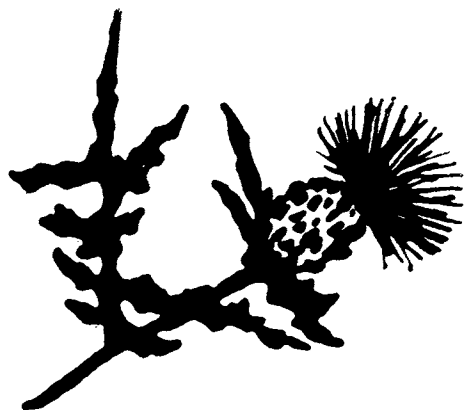


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REPORTS:

WORLD CONSULTATION ON FRONTIER MISSIONS

by Ralph D. Winter

Two hundred seventy delegates from mission agencies around the world gathered at Edinburgh, Scotland, October 27-November 1, in what was history's second world-level conference to be composed of official delegates from mission boards, mission agencies, and mission societies.

Called the "World Consultation on Frontier Missions", this meeting of mission professionals followed

beautifully on the heels of the Consultation on World Evangelism in Pattaya, Thailand last June. In Thailand, 800 evangelical leaders from all over the world gathered under the question "How Shall They Hear?"

Thailand brought together outstanding evangelical leadership, the opinion makers, including a wide spectrum of pastors, denominational officials, evangelists, and evangelism specialists, as

well as a number of mission leaders. All of the non-Christians of the world, including nominal Christians, were the concern of the conference.

At Edinburgh, the focus was narrower: concentrating exclusively on frontier missions---those populations where there is not yet any church at all. The meeting was composed of delegates sent by mission agencies.
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The "pledge-poster" on page 6 is from the ISCFM. Read it! You might also consider it as a commitment you or your Bible study group may want to make. It expresses the kind of commitment that could launch another Student Volunteer Movement!

Three special announcements may affect you or your friends. They're on pages 3 and 7.

Our last "Missions In The Bible" for the series is on page 10. We're interested in hearing whether or not you'd like to have the whole series available in a handy pamphlet form.

On page 8, you'll find an interesting look at FACE, one of the earliest agencies to be affiliated with the USCWM. There's also a "missionary's eye view" of Christmas on the field.

Our latest project to broaden the base of involvement by 1 million Christians to invest \$15.95 in the work of the Center is on the back cover. We welcome your involvement!

"Letters" are on page 9, and "Newsbriefs" are on page 3. Dr. Winter's editorial is on page 2.

We at the U.S. Center for World Mission wish you a very special, Christ-centered, rich Christmas. May He be Lord in all your activities this season...

Dear Friends,



Our next issue will dazzle you with the flood of exciting events and accomplishments here at the U.S. Center during 1980. This issue highlights the Edinburgh meeting, surely one of the most significant events in this century: a new world-level coalition of mission agencies focused on frontiers, and the largest gathering of its kind in history.

The following facts are astonishing, too.

Note well (can you believe it?) that we make no reference here to our operational budget. That has always been self-sustaining! We seek donations only to pay for the campus property. Then we will no longer ask for funds at all!

Year	Legal Obligation on Campus	We Have Paid
1977	\$850,000	\$850,000
1978	\$650,000	\$650,000
1979	\$544,000	\$544,000
1980	\$700,000	\$700,000
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1981	\$700,000 (+ \$300,000 borrowed above)	
1982	\$700,000	
1983	\$700,000	
1983 end	\$6,000,000 final payment on first half of campus	
1984	no payments	
1985	no payments	
1985 end	\$2,500,000 final payment on second half of campus	

We thank God for what He has done. Our peril is that virtually all of you reading these lines, virtually all who know about us, have already given. (Ever since 1977, we have asked for only one-time gifts of \$15.95, nothing from church budgets, and only 50 gifts per congregation.) Everyone agrees that this is the hardest way to raise funds -- but also the best way, if we can do it. Why? We avoid competition with the mission agencies we want to help, and we'll give vision to far more people in the process.

But we need an explosion of vision and thousands of new, one-time people. Please ask the Lord about the new approach outlined on the last page. Tear off that sheet and drop it in the mail. Your own vision is the most valuable gift you can give at Christmas or any other time.

Cordially,

Ralph D. Winter
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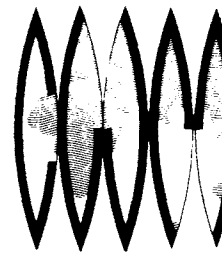
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NEWSBRIEFS

MISSIONS IN BITE-SIZE PIECES

G.I.F.T.S. OF INDIA

Although India produced over three times as many films last year as the United States, Christians in India have just begun to recognize the potential of film for evangelism.

