

# FRONTIERS

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Dear friend,  
A letter from an attorney has just arrived,  
containing the following words:

"At the present time it appears that the sum of \$300,000 is due on the payments of March 1, 1981, and June 1, 1981.

The Trustee Council has advised that these payments must be made on or before July 15, 1981, or I am to proceed and file a Notice of Default."

This letter comes to us on behalf of the fine Christian college from whom we purchased these 34 acres. They need funds from this campus to pay for their new campus. We feel they are being entirely fair and reasonable. Indeed they have many times gone out of their way to help us.

I confess to the fear, even as I write this

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## A LOOK INSIDE

JUST A YEAR AGO we wondered if God would allow us to secure the "second half" of the campus. He did!

Now we confront the possibility of losing everything. However, after much prayer we believe that God has asked us to take a new, exciting step of faith.

This issue sketches both the absolutely unprecedented CRISIS and the absolutely unprecedented OPPORTUNITY we face. Remember Paul: "a wide door for effective service has opened to me and there

are many adversaries." In our case we do not face human adversaries, we can be glad.

But we must praise God for both the CRISIS and the OPPORTUNITY because in a curious way the crisis, as dire and real as it is, makes the opportunity both bigger and more accessible! God certainly works in mysterious and wondrous ways.

CAUTION: the dimensions of the Frontier Fellowship MOVEMENT are so staggering that you may find it far, far easier to understand our short-term CRISIS than the longer-term OPPORTUNITY.

We hope you will read, mark, and inwardly digest. This is a landmark issue. In March we spoke of a NEW STEP FORWARD. At that time we could not have aspired to foreclosure becoming our greatest ally in the new step we were already planning! Now, humanly speaking we do not cherish this test.

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that you just might leap to the conclusion that we must have done something wrong or we would not face this crisis. Or, you may feel this is one crisis too many!

**HOWEVER** I have to stop and realize (after days and weeks of agonizing prayer) that this is the Lord's project and it is now a mammoth project, not easily aborted.

Yes, God has led us and helped us on a 48-month pathway filled with many of His miracles. Consider the following facts:

- we have almost 200 full-time people here every day
- despite 34 of our staff "escaping" us to work overseas! (See our present team on page 10)
- wow! - about 500 of 800 students are either overseas now or headed that way.
- over 40 <sup>MISSION</sup> agencies have their people here on loan.
- The FRONTIER emphasis here has now been echoed in circles all across the U.S. and the world.
- - we are now and always have been self-sustaining operationally. We seek only to pay off the property. ←
- we are already the largest cooperative mission nerve center in the world, and still growing.

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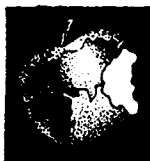
Thus we are convinced that God has a wonderful purpose in this crisis. We believe that the very danger we face [we stand to lose an effective net worth of \$5 million in a \$15 million set of properties] can be a huge gust of wind in our sails. We feel God no longer wants us limping along barely making payments, crisis after crisis. He wants to solve the problem at the root!

HOW? This crisis proves to us, to you, and to all mission-concerned congregations, Christian organizations and mission agencies that we cannot on our own reach a million American evangelicals with a new Frontier vision. But at the same time it has forced us to discover that most or all (eventually) of these organizations will willingly join us in promoting the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship prayer campaign. (See more on next page)

REALLY: a coalition of evangelical organizations can enlist a million people in the Frontier Fellowship. It can be done. Will this be in your prayer? What is the value of this goal? It will mean 365 million times a year people will be stopping to pray for and read about the final frontier. Also, it will generate \$100 million per year for Frontier. And, it will solve our problem at its ROOT.

Meanwhile, do pray that by July 15th enough people will believe that this can and must be done so that we can avoid foreclosure even in the short run.

Faithfully, Ralph D. Winter



## NEWSBRIEFS

### MISSIONS IN BITE-SIZE PIECES

#### WCIU OFFERS SPECIAL SUMMER COURSES

Several specialized courses will be offered July 20-August 14 (through the 28th for Muslim program) at the William Carey International University in Pasadena.

These courses focus in on Ethnic Arts (Understanding the Role of the Arts in World Evangelization), Chinese Studies (Understanding Chinese World Evangelization), Muslim Studies ("Muslim Ministries Training Program"), TESL (Introduction to Teaching English as a Second Language), Literacy, and Beginning American and Comparative Sign Language.

For more information write: WCIU Registrar, 1539 E. Howard, Pasadena, CA 91104.

#### VIRGIL OLSON TO HEAD WCIU

Dr. Vergil Olson has been named new president of William Carey International University. Dr. Olson will soon complete his responsibilities as Executive Director of the Board of World Missions of the Baptist General Conference, and is slated to begin at WCIU in September.

Dr. Olson has been Academic Dean at Bethel College in Roseville, MN. Look for the complete story in an upcoming Mission Frontiers.

#### ACMC: WHEATON IN AUGUST

August 6-9 are the dates set for the 1981 National Conference of the Association of Church Missions Committees. The theme is "The Local Church: Seedbed for Missions."

For more information, contact Rev. Ken Campbell, ACMC National Conference, 1620 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia, Ca 91016.

## Personalia

### RECENT VISITORS at USCWM:

Greg Livingstone, North American Director of NORTH AFRICA MISSION... John Hubbard of OC MINISTRIES...

J. Christy Wilson, author of *Today's Tentmakers*... Max Kershaw from INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INCORPORATED.

Tom and Betty Sue Brewster, developers of the LANGUAGE ACQUISITION MADE PRACTICAL (LAMP) Program... Ron De Silva, Principal of SRI LANKA BIBLE COLLEGE... Roger Hughs, Northwest District Superintendent of THE MISSIONARY CHURCH...

Jonathan Lindell from Nepal... David Howard, INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP's Representative-at-Large... Rexford Boda, from CANADIAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE/CANADIAN BIBLE COLLEGE in Saskatchewan... George Patterson CBHMS church planter from Honduras... Paul Herman, Field Director of the NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES at USCWM.

Don Rood of the POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE... Eugene Ponchot, Director of the Overseas Division of the MISSIONARY CHURCH, INC... David Rambo, Executive Director of C&MA MISSIONS... Wes Harty, Bob Kraning, Ted Limpic and a leadership team from FOREST HOME... Harvey Hoekstra, past Moderator of the REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Denny Repko, of NAVIGATORS ... Jaipaul Swamidass, Director of SEED (Socio-Economic and Evangelical Development)... Reid Jepson of the SLAVIC GOSPEL UNION... George Baker of SOUTH AMERICA MISSION... Malcolm Hunter, on loan to IVCF ... Clement Dreger of C&MA... Malcolm Forsberg of SIM... Paul McKaughan, Director of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA.

Alvin Martin of FULLER SEMINARY's In Service Program ... David Solt of LATIN AMERICA MISSION... Velma Pickett of WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS... Bill and Anita Conley of ST. PAUL BIBLE SCHOOL... Virgil Stewart, and founder Bill Ackerman of the WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE.

## T.S.F.M.

READ ABOUT THE BEST NEWS FROM THE SEMINARIES IN A LONG TIME!!

On May 6-7 in Dallas, TX, 17 students from 6 major U.S. seminaries met and formed a national body of theological students to promote the cause of frontier missions.

The purpose of "Theological Students for Frontier Missions" (TSFM) is to "mobilize graduate theological students to a lifetime commitment to the task of frontier missions for the glory of God." The group, growing out of a task force at the International Consultation on Frontier Missions at the Edinburgh meetings (see Mission Frontiers, Dec. 1980) adopted as their watchword, "A Church for Every People By the Year 2000."

Ward Shope (Gordon-Conwell) was elected General Secretary; Buck Butler (Westminster), full-time Traveling Secretary; and Jeffrey Fendley (Dallas), Corresponding Secretary.

An 8-member Student Cabinet of participants from other major seminaries was appointed to oversee staff, implement goals

and standards, convene annual meetings, etc. E. Mike Jaffarian (Fuller) was elected President of the cabinet.

At a later time, five Senior advisors (mission leaders) will be chosen to provide spiritual guidance and direction to the TSFM staff and cabinet.

Recognizing the leading role seminarians will have in the Church and the fact that only 1 to 2 percent of seminarians serve in any kind of missions overseas—the eight TSFM objectives focus on fostering a new, vital, spiritual involvement in the cause of frontier missions by theological students and graduate theological institutions.

Membership in TSFM is open to any present or former student of a graduate theological seminary who consents to the purpose of TSFM.

For a full report of the TSFM convening meeting in Dallas, write the USCWM, or: Jeffrey Fendley, DTS, 3909 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204.

## FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP NEWS

### \$100,000,000 GOAL SET FOR FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP MOVEMENT

In an effort to firmly establish and support a massive new missions effort focused particularly on specially defined "frontiers," the U.S. Center for World Mission is actively promoting the development of an evangelical movement called the "Loose Change Frontier Fellowship."

The campaign is centered around daily prayer for the Hidden Peoples, devotional reading, and "loose change" giving. The initial goal is to involve a million believers in the movement to raise \$100,000,000 annually for the frontiers of world mission.

Funds raised by the "Frontier Fellowship" would be channeled through churches and agencies, designated for reaching the "hidden" peoples of the world.

By setting aside loose coins each day, members of the "Frontier Fellowship" will raise an average of 27½¢ per day, which totals about \$100 per year. A million such believers will raise \$100,000,000 in new money annually for new frontier outreach!

### FRONTIER MISSION CONSORTIUM DEVELOPING

Several mission agencies and other Christian organizations are involved in serious promotion and development of a Frontier Mission Consortium.

The emerging Frontier Mission Consortium is made up of agencies and organizations to promote a nationwide evangelical daily prayer and giving "campaign" focused on the world's Hidden Peoples.

Some groups have already boldly stated their goals: The United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship has set as a goal 100,000 people for their Frontier Fellowships. Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle is seeking

1,000 to "join the cause," and North Africa Mission is working towards a goal of 2,000 Frontier Fellowship members. Other agencies and groups are also considering the plan.

Various Frontier Consortia will be formed among mission agencies, Christian schools, denominations, organizations, etc. Funds raised must be designated exclusively for outreach to "hidden" cultural groups with no evangelizing church in their midst.

Any organization, school, denomination or agency willing to promote prayer and giving to reach the frontiers is being invited to join the consortium and help foster this united evangelical "march of dimes" for frontier missions.

### LOCAL CHURCHES FORM FRONTIER FELLOWSHIPS

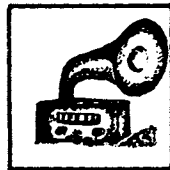
What do these churches have in common---Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA; Calvary Baptist Church in Gardena, CA; World Gospel Church in Columbia, SC; and True Light Presbyterian Church

in Los Angeles, CA? They were among the very first churches in the United States to begin a Frontier Fellowship in their own congregations!

