

[A Call for Help](#)

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Maybe you heard the tragic story of four dead girls (ages 5-16) whose decomposing bodies were found by US Marshals in a Washington D.C. apartment this week. Their mother, Banita Jacks, was arrested for their murders and six child welfare workers fired,

thus far and the investigation continues.

Kathy Lopes, a social worker who works at the Booker T. Washington Public Charter School went to visit the Jacks home when Brittany Jacks stopped coming to school. Banita Jacks refused to let Ms. Lopes into the home, after which Ms. Lopes called child protective services requesting an investigation. Unfortunately, nothing was done. Ms. Lopes then made a call to the police expressing her concerns and frustration that nothing had been done, but was transferred amongst several city departments. Again no investigation ensued. It was only when US Marshals were serving an eviction notice that they discovered the dead and decomposing bodies of the five girls.

As I read this sad story I thought about how God must feel, how frustrated He must be with you and me, how His heart must ache. I see Him calling out to a dying world, calling out for helpers, calling out for someone to take His saving truth to those dying in darkness. But all He gets is transferred from department to department or a busy signal or ignored, while millions of His children are dying, their

souls decomposing, their minds decaying, and their hearts hardening.

Today God is calling you, calling you to check up on your family, your neighbors, your coworkers, and your friends. He is calling you to shine the light of truth into their worlds, to reach out in love, to be a connecting link introducing others to Him. Don't let His call go unanswered. God is calling us, do we hear His voice? Isaiah 6:8 says, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?'" Do you hear God calling you? I challenge you to answer as Isaiah did, "Here am I. Send me!"