A Call for Help
Acts 16:9-10

Introduction:
1. A call from Macedonia.
   b. First record of gospel preaching in Europe.
2. A call for help.
   a. Not financial, social, physical or material help.
3. A call worthy of our study - shall study two aspects the Macedonian call:

Discussion:
I. A Miraculous Call.
   A. Came to one directly guided by Holy Spirit - Paul (v.6,7)
      1. Similar to Phillip's call to go from Samaria to Gaza. (Acts 8).
      2. Similar to Peter's call to go to Caesarea. (Acts 10).
   B. Came during the gospel's introduction to the world.
      1. Period of direct revelation and confirmations. (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3,4).
      2. Period that left us the gospel in written form to guide us.
         a. Emphasis begins to shift to written word. (John 20:30,31; 1 Cor. 14:37; Eph. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Pet. 3:14-16)
         b. Emphasis begins to focus on word already revealed and preached. (Gal. 1:6-12; Rom. 10:5-8, 17-18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; Jude 3).
      3. Period that ended with a complete revelation. (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

II. An Effective Call.
   A. It helped some in Philippi.
      1. Those helped the most.
         a. Lydia's household. (vs. 13-15).
         b. Jailer's household. (vs. 25-34).
         c. The slave girl (vv. 16-18)
         d. The brethren. (v. 40).
      2. Those that would not be helped.
         a. The masters. (v. 16, 19-21).
         b. The multitude. (v. 22).
   B. It helped some in Thessalonica (ch. 17:1-9)
      1. Those that were helped. (v. 4).
         a. Persuaded by reasoning from the scriptures. (v. 2).
         b. Persuaded by explanation rather than emotional hype.
      2. Those that would not be helped.
         a. The envious Jews. (v. 5).
         b. The unreasonable mob. (v. 5-9).
   C. It helped some in Berea (ch. 17:10-13)
      1. Those that were helped. (v. 10-12).
      2. Those that would not be helped. (v. 13).
         a. Jews from Thessalonica.
         b. Crowd that was stirred up.

Conclusion:
A. We need to carry or send the gospel to wherever it is needed.
B. We need not wait for a direct miraculous call.
   1. Have general call written in word. (Mark 16:16; 2 Tim. 2:2)
   2. Need to look for specific opportunities. (cf. Gal. 6:10; Phil. 4:10).
C. We need to understand that it will help some but not all.