These Frontier Fellowships consist of individuals who daily empty their pockets or purses of their loose change, put the money into a jar labeled "Remember the Hidden Peoples," and use that disturbance to the daily routine as a gentle, friendly reminder to pray for the hidden peoples. They would then meet regularly (usually monthly) with others to pool their resources, fellowship and pray together. Their gathered funds are then designated by the group or church to a particular agency involved in frontier mission work.

It's a simple yet significant daily discipline. It has a powerful potential for raising millions of dollars for frontier missions, as well as developing vision for reaching the Hidden Peoples!

For more information on the Frontier Fellowship, see order form on back page.



## LISTENERS RESPOND TO FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP RADIO BROADCAST

The new daily "Frontier Fellowship" radio broadcast on KBRT (740 on AM dial) weekdays at 8:15 A.M. has already had a strong listener response. Some of the listeners (the station can be picked up in most Southern California areas) say:

"It's exciting to hear your program on KBRT and fellowship with you. It seems that every time I listen it gets better! I've already started collecting my loose change..."

"Please know that I appreciate and very much enjoy your program."

"We are truly enjoying the sense of [being] 'world Christians' using this 'Loose Change Fellowship' idea."

"Praise God for your ministry! My husband and I are the high school sponsors for our church and we're excited about starting our own Loose Change Fellow-

ship with the group. . ."

"I can't tell you how much it has helped me in my new walk [with the Lord]."

"My wife and I have just begun setting money aside for the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship. We now want to present the idea to our Sunday School class, and possibly to our whole church. In fact, tonight I talked with my Pastor and asked him to think about it..."

"I will pray for the hidden people with God's help and give my loose change and share about the Loose Change Fellowship with others..."

"My husband and I both want to Godly parents and we want our children to also desire God's best... I hope we can implement [the LCFF] into a "family mission" in our home."

"Appreciate your program. Keep up the good work..."



# TWO WAYS

## VISION PARTNER PLAN TO GIVE FRESH GLOBAL VISION TO NEW PEOPLE!

The question most often asked us at the U.S. Center is, "How can I alert more and more Christians in North America to this vision of the frontiers?" Another question increasingly asked is, "How can I share the dynamic potential of the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship prayer campaign?"

In answer to these questions, we have sifted through all our printed literature and have distilled the best, clearest, most compelling information and illustrations into the VISION PARTNER BOOKLET. This

simple booklet is part of a powerful new plan to help you "witness" to God's global purpose.

The Vision Partner Booklet is a compelling step-by-step introduction to:

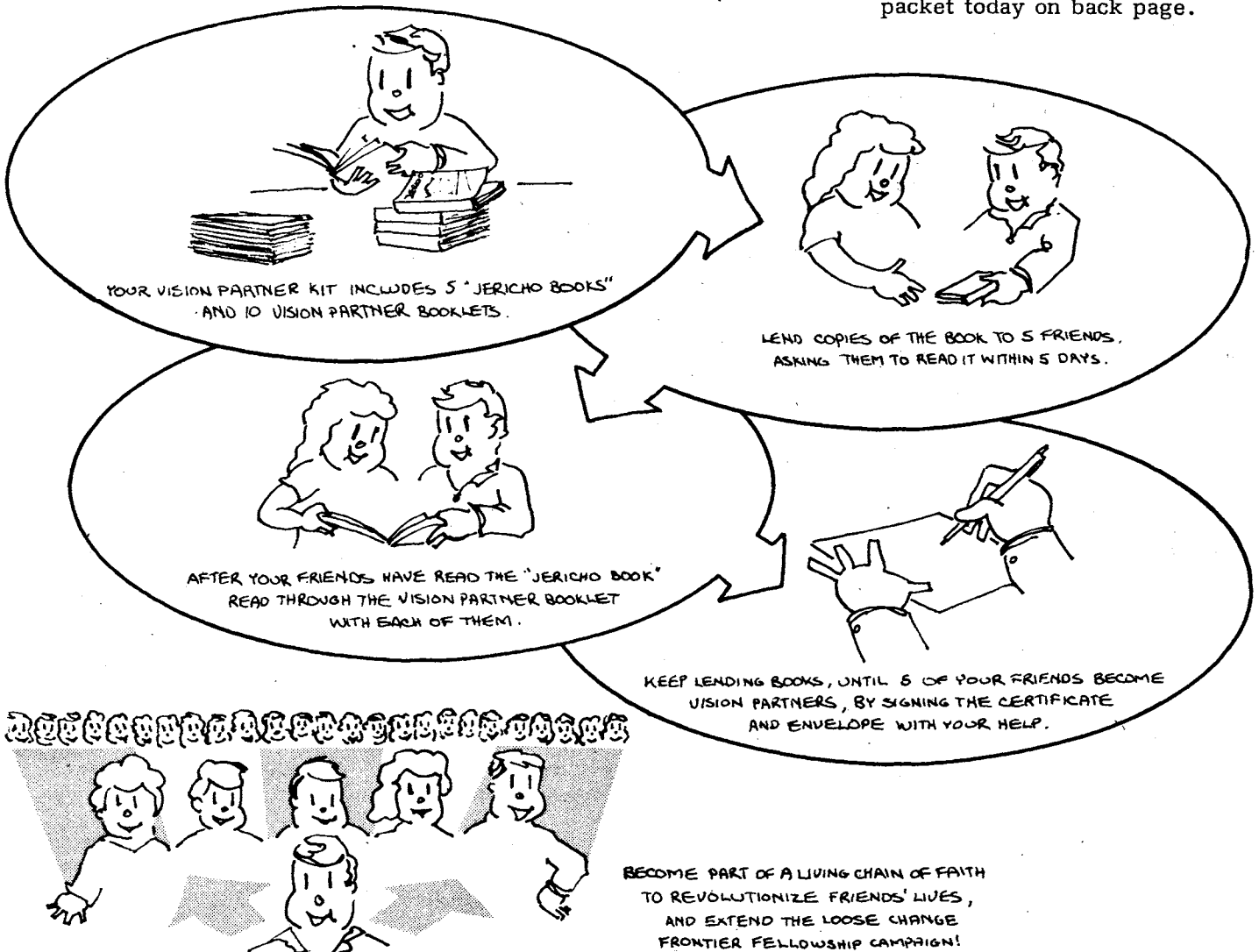
- 1) "Five Global Facts," dramatizing the Biblical priority to reach the world's Hidden Peoples before Christ returns;
- 2) What the U.S. Center for World Mission and other frontier-focused agencies are doing right now to meet that challenge, and
- 3) How your friends, congregation, etc. can do something to help by joining you in the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship (see page 7).