Galilean International Films and Television Services (GIFTS) of India, recognizes that potential, and is mobilizing Christian film-makers in India. GIFTS is an offshoot of International Films, Inc., of the U.S.A., a member agency of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

In January 1981, GIFTS is offering its third annual workshop to train Christian communicators, in the city of Bombay.

"The magnetic lure of the silver screen is a universal one, says the GIFTS brochure, "but it is perhaps even more powerful in India where approximately six out of ten people cannot read."

ISI: REACHING "HIDDEN STUDENTS"

With 150 staff members coordinating activities with students in fifty locations in the U.S., International Students Incorporated has opportunity to minister on college and university campuses to students from many hidden people groups.

According to Hal Guffey, president of ISI, priority is given to sharing with those who are from unreached areas of the world. At a recent meeting at the Center, Guffey explained that their goal is to help establish a witness among every people, and to help train and develop leadership within the church.

People from areas that may be closed to missionaries become more accessible as their students come to study in the U.S. For instance, of the 300,000 international students in the U.S., 20-25 percent are from OPEC countries.

ISI is headquartered at Star Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

WYCLIFFE FILM EXPLODES MYTHS

"The Five Hardest Questions," a new film produced by Wycliffe Bible Translators, is designed to combat some erroneous presuppositions some have about life on the mission field.

Rob Tregenza, director of the excellent 50-minute film was on hand to field questions from the audience when it screened recently at the Center.

Interviewing translators from Mexico, Philippines, and Quebec, Tregenza asked questions that were squarely faced and answered by each translation team. Questions included: "Is the missionary a tool of cultural imperialism?", "What are the important skills for a missionary to have?", and "What are the implications for a family on the field?"

Tregenza is currently working on a film on hidden people in North Africa.

ISLAMICS SEMINAR AT COLUMBIA BIBLE COLLEGE

The Second Annual Islamics Seminar will be held at Columbia Bible College February 20-21, 1981. The event is sponsored by the Southeast Regional Student Foreign Missions Fellowship (SFMF), which also hosted GO 1980! in November 1980,

formerly known as Toccoa Conference.

Dr. Don McCurry, Director of the Samuel Zwemer Institute is the featured speaker. Also slated to share are Greg Livingstone (U.S. Director of North Africa Mission), Dr. Max Kershaw (International Students, Inc.), and Dr. Patrick Cate (International Missions, Inc.).

Questions about the regional conference should be directed to Co-Director Craig Colbert/ Columbia Bible College/ P.O. 3122/ Columbia, South Carolina/29230.

ECMC PRAYER DAY

Bishop William Frey and Miss Rosalind Rinker are the scheduled speakers at the Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Missionary Community.

Saturday, January 17 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. has been set aside by ECMC for prayer on world missions. All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena will host the day which will include workshops on various hidden people groups. Cost is \$5 at the door.

For further information, contact the Reverend Walter Hannum, 1567 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA, 91104. ECMC is an affiliate of the USCWM.

January ANYONE?

Looking for a good way to spend the month of January? One excellent, life-changing option is attendance at the January inter-term session of the Institute of International Studies.

Whether you are a college student seeking career foundations and perspectives on Christian missions, or a layman desiring a knowledge of world missions that will enable you to be an effective "change agent" in your local church, the IIS course can greatly help you.

January 5-30, 1981, IIS students will attend morning classes and evening case studies taught by a number of visiting instructors. Past professors have included Rev. Don McCurry, Ruth Siemens, Dr. Ralph Winter, Dr. David Howard, and Don Richardson. Classroom lectures, discussions, outside readings, and assignments will focus on

Biblical, cultural, historical, and strategic dimensions of world evangelization.

Topics will include the Student Volunteer Movement for foreign missions, language and culture learning, community development, and the role of mission teams in church-planting. In addition, students will receive a brief overview of mission needs and opportunities in Chinese, Muslim, Hindu, and tribal worlds. Field experiences in the multi-ethnic Los Angeles area round out the IIS experience.

Four semester units are awarded for successful completion of the course work.

Costs are \$205 for room and board, and \$200 for either undergraduate or graduate credit (or \$100 for audit), and about \$20 for books.

That's a small investment with prospects of large, eternal returns! Write for more information to: IIS, 1539 E. Howard St., Pasadena, CA 91104, or call (213) 797-4605. ■

W.C.F.M. (cont.)

