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✍ What connection is there between “cats and dogs” and mission vision? Just ask Bob Sjogren, developer of the *UnveilinGLORY* seminars (www.jealousgod.org).

Sjogren’s seminars are helping a variety of churches and leaders to get a better handle on the self-centeredness that often chokes out mission vision. While you’re taking a look at the Web site, also check out the InfoBytes 1 CD, which includes 13 two-minute, top-notch PowerPoint presentations intended to be shown in churches over a three-month period.

✍ If you’re quick, you (or someone else from your church) may still be able to register for the ACMC (Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment) National Conference and Finishers’ Forum, scheduled August 15-17 in Atlanta. For further information, see www.acmc.org.

✍ Orlando, Florida will once again host a cluster of mission consultations this fall. Should you or your organization be represented? During October 3-5 the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA), the Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS), and the International Society for Frontier Missiology (ISFM) are joining hands to reflect on “The Christian Response

to World Religions”. For further information, see www.ifmamiissions.org/train.htm.

✍ Speaking of the IFMA, this association also sponsors a cooperative program of leadership training called LeaderLink. Many people from a variety of agencies (not only those who are members of the IFMA) have found LeaderLink helpful. To learn more, see www.ifmamiissions.org/leader.htm.

✍ Mission-minded Christians elsewhere in the world now have a better window on what British evangelicals are thinking and doing in world evangelization. Take a look at the Evangelical Missionary Alliance’s Global Connections Web site (www.globalconnections.co.uk). See any helpful resources or new developments?

✍ It’s not new to observe that Christianity no longer predominantly displays a white face. But Philip Jenkins, in the recently-released *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* (Oxford University Press, 2002) fleshes out the implications in a vivid and practical way. Jenkins may not be entirely right, and you may not fully agree with him, but you’ll be the better for knowing what he says. Want to learn more? Take a

look at descriptions at <http://ywam.org/books/> and www.amazon.com.

✍ The crew at SIM (Charlotte, NC) have a well-deserved reputation as “team players” who are ready and able to benefit the larger mission community. You’ll find two good examples on the Internet, including the www.christianmissions.net Web site SIM has developed, with “The Great Commission Search Engine” giving you ready search access to 100,000 documents on 275 sites. This SIM site, in turn, links you to Mission Network News (www.gospelcom.net/mnn). Gratefully enjoy what SIM has done for the rest of us.

✍ SIM has also taken good initiative to foster inter-agency cooperation on confronting the challenge of HIV/AIDS in Africa and other regions of the world. While recently reviewing a newsletter produced by SIM’s international consultant on HIV/AIDS, I saw an approving reference to The Medical Institute for Sexual Health (www.medinstitute.org). The institute’s tagline of “Science, Character, Education” gives you a clue to its philosophic basis.

✍ Some of the finest mission journalism today comes from our friends at the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. This agency especially excels in photography and other graphic arts. To get a sample, take a look at the Web site of the IMB’s

magazine, The Commission (www.tconline.org). The June issue features China and includes an interactive map of China.

✍ The recent news from the Philippines about Martin and Gracia Burnham has put the spotlight on the agency behind their efforts, New Tribes Mission. Although a large and enormously competent agency, NTM is largely unknown to many. To learn more, explore NTM’s Web site at www.ntm.org.

✍ Could you use an all-purpose CD-ROM with many maps for your mission publications and presentations? Global Mapping’s new *WorldVue CD-ROM* may be just the ticket. Over 500 maps and graphs are included, including map sets on Islam, the 10/40 Window, China, India, and Africa. For further information, see www.gmi.org/products/worldvue.htm and the William Carey Library advertisement in this issue of *Mission Frontiers*.

✍ Recently the USCWM staff were treated to a brief excerpt from a fascinating new video, *Unlocking the Mystery of Life*, which tells the story of contemporary scientists who are advancing the theory of “intelligent design.” The video utilizes state-of-the-art computer animation to portray the enormous complexity of the living cell and the marvelous intricacy of such things as the microscopic bacterial rotary motor – a motor which spins at 100,000 rpm! You can learn more and order a copy at www.illustramedia.com.

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