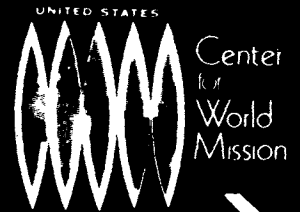


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It comes in modest dress but deals with matters vital to the Christian's awesome global obligation.

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Who is a Missionary?

What identifies a missionary? Commitment to God's plan. To be fully identified with Christ compels effort to achieve His worldwide goal (Mk.15:16-).

Jesus Christ came to implement God's redemptive plan made before the foundation of the world. That task will one day be finished. God is God; His plan will prevail, His goal be achieved.

"This Good News of the Kingdom must be preached all over the world so that all nations hear the truth and then the end will come" (Mt.24:14).

The real missionary thus has a non-negotiable goal. His aim is to finish the God-given task. Unless he moves toward that goal, he fails. If he burns out in that task he succeeds. Like young Golaz, dying within a year after reaching the Senegambia. To those who wiped the sweat from his forehead the dying man said, "It matters not if the first laborers fall in the field. Their successors will march past them with great strides."

God set the goal

Early in God's dealings with our race He revealed His worldwide goal (Gen.12:3). God's Son confirmed that goal in every statement of the Great Commission.

Jesus Christ said, "I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

The book of Acts tells how church planting was launched. It has continued to now with impressive results.

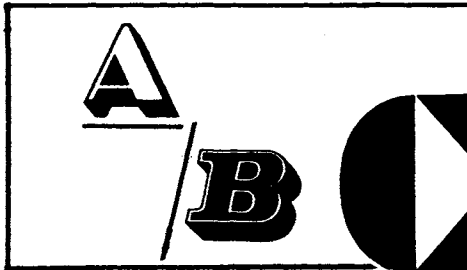
The current reality of churches worldwide can be pictured quite simply (see diagram). There are three kinds of areas:

- A. Already with churches;
- B. Being churched;
- C. Completely unchurched.

In terms of vital strategy, A and B are subordinate to C. Their strategic value lies in what they can contribute to planting churches in area C.

Major focus on Area C is not an option. Priority, not preference must govern the Church's attitude. "First right" to receive missionaries and equipment of "war" stems from God's plan. His goal must have preeminence.

Think of a team of men building a Boeing 747. To build fuselage and engine might require years. The quality of those parts might leave something to be desired with scheduled time far spent. But common sense would demand the building of the wing. Not waiting to perfect all other parts? Right! Perfection of engines and fuselage would not be enough. Only with the wing finished could the plane fly.



Just so with missions. Areas A and B will always have needs. There will always be things to improve. But the demands of Area C are overwhelmingly urgent. Churches must be planted there, whatever the cost.

Godly people accept the goal

David Livingstone carved his way through Africa's jungles. He said, "I will open a way to the interior or perish." His aim was to finish the God-given task. Thus he said, "I am willing to go anywhere, provided it be forward."

Hudson Taylor wrote, "I feel as if I could not live if something is not done for China." How many bear that burden today?

These men followed the policy set by the Apostle Paul. "I was ambitious to tell the Good News only where Christ's name wasn't known" (Ro.15:20).

Missionary research today has made clear the awesome size of area C. Of the world's peoples who do not call themselves Christian, 83% are there. They comprise 2.5 billion people who are still denied a church of their own kind. Who cares? Do you? Do I?

Let's help every missionary agency which is willing to do something about those sad statistics.

Godly people will achieve the goal

Attention is today being focused on Area C. Its inhabitants are called "hidden peoples". Their boundaries are more ethnic and political than geographical. These people are being pinpointed in many parts of the world.

To plant churches among them will require thousands of missionaries with special spiritual and cultural qualities.

Christian college students form an enormous human resource pool. How can they be made to see the world from God's perspective? On secular campuses they get not a glimpse of God's plan. Yet 85% of Christian students are there.

The first college campus whose major thrust is to offer Christians from secular schools the opportunity for a life-changing orientation is now in operation here in Pasadena.

The Institute of International Studies is a specialized, concentrated course. In a single quarter or semester it permits a student to get a wholly new perspective.

The course has been used for several years with impressive results. It is hoped this model will spawn similar programs in Christian colleges across America.

How else will thousands of students become aware of the awesome reality of Area C?

This is what USCWM is about. The true missionary presses toward a non-negotiable goal. God gave the goal, to Him we must answer for its accomplishment.

Focus on New Fields



A number of Mission Societies have for years made it a point to seek out and enter new areas where people were unevangelized. The focus on this concern is made even sharper when a society appoints a Director or establishes a department devoted particularly to the development of new fields.

Here are some examples:

***In November last year Sudan Interior Mission appointed Gerald Swank as Coordinator for Outreach Ministries. In recent months new work has begun in southern Sudan, Upper Volta, and in northern Ghana. Negotiations are in process for opening new ministry in Ivory Coast and among two previously unreached tribes in Togo. Church planting has also been begun among two tribes in Liberia. ***For several years Dr. Richard Anderson was Associate Secretary for Outreach for the Africa Inland

Mission. AIM is now on the lookout for a replacement since Dr. Ancerson has recently been made International Secretary. It's exciting to note that in recent years new outreach has been begun in the Comoro Islands, Seychelles, Reunion, southeastern Sudan, among the Somalis in Kenya and tribes in the S. Nyanza area of Kenya. The latest prospect is entrance into Madagascar and also into Northern Mozambique where there are perhaps six million unevangelized people.

***The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod has appointed Alan Buckman director of a new Department of Outreach which is to explore new field development stressing the Hidden Peoples.

***Overseas Crusades has appointed Jim Montgomery Director of Research and Strategy, a new job with emphasis on opening new Hidden People fields.

***TEAM reports that they have opened eight Hidden People fields in the last 25 years.

***We'll try to report other developments along this line as word comes to us.

Most other evangelical missions, while they may not have an officer for new fields, do regularly consider outreach on an area basis. RBMU has entered a number of new tribes in Iryan Jaya. Overseas Missionary Fellowship within the last year or two has begun church planting ministry in the Bicol area of Luzon and among both Muslim and tribal peoples in Mindanao in the Philippines.



A Parable ?

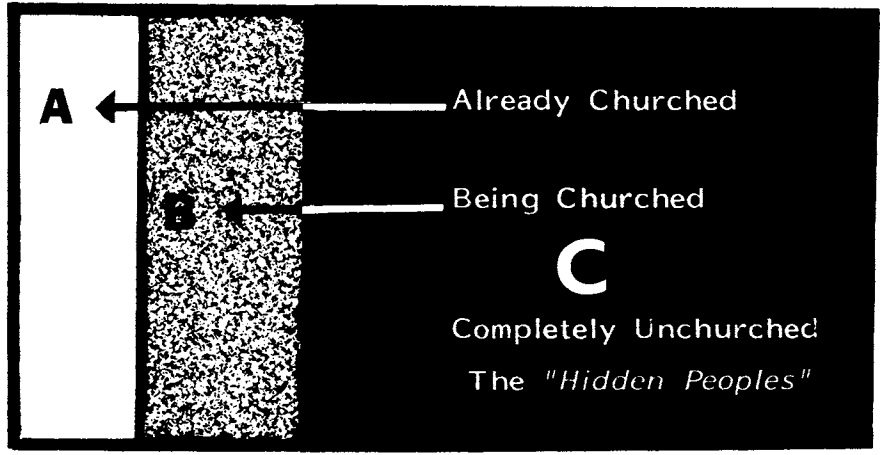
The following story illustrates the need for a strategic approach to cross-cultural missions.

My name is Osaku. I grew up in a rural Japanese town in the 1940's. My family embraced Shintoism as a religion and I felt at an early age the compulsion to share it's truths with the rest of the worlds peoples.

If I had been asked to choose a particular country in which to spread the news of my religion I probably would have responded with ... Korea, China, or even India. But just a few short years after my uncles and aunts were destroyed by an American B-29 bomber, I was divinely guided to consider the place I abhor the most on this Earth... the United States.

What a confusing place! My father visited there once. He told me that the people were very closed to outsiders with different religions.

He said they would talk to you occasionally, but for the most part they claimed allegiance to Jesus Christ. This was a martyr who lived about 2000 years ago. My father told them that we accepted Jesus too, in our respect for great men. But for some reason they said it wasn't the same. It was hard to understand what they meant. Why couldn't they just revere Jesus and look into our religion too? (continued on page 7).





Your Part in the Victory

Why is the U.S.Center for World Mission buying a 17-acre campus?

Because it is a key strategy for penetrating over half the human race for Christ.

Two and one-half billion "Hidden People" live in 16,750 cultural and political groups around the world. They are beyond the range of church or mission church-planting plans.

The USCWM campus is being developed to house research and strategy institutes to assist mission agencies. Media facilities are being set up. Missions-perspective courses are being offered. The campus can serve up to 1,000 new students each semester.

Here are suggestions of how you can help complete this victory:

1. Tell your friends about the Center, leading them to a personal World Christian decision. Tell all who make this decision that they can help found the Center by sending a one-time gift of \$15.95. They will receive in return a book, a mission poster, and this monthly bulletin.

2. Arrange a dinner, or talk to a Sunday School class or Bible Study group. Arrange for your church to sponsor a World Awareness Seminar for an evening.

3. Arrange for a showing of the film "Penetrating the Last Frontiers", narrated by Pat Boone.

4. Tell students and others about the two credit-bearing opportunities: IIS and SIIS.

5. Provide furniture, utensils, dishes, etc. for the Campus.

6. Become a part-time or full-time volunteer.

7. Consider joining staff, or encourage others to do so.

The First Athens Congress on World Missions August 15-23, 1979

Pastors
Church Officials
Lay Leaders

Combine work with pleasure! Having trouble getting your people behind a significant missions program? There is no easier way and nothing more effective you can do to get your people up to speed and help them turn the corner into the new era than a deeply impressive experience like this.

You are encouraged to take the lead and organize groups in your community to attend the First Athens Congress on World Missions. If anyone, you are the one to take people back to where it all began, travel in Paul's footsteps, and participate in the first missions congress of its kind, ever.

You may write now for details and a special travel program. It is designed so that you may invite others to participate in a congress and tour of lasting spiritual significance.

The First Athens Congress on World Missions
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Dynamic Chart →

Dave Bliss, U.S.Center affiliate was in South Africa last month. He carried a copy of the chart, "Penetrating the Last Frontiers."

In Randburg, South Africa, while Dave and Herbert Beerens were enroute to an adult Sunday School class taught by the latter, Dave showed him the chart. His response was to invite Dave to explain the chart to the class. An hour was spent discussing the information showing the effectiveness of missions across the years yet presenting vast people groups still unpenetrated by the Gospel.

Afterward professor Beerens asked to borrow the chart. A few days later he told Dave of his experience when he presented the chart to his seminary students. Their reaction? Conviction. So stunned were the students with the facts of the unfinished task, that on the spot they formed a Missions Committee.

Dave observed the interesting fact that even at an evangelical seminary which considered itself to have a firm "commitment to missions," vital data became a catalyst which caused action.

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When in the U.S.later, Dave had a similar experience in a church in Vermont. There he stated publicly, "More people alive today are 'unreached' than when Paul began his missionary journeys."

A psychiatrist in the class immediately wrote a note to Dave with the challenging question, "Do you have the facts to back up that statement?"

That afternoon Dave visited the man and used information from the chart to document his previous statement. Since then the church has resurrected a long dormant Missions Committee.

The church was not content to stay in a posture of non-missions emphasis when faced with realities based on available data showing vast human needs.

The above four-color 18"x24" chart is available for \$1 from USCWM.

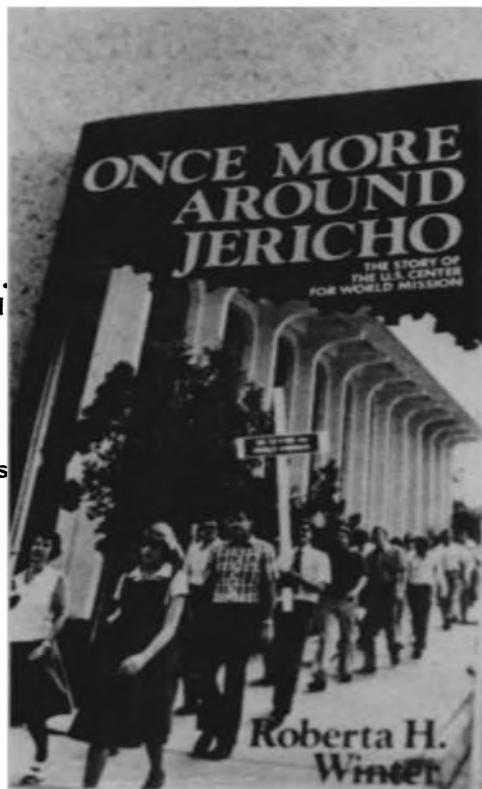
## Women Unite!

