help bring in the harvest.
- 3) Jesus clearly commanded His representatives, "_____", and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves."

To carry the weight of this bridge, a bridge that helps connect others with God, we must do this _____!