

**FLEXIBLE**— ready and able to change so as to adapt to different circumstances. (webster dictionary)

That is how this Knox Talks began and that is how it finished. Normally, Carey Jo and I brainstorm for the mission outreach page and since she was on her mission trip, I needed to compromise and work with what I had.

I found a file folder that was given to me last summer from Ted Sales. In it was the first issue of Knox Talks and a collection on Crossbeat. Remembering the recent magnificent concert in April, (not to be biased)

“The Life of Christ”, I considered that concert to be a remarkable and inspiring outreach story.

Carey Jo, just back from Africa, gave me her mission outreach story and I wanted to include it in this issue as well. After burning the midnight oil, I rearranged all the pages and articles to make this issue complete. So Crossbeat is saved for the back cover. Thanks everyone for your submissions. I always believe, in the end, everything comes together the way it should be.

**Knox Talks Forum:**

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# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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**T**hey were called Chum Charts when I was Drew's age: the lists of songs we had to listen to because everyone else was listening to them. Christian songs seldom made it onto those hit parade lists. So it was a pleasant surprise in 1990 when Christian recording artist Michael W. Smith made it as high as number six on the US hit parade list with his song “Place in this World.”

In one verse, Smith wrote about praying, one voice among many millions,

Can you still hear me?  
Hear me asking  
Where do I belong?  
Is there a vision  
That I can call my own?  
And he needs God to answer because he's ...  
Looking for a reason,  
Roaming through the night to find  
My place in this world...  
Not a lot to lean on;  
I need your light to help me find  
My place in this world.

The question resonated with a lot of people. Where do I belong? What is the reason for me to be here? “My place in the world” is about what I should be doing and where I should be doing it. It's about using the gifts God has given me to work on the things God has given me a passion to care about. Where can I find a place in harmony with who God made me to be?

Jesus offered this answer to those questions: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear