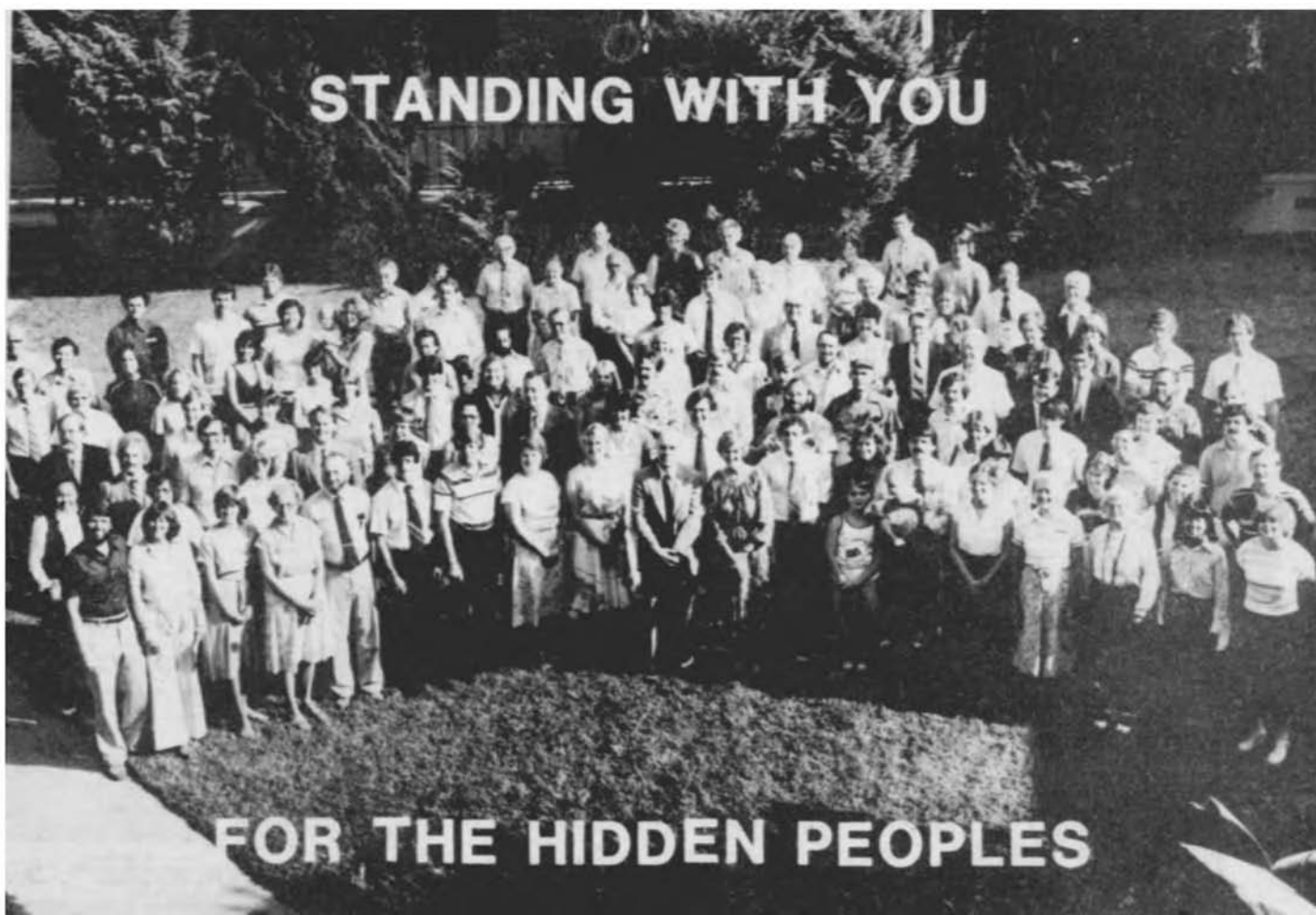


MISSION FRONTIERS

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A LOOK INSIDE

This issue clears up the confusion about whether we did or didn't receive a Notice of Default and thus entered the 90 day process of foreclosure. (We didn't, but we're still behind.) See pages 6 and 7.

We appreciate so very much the patience and good will (and generosity) of so many of you during this period when foreclosure threatened. We finally paid the \$300,000

that was due. Praise the Lord! But we now face a new equal burden by Christmas. Alas! However...

Also in this issue is a fascinating "spoof" that describes "Plan C"--a less expensive and far harder (and scarier) path forward (than conventional fund raising). This exciting plan can not only meet our immediate need (to catch up) but can launch a major frontier-focused nationwide prayer, education and giving campaign that will help all mission agencies. See pages 8 to 12.

UNITED STATES



Dear Friends:

I confess I have always been an activist. My scholarly career may at times have disguised the "zeal to make things happen." I started out an engineer. In a way, I still am. Some people who type me as an academician do not realize how many times I have laid down the books to lend a hand to forward some concrete project. Better stated: how often I have taken up the books in order to puzzle out a new answer to an old problem.

My wife wrote a book—the story of this particular project. Some day I'm going to write a book (or perhaps she will) telling about all the exciting, gratifying projects in my past that have preceded this one. But that will have to wait....

Right now, we face the most challenging opportunity of my lifetime. Of all the things I have ever done, this is not at all a one-man project. Never in my life have I been so conscious of my dependence upon the grace of God and the prayers and faithful obedience of many, many wonderful "true believers." At this moment it would seem that we are utterly dependent on the wholehearted collaboration of dozens of Christian organizations. Can you see the picture?

