



# Recent Developments in Perspectives



Spring 2010 marks the 36th year since the first *Perspectives* class took place on the campus of Wheaton College. Since then, *Perspectives* has continued to grow and develop, reaching approximately 100,000 believers in North America alone! Some new developments include:

## Agency Partnerships

*Perspectives* has recently placed a strong emphasis on partnering with agencies. The addition of Ryan Emis to the staff as the Director for Ministry Advancement has opened the doors for strategic partnerships with agencies that center around three goals of the Mobilization Division of the USCWM:

1. *Engaging*: helping agencies use *Perspectives* as a mobilization tool for their sending churches for both support and new recruits.
2. *Equipping*: more and more agencies are requiring *Perspectives* for all candidates, as a strong, foundational component to their training and orientation.
3. *Connecting*: introducing opportunities for involvement with agencies to *Perspectives* students and alumni.

## New Online Course

*Perspectives* has had an online course for about a decade, run by the fine folks at International Christian Ministries. This past May marks the release of a new online program that will add video and facilitated online discussion. This will be available for students, missionaries and leaders in remote locations anywhere in the Internet-connected world.

For more information, visit [www.perspectives.org/online](http://www.perspectives.org/online)



### From Wondering Widow to Prayer Warrior

"After my husband passed away, I entered a new stage of my life as a widow, and in pursuit of answers—

what would you have me do with the rest of my life, Lord? It was then that I took the *Perspectives* class, and little did I know how much of an impact it would make on my love for the world. The light seemed to burn a little brighter for me after every class, and my heart began thirsting for more information as I started seeing the word 'nations' written all throughout the Bible. My whole focus changed from earth to heaven, and the expanded insight into God's love began to fuel my sharing about it, exploring what

God had to say about it in His Word, and spending more time in prayer over it.

"I am now a prayer coordinator for *Perspectives*, and I continue to use the *Global Prayer Digest* in my prayer time. I first discovered the great resource in class, and it continues to keep me consistently praying for unreached people groups. I am currently working with Wycliffe Bible Translators on the prayer team. I rejoice when I get a notice from them that another people group now has the Scriptures in their own language! Another joy is doing short-term service at the Voice of the Martyrs headquarters in Bartlesville, OK. And to think it all started with getting God's 'perspective'."

## ruined for the Ordinary

### Training Volunteers & Short-Termers

Steve develops indigenous leadership in Central America and the Caribbean who work to accomplish the Worldwide Christian Schools' vision of expanding Christ-centered schools in the developing world through serving nationals with operating funds, teacher training and curriculum resources. Each year Steve has the privilege of mobilizing 40-50 teams of volunteers

to give their time, sweat and resources to reach children with the gospel through education. He promotes *Perspectives* as a way for short-term mission leadership to get ready to work in a cross-cultural environment. He says his job is one of building bridges between cultural groups so that ministry is effective. Steve says, "Thanks, *Perspectives*, for the wealth of information in your course. It is practical and easy to use in this setting." f