The 270 people who participated represented at least 194 different mission structures from more than 35 countries. One hundred and two people present came from Third World countries, some of them being Western mission executives coming back from the field; but 88 of the delegates were Asian, African, and Latin American citizens---representing 33 percent of the registrants at the consultation and representing 57 different Third World mission societies.

The largest delegation in proportion to the size of the country represented was the group of 40 from the United Kingdom, although Korea ran a close second. By contrast, the U.S.A. with a population four times as large, had only 84 participants. From Asia came 69, Europe outside of the U.K. 35, Africa 24, Latin America 9, and Canada 3.

The earlier meeting in 1910 was larger in the number of people present, but was nowhere nearly as representative since not a single non-Western agency was represented (the only three known to exist at that time were left out by accident).

At Edinburgh 1980, three out of the four major plenary addresses in the morning sessions consisted of technical papers which were assigned to Third World mission leaders. The largest Third World agencies present---having about 100 or more missionaries were the Evangelical Missionary Society of Nigeria, the Friends Missionary Prayer Band of India, the Indonesian Missionary Fellowship, and an Evangelical missionary group (A.M.E.N.) of Peru.



Michael Griffiths addresses delegates



Ralph Winter challenges mission leaders with frontier vision

Evening meetings were open to the public, and the city's "Assembly Rooms" on George Street were usually filled to the last row of the balcony as the program of the conference dipped to a slightly more popular mood. Afternoon sessions consisted of a large number of task forces devoted to technical aspects of missionary outreach to the world's hidden peoples---defined as those people groups where as yet there is no indigenous evangelizing church---a category estimated to number 16,750. This focus gives meaning to the conference theme, "A Church for Every People by the Year 2000."

Before leaving Edinburgh, the Consultation voted into existence an "International Catalyst Committee" charged with exploring the time and place for another similar meeting, and acting as a clearing house for the developing plans of the world's mission agencies to penetrate the last frontiers.

A highlight of the meeting was the unveiling, for the first time, of an index merging references to the unreached peoples from the files of World Vision's MARC, Gospel Recording's extensive files, and the Wycliffe's "Ethnologue." This index alone runs 2,700 pages, covering 168,000 items, mainly different languages and people names, many of them referring to the same populations. At the conference, delegates could walk away with 12 celluloid cards containing the entire index for just \$12.

The project was rushed to completion in time for the meeting by Allan Starling of Gospel Recordings, using the computer facilities of the U.S. Center for World Mission and World Vision, International. The "Peoplesfile" microfiche cards can be obtained from the U.S. Center for World Mission for \$12.

For the benefit of later scholarly reflection, the entire proceedings were both audio-taped and video-taped.

A novel addition to the excitement of the conference was a sister consultation composed of 180 students from all over the world---the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions---which overlapped the plenary sessions of the WCFM, but had a day and a half of additional sessions both before and after the main consultation as well as separate meetings every afternoon.

The young people adopted the same consultation goal, "A Church for Every People by the Year 2000"; and demonstrated a zeal, a vision, and a competence which bodes well for world mission leadership and specifically for the goal defined for the year 2000.

Edinburgh weather was mild and dry, providing a beautiful backdrop to what was a highly inspirational, but also determinedly businesslike meeting of mission professionals, dedicated to cooperation with the larger sphere of Christian leaders which had gathered in the middle of the year in Thailand. Probable no year in this century, since 1910, has provided more hope and meaning to the world church for the cause of world evangelization.■



Mark Hanna leads Bible study

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONSULTATION on FRONTIER MISSIONS

From 27 countries, 170 delegates met in Edinburgh for the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions. Some came to learn how other campuses were stirring up interest in missions. Others came with projects they had launched to show that students could, indeed, successfully go as missionaries to hidden people in a closed country. Many came not knowing what to expect, but confident that God had called them to this unique consultation focused on the need for frontier missionaries.

Before coming to the consultation, each delegate was asked to read materials on the Student Volunteer Movement, which sent 20,000 young people as missionaries overseas at the beginning of this century. With the rich history of the SVM as a backdrop, the biggest question in the minds of most delegates was: "Are we to see emerge from Edinburgh '80 an international cooperative effort to mobilize thousands of young people as missionaries to the hidden people? If so, how will this movement be organized or take shape?"

The first few days were spent getting to know the various constituencies represented, and sensing the expectations of the delegates.

From the beginning of the consultation, delegates were keenly aware of the need for prayer. As students prayed together, they discovered a sense of unity growing, despite the widely varying cultural backgrounds and expectations of individuals. Clearly, a spiritual battle was raging, for division within the consultation could have easily prevented consensus on key decisions and actions which would contribute strategically to the mobilization of frontier missionaries worldwide.