It's a large canvas. It is like a massive painting 100 feet long such as the one in the Hall of the Resurrection at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California. Can you see the canvas? Look over there. One denomination has taken on 100 Hidden People groups by 1990. Look over on this side. Don't you see? Other denominational leaders are considering the same thing.

There, over there—a mission agency, a wonderful little college, a Christian magazine. We stand on the brink of a major revolution in the focus of the missions cause. Don't stop praying. Pray now as never before.

Yours, in His Commission,

Ralph D. Winter

Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God . . . William Carey

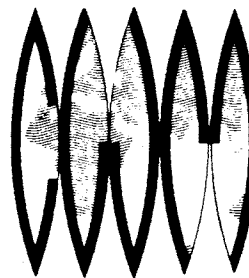
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The USCWM Wire

DIVISION OF MISSION STRATEGY: Japanese Institute Opens

An Institute of Japanese Studies has been opened on the USCWM campus. Staff director for the institute is Rev. Neal Browning (loaned by The Evangelical Alliance Mission).

Priorities of the Institute include the identification of hidden people groups in Japan, and establishing lines of communication with other groups studying Japanese church life and culture.

TRIBAL STUDIES: New staff for the Institute of Tribal Studies are Don and Barbara Brown (Africa Inland Mission). They join Don and Carol Richardson (RBMU International) in doing basic research on needs of unreached tribal people groups throughout the world.

HINDU STUDIES: Aron Janzen (American Leprosy Mission) is interim director of the Institute of Hindu Studies. A 20-year India veteran, he will serve the institute until a permanent director can be located.

DIVISION OF MISSION MOBILIZATION: "Coins mean thousands for Missions!"

The first "loose-change" offerings for Frontier Missions are beginning to flow to frontier-minded agencies from the Frontier Fellowship. Checks totaling \$4,000.00 have been presented to mission agencies by the Fellowship, representing the first fruits of an anticipated multi-million dollar campaign for the final frontiers of the gospel.

With Frontier Prayer Partners currently in over 150 cities in 42 states, loose change offerings for Frontiers are beginning to accumulate. Most of these will normally go directly to mission agencies. However, some are writing the Frontier Fellowship for listings of agencies willing to direct funds to ministries directed at hidden people groups. Some have even sent coins to the Frontier Fellowship, and these are the funds recently disbursed.

DIVISION OF MISSION TRAINING: One-Year Program Offered

A unique one-year intensive Bible/missions training program is beginning this fall on the Pasadena campus of the U. S. Center for World Mission. Conducted in cooperation with Columbia Bible College's Graduate School (Biblical Education by Extension) the program offers prospective students an effective bridge from secular education to vocational missionary service.

DIVISION OF MISSION SERVICES: EMQ Book Service

At the request of the EMQ board, a new service has been established whereby many of the books reviewed or mentioned in Evangelical Missions Quarterly can now be purchased--many at discount prices--by writing to a single address. This service is expected to enable many--especially those out-of-country--to obtain current books on missions and other related subjects more easily.



FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE

WHY A FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP?

From all over, believers are asking:

- * After our annual missions conference, how do we keep the church's vision bright?
- * How can our church raise new money and prayer for the Hidden Peoples year-round?
- * How can we enlarge the frontier vision of Evangelicals throughout America?
- * How can I mature daily as a World Christian, and personally affect the frontier cause?

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The Frontier Fellowship is a national campaign with an international vision.

The Frontier Fellowship Campaign fosters a daily devotional discipline: daily prayer, reading, and "loose change" giving, focused on the final frontiers of the gospel. The campaign is modeled after a church of poor tribal Chris-

tians in Burma who set aside a "handful of rice" at each meal for missions. Similarly, the Frontier Fellowship helps believers and churches here learn about the Hidden Peoples--and begin to reach them.

WHAT THE FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP CAN DO FOR YOUR CHURCH

1. Stimulate World Christian discipleship by promoting daily personal involvement in frontier missions.
2. Increase the volume of prayer going up for the earth's most neglected people, the 2.5 billion in "Hidden People" groups.
3. Build the financial support base for the massive new movement of thousands of missionaries needed to penetrate the untouched frontiers.
4. Increase knowledge and awareness of the existence and plight of Hidden Peoples.

THE PROGRAM IN BRIEF

Five essential activities make the Frontier Fel-

lowship a unique stimulus to global frontier outreach.

1. Establishing a special frontier fund as a part of the church missions budget, and setting goals for congregational involvement in the Frontier Fellowship.
2. Committing members to daily prayer and loose change giving as "Frontier Prayer Partners."
3. Enlisting members to attend a regular Frontier Fellowship meeting in the church.
4. Equipping members to share their global vision with other believers.
5. Channeling funds to a specific Hidden People outreach.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Each group is free to designate its coins to any frontier mission project. The only restriction is the funds be designated exclusively for Hidden People outreach.

Some might suppose that loose coins are financially

From all over:

"We want to assure you that...we plan to implement the loose change method... trusting God to give us at least 2,000 frontier partners." -Greg L. (U.S. Director, North Africa Mission)

"The idea of 'Hidden Peoples' has been revolutionary in my life. The job isn't finished yet!" -Phil B.

"...God is not searching for superstars of the faith, but willing hearts." -Lisa S.

"I have just begun to take an interest in what is being done to bring the Word of God to all people of the earth, and so I would like to receive the Frontier Fellowship Newsletter so that I can keep up to date..." -Jon P.

"God has given me the desire to discipline myself to pray daily for the 'hidden people' and missionaries..." -Ellen G.

"I have been praying and now I would like to become involved. Please send me more information for my Sunday School Dept..." -Fannie C.

"Please continue to air the [radio] program because it helps me to become better informed about what is on God's heart for reaching the Hidden People, and my part in this goal. Enclosed is a check for the 'loose change' I have saved each day..." -Laurel M.

[Use the handy order form on the back page. And if you are already saving your loose change, let us know!]

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insignificant. But if an individual's coins average 27-1/2 cents daily, the yearly total from one person would be \$100! Think of what this could mean for your church's frontier missions giving!

MATERIALS

The first month's sample issue of the Daily Walk Through the World prayer guide is now available! This daily devotional reader has information each day focusing on the frontiers of the Gospel. It is the Frontier Fellowship's most important resource.

Many other exciting Frontier Fellowship materials are already available for individual and group use. (See back page.)

BEGINNING A FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH

The full Frontier Fellowship program may be adapted as the church chooses.

* Thanksgiving to Easter, as a follow-up to conserve and expand the inspiration of the Fall mission conference.

* January to June, inaugurating the new year as a "Year of Vision" for your church, climaxing with a Pentecost Sunday celebration.

* Year round, as an integral component of the church's ongoing mission education program.

BECOME A FRONTIER PRAYER PARTNER

You can start today: write for your "Remember the Hidden People" jar label, brochure, and sample Daily Walk Through the World prayer guide.

Begin now saving your loose coins in a jar, each day asking God to open your heart to the least-reached peoples.

Give Frontier Fellowship materials to your pastor or missions leadership. Encourage them to send for special "How To" materials for beginning a Frontier Fellowship.

Become a Frontier Prayer Partner--join the national campaign with an international vision!

A Wolf Appears at the Door of Ralph Winter's Mission Center

Pasadena campus could be lost for his Carey University.

Better: "lost to the U. S. Center for World Mission," since the University is as much a part of the USCWM as the Summer Institute of Linguistics is a part of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

We've held title only two years.

Foreclosure has been "imminent" for a long time. As long as we have held title, we have never been more than 90 days from foreclosure.

From the final portion of the down payment in September 1978

During most of 1980. We were "current" once anyway. That allowed us to make the additional purchase.

"to complete payments" (we did pay \$50,000 toward the March 1st payment)

But, by September 8th we did pay the entire \$300,000.

Well said, however, the "houses adjacent" were always owned and utilized by the former college as an essential and integral part of the campus. They were simply the "second half" of the campus, always part of, and equally essential to, our plan.

The last minute, in view of our \$300,000 payment (see above) the college decided against doing this. This did not happen. If a Notice of Default becomes necessary, it will not be until December 31st. We will then have 90 days of grace. To avoid that notice, we will have to pay the September 1st and December 1st payments, a total of \$350,000.

This is a superb summary. Add: "and a base from which to reeducate churches and students regarding the frontiers."

For ~~four~~ years the U.S. Center for World Mission has held tenuous title to the Pasadena, California, campus it agreed to purchase for \$8.5 million. ~~Now~~ it appears that foreclosure proceedings are imminent.

From the initial option to buy payment in ~~October 1977~~ on, each quarterly installment due date has produced another crisis. During ~~all~~ of 1980 the center fell back to meeting overdue payments one day before the next was due. This year it has not kept to even this tardy schedule, failing to meet payment obligations on both March 1 and June 1. A grace period date extending payment of the \$300,000 in arrears to July 15 was also missed. As of August 18, only \$140,000 of that amount had been assembled, and another \$175,000 payment fell due on September 1.

In July of 1980, the U.S. Center borrowed an interest-free amount of \$300,000 to exercise its option to purchase and make the down payment on homes adjacent to the campus for an added \$3.3 million. This move was defended because income from the rented properties would cover the added payments, and because control of the neighborhood would prevent deterioration and eventually restore balance to the campus (since two former dormitories have been converted to other uses). Because of a "wrap-around" clause in that transaction, loss of the campus would also spell loss of the added housing.

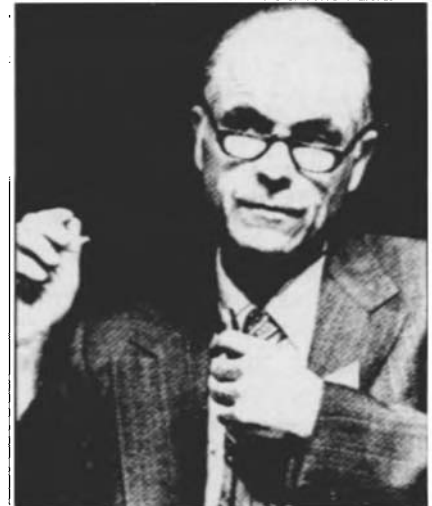
The sellers of the campus—a Nazarene college that moved to more spacious facilities in San Diego, now named Point Loma College—felt obliged to protect its interests. It ~~therefore~~ filed for foreclosure with the State of California last month. From the date notice was served, the U.S. Center has 90 days to cure its payment delinquency. If it fails to do so, a final 15 days will be permitted for coming up with the total outstanding balance. Thereafter the property would be forfeited and offered publicly in a foreclosure sale.

The U.S. Center for World Mission is the brainchild of Ralph D. Winter. He wanted to provide a facility that could be utilized by mission agencies in exploring ways to communicate the gospel message to the more than half of the world's population now culturally isolated from contact with Christians.

The creative ferment he wanted to stimulate is going on. Forty-two agencies are involved in activities at the center, and have devoted 200 full-time staff to them. These operations are financially self-sustaining.

