

Church Leadership



One of the up-and-coming ideas in missionary care is for mission agencies to utilize gifted pastors from sending churches to provide occasional, on-site “pastoral coaching” for their missionaries. But how can pastors and other leaders from local churches gain the proper cross-cultural context in order to apply their coaching skills effectively? *Frontiers* is offering a “Pastoral Coaching Symposium” May 7-10 in Mesa, Arizona. Like to learn more? Contact Bruce Beckhart, *Frontiers*, 325 N. Stapley Dr., Mesa, AZ 85203, phone (800) 462-8436.

Two major associations of churches will be holding their national mission conferences this summer. Should your church be represented on one or both? The Antioch Network Gathering of Churches is slated for June 12-15 in Tempe, Arizona. (For more information, contact info@antiochnetwork.org, call 602-589-7777, or see www.antiochnetwork.org.)

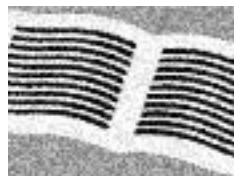
Then, APMC (Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment) has planned its National Conference and Finishers Forum for August 15-17 in Atlanta. (For more information, contact Atlanta@acmc.org, call 770-455-8808, or see www.acmc.org.)

Conferences of Mission Agencies



Meanwhile, two major associations of mission agencies are planning their annual conferences for this autumn. Leaders from member agencies in the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (EFMA) are scheduled to gather September 16-19 in Kansas City. (See efma.gospelcom.net for further information.) Leaders from agencies in the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA) are planning to assemble in Orlando October 3-5. (See www.ifmamissions.org for further information.) The IFMA annual conference is also the magnet for “piggyback” gatherings of the Evangelical Missiological Society (www.missiology.org/ems) and the International Society for Frontier Missiology.

Mission Journals



Within the January 2002 issue of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* (EMQ) are notable articles by David Hesselgrave (“Does the Mind of Missions Need to be Changed?”) and Dudley Woodberry (“Muslim Missions After September 11”). Contact *EMQ* at PO Box 794, Wheaton, IL 60189, Emis@wheaton.edu, or www.wheaton.edu/bgc/emis.

Even by its own excellent standards, the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* (IBMR) presents an especially fine package in its January 2002 issue under the theme of “Violent Religion and Jesus’ Mission”. An emphasis on Islam includes glimpses into the thinking of notable missionaries and Islamicists such as Dudley Woodberry, Kenneth Cragg, Temple Gairdner, Wilfred Cantwell Smith, William Shellabear, and Liliias Trotter. David Kerr adds a survey of fourteen centuries of Christian scholarship regarding Islam. To learn more, see the related web site at www.omsc.org. For subscriptions, contact the *IBMR* at PO Box 3000, Denville, NJ 07834.

The January 2002 issue of *Missiology* addresses various angles on the theme of “Missionaries for the

21st Century,” including James Stamoolis on “The Nature of the Missionary Calling,” Paula Harris on “Calling Young People to Missionary Vocations in a ‘Yahoo’ World,” and William Taylor on “The Attrition of Longer-Term Missionaries.” In addition, Michael Jaffarian, a member of the team that produced the second edition of the *World Christian Encyclopedia* (WCE), unpacks the WCE to address seven basic questions in mission. For further information, contact *Missiology* at 616 Walnut Avenue, Scottsdale, PA 15683-1999, e-mail cdepta@mph.org, web www.asmweb.org/missiology.htm.

The *International Journal of Frontier Missions* (IJFM) is still on a “catch-up” production schedule. Recently appearing is issue 18:1 (Spring 2001), which focuses on “Evangelical Neo-Marxism in India?,” including “Why Are Christians Persecuted in India?” (Herbert Hoefler) and “Fatal Hindu Gospel Stumbling Blocks” (D.D. Pani). Just now going to press is issue 18:2 (Summer 2001), including an enlightening series of articles on “Field-Governed Mission Structures in the Bible and Throughout the Centuries.” For *IJFM* subscriptions, contact: 7665 Wenda Way, El Paso, TX 79915, e-mail 103121.2610@compuserve.com, www.ijfm.org.

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