Students formed "Task Forces" to explore a variety of concerns related to mobilizing students. Ideas were shared for transmitting global vision to students in seminaries, Christian colleges, secular universities, local churches, and student organizations, such as Inter-Varsity or Campus Crusade.

One group sought to develop theological foundations which would

unify frontier-minded students. Another group developed guidelines for integrating a global vision into all areas of personal discipline (prayer, Bible study) and lifestyle. Several groups met to share specific information on opportunities for service among hidden people using secular skills.

These task force discussion groups provided an intimate forum for getting to know other international delegates, as well as for developing concrete plans to take home.

By Thursday, October 30, students were comfortable with each other and felt eager to seek decisions as a corporate body which would determine post-Edinburgh activities. Since many were leaving Saturday night, only two full days remained. A sense of urgency gripped all, and an all-night prayer meeting was called for that night.



International Student Consultation delegates listen attentively

On Friday and Saturday, God's Spirit was especially evident as the consultation focused in on specific decisions. Periodically, disagreement would threaten constructive discussion. But again and again, through corporate prayer and the wise discernment by the moderators, a spirit of unity prevailed.

On Saturday, delegates discussed a pledge and watchword which would unite people around the world committed to frontier missions. Together, delegates reaffirmed the watchword of the World Consultation, "A church for every people by the year 2000." A small group made up of representatives from different cultural regions was chosen to finalize the wording of the pledge. Seven-

teen principles were accepted as the framework to guide an international student mobilization effort for frontier missions.

On Sunday, three major steps were taken:

- 1) Students publicly dedicated themselves to fueling a spiritual movement at the grass roots level composed of individuals committed to the Consultation pledge.
- 2) An International Advocacy Network was established at the organizational level to encourage leaders in student work to advocate the cause of frontier missions as a priority within their own organizations.
- 3) An international communication organ was established to: a) foster communication regarding the progress of student mobilization worldwide. The office of "Today's Mission", in Santa Barbara, California, was chosen to circulate a newsletter among those who sign the pledge; b) facilitate communication of the ISCFM vision for hidden peoples to mission agency and student organizational leaders. Brad Gill of the USCWM was chosen to serve in this capacity.

Did Edinburgh begin a new Student Volunteer Movement? It may be too early to tell. The delegates did not feel that a large organizational structure was to be formed at this consultation.

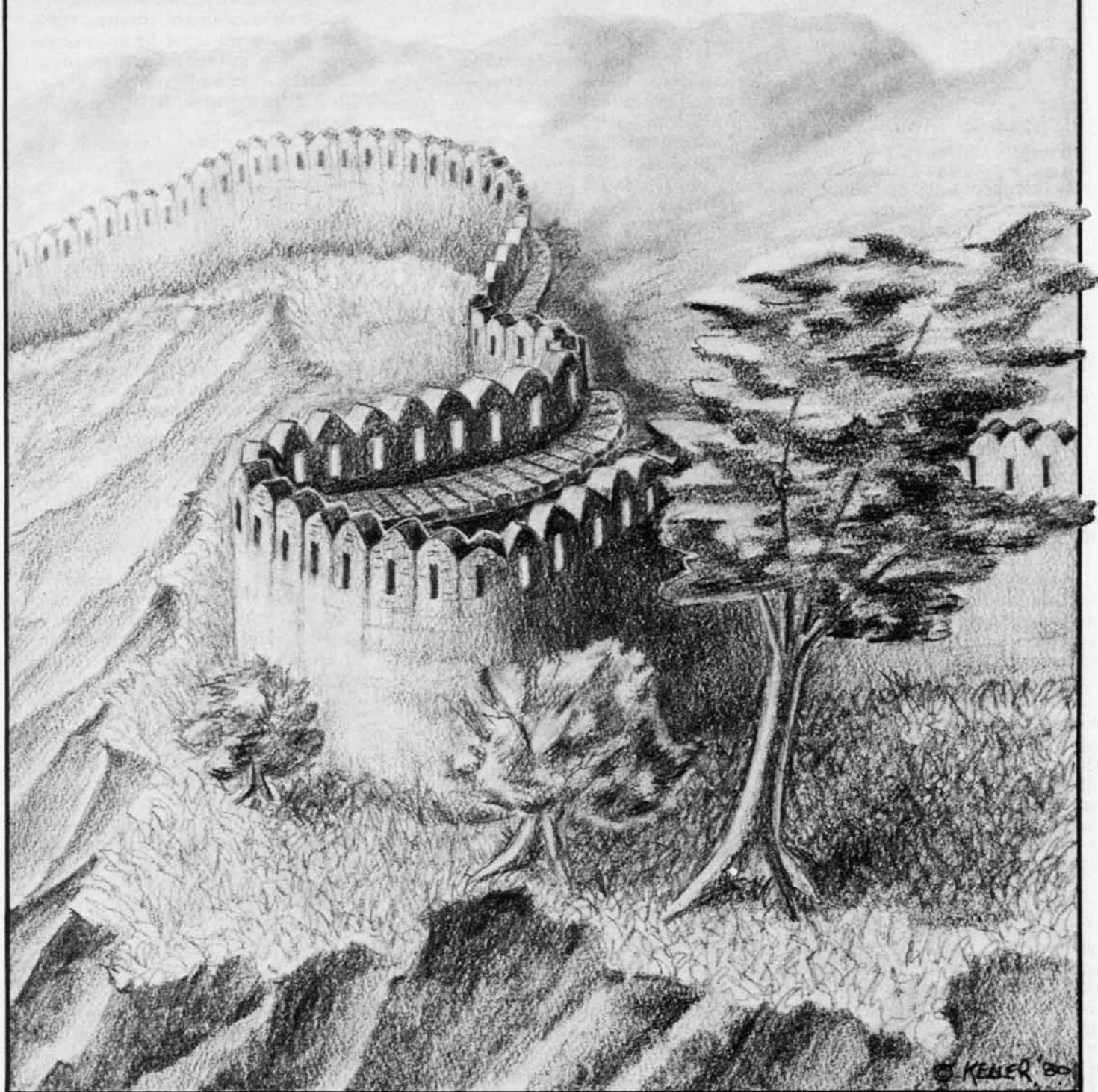
Rather, God seemed to be encouraging a global movement composed of individuals within and outside of existing organizations who share a common commitment to reaching hidden peoples and to spreading that vision.