The fertile mind of the soft-spoken and talkative Winter has spawned an astonishing number of bold new concepts and movements. He has collected degrees from California Institute of Technology, Columbia and Cornell universities, and Princeton Theological Seminary in en-

Dave Singer photo



Ralph Winter

gineering, teaching English as a second language, structural linguistics, and theology. He served as a missionary to the Mayan Indians of Guatemala for 10 years and as a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary's School of World Mission for 9.

He helped found the theological education by extension (TEE) movement, and has inspired the formation of the Association of Church Missions Committees, the William Carey Library, the American Society of Missiology, and the Institute of International Studies. He has created such conferences as Edinburgh '80, which drew mixed reviews (CT, Dec. 12, 1980, p. 62), and the 1979 First Athens Congress on World Missions, which is best forgotten.

Winter's recent energies have been focused on his William Carey International University for postgraduate extension studies in international development (CT, Nov. 7, 1980, p. 70), but Virgil A. Olson,

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formerly executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference Board of World Missions, became president this month. Winter is currently concentrating on his Frontier Fellowship, designed to mobilize broad-based action on behalf of the unreached peoples.

See page 4 - this is the big news.

Most of Winter's concepts that were visionary at the time have eventually been vindicated. But conceptualizers do not always make the best administrators. And Winter's restless mind is prone to move on to new challenges before the last ones have been nailed down.

"Conceptualizers" worth their salt make sure others are doing the managing. That is the case here.

Turning things over to others always runs this risk. But actually no cases of this come to mind.

The disenchanted note that the member agencies of the U.S. Center for World Mission have now been consigned to one building of the campus and that the rest is now earmarked for the William Carey International University. Some loyal to the center concept object to the secularizing of both the WCWU charter and catalog descriptions that has accompanied the school's drive for accreditation.

Somehow this is stated in reverse. The U.S. Center agencies have never been in one building and have steadily expanded into all the campus.

No changes have been made in our charter. Catalog descriptions have always employed secular course titles where possible (as with many Christian colleges) so that credit can more easily be transferred to secular schools. This has nothing to do with gaining accreditation.

The agencies based at the U.S. Center seem mostly unfazed by the latest turn of events. "We've been under this for the four-and-a-half years that I've been on this campus," said C. Ray Carlson of International Films, expressing doubt that this crunch is any more serious than those that have preceded it. He noted that member agencies have one-year leases that any new owner must honor—and most likely would be willing to extend for at least the short term.

(This one agency, which is not a member agency, has not been close enough to ask the right questions.)

The director of another agency, however, was concerned that he had heard of no contingency plans from Winter, and has made his own—obtaining promises of space in a Southern California mission agency headquarters and in commercially leased space.

Observers say they feel that valuable interaction fostered at the U.S. Center among, for instance, groups concentrating on the approach to Muslims, Chinese, and animists will continue whether or not they remain physically contiguous, with some shakeout in the groups now clustered there. But loss of the campus would seal off student access to the missions think tank—a tangible loss.

"Observers" from the outside haven't noticed the wired connections to a central computer center, or the central Chinese periodical room where a few feet from the door of three different China-related agencies, are laid out over 100 periodicals...

Determinedly optimistic, Winter says the threat of foreclosure is what is needed to reawaken the Christian world. "It's like we've been crying 'Wolf! Wolf!' and there's never been a wolf appear. We really need a wolf about now." Switching metaphors, he says God has given this "genuine" crisis to "push us out of the eagle's nest, forcing us to fly" as people realize what God has "been doing on that campus." That, he contends, will enable them to soar to meet the \$6 million payment due in two years. "I think," he adds, "it would be just hopeless to barely make these payments right up to the doorstep of that 'balloon' payment."

CT's own review was the only "mixed" review, and was extensively misinformed. That conference represented more agencies than have ever before in history gathered in one place. Fifty-seven agencies were from the Third World.

Dr. Winter was the "creator" of neither conference. He provided some advice and was asked to speak at both gatherings. CT's report from Athens was sent by a Greek pastor who was miffed in the organizing process.

Before the end of the year it should be clear whether Winter's venture has begun to soar—or crash-landed.

This is backwards. For over a year Dr. Buswell and others have taken about the whole load of this off Dr. Winter's shoulders.

What If...



25,000 Frontier-minded Christians Jam Stadium

Imagine the exciting situation whereby all of you good people who've given to us—25,000 of you—were enabled physically to gather together in a single stadium face to face, at no expense of time and effort or money, let's say. And suppose we were to spend several hours praying and discussing, in small groups and large, in

order to reach a meeting of the minds, especially the mind of the Lord. What would the result be? What would we come out with as the best approach to the solution of the financial problem of the Center? How can this property be paid off so that we can continue on, as we are now, operationally self-supporting? Let's sketch out some

of the possibilities.

PLAN A

Someone might boldly take the microphone and say, "We 25,000 can do this ourselves. For us 25,000 people, it is only \$20 that each of us will have to pay to jack this entire project up out of delinquency for the

remainder of this year. That will produce \$500,000. Then, if we commit ourselves over the next few months to paying



Someone might boldly take the microphone and say, **\$500 apiece, that will pay off once and for all the entire property, \$10,000,000."**

25,000 people x \$20 = \$500,000, needed by December 31.

25,000 people x \$500 = \$12.5 million, total.

Response #1: The problem with Plan A, as everyone knows, is in part that for various reasons you can't expect all those 25,000 people to respond. It always seems unreasonable, furthermore, for people with less means to give the same amount as those who have more. The rule is simply that no plan is good that expects the same amount of money from every person.