The Women's Prayer Council at the U.S. Center for World Mission has been established to assist Christian women across the country to pray for the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Not every Christian is able to go to another country as a missionary, but everyone can pray. To this end, the WPC prepares and mails out prayer sheets giving information about the needs of the Center and about groups of people who are beyond any present work.

In addition, the WPC encourages local gatherings where women may learn more first-hand about the importance of prayer for missions.

The first such meeting was held at the Center on Saturday morning February 10. Fifty women came to hear missionary Carol Richardson. She and her husband, Don, spent 15 years among the Savi people of New Guinea. Missionary facts are fuel for prayer.



## "Echoes of Praise."

LISTEN TO "ECHOES OF PRAISE" on which Bill Davis is working his way through the Once More Around Jericho book chapter by chapter, interviewing and re-dramatizing the people and events mentioned in each chapter.

All stations 2:15 p.m., except KHOF, Glendale, which is 3:00 p.m., Sundays:

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| KHOF-FM   | Glendale, CA    |
| KCUR-AM   | Lodi, CA        |
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| WWQS-AM   | Orlando, FL     |
| KCRH-FM   | Nampa, Idaho    |
| WYCA      | Hammond, Ind.   |
| WUNN-FM   | Mason, Mich.    |
| KWFC-97.3 | Springfield, MO |
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| WNAH-FM   | Nashville, TN   |
| KTAL-FM   | -Texarcana, TX  |
| WBKW-FM   | Beckley, W. Va. |

## » Let Us Pray «

*The Christian faith has known a number of great revivals, waves of the Spirit of God which ripple across history.* Dr. J. Edwin Orr of Fuller Seminary has studied these movements. He discovered no revival occurs without an initial wave of prayer. The world's greatest mission movements have historically sprung from the soil of revival. To reach the 2.5 billion people who yet remain without the Good News, we must pray ---we must sow seeds in prayer which will ultimately bear fruit in action.

Where can we begin, you and I? How can we pray wisely for an entire planet with so many hidden pockets of culture?

Here are some practical suggestions:

The Operation World Handbook sets forth prayer needs of many third-world countries. With this information, it is possible to pray for specific cultures.

"Watchman on the Great Wall", produced by the Chinese Study



Institute, suggests certain prayer needs for China on a daily schedule.

The U S Center issues a weekly prayer sheet with requests for daily prayer designated for "hidden people" groups.

Each of these sources furnishes information enabling an individual or group to pray with understanding for distinct peoples throughout the world.

We can also pray that God will raise up an army of young people with lives dedicated to His work overseas. We can pray for foreigners who live in the U.S.; and we can pray that political struggles overseas will open the way to plant churches among hidden peoples.

Let us pray, then. Avenues for wise prayer are open if we seek them. It is not enough to say, "God, bless the world."

Frontiers still forbidding will be penetrated as we assault them with our prayers. People will be reached for God as we reach God in prayer.

## Passport to the World

Did you know that trained teachers of English as a Second Language (TESL) are in high demand in practically every country of the world?

English language teachers can obtain positions in countries which are normally closed to missionaries from the West. Even Red China has recently asked for English teachers from the United States.

For those interested in working overseas, TESL can serve as a passport to get there. USCWM trains TESL teachers for overseas work.

Both an MA in TESL and a certificate program are offered. This summer there will be a specialized course in TESL for the Chinese world.

## Focus - China

Last December, the United States granted diplomatic recognition to the People's Republic of China. Suddenly, close to a billion of the world's hidden peoples for the first time in 30 years, began to be increasingly open to the flow of outside influences.