The clarion call has been sounded: "A church for every people by the year 2000!" Knit together by a week of rich, ear-opening experiences, the student delegates parted ways. Each took home this challenge for other people to share a lifetime commitment to the cause of frontier missions, whether at home or abroad.

The closing consultation prayer resounded with the hope of seeing ordinary lives transformed into vibrant testimonies of God's extraordinary power and purpose to reach all nations.

For further information, write to: Brad Gill, ISCFM, 1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104.■

“BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FOR HIS GLORY
I COMMIT MY ENTIRE LIFE
TO OBEYING HIS COMMISSION OF MATTHEW 28:18-20
WHEREVER AND HOWEVER HE LEADS ME,
GIVING PRIORITY TO THE PEOPLES
CURRENTLY BEYOND THE REACH OF THE GOSPEL (ROMANS 15:20-21).
I WILL ALSO ENDEAVOR TO IMPART THIS VISION TO OTHERS.”



This pledge was adopted by the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions - Edinburgh 1980



January 1-3

Anno Domini 1980 is nearly history. The year has heralded a new president and a new decade, along with many political, economic and social ups and downs: it has truly been a historic year. Walter Cronkite and others of the press will offer up their perspectives on the world of 1980.

But, where will you find fresh perspectives on what God has done around the world during this year?

Take heart! The U.S. Center for World Mission is sponsoring a three-day vision-expanding, perspective-building World Briefing Conference for just that purpose! Six noted mission spokesmen will share insights they have gained travelling around the world for the cause of missions during 1980.

The conference will open on New Year's Day with dinner in the cafeteria at the Center at 5:00 P.M. Dr. Ralph Winter, USCWM director, has chosen as his theme for the general meeting in the auditorium at 7:00: "The Revolution of 1980".

Alan Gates of the Evangelical China Office will speak on "China After Mao". There will also be music and highlights from the Edinburgh '80 Consultations.

The morning hours from 9:30-12:00 will include presentations and discussions led by Don Richardson (Institute of Tribal Studies) on Friday, and Don McCurry (Samuel Zwemer Institute) on Saturday. Richardson's theme will be "Shattered Stereotypes" and McCurry's, "Harvesting Under Storm Clouds".

The double feature for the general session on Friday will be "Holocaust and Harvest" by Ernest Heimbach (Overseas Missionary Fellowship), and "New Allies on the Horizon" by Ben Jennings (International Missionary Advance).

On Friday afternoon and early evening each delegate will have opportunity to choose three seminars from the six or eight which are to be offered.

World Briefing Conference is ideal for those who are coming from a distance for the Rose Bowl Parade and/or Rose Bowl game, or remaining on campus after the December 29-31 Conference on Missionary Preparation. The entire package including lodging, meals and registration is \$45. Discounts are available for groups.