Response #2: Here at the U.S. Center for World Mission, we agree that we should not expect everyone to give the same amount of money to the Lord's work. However, that is not quite the same as saying it would be reasonable for us not to ask more than \$15 for this specific project if there were special reasons for that rule being followed--and there are.

Response #3: The chief problem with Plan A, however, is that paying off the property is not the only thing we feel we must be concerned about. The primary concern we have (for which this property is only a means to an end) is to "unearth" 1 million American evangelical believers from confusion about missions, and get them fitted personally and positively and perseveringly into the cause of frontier missions. In other words, we believe that it is just as important, if at all possible, to reach a large number of people, not just get in a large amount of money.

People are often mystified by this attitude. They can't believe that money alone won't solve our problem. Now, I'll grant you that it might be logical to say that "later in time to be concerned about the larger problem; right now we need simply money to pay off the campus." However, unless we demonstrate successfully the meaning and purpose of the campus, unless in effect we do concern ourselves right now and labor right now for the larger cause, people will not see why we want the campus and as a result it would not be likely that the money would be forthcoming!

PLAN B

Suppose another person came up to the mike to present a radically different point of view. "All of us should go home and persuade our own churches that they should dip into their budget and pull out \$4,000 and send it in. Even though only 1 out of 10 of us may succeed, that will do the job. Our churches should each send ahead \$200 right now for the

momentary crisis."

2,500 churches x \$200 = \$500,000, needed by Dec. 31.

2,500 churches x \$5,000 = \$12.5 million, total.

This would again solve our financial problem. Note that this time whole congregations are involved, not just the individuals who have already given to us.



another person came up to the mike to present a radically different point of view.

Response #1: I do not doubt that there are 2500 churches which would be able to give us \$200 to keep the wolf away and clear things out of the way through December. In fact, I do not doubt that 2500 churches could spare even \$5,000 as a one-time gift, so as to pay off the entire property. I'm sure that many churches need only to be asked to do so.

Response #2: Note, however, the question remains, "How much will this help us toward that other goal, the goal of a million people being 'unearthed' from the load of confusion and

darkness that affects their outlook about the completion of the missionary task?"

After all, we're trying to complete the task, not just complete the property. Getting this property has its greatest value only if we can unearth one million evangelicals as well.

In the light of that goal—unearthing people out of confusion and darkness regarding the current mission scene—the bad news is this fact: However common and conventional a thing it may be for churches to give money out of their budgets, we have discovered that it turns out to be relatively uneducational to the people in the pew. I am very pained to relate that churches have given the USCWM amounts of money in the thousands of dollars. Perhaps 50 churches have. At least a handful of churches have given us \$10,000 or more. One small church early in the game gave us \$100,000. However, in the cold light of dawn we have had to realize that precisely these churches, on the level of their ordinary membership, probably know as little or perhaps even less about the cause of frontier missions than other churches that have given far less but which have stirred up a number of individuals in their membership to give a small amount each.

In other words, we feel it is crystal clear by now that a church that has stirred up a hundred of its people to give \$15 has not only given us the same amount of money as a church that gives us \$1,500, but has done incalculably more for the expansion of the vision of its people. I don't mean to say that churches that are giving block grants of funds are making a mistake. I

don't mean to say that's a bad thing to do. In many cases the people already know all about the goal of such gifts. I'm only suggesting that in terms of new education, especially when a cause hinges on a new kind of vision, it turns out to be a much more beneficial impact upon a congregation to persuade a hundred people to give \$15 for the cause of frontiers than for the missionary committee simply to allot \$1,500 to our project.



"I can see that there is no substitute for something more personal,

PLAN C

Now suppose someone stands up and says, "'I can see that there is no substitute for something more personal, more enduring. There must be no attempt to short-circuit around the necessity for individuals to be wrestling in their hearts and minds on a personal daily level with the need for new

vision. What we all need is for you people to produce a booklet of daily devotional readings that will help a person through a month day by day to focus his heart and his thoughts on the frontiers. Once that is available, we 25,000 people can really go to work for the cause of the frontiers. We can get our churches lined up to find an essential minimum of 50 people in our congregations who will pray together and save their loose change, as part of the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship, and once a month meet together around this vision. We will do it if only you will prepare that booklet. Once this gets going, we'll be happy to earmark \$15 to the USCWM from each person's loose change offerings. We'll even send you in advance the \$750 that will come from our 50 people. It will take 667 churches doing that to produce the needed \$500,000 by Dec. 31st, and it will take 16,750 such churches to pay off the full \$12.5 million."

667 churches x 50 Frontier Prayer Partners x \$15 each = \$500,000.

16,750 churches x 50 Frontier Prayer Partners x \$15 each = \$12.5 million.

Response #1: What does this do that Plan B did not do? Plan B involves churches making decisions only on a committee level. In Plan C each of these churches will find 50 people and become a "Frontier Mission Church," with an on-going daily-revival cell within. All congregations with that kind of prayer discipline within need to be given a modest plaque which will remind them of their commitment. Just imagine the impact on the tone of a con-

gregation for 50 people studying day in and day out, month in and month out, year in and year out until the year 2000, praying that we might have a church for every people by the year 2000! Isn't that exciting?

Response #2: Note, however, that Plan C requires a far larger number of churches (16,750) in order to help us reach the required \$12.5 million goal. This is a far larger number than the 2,500 churches involved in Plan B. But it's obviously superior, is it not? And do you notice that 16,750 is exactly equal to the number of remaining Hidden People groups? Isn't it perfectly clear that it is better for there to be 50 people praying in the very heart of 16,750 churches than for only 2,500 churches to get involved in terms of a single \$4,000 gift. Furthermore, if Plan C incidentally delivers \$12.5 million to the USCWM, it will deliver far more to the rest of the cause of frontier mission, that is, over \$70 million in 1982, and level out to \$100 million per year from then on.

Response #3: Stop and ask yourself what it is you would like to see happen. Then decide whether Plan C is not actually superior to either Plan A or Plan B. We believe you'll find it immeasurably superior! But, you'll ask, "Isn't it a lot harder than the other two plans?" Well, better things are usually harder. We ought to ask not whether it's harder, but whether it's worth it, and whether it's possible. Is it worth it? Is it possible? The answer, I believe, is "yes" to both questions.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO MAKE PLAN C WORK

It is perfectly obvious that we need 667 churches right away that will step forward and say, "We will do what is necessary to energize 50 people in our congregation to pray every day for the frontiers, and to save their loose change coins. The funds resulting will be prayerfully designated to the cause of frontier missions, and sent through our own denomination or through mission boards with which we are acquainted. We will be happy to put \$15 from each person's giving into the establishment of the U. S. Center. Indeed, we will see if our 50 x \$15 (= \$750) can be advanced in time for your critical Dec. 31st date."

Is your church one of the 667 churches that would be willing to do this and become a Frontier Mission church? Note that the greatest value in this is not the \$750 that will come to us, nor even the \$5,000 per year your church will receive, but the daily prayer, and daily absorption of insight and inspiration about the entire cause of frontier missions. Nevertheless, I'm sure you recognize that the immediate property need we have is important.

How does this actually calculate out? We have found that a person setting aside loose change every day will likely average at least 28 cents a day and that even a small amount like that amounts up to \$100 per year. Then, \$15 of that constitutes only 15% of the first year's offering. Thus a Frontier Mission congregation, with at least 50 people praying and setting aside coins daily, will produce at least \$5000

per year. Only \$750 will come to the USCWM, and this only the first year. But even that amount from 667 churches right away will save the life of this project.

Remember, we want to spread these blessings around to as many churches as possible. If your church enlists more than 50 people, fine, but by all means, let's get 667 churches lined up right away, and by all means let's get 16,750 churches lined up by the end of next year. We expect many organizations, including denominational groups, to help use do this. This will very nearly complete the initial goal of the Frontier Fellowship—1 million evangelical believers praying, studying, giving and sharing their frontier vision.

That is a worthy goal! It will itself truly lay a proper foundation for the final era of missions. But in addition there is the coin dimension, which will mean \$100 million per year specifically for frontiers. We believe these little coins and the Daily Prayer Guide will drag with them much more in regular gifts to the cause of the final frontiers.

EPILOGUE

I wish that for a moment we could forget about the U.S. Center project, and that all of the 25,000 people I referred to could gather together to ponder the larger challenge. That is, I wish it were possible for all of those who have already given and prayed for the USCWM to look fully at the larger task of mobilizing forces in all the world to seek to establish a church for every people by the year 2000.

**...BY NOW THE CAUSE OF THE FINAL MISSION FRONTIERS
HAS SUDDENLY JUMPED INTO FOCUS...**

The cause of the final frontiers is so simple, so inviting, so exciting, so challenging, that it cries out to be unsharpened even from so crucial a frontier base as the vast Pasadena USCWM. Indeed it is the validity of that larger cause that gives rhyme and reason for the world-wide network of action centers which the USCWM represents. So that you can pray on a larger scale with us, here are the five planks of that larger cause, stated by itself:

1. It must be clear that the cause of the final mission frontiers has now suddenly jumped into focus on the screen before thousands of evangelicals, especially mission leaders and alert pastors all across this country.

2. The "people-group" (vs. "country") perspective is as old as the Bible, but became a conscious point of view as recently as the 1974 meeting at Lausanne, and is now widely held in mission circles.

3. It is only a simple step further then to note that the true mission task, unlike the ordinary evangelistic task, is to be sure to penetrate each remaining people-group and make sure a base for internal, indigenous evangelism has been established.

4. Today most North American mission agencies (due to success, not failure) have become to some extent caretakers of earlier beach-heads. To be able to expand their forces greatly (even granting new mission agencies are being formed in the "Third World") requires an ominously vast new financial base.

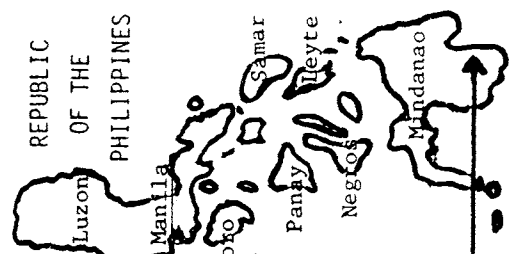


5. The new base must consist first of all in renewed prayer, daily prayer for the frontiers. It must be as strong a movement as only truly across-the-board collaboration between churches and Christian organizations can be. The essential minimum basis of collaboration (why not?) could well be

an adaptation of the Asian "Handful of Rice" at each meal. This strong, new thrust to the frontiers is the purpose of the Frontier Fellowship movement, and will continue to be so, even if wounded by the loss of the Pasadena base. But that will be a grave wound.

1st week

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE TRIBAL PEOPLE PHILIPPINES



In this island republic, the majority of the 45,000,000 people are at least nominally Christian. The country is open and receptive to missionary work.

Tribal peoples make up about 2% of the population. Some of the approximately 100 groups have heard and received the Gospel, but others have yet to be reached.

One of the groups yet to be reached is the Bilaan, a group of about 75,000 people in the southernmost part of the Island of Mindanao. Christian work has been started among these people, and the New Testament is being translated into their language.

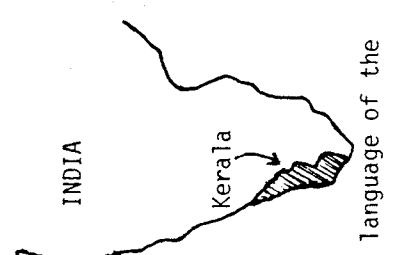
An isolated sub-group of about 3,000 Bilaan people live in a remote area near Davao. About five years ago, a young man, one of the leaders of the group, prayed that he might find the way to truth. He had a vision in which he saw a man carrying a book, and that book was to explain the way to God. After he shared this vision with other leaders, they decided he should go out to the nearest town to find someone with a book who would come to tell them the way to God. He did find Christians, but because of guerilla warfare in the area, they decided it would be too dangerous for a missionary to go back with him. They shared the Gospel with him, and he went back alone. But he never returned: he was ambushed and killed on the way. As far as is known, no missionary has been able to go into this sub-group up until now.

Pray that a man with a book may be able to take the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to this group of 3,000 Bilaan people, who are waiting and receptive. Pray that the other unreached Animist tribes in the Philippines may soon have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

The information on the Bilaan group near Davao was provided by Rev. Roger Hughs, formerly a missionary with Christian and Missionary Alliance in the Philippines. Supplemented from Operation World (STL Publications, Bromley, Kent, England).
U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 E. Elizabeth, Pasadena, CA.

2nd week

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE: HINDUS INDIA: STATE OF KERALA



The State of Kerala is India's most densely populated state, with 24 million (1976 estimate) in 15,005 square miles (compared to California, with about the same population but in ten times the area!). This state has India's highest literacy rate, 70%, which is twice the national average. The language of the people of this state is Malayam.

Tradition states that Thomas the Apostle brought Christianity to Kerala in 53 A.D. Today's Syrian Christian church traces its beginnings back to this date. Nearly one-third of India's Christians are found in this state. Hindus make up 60% of Kerala's population, but Christians make up 21% while the remainder are Muslims.

Kerala has 35 distinct Castes and also 68 distinct Tribes. Most of them remain unevangelized. The following are examples of the unreached Hindu groups:

- ADIYAN: A Tribe, with a population of 7,073, which has no temples of its own, in the northern part of the state.
- PATHIYAN: A Caste, living in the central part of the state, with a population of 7,548. They live by cultivation of the local land.
- KANIKKAR (Kanis): A Tribe of 11,879 people, living in the southernmost tip of the state. They worship the entire pantheon of Hindu gods.
- KURICHACHIAN: A Tribe, with 15,760 people, who live in the northern and central parts of the state. They too are farmers. They worship in temples.
- MALAIVEDAN: The 1,258 people of this Tribe live by hunting in the southern part of the state.

Pray for the unreached tribes and castes of the State of Kerala, that they may come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

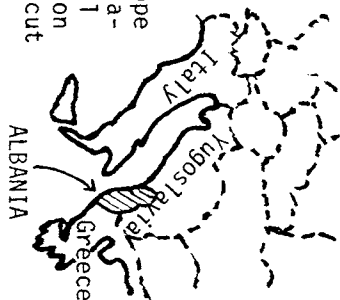
Information from World Christianity: South Asia, edited by Roger E. Hedlund; published by MARC (World Vision, Monrovia, CA)
U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth, Pasadena, CA.

3rd week

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE MUSLIMS

ALBANIA

Albania is the only country in Europe in which there is a Muslim majority population--70% of the 2,800,000. In this small (11,100 square miles) Communist republic on the Adriatic Sea, the people are totally cut off from Gospel outreach.



Since 1967, all religion has been severely repressed, and it is illegal to possess any religious literature, carry on religious activities, or even listen to foreign radio or television broadcasts. Even before 1967, the state attempted to eradicate religious influences; but periodically there are renewed waves of arrests and repression, as the state tries to wipe out entirely all vestiges of belief in God.

Albanian society has been the most backward in Europe, and it has intrigued anthropologists because it is the only country in Europe where tribal structures could still be found. Albania has two major dialects, mutually intelligible. Of the two people groups who comprise the majority of Albanians--the Gheg in the north and the Tosk in the south--the Tosk are dominant in government.

Today, some 1,400,000 Albanians are living in nearby Yugoslavia, and there are smaller communities in Turkey and Egypt and elsewhere. Recently, a Catholic translation of the New Testament has been made available in Yugoslavia, joining an older Protestant translation which was reprinted in 1972.

Historically, there were no severe tensions between Muslims and Christians in Albania as there were in neighboring Slavic countries. Before the Communist government's repression of religion, there were an estimated 1,000 evangelical Christians in the country, along with Catholics (10% of the population) and Orthodox (19%).

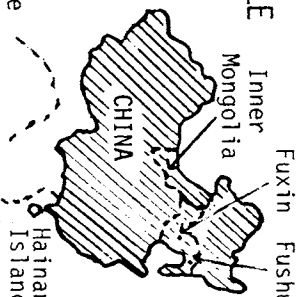
*Pray that this tightly closed country may be opened up to the Christian Gospel, so that these people may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Pray too that the Albanians outside the country may hear and receive the Good News. ******
Information provided by Warren Chastain, staff member of the Samuel Zwemer Institute (Islam). This Institute is directed by Don McCurry (Box 365, Altadena, California 91001).

4th week

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE CHINESE

Inner Mongolia
Fuxin Fushun

--CHINA (The Peoples Republic of China): About 280,000 have graduated this year from the PRC's universities and colleges. A privileged group, yet many of them are not happy. They must accept the jobs to which the state assigns them, and often the job assignments are in hardship locations. *Pray for these graduates, especially those in undesirable job assignments that their very unhappiness will be an occasion for finding Christ and His joy.*



--PHILIPPINES: The majority of the half-million Chinese in the Philippines are merchants. There is a Chinese Christian church in nearly every city and sizable town, but only about 3% of the Chinese are Christian. *Pray for the 97% that they too may come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.*

--CHINA--NORTHEAST: Coal miners are the dominant people group in Fushun and Fuxin, two major coal-mining centers on the eastern and western edges of the Liao river plain in Liaoning Province. Two-thirds of Fushun's work force is engaged in coal and oil-shale mining. *Pray that these coal miners may have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.*

--CHINA--INNER MONGOLIA: Most of the Mongolian people are still nomadic herdsman. Since many of the children are uneducated, the government is making efforts to set up boarding schools to give them elementary schooling. Both the Mongolian and the Chinese languages are being used in these schools. *Pray that as educational opportunities open up so also will opportunities to hear the Good News of salvation through Jesus.*

--CHINA--HAINAN ISLAND: This 13,000-square-mile island off the southeast coast of China is being developed as a special economic zone. Business deals with overseas investors and traders have already begun, and tourism will be a top priority. *Pray that the peoples of Hainan, which include a large number of minority people among the dominant Han Chinese, may come to know the immeasurable riches of God's grace in Christ Jesus.*

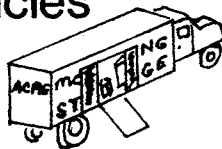
Information from "Watchman on the Great Wall", July-August, 1981, published by the Institute of Chinese Studies. The ICS, directed by Jim Ziervogel, and the Chinese World Mission Center, directed by Danny Yu, are located at the U.S. Center for World Mission (1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104).



NEWSBRIEFS

MISSIONS IN
BITE-SIZE PIECES

More Agencies Locate at USCWM



India National Inland Mission (INIM), under the direction of Executive Secretary Rev. Cecil Jeffery, is moving its U.S. offices to the USCWM Pasadena campus, where over 40 other frontier-focused agencies are based. Founded and directed by Dr. Paul Pillai, INIM has headquarters in New Delhi, India. INIM is involved in direct outreach to the frontier provinces of North India, where it is estimated there are more unreached "hidden" people per square mile than anywhere else in the world. For further information, check box on the back of this magazine.

TODAY'S MISSION magazine is also moving its offices into the Center. Headed by Gordon and Sherrie Aeschliman, the new publication is a slick, "National Geographic" type magazine designed to stimulate new interest in frontier missions.

OM to Afghans



OPERATION MOBILIZATION'S (OM) European Summer Crusade included a special focus on the Turks and Afghans of Germany. Many of the Afghan refugees are young people who understand English and have been quite open to the Gospel. Christian young people from 25 countries were involved in the European outreach, including 400 from Great Britain, 350 from Germany, and 230 North Americans. Teams served in France, Spain, South Ireland, Austria,

Germany and Belgium. OM is an international movement of young people from over 35 countries involved in frontier evangelism, training and literature distribution with a priority focus on India and the Muslim world. The vast numbers of Christian youth involved with OM, short-term or long term, make it one of the largest mission agencies in the world. Their Stateside address is Operation Mobilization, Box 148, Midland Park, NJ 07432.



Continuing Impact of Edinburgh '80

MUREE'81 was the Pakistan follow-up to last year's historic World Consultation on Frontier Missions. Held August 5-7 in northwestern Pakistan, over 50 national and foreign workers attended from all over the country. Reports indicate a tremendous response. 392 people groups were identified in Pakistan which are without a witness for Jesus Christ, many of whom are at present quite open to the gospel. Another conference is planned next year to further develop prayer and planning towards reaching these hidden people groups.



Another Frontier Fellowship Church

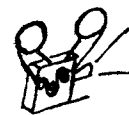
The University Baptist Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas has had a Frontier Fellowship going on within its congregation for over a month now. Many church members are saving loose coins for mission work among Hidden Peoples and sharing this vision with their friends. The church Frontier Fellowship will meet together this month to combine their

accumulated loose change, designating it for their chosen frontier mission project.

We inadvertently omitted this growing group of Frontier Prayer Partners from our last issue's Frontier Fellowship map. But watch for an update on this mission-minded church in a coming issue of Mission Frontiers!

*God's real people have
always been called fanatics.*
--C. T. Studd

A.E. Shares "Jesus" with South Africa Muslims



The new Africa Society for Frontier Missions, part of the African Enterprise Unreached Peoples Project, has been sharing the film "Jesus" with the 15,000 unreached Muslims of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, recently. Response has been very positive, and many Muslims have come to the showings without any special invitation, and have requested more information. Dave Bliss, former USCWM staff member, and now African Society Coordinator said, "We are dedicated to inform an unaware South Africa of its part in the evangelization of the world's unreached peoples. We need to lift up our eyes to the 17,000 distinct unreached peoples including Muslims, Chinese and Hindu." The African Society is possibly the only indigenous mission society presently in South Africa, and is one of the few societies in Africa focused exclusively on the frontiers.

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INVOLVED IN THE

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP YET?

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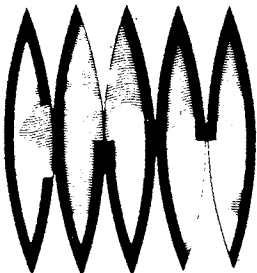
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