For added power to your

"witness" to the cause, the tract-like booklet can be used in conjunction with *Once More Around Jericho*, the exciting book by Roberta Winter. God has already used this book—our most effective tool yet—to touch thousands of lives.

The complete VISION PARTNER PACKET (10 booklets and 5 "Jericho" books) is a tool you can use to alert your friends to Christ's global cause and involve them in the nationwide Loose Change Frontier Fellowship daily prayer and giving campaign.

By doing your part as a Frontier Vision Partner, you can help reach over a million Christians with new vision! Order your packet today on back page.



# YOU CAN SERVE

## LOOSE CHANGE FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

### TO HELP PEOPLE MAINTAIN FRONTIER VISION!!

OK, Let's assume Vision Partners are out there all over, scouting for earnest Christians who have not yet caught the vision for the final frontiers. How can we help maintain that vision?

We are staggered and overjoyed by the brilliant message that has come to us from those tribal Christians in Burma, who maintain their frontier mission vision by a DAILY DEVOTIONAL/ SACRIFICIAL DISCIPLINE—"a

handful of rice set aside at each meal."

For North Americans how about setting aside loose change each day, reading and praying for a moment about a specific frontier population? Already, all across the United States and Canada, there are both individuals and congregations that are enjoying blessing in this growing fellowship.

The process goes something like this. . .

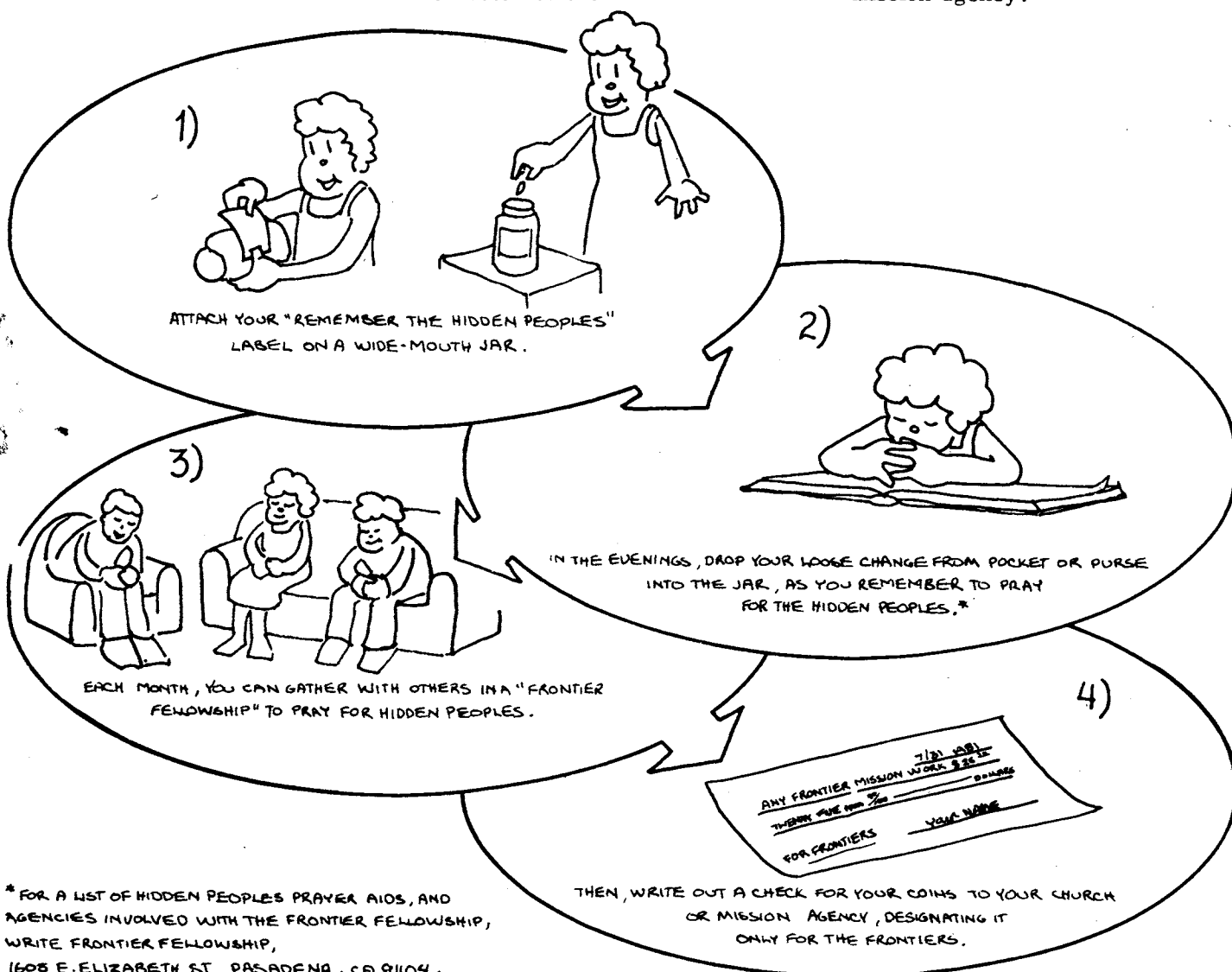
1) I accept the challenge of daily prayer and sacrifice; get a jar label, and a daily reader, or listen to the Frontier Fellow-