Those living nearby the Pasadena campus may register for the conference with or without meals. Space is limited, so write today for more details and registration form to:

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or call (213) 794-7155. ■

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Last month, we began our responsibilities for 135 units on 85 pieces of property: the "second half" of our campus. Now, we have huge additional maintenance chores!

The addition of the new properties has added a great burden of work on Bob Schaff, Director of Services, and his small hard-working staff of maintenance people.

Perhaps your church or fellowship would be willing to sponsor you or a friend to come for a time.

If you have handyman skills that would help us get these properties into better shape, and can donate a week or a month of time to the Lord at the Center, please contact Bob Schaff at (213) 798-5653, or write him at the Center.



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New Donors	263	232	306	446	380	405	461	249	323	212
"Grapevine Letters" Ordered	5500	4800	9700	5950	9840	8035	1355	2226	2433	3222
Hidden People Sunday Churches	7	8	11	14	7	32	39	37	40	23
Total Donors Monthly	457	407	702	701	617	675	760	336	427	326
TOTAL DONORS TO PROJECT: 19,209						TOTAL NEW PASTORS THIS YEAR: 293				

FACE:

THE GOSPEL
IN ART FORMS

Within many non-Western cultures, singing and dancing, painting and sculpture, drama, poetry and legend---in fact all the arts---are one of the main methods of communication.

Eugene and Mary Lou Totten, directors of Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Evangelism (FACE), put it like this:

"The arts of non-Western cultures are like a connecting web that defines their particular communities, demonstrates their values and supports their very identity. The arts are used to harness and organize the spirit forces that they believe control their world. Kinship, political structures and mythology are richly illustrated, sustained and transmitted by art forms. Patterns of the disintegration of cultural identity can be traced by studying changes that occur in traditional art forms."

Needless to say, studying these cultures' ability to communicate through art is a valuable means both to understanding the culture and of communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ. FACE is involved in just such a study.

Currently the FACE staff is researching already published material on the art forms of the Asmat people of Iryan Jaya in New Guinea, as well as communicating with missionaries in that area.

One of the most exciting possibilities involves the study of redemptive analogies, which are customs and legends within a culture that can be used to illustrate the Gospel message. Don Richardson's use of the Peace Child ceremony with the Sawi in Iryan Jaya is one example.



FACE staff: Craig Bresley, Mary Lou Totten, Jill Hastings, Carol Hill, Gene Totten. Not pictured: Susan Bonani, and Fern Becker.

Another example, according to the Tottens is an Eskimo legend about a kindly widow woman who in time of famine was rewarded by the spirits with a small sealskin bag from which she could constantly draw food. The story, obviously, is very much like the story of the widow whose bowl of flour and jar of oil did not run dry during time of famine (I Kings 17).

FACE plans to develop briefs on cultural arts for missionaries working in new cultures. Later, the group hopes to expand that ministry to include field workers for more in-depth study. Other goals include making churches and mission boards aware of the possibilities for artists in missions and trying to build missionary teams that would include artists.

If you are interested in using your artistic talents to help present the Gospel to unreached Hindu, Muslim, Chinese, and tribal peoples, write to FACE, 1605 E. Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California 91104. ■

CHRISTMAS

ON THE FIELD

Christmas in the United States has usually been a time for get-togethers with the family and friends at home. Even during wartime, there has often been the hope that the troops could be home by Christmas.

So, to be far from where one grew up, away from loved ones in a strange culture hardly seems to most people the ideal way to spend Christmas---or any other holiday for that matter.

It can be difficult, but two missionaries at the Center who spent Christmases abroad remember those times as bringing a special closeness to God, and illuminating the real meaning of the Holy day.

John Barrett, Executive Director of Lutheran Frontier Missions, was once a missionary to Sierra Leone. He remembers a Christmas in the village of Yekior:

It was a clear Christmas eve in the village and he was speaking from the book of Luke to a group of people in a small roofless, mud-walled building.

After the message, he said, he looked up at the stars shining through the top of the building and felt as if it was the night of Jesus' birth.

He remembered that he did miss his family and friends, but that without them and with so few Christians around, it made him rely on God more. In that situation, he said, "you feel closer to God and dwell more on the Spirit."

Sharon Gates, with the Evangelical China Office, was a missionary with her husband to Taiwan. She remembers her first Christmas there as lonely without the rest of her family. However, she added, Christmas in Taiwan is a church event, not so much of a family affair. Chinese Christians, she recalled, often go caroling from midnight to 4 A.M., ending their night with breakfast.