Danny Yu, Director  
6 Chinese World Mission Center

## Opportunities for You



For further information about programs on this page, send in the coupon below. The course in Chinese Studies and TESL will be part of USCWM's IIS program for this summer -- an exciting in-depth program of mission studies. Other course options will include Muslim studies and the Role of Art in World Evangelization. Consider IIS for this summer, or next fall -- for yourself, your friend, youth of your church, members of your group... Write for details TODAY.

Send information on the following training programs:

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Please clip and mail to: USCWM, Training Division  
1605 E. Elizabeth  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Across the nation, God's people are asking important questions and seeking guidance. Is China opening again to missions? What is our response? What will missions to China be like in the future? How has China changed since 1949? What lessons should we learn from China mission in the past?

These and many other questions demand prompt and careful thought. A new China awaits the world, a China deeply ploughed by forces of revolution.

In answer to this challenge, this summer the Institute for Chinese World Mission, a part of the USCWM, will hold a course entitled, "Dimensions in Chinese World Development." And, according to Dr. Danny Yu, coordinating professor, we expect to see a sizable influx of students --

persons burdened to reach the Chinese people for Christ. They will be exposed to many complex issues concerning Chinese development around the world and will consider ways to plant churches among the Chinese.

The course will consist of special topics in Communism, Chinese culture and subcultures, history, traditional religions, history of the Christian movement and modern trends in religion in China.

Students will be given a broad view of the Chinese world. Information and tools will be offered with which to come to grips with developing strategy for evangelization in the Chinese world.

Outstanding leaders in mission to Chinese will lecture and be available for counseling.



Earle Rice  
Manager, Mission Services

## Satisfying Service

March 28 this year marked the first anniversary of my service at USCWM. I began as a part-time volunteer last spring, worked full-time in the mailing department last summer and attended the Institute

of International Studies that fall. I have now joined the Center Staff as Services Division Manager.

While in the mailing department I especially enjoyed using my contacts with semi-retired or retired Christian people to provide volunteer workers for our large bulk mailings. It has given me real satisfaction to work with these fine people as we together serve the Lord here.

Harold Coulter, at 79, has been one of our most faithful men. He says, "I love doing this mailing because it's serving Jesus. My contact here has been tremendously enjoyable. It has taught me about the hidden people. I had no idea there were hidden people.

"I've been around missions all my life, but this is one of the greatest things I have ever heard about. This Center is aiming at people where no mission is working. That's why I am excited about it. Otherwise it would just be duplicating somebody else's work" (2 Co.10:16).

We are building a full volunteer program staffed with retired persons. This is an opportunity for



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coulter

on-going service for Christ.

Think of having a vital part in taking the Good News to 2.5 billion people in the world, people among whom churches must still be planted!

I look forward to seeing these offices bustling with the daily activity of many regular volunteers who are as excited about this great project as I am.

## A Parable, (cont.)

The funny thing was, most of them couldn't explain very well the details of what they believed. They just said, 'This is what I believe and that's that!' This is somewhat the way the Muslims are... as well as many Hindus. They don't know exactly what they believe but they defend the religion from a standpoint of pride. This makes those Americans very hard to penetrate. You can't reason with them. They don't practice their religion in depth but mostly go through rituals which are almost impossible to break.

My father told me that in order to penetrate their culture we'd have to develop a definite strategy. I thought it would merely be a matter of gathering together some Shinto literature, hopping a boat, landing in New York, and taking the country by storm.

My father said that would be impossible. "Their culture," he told me, "is too diverse. Why in

New York City alone there's probably 30 or more people groups. There are Spanish, Blacks, Italians, Polish, Greeks, and a score of others most of which even have several sub-groups within themselves. Even if you go into smaller areas you have dozens of types of people."

"Why, father," said Osaku, "that's just like it is in Japan, and even India and China with their thousands of different sub-groups. It's easy to think of those Americans as being all alike, but actually they are a mixture of people with different customs and beliefs that just happen to live within the same continental border. And if there is that much cultural diversity there in a country with only 220 million people but yet full of technological communication, just think of the problems in a place like China, with 1 billion people and over 2000 different sub-groups. The Hindus with over 500 million adherents and the vast number of Muslims, over 700 million, will

all necessitate an enormous amount of work on strategies and culture learning.