ship on radio. Each day, I set aside my loose coins. (This bothers me, disturbs me! And it gets my attention!)

2) At that moment I read and pray about a frontier people group. (And, find—or "found"—a Frontier Fellowship group.)

3) At the end of the month I take my coins to the Frontier Fellowship Meeting. I see or hear a brand new report about the frontiers and the expanding Frontier Fellowship.

4) My coins go to frontiers, wherever I designate them. . . through my church or favorite mission agency.



A Church for Every People Group by the Year 2000

THE SPREADING OF THE VISION  
TO REACH HIDDEN PEOPLE

July 1, 1982  
935,000

May 15, 1981  
426,200

Each New Vision  
Partner will then  
find two new  
partners, etc....

320,000  
New Partners  
(635,000 total)

Individuals	40,000
Congregations	5,000
Christian Workers/ Missionaries	100
Denominations	10
Agencies/Christian Organizations	36
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE:</b>	<b>300,000</b>



# PARTNER PLAN

80,000 New Partners—who will  
each find 2 more (155,000 total)

40,000 New Partners—who will  
each find 2 more (75,000 total)

20,000 New Partners—who will  
each find 2 more (35,000 total)

10,000 New Partners—who will  
each find 2 more (15,000 total)

5,000 New Partners—who will  
each find 2 more

January 15, 1982  
186,200

December 1, 1981  
76,600

October 15, 1981  
56,600

September 1,  
1981  
46,600

GRAND  
TOTALS

The VISION PARTNER PLAN and materials equip you to share your vision with others, and involve them in the nationwide Frontier Fellowship prayer and giving movement.

If, like David facing Goliath with five smooth stones, say 5,000 of you found 5 others, we could reach over 3 million people in 9 months!! But, even if you only find 2 people—look at what could happen in the next year. . .

# TIER FELLOWSHIP

Individuals	12,000
Congregations	1,000
Christian Workers / Missionaries	60
Denominations	6
Agencies/Christian Organizations	16
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE:</b>	<b>111,200</b>

Individuals	4,000
Congregations	200
Christian Workers / Missionaries	30
Denominations	3
Agencies/Christian Organizations	6
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE:</b>	<b>41,600</b>

The FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP is designed to help you (and others with new frontier vision) to *maintain* that vision, to learn more, to grow in vision and fellowship with others like-hearted—will you join? Here is how we hope the Frontier Fellowship will grow. . .

