Where Have All the Evangelists Gone?

Ephesians 4:11-12
I. *We Must Pray for Evangelists to be Raised up.*

A. Pray the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers.
   - *Matthew 9:37-38,* *Then He said to His disciples,* "*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

B. We should pray for schools to train evangelists.

C. Today, we honor therapists instead of evangelists.

"*If you love me, keep my commandments.*"
D. Evangelism is the missing gift in our churches today.

- Ephesians 2:19-22, 19
  Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 3:11, For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

E. Evangelists are the missing people in our world today.
II. We Must Prepare to be Evangelists.

A. Evangelists have become discouraged today.
B. When preparations are made and carried out results come.
Ephesians 4:14-16

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
2 Timothy 4:2-5

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
C. These preparations should involve all of our membership.

I ask again today:

**Where have all the evangelist gone?**

I don't believe they are gone anywhere, they are simply **A.W.O.L.**