

6,000 Per Hour

It's amazing, but worldwide more than 6,000 people die every hour.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

What have you done in the last hour?
In that time, more than 6,000 people have gone to meet their maker.
Most of them unprepared for what lies ahead of them.

I find that we have absolutely no idea how many 6,000 is.
Try to find 6,000 of something.
Rocks if you can. Rice if you can't.
It's a lot.
And that many people die every hour.

If you can't find anything to count, download this little windows application and click start.

[Download](#)

(sorry, it only works on Windows)

Or, if you have an iPhone there is a [free app](#)
The iPhone app has stats for several other things too and lets you interactively explore a world map.

It will show you how fast people are dying.
As you run it, think about where they are going.
Not just dot's.
Someone's grandmother. Someone's daughter. Someone's father.
Gone.
Where?

Generous estimates would put the figure around 25% of people who call themselves Christian.
Around 10% of people worldwide attend Christian church regularly.
But possibly only 5% really have a relationship with God through Yeshua the Christ.

Get your pile of 6,000 things and just sit and pray with them for a while.
Or start the application and watch the count going up and pray while it does.
Think about 5% of those...
Think about the other 95%...

What are you going to do about it?
What can you do?
You can never keep up with 6,000 an hour.
Even Billy Graham couldn't have done that.

This is a well known story.
A man was walking on a beach after a tremendous storm.
The beach was absolutely covered with starfish which had been washed up in the storm.
But now they were rapidly drying out in the sun. There were thousands upon thousands of them.
The man saw a boy picking up starfish, one by one, and throwing them back into the ocean.
He said to the boy, "why are you wasting your time like that, there are so many, you can't save them all".
The boy just smiled, bent down, picked up a starfish and threw it back into the ocean.
"No", he said, "but I made a difference to that one."

It can be overwhelming to think that so many people are dying and not going to Heaven.
But you could pick one. You could make a difference to that one.
Maybe your whole life you will only make a difference to one person.
So what. That's better than not making a difference to anyone.
And you have no idea how God will use that one person.

Read the article on [The Great Commission](#).
Work out what your place is on the team.
Do something about it.