"Father, how will we even begin to begin to penetrate the United States with our religion?"

"Osaku, it will take an enormous interest among the Japanese believers to generate the proper planning and research necessary for this task. Because most of us have never visited America, we find it hard to relate to the problems of such a complex people. Perhaps if you were able, somehow, to communicate your burden to many others, something could be done. Otherwise all those people will be lost forever. It's a shame more of us don't have your vision or enthusiasm, I guess we'll just have to continue with our burden and ask the gods to help those Americans in their time and way. But what we can do now, Osaku, is believe that as we inform others, many more will respond to the needs of those 'hidden people'."

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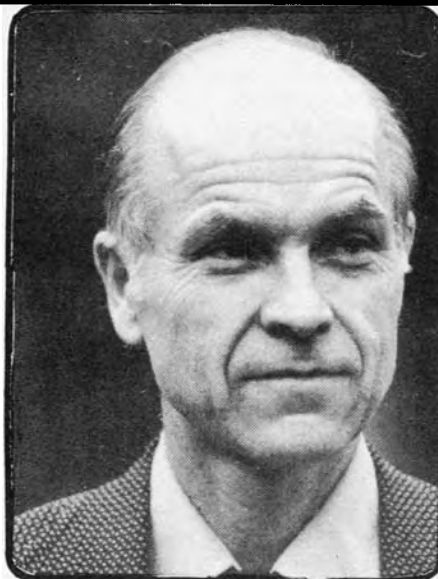
Why would Mainland China announce that its government will pay 19.4 million dollars to a list of American mission agencies for properties seized years ago? On the heels of that report, we now hear that China is asking the Jesuits to return to re-establish a medical school they operated 30 years ago in Shanghai. These facts would dumbfound the most zany optimist back in December. Additional data comes to us as I write this from the Far East Broadcasting Company:

Over the last ten years they have received an average of 18 letters per year from Mainland China. Now, note what's happened in 1979:

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| January    | 59 letters |
| February   | 855 "      |
| March 1-14 | 1400 "     |

I hope these facts will burst in upon the hearts of millions of evangelicals in America. Our complacency and defeatism needs to be radically disturbed!

The problem is serious. I read articles all the time generalizing to the effect that after all, we can't reach out to the (Mainland) Chinese, Hindus and Muslims. **FIDDLESTICKS!** So long as there still remain hundreds of places to go and thousands of things urgently to be done to reach these major blocks, let's not overly deplore the fact that some people some of the time are walled off from some approaches!



For example, in the educational film "Penetrating the Last Frontiers", which highlights the Hidden People (and mentions the USCWM in particular), Pat Boone asks me about the Chinese. I replied (last summer) "What if China would suddenly open and ask for 50,000 American teachers of English, would we be ready? I don't think we would!"

We now hear that China wants 500,000 teachers of English, German, French and Spanish. (Note, not Russian!) Also, we understand the greatest emphasis will be on English. Confirmation of this is their published figures for Chinese students being sent abroad are clearly and preponderantly in English-speaking countries, with the largest number headed for the USA.

Of course, the 500,000 teachers China needs will not all be foreigners. But China will soon find out what native speakers of English will make the best teachers, and I do not believe anyone who can really do the job will be turned down.

So, this is one reason why over a year ago we planned an academic program to teach people how to teach English to non-English speakers, specifically to Chinese.

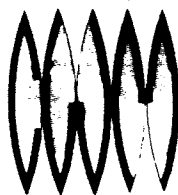
It is appropriate then our sister corporation, the William Carey International University, has now been authorized by the State of California to grant degrees. Included in the authorization are five Ph.D. degrees, in the fields of Chinese Studies, Hindu Studies, Muslim Studies, Tribal Studies, International Development, and an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language.

M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language. We are now adding Ph.D. degrees in Minority Studies and Applied Linguistics.

Thus we are trying to be ready to prepare people to enter China, whether they go as members of missionary organizations or as "tent-making" missionaries.

I'd like to tell you more about our regular student program, which is for all serious college students, and which now has suddenly attracted the backing of 10 major mission agencies. That will have to be next time.

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