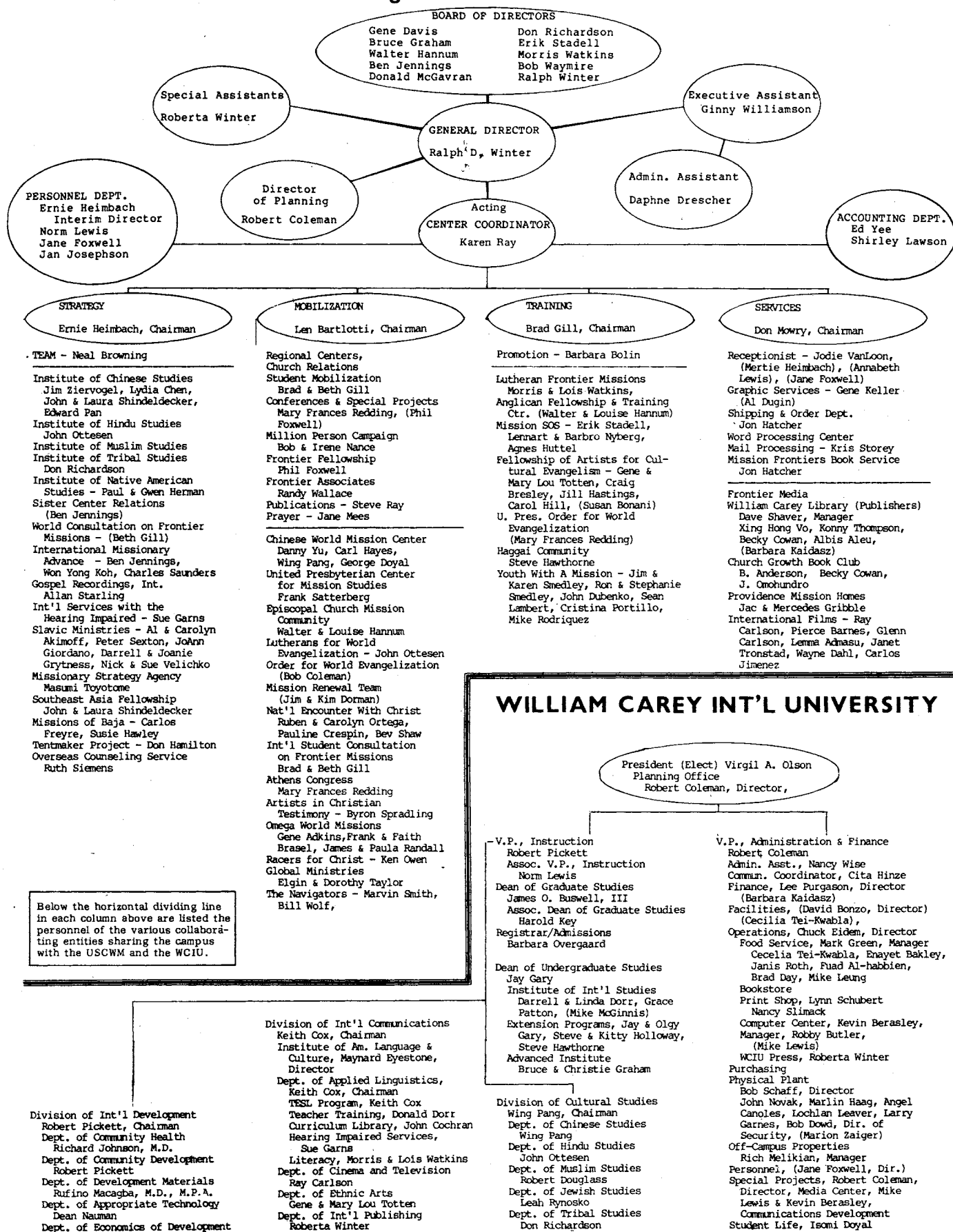
KEY TO CALCULATIONS ABOVE

"Congregations" = 20 people  
 "Missionaries/Christian Workers" = 20 people  
 "Denominations" = 5,000 people  
 "Agencies/Christian Organizations" = 3,000 people

# OUR BATTLE PLAN

# U.S. CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

## Organizational Chart



# An Open Letter to a "Hidden Person"

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Dear Precious Friend Who Has Never Heard,  
I can't imagine the extent of our Lord's great love for you, but I do know He loves you because He has put into my heart a great love and a burning desire for you to be able to experience His amazing love, too. It is a desire of my heart to see you in person some day. But there is only one of me and 2.5 BILLION of you!

At this point in my life, I'm praying that I can spread the love He has given me for you among other Christians. Do you know that there are millions of Christians here in North America?! It seems that most of them are soaking up the love of Christ and have little desire to share that love with you. In fact I have explained to many Christians about how you long to hear about the true God and Savior, Jesus Christ--- but they tell me they are "already over-extended and don't have time even to pray for you!" (1 John 3)

O precious friend, my heart is full of sorrow to have to report this to you. There is some kind of plague of materialism and egocentricism going around. Here in Pasadena a remnant of us are trying to purchase a campus to be completely dedicated to you all and to bringing the good news of Christ to you. It would be so easy to buy this campus if 1,000,000 Christians would care enough about you to give a donation of \$15.95. But, it seems, they would rather spend their money buying clothes and food they don't really need, going to movies, concerts, indulging in expensive entertainment, etc. They don't know the joy of sacrificing these things for your sake.

I often get so sad about this "plague" I can hardly bear it. God has given me this burden of reaching you all for Christ. How I long for my fellow Christians to know the joy of having a vision---for without that, we will all perish. (Prov. 29:18)

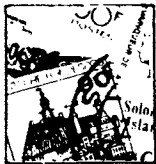
It's like some people are afraid of losing something if they commit their lives to the unfinished task of Christ's Great Commission! But please don't lose hope, precious friend.

After hearing about your need, one of my friends decided to give up some unnecessary expense. She says, "The money I save goes toward the reaching of these hidden people." "I didn't buy this piece of cake... or a beautiful suit which I really wanted," "I sold my car, and had a chance to share my vision with a few Christians I met on the bus---this gift I saved from these sacrifices." These are encouraging signs!

I'm praying more and more people will become "world Christians" and start being more interested and concerned about you. I hope soon we will be children of the same loving Lord.

Because Christ loves you, I love you, too,  
*Marilee*

Marilee Davis is one of the "family" at the USCWM. She has recorded a cassette tape with 33 of her original Scripture-teaching songs (a capella) that express her burden for the hidden peoples. To receive your copy, send a gift to the Center and ask for the "Broken-Hearted" tape. (See back page.)



## LETTERS

COMMENTS AND QUOTES  
FROM READERS AND FRIENDS

It's real swell to hear the USCWM on KBRT radio. What a contrast to the "traditional" Christian shows. I'm much encouraged.

Instead of following the idea of "loose change," I have adapted it to fit my situation. I have determined to "match funds" monthly with that which I spend for coffee with the guys in the morning. Coffee is my daily luxury. . .

Please use this check to help support the radio broadcast.

In His love,  
D.C.  
Oxnard, CA

I have just finished reading the Jericho book. . . I feel at one with you all at the "Pasadena Campus" in your tremendous team-effort for the Hidden Peoples of the world.