Sharon spent her first Christmas eve as a missionary at an orphanage and Christmas day at a leprosarium. "As I reflect back," she said, "I realize how very precious it was to see how those who had so little could celebrate the birth of our Lord."

Christmas, she observed, became more joyful as she and her family made a custom of helping Chinese families that were less fortunate than themselves. ■



LETTERS

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Dear Dr. Winter,

I studied your course "Understanding World Evangelization" in a Sunday School class this past year, and I feel it is the best Sunday School class I've had for a long time. Thank you for helping me enlarge my perspective about missions.

Sincerely,
T. L.
Champaign, Illinois

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is our gift of \$500 to U.S. Center for World Mission. We know that Ralph and Roberta Winter will not ask for lump sum giving, but we also feel that the Holy Spirit will move others to give in that way, for the sake of preserving this great, courageous work.

We hope to do this periodically and pray that enough others will be called to do the same.

Yours for fulfilling the Great Commission,
B. C.
Menlo Park, California

Dear Friends,

We have found your information useful and a challenge to us who are in the midst of Muslim nations and other Asian religions.

We would like to challenge our churches to pray, to give and go into such mission fields. The Lord's Spirit is moving in the Singapore churches and many more are going into full-time ministry. Let us share this vision of the mission field to all who are willing to be the Lord's emissaries!

Thank you for your help and that of your organization. Praise God that we can have this type of fellowship although physically separated by thousands of miles!

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,
G. G.
Singapore

Dear Sir,

I promised to Lord to give the first paycheck of my new job to Him in care of your organization. God bless you and your work.

G. K.
Norwalk, California

Dear Brother Winter,

I am enclosing my check for \$25 for the next payment on your Center. I am anxious for this commitment to be done with and your energies given entirely to your ministry of reaching the "Hidden People."

I am not taking from my church commitment and the Lord has impressed me to give this. Please accept as from His hand.

Most sincerely,
F. S.
Long Beach, California

Dear Staff of the USCWM,

I just finished reading *Once More Around Jericho*. What a challenge! I want to contribute our \$15, and will you please send me 5 books to give to others.

I just recently heard about your mission training and my daughter just applied. We will be praying for you, and her and all the staff and students so they will be a blessing to many. Thanks.

Love in Christ,
C. V.
Lake Worth, Florida

Dear Dr. Winter,

I'm not Billy Graham. I'm not Bill Bright. You gladly accept unsolicited help from them.

Will you please joyfully accept unsolicited help from me? I'm just a little person, but God loves me and has given me a heart that burns for the salvation of the hidden people.

I am praying that thousands of unsolicited checks will come flowing into the Center as a wonderful Christmas gift for Jesus, our blessed Savior of the world.

God has put it on my heart to work and pray to help raise \$1,000 for the Center. I can't keep praying for funds and merely send out some Jericho books and Grapevine letters. I have a heart of flesh not stone. I am constrained to send the Center a check from time to time.

God has appointed me as a Group Leader. It is my responsibility to write to many friends asking them to send in checks of \$5 or more---the bigger the check the more glory to God.

God has put it on my heart to pray there will be 1,000 Volunteer Group Leaders who will send out letters to their friends, so thousands and thousands of dollars will flow in. This is my response to the stirring appeal made to "DEAR READERS" in the October "Mission Frontiers." It was marked URGENT!

God greatly bless every staff member and all those at the Center. May you have a most joyous Christmas. I enclose a check.

Praising the Lord of the Harvest,
E. A.
Hsinkang, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Missions in the Bible

By Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Winter

It is an astonishing view as we look back across the Bible in the month of December.

The story begins with a single person and his family, a hopelessly tiny minority to grapple with the vast world of humanity already laced with sin.

Nevertheless the people Jesus met in everyday life, especially the religious leaders, amazingly, were not terribly aware of their debt to the other nations of the world. Their preeminent concern was for themselves and for the safety and salvation of their own nation.

By the end of the Bible we see a nation that has grown from that one family to hundreds of thousands of people. It has been taken captive in Egypt and later in Babylon. It has been dispersed across the face of the earth. It even boasts of a pharisaic missionary tradition that a hundred years before Jesus' birth began "traversing land and sea" to make Gentiles into Jewish proselytes.

The Acts of the Apostles is principally the story of a single person who was aware of that debt the Great Commission.

Paul's letters consistently reveal his pleased astonishment that from the very beginning God had planned for the salvation of the Gentiles--all who were not Jews.

