



## FINISHING THE TASK

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Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all mankind.

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