

MISSION **- Bibliography -**

General

Changing the Mind of Missions, by James F. Engel and William A. Dyrness (InterVarsity, 1998) ISBN 0830822399

The authors offer a sympathetic yet courageous analysis of the challenges that North American and other Western Christian missions face—and propose a practical reframing of missions organizations to help meet the new realities of worldwide ministry.

The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission and Appropriation of Faith, by Andrew F. Walls (Orbis, 2002) ISBN 1570753733

Offers readers insights into the ways Christianity has interacted with cultures. Fresh understandings of Pentecostalism, African traditional religion, and the ironic ways in which Western missionaries affected change—for both good and ill—in ways they never dreamed of insure that readers will never again think the same way about the history of World Christianity.

Exploring World Mission: Context & Challenges, by Bryant L. Myers (World Vision, 2003) ISBN 1-887983-51-1

Using bold graphics to display the most current data, Myers traces the historical roots of Christian mission and examines the context of mission in today's world. By examining the latest trends in population, economics, politics, religion, children, and the church, Myers shows us our greatest challenges and interprets them as our greatest opportunities to affect our world: first, by seeing our world and the way God sees it; second, by obeying the command to love God and neighbor; and finally, by acting according to Jesus' compassion – compassion with an attitude. (Also available on CD-ROM)

Going Public with the Gospel: Reviving Evangelistic Proclamation, by Lon Allison and Mark Anderson (InterVarsity, 2004) ISBN 0830813659

The authors issue a stirring call for the revival of public gospel proclamation. They show how God has used evangelistic preaching in the past and how it can be practiced with relevance and effectiveness today. Recovering public proclamation, they argue, is key to the vitality and ongoing mission of the church.

Good News About Injustice, by Gary A. Haugen (InterVarsity, 1999) ISBN 0830822356

This study guide is designed to help you further process the challenging issues and confusing questions raised by the prevalence of injustice in our world today. It is also written to help you understand what others are doing about injustice and to discern what God might be calling you to do. Engaging in the pursuit of justice is our distinct privilege as Christians, who are empowered by the God of the universe to bring healing and justice to our world. It also is a choice. Will we choose to live in a world of injustice and do nothing? Or, like Jesus, will we choose to challenge the powerful, building bridges instead of walls among humankind? These are among the questions participants will grapple with in this study of the world's needs, God's plan and our response.

Great Commission Companies, by Steve Rundle and Tom Steffen (IVP, 2003) ISBN - 830832270

In an era where multinational corporations have global influence and impact, the Great Commission Company opens up new possibilities for missions-minded entrepreneurs and businesspeople who want to change the world to the glory of God.

A Mind for Missions, by Paul Borthwick (NavPress, 1987) ISBN 0-89109-191-2

Ten building blocks for seeing the world beyond our borders—a world full of people who need God's love and our love.

My Rights, My God: What Will You Do With Your Life, by Robin Wells (Kregel, 2001) ISBN 0825460247

Wells has created an interactive and unambiguous call to contemporary young people. This call looks beyond the "myopic me-first culture" to discover a call from God to something more important. The challenge is to choose – My Rights, or My God. In this organized and illustrated guide, young people will feel completely comfortable as they discover the challenges, satisfaction, and impact of a life call in which they can invest themselves for eternal rewards in the kingdom of God. Included with the book is a CD filled with music and interviews.

The New Global Mission: The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone, by Samuel Escobar (InterVarsity, 2003) ISBN 0830833013

Christian mission is no longer a matter of missionaries from the West going to the rest of the world. Rather, the growth of Christianity in Latin America, Africa and parts of Asia is eclipsing that of the Western church. In the third millennium of the Christian era, Christian mission is truly global, with missionaries from all places going to all peoples. The author presents this introduction to Christian mission today. He explores the new realities of our globalized world and assesses the context of a changing mission field that is simultaneously secular and syncretistic. He also sets forth a thoroughly biblical theology of missions, considering how God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are at work around the world, with implications for how Christians are to go about the task of global mission.

The Next Christendom: The Coming Age of Global Christianity, by Philip Jenkins (Oxford University Press, 2003) ISBN 0195168917

By the year 2050 only one Christian in five will be non-Latino and white, and the center of gravity of the Christian world will have shifted firmly to the Southern hemisphere. This book takes the full measure of the changing face of the Christian faith.

The Re-entry Team: Caring for Your Returning Missionaries, by Neal Pirolo (Emmaus Rd. International, 2000) ISBN 1880185075

Piorlo's book is a welcome advocate for missionaries during one of the most stressful aspects of their ministry—reentry into their home culture. He believes that the care of the missionary must be shared responsibility by their mission agency and their home church.