This insight is not so evident in the other letters of the New Testament--Hebrews, James, 1, 2, and 3rd John, 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude. There are hints: John condemns a proud Christian leader who not only refuses hospitality to missionaries (to the Gentiles?) but even puts people out of the church who extend that hospitality (3 Jn. 9-10). And Peter in 2 Peter 3:15-16 understands that Christ's return is until the message of salvation is extended to others. Again we wonder if Peter means those who

are not Jews because he refers to Paul, whose ministry was mainly to Gentiles. In the Living Bible these verses are much more clear than in other versions:

Try hard to live without sinning; and be at peace with everyone so that he will be pleased with you when he returns. And remember why he is waiting. He is giving us time to get his message of salvation out to others. Our wise and beloved brother Paul has talked about these same things in many of his letters. Some of his comments are not easy to understand, and there are people who are deliberately stupid, and always demand some unusual interpretation--they have twisted his letters around to mean something quite different from what he meant, just as they do the other parts of the scripture--and the result is disaster for them" (2 Peter 3:14b-16).

The book of Revelation is unique--not only in being the only completely prophetic book in the New Testament, but also in the way it ties up history from the beginning of time. Here we see Christ at war with Satan--a war begun long before the garden of Eden. And we see Christ victorious.

But what about the central theme of the Bible--God's concern that all mankind would be redeemed? Is it here also? Yes, repeatedly! Here John makes it crystal clear: "...by thy blood (thou) didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Rev. 5:9 RSV). Rev. 7:9 is almost identical: "They came from every nation and tribe and people and language (Phillips). Both of these are highly reminiscent of Jesus' words in Matt 24:14 "And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear

it, and then, finally, the end will come."

So the Bible ends where it began--God working to redeem his fallen creatures and judging those who refuse Him. It begins with Abraham being commissioned to be a blessing to all the families of mankind, and ends with all the families of mankind falling down and worshipping him. Throughout there runs this central theme.

Throughout there also runs the theme that we are blessed to be a blessing. Abraham was chosen for a purpose. So are we! How will God judge American Christians at the final day? There are still 2.5 billion people who have not yet had a reasonable chance to respond to the gospel. The only way that can happen is for a witnessing church to be planted among the 16,750 tribes, languages, and peoples to which they belong.

American evangelicals have been given so many opportunities and so seldom pass that blessing on to others. We have radio and TV evangelism, child evangelism, coffee cup evangelism, churches scattered throughout our cities, and scores of translations of the entire Bible into English. The book of Revelation assures us that the nations, the peoples of this world will be judged. and so will we! But of us much more will be required: "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." (Luke 12:48)

How often we see American Christians with their two Cadillacs in the garage, luxurious, even palatial, homes, extensive overseas vacations, etc., justifying it all because "We give a lot of money to the church and to missions." Jesus said that it is not how much we give, *but how much we could give*--and how much we keep for ourselves (See Mark 12:42). That is the basis on which He will judge us. Can we pass that test? ■

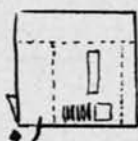
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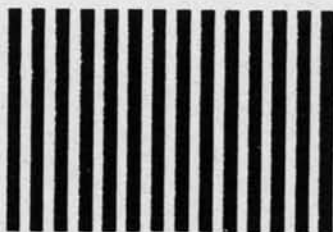
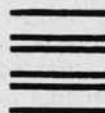
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HELP SPREAD THE VISION?"

We are often asked that question by readers and friends of the Center.

Here's a suggestion that we think will help you help us... We've designed a postpaid postcard for you to give to your friends (see copy on this page). It's for people who are interested in learning more about the challenge of unreached peoples, and the amazing story of the founding of the world's largest center dedicated to reaching them.

When you share the postcard with a friend, all he has to do is put his name and address on it, drop it in a mailbox, and we'll send a free copy of *Once More Around Jericho* right away.

Although this is an expense to us, we believe that once people read the book, two good things will happen:

1) they'll have an increased understanding and vision of Christ's command to take the Gospel to all people groups, and

2) they'll want to send in a Founder's Gift of \$15.95 to help establish these grounds of the Center for frontier missions.

What part can you play in all this?
You can help distribute the postcards.

Here are some suggestions of people you may want to distribute the cards to....

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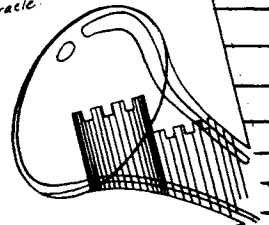
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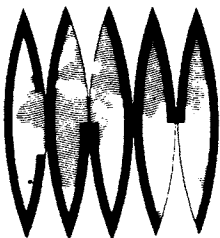
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