I wish I could respond to all your challenges! I am 72, and involved in many things that fill up my days, but I will keep trying! . . .

We started the loose change plan in our home, and thank you for sending the jar labels and the good information. It is a good plan.

What I did do after reading . . . the Jericho book, was to get out my "Unreached Peoples '79," and "Unreached Peoples '81" and read Ralph Winter's tremendous articles in those 2 books again.

Then I did something today that I should have done long ago; I set aside a whole hour (60 minutes) to look through those amazing lists of Tribes and People Groups. I tried to make it a time of agonizing intercession for all those Hidden People. Only 2,914 unreached peoples in the lists given! What a vast number of people they are, and all unreached! I began to realize what 18,750 really means in terms of human souls who need urgent attention and our sacrificial efforts, to put it mildly.

I love Ralph Winter's idea of living a wartime lifestyle for the sake of World Evangelization. Pray for me that I may not disgrace the idea any more, I'm afraid I'm a typical affluent. But I do thank God with all my heart for the way World Literature Crusade taught me to be a "One-Hour Watcher." I'm going to use that prayer warfare training to pray daily for "the Pasadena Campus" and all those lists of Tribes, etc.

Onward and Forward,  
N.B.  
Ontario, Canada

Several years ago a missionary friend of mine gave me the book "Once More Around Jericho."

It was so challenging that I felt impressed to send a personal check for \$15.95. I neglected to obey this impression. Probably since our work in Haiti is always in need.

The "Mission Frontiers" came this week. . . and I read it avidly. Prompted once again to send \$15.95. Obeying this time! Praise the Lord. May He bless you in this massive work in His Kingdom.

Your sister in Him,  
E.S.W.  
Haiti

Our enclosed check for \$18.95 is for "The Work"—\$15.95; \$3.00—renewal subscription to Mission Frontiers.

We read each issue from the first page to the last, and praise our Lord for your vision and love for Mission.

We pray God's blessing continue upon you and the Frontiers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
G.P.  
Milton, MA

I'm giving my parents a Founder's Gift membership to the USCWM for their 41st anniversary. Maybe someday God will send them to new frontiers, too!

[Also,] this morning friends of mine who are missionaries with me at Daystar Communications in Kenya had a baby girl. The best gift I can think of is a founder's membership to the USCWM to help get her started off on a global perspective foot.

She's a beautiful little girl—hope the USCWM and she grow in beautiful ways together. Will pray for that.

Love to all and prayers, too; Sincerely,  
L.J.  
Lansing, MI

I have learned of your need and am responding in obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Furthermore we have prayed for Dr. Winter and you all in our prayer meetings at our local fellowship.

Thank you for your unceasing efforts there at the campus. Christ Himself will perfect, strengthen, confirm and establish you in your sufferings, and you will rejoice with unspeakable joy. I Peter 1:6-9, 5-10.

Your brother,  
R.M.  
Staunton, VA  
[Thank you for your prayers. We know that the battle is won or lost in prayer! In our daily prayer times, we also intercede for those who are standing with in prayer—Ed.]

1st week

## PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE

### OTHER: NATIVE AMERICANS

In the United States of America, there are about 900,000 Native Americans, about half of whom now live in cities. Many of the remainder continue to live on Reservations. These Indian peoples are divided into 150 tribes.\*

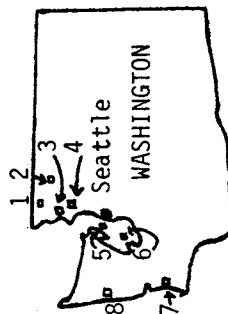
In the State of Washington, there are about 30,000 Native Americans. The largest tribe is the Yakima, with 3,000 members.\*\*

In the summer of 1980, the Institute of Native American Studies, under the leadership of Paul Herman, Research Associate, launched a search for Hidden People in the western part of the State of Washington. It was determined that 14 of the 21 Indian Reservations in this part of the state had no indigenous church. Furthermore, it was found that 8 of the 14 had no church at all.

The eight Reservations in western Washington which have no Christian church at all are as follows:

#### Reservation No. on Map

Nooksack	1
Upper Skagit	2
Stillaguamish	3
Sauk-Suiattle	4
Port Madison	5
Suquamish	6
Squaxin Island	7
Shoalwater	8



The people of these tribes deserve God's best--the Word of God, the Living Christ in their own language and culture.

*Pray that viable indigenous churches may be planted among these overlooked and forgotten Native American Tribes, that they too may know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.*

\*\*\*\*\*  
This information was provided by Paul Herman through personal research done among the tribes of western Washington during the summer of 1980, and was prepared by Gwen Herman. Institute of Native American Studies, U.S. Center for World Mission (1605 E. Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104).

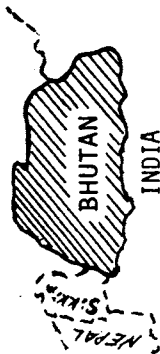
Figures from \*Operation World and \*\*World Almanac (1970 census).

2nd week

## PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE

### HINDUS

### BHUTAN



Bhutan is a small nation lying between India on the south and the Tibetan area of China on the north. In the eastern Himalayas, its mountains run generally from north to south, separated by deep valleys. It covers 19,305 square miles.

The Bhotia people of Bhutan are related to the Tibetans, and are Buddhists. They make up two-thirds of the 1,300,000 population; Hindus of Nepalese background make up about one-fourth; and Muslims, the remaining small number.

Historically, the people from Nepal (which lies to the west) were hired for very low wages to do hard labor, such as road building. Originally, they were encouraged to enter Bhutan as migrant workers. Since 1959, all immigration has ceased.

The Nepal is traditional Hindus, and have carefully avoided associating or integrating with the Buddhists. Religious differences, in fact, have been a source of social tensions. Usually, the Nepal is have chosen not to become citizens of Bhutan, and have segregated themselves from others. They have been and still are treated as second-class citizens, living in poverty, ignorance, and subservient roles.

There are three major sub-groups of Nepal: the Rai, the Gurung, and the Limba. Most speak Nepali dialects, and maintain their own cultural patterns.

The kingdom of Bhutan was closed to Christian missionaries until 1965. The Nepal is have been more responsive to Christianity than any of the other groups. The number of Nepal is who have become Christians has grown since 1970 thanks to the work of Nepali pastors. Nevertheless, the number of Christians is only 1%.

*Pray that missionary work may continue in Bhutan. Pray that the Nepal is may hear and receive the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

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Information from "World Christianity: South Asia", edited by Roger E. Hedlund, and published by MARC (World Vision, Monrovia, CA); and provided by John Ottesen, Director of the Institute of Hindu Studies, U.S. Center for World Mission (1605 E. Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California 91104).

3rd week

## PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE MUSLIMS

### AFGHANISTAN: NURISTANIS



Afghanistan, the mountainous country, surrounded by the Soviet Union on the north, Pakistan on the east and south, and Iran on the west, has long been closed to Christian missionaries. The Soviet invasion has only served to make Christian witness even more difficult. The 20,000,000 people of Afghanistan are Muslims.

Nuristan, which means "Land of Light", is in the north-eastern part of Afghanistan bordering Pakistan. Although Islam swept into Afghanistan as early as 652 AD, the Nuristanis resisted conversion for almost 12½ centuries, finally succumbing to a massive invasion in 1895-96. However, a few thousand of these "Kafir" (infidels) fled across the border to the Chitral valleys of Pakistan, where they are now known as the "Kalash Kafirs".

In his book *Nuristan: "The Land of Light"* Seen Darkly, Louis Dupree sums up the Nuristani religion as follows:

"Nuristan, so recently converted to Islam (1895-96) offers three religious faces: (1) the new fanaticism of the convert; (2) old Kafir customs now considered Islamic; (3) pride of the Kafir warrior past, though now dimly remembered by the elderly and passed on in impure form to the youth."

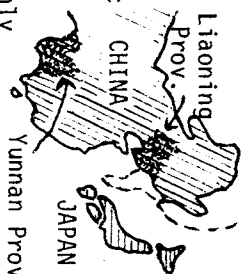
The clothing, culture, and lifestyle of the Nuristanis differ quite markedly from the Afghan. Muslim leaders have even sent in *mullahs* (trained in law and doctrine) to live among them to conform them to Islamic ways. They have even created a myth that the Nuristanis are a lost Qureish tribe (Muhammad's own tribe) to ease the rejection of their ancestral religion.

*Pray that the way may open in Afghanistan for the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to be spread there. Pray too that a witness may be sent to the Nuristanis in Pakistan, and that they may become a channel for reaching their Muslim relatives--numbering about 70-80,000--in Afghanistan.*

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4th week

## PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE CHINESE



--MAINLAND CHINA (The Peoples Republic of China): Despite its universal education program, the PRC faces massive problems in bringing the population up to the standard elementary educational level. Only 60% of Chinese youths finish primary school, and an estimated 120 to 140 million people are illiterate (about 15% of the population). *Pray for ways to reach these illiterates and semi-illiterates. Pray especially for the expansion of Christian radio broadcasting, such as the Far East Broadcasting Co.*

--JAPAN: An active ministry of harbor evangelism to the many ships from China is underway in Japan's harbors. New Testaments and other Bible portions as well as Gospel literature are being given to the crews of the ships from China. *Pray for fruitful results of this ministry to the seamen of the PRC.*

--MAINLAND CHINA--Yunnan Province: Among the minority peoples in this southern province are the Dai people, with over 500,000 population. They are Buddhists. They are farmers, and are concentrated in the borderland district at the extreme southern part of the province. *Pray that the Dai people may hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

--SOUTHEAST ASIA--Refugees: The January count of Indo-Chinese refugees in U.N. camps throughout Southeast Asia was nearly 170,000. They wait hopefully for an opportunity to move out of the camps into permanent homes in other countries. *Pray for these people as they wait, that both their physical and their spiritual needs may be met, and especially that they may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.*

--MAINLAND CHINA--Liaoning Province: On the rich Liaoplain, farmers raise corn, kaoliang, and soybeans, and also spring wheat, millet, and soy beans, as their major crops. *There are reports of a spiritual harvest of faith in Christ among these rural people. Pray for a faithful sowing of the Gospel seed among them for a rich harvest.*

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Information from "Watchman on the Great Wall", May-June, 1981, published by the Institute of Chinese Studies. The ICS, directed by Jim Ziervogel, and the Chinese World Mission Center, directed by Danny Yu, are located at the U.S. Center for World Mission (1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104).

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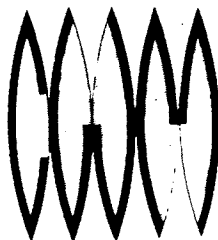
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