Translating the Message: The Missionary Impact on Culture, by Lamin Sanneh (Orbis, 1989) ISBN 0883443619

This historical survey shows the surprising consequences of mission activities, particularly Bible translation, on African culture.

Walking with the Poor, by Bryant L. Myers (Orbis Books, 1999) ISBN 1570752753
Key concepts of this book include holistic Christian development theory, theology, and Christian organizational practice. The author's purpose is to describe a proposal for understanding the principles and practice of transformational development from a Christian perspective—and to bring together the basic streams of thinking and experience. The author explores Christian views of poverty, its causes, and how it is experienced differently in different cultures. Includes a series of charts that can be made into overheads, as well as a bibliography and scriptural index.

Whose Religion Is Christianity? The Gospel Beyond the West, by Lamin Sanneh (Eerdmans, 2003) ISBN 0802821642

The author's narrative takes the form of a self-interview in which he asks questions about the cross-cultural expansion of Christianity and provides insightful answers and meaningful predictions about the future. He highlights what is distinctive about Christianity as a world religion, and offers a comparison of Christianity with Islam's own missionary tradition. The book also gives pride of place to the recipients of the Christian message rather than to the missionaries themselves. Sanneh argues that the gospel is not owned by the West and that the future of the tradition lies in its "world" character.

Short-Term Mission (1-3 mission experience)

The Art of Crossing Cultures, by Craig Storti (Nicholas Brealey Intervultural, 2001 – 2nd edition) ISBN 1857882962

This book offers business professionals tools to bridge cultures and countries, with examples of cross-cultural misunderstandings. Offers a model of cultural adjustment and tips on how to master the process and develop adaptive strategies for cross-cultural business activities.

Covenant Mission Connection (CMC) Curriculum – a planning manual for the preparation and follow-up of a short-term mission opportunity. Available on CD from CMC, 1-800-903-0262 or mission.connection@covchurch.org.

Essential Guide to the Short Term Mission Trip, by David C. Forward (Moody, 1998) ISBN 0802425267

The author helps prepare leaders and members on the team, covering topics such as: Cultural Sensitivity; Raising Financial Support; Choosing a Team; Pre-trip Team Meetings; What to Bring; Clearing Customs; After-trip Debriefing.

A Guide to Short Term Missions: A Comprehensive Manual for Planning an Effective Mission Trip, by Leon Greene (Gabriel Publishing, 2003) ISBN 1884543731

This practical guide includes: Timeline, Passport, How to Prepare, Forming the Team, Health, Immunizations, Packing Checklist, Emergency Plans and Disaster Relief, Websites, Other helpful resources.

Mack & Leann's Guide to Short-Term Missions, by J. Mack and Leann Stiles (IVP, 2000) ISBN 0830822690

The authors offer practical advice, hard-won lessons and personal stories to help you know what to expect as you prepare for a short-term missions trip. Chapters 1-6 focus on understanding foundational principles of short-term ministry.

Chapters 7-11 look into developing critical crosscultural skills, and chapters 12-18 deal with specific needs short terms have.

Maximum Impact Short-term Mission: The God-Commanded, Repetitive Deployment of Swift, Temporary, Non-Professional Missionaries, by Roger Peterson, Gordon Aeschliman and R. Wayne Sneed (STEM Press, 2003) ISBN 0971125813

The authors take us from theological and historical foundations to the practical "how-tos" and whys of short-term mission.

THE MISSIONS TRIP PREP KIT (Zondervan, 2003)

● *Mission Trip Prep Kit Leader's Guide*, by Kevin Johnson (Zondervan, 2003) ISBN 0310244889

The leader's guide includes rationale, the how, and the logistics of planning and pulling off a missions trip, but also four pre-trip teaching sessions that will help your students assess their expectations, their fears, their motivations; Adjust their perceptions of the culture they'll be working in; Improve their emotional and spiritual stamina for living for a week or a month in a very different world from their own; Practice the skills and attitudes (teamwork, servanthood, Christ-centeredness) they'll need for a missions trip. There are also two post-trip sessions that will help you debrief your students, ease them back into their own worlds, celebrate with them, and make missions and ministry part of their everyday lives with Jesus. Teaching sessions include a variety of activities, prayer ideas, Bible studies, talk outlines and options to tailor presentation and application to your own high school or middle school students.

● *Mission Trip Prep Student Journal*, by Kevin Johnson (Zondervan, 2003) ISBN 0310240212

This journal will help you to capture the experience of short-term missions : devotional Bible readings and studies, reflective questions about the trip ahead or behind you, journaling opportunities for expressing yourself before, during, and after the trip.

On Being a Missionary, by Thomas Hale (Gabriel Resources, 2003) ISBN 0878082557

Written for everyone with an interest in mission, this book will lead you to reconsider your role in the missionary enterprise. The author presents the ideas, experiences, and insights of over one hundred missionary writers.

People Raising: A Practical Guide to Raising Support, by William P. Dillon (Dimensions, 1993) ISBN 0802464475

The author's goal is to help the missionary, prospective missionary, and mission organization raise prayer and financial support with as little effort as possible, in as short a time as possible, while solidifying friendships with partners.

Short-Term Missions Workbook, by Tim Dearborn (IVP, 2003) ISBN 0830832335

Dearborn offers the essential workbook for individuals or teams preparing for a short-term missions experience, including crosscultural communication, spiritual warfare, the "tourist mentality," spiritual preparation, team building and more.

Successful Mission Teams: A Guide for Volunteers, by Martha VanCise (New Hope Publishers, rev. 2004) ISBN 1563098369

This step-by-step guide covers such common-sense topics as customs, currency, security, immunizations, and fund-raising. It essentially covers getting ready to

go, what to expect when you get there, and how you can bring that experience home.

Survival Kit for Overseas Living, by Robert L. Kohls (Intercultural Press, 1996 – 3rd edition) ISBN 185788292X

Offers Americans planning to live or work abroad tips and skills to getting along in a foreign country. Shows how to explore the mysteries of culture, avoid stereotypes, and other pitfalls.

Mission Committees

Contact the Covenant Resource Center 1-800-338-IDEA(4332) or email resource.center@covchurch.org for help or information regarding for helps and resources prepared by the Department of World Mission for mission committees. Most items may be ordered online at www.covenantbookstore.com. Some print resources include:

Breathing Life Into Your Missions Committee, by David Stockamp – Provides resources and practical suggestions for evaluating your missions program and invigorating it.

Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar – Updated in June each year, the prayer calendar includes field of service, current address and family pictures of career missionaries, plus a listing of short-term missionaries.

“How to Pray for Missionaries and Missionary Kids” bookmark – A bookmark for daily use on how to really pray for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of our missionaries. The second side provides a guide for praying for the unique challenges faced by the children of our missionaries.

Sample Mission Policies – A collection of mission statements from various churches’ missions committees.

World Mission Newsletter – This insert in The Covenant Companion is issued quarterly with updates on Covenant mission work. Single copy subscriptions may be obtained at no charge for non-Companion subscribers. Additional copies are available from the Covenant Resource Center.

Web Sites

www.covchurch.org/cov/mission/ - visit the Covenant World Mission web site for information on the mission work being carried out around the world by the Covenant Church.

www.urbana.org – visit the resource section for many tools to promote mission. Also has an extensive list of reading materials, web sites, and other mission information.

www.brigada.org – lists resources and tools for mission.

www.askamissionary.com – questions about mission are answered by missionaries who share their perspectives.

www.calebproject.org – resources for the church, providing media tools and training experience.

www.ethnologue.com – a site on languages of the world.

Additional Sources

Covenant World Mission Department – The Department of World Mission coordinates, resources, and enables the world mission work of the Covenant and seeks to facilitate understanding, vision and passion for world mission in local Covenant churches. The Church Relations staff can help you promote mission awareness at your church. The Department can also give you information on missionary church visits, how to support missionaries and projects in which your church can participate.

Project and Short-term Mission Opportunities – Are you considering or do you know someone thinking about serving as a missionary? Find out what opportunities are available through Covenant World Mission. Call Lana Heinrich at 773/784-3000 or email lane.heinrich@covchurch.org.

Covenant Mission Connection (CMC) – CMC connects individuals and/or churches with “hands-on” Covenant related short-term projects—particularly for youth, adults, and families. Call 1-800-903-0262 or email mission.connection@covchurch.org

Covenant Resource Center – Where do you call when you don’t know whom to call? The Covenant Resource Center is a great place to start! They provide consultation and resources for many types of mission-related programs and activities, including: information regarding publications produced by the Department of World Mission (purchase online at www.covenantbookstore.com), resources and ideas from other sources, Covenant missionary photos and biographical sketches, audio visuals, artifacts, displays and many other resources. Call 1-800-338-IDEA(4332) or email resource.center@covchurch.org.

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