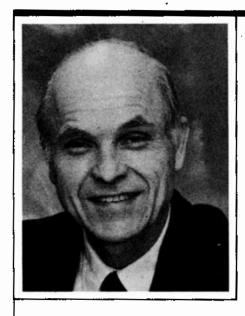


## NOW WHAT?



Dear friends,

One of the most remarkable pictorial displays of the REMAINING TASK is found on pages 4 & 5. Take a look. Sit back. Take a deep breath. Maybe it IS possible to take the light into every remaining people group by the year 2000!

Did you know that this awareness is now growing with express-train speed in the crucial world of the seminaries? You'll see in this issue. And how thankful we are to have a renowned Biblical scholar like Walter Kaiser, Jr. on our side as we claim the whole Bible is on the subject of the final frontiers! (see box on page 9)

Good news: toward our \$300,000 payment due March 1st we have as of today (Feb 28) exactly \$325,621. Are we grateful! Until a few days ago we had assumed that we would have to draw on very scarce reserve funds in order to complete this payment. However, the great blessing of the \$1 million brought in last fall is now over. New \$15 gifts are now only very slowly coming in due to the loss of momentum of the "Touch Ten" campaign, and no way could mount up to meet the next payment of \$300,000 due June 1st, just 90 days away. (What Wycliffe or other organizations wanting to help us may do will not likely take effect that soon.) What shall we do?

For us the great challenge of our new OPERATION SEVENTY-TWO (see pages 6 & 7) is to see if we can send 72 of our staff out to enough home meetings in our "Touch Ten" campaign to be able to meet the next \$300,000 payment in 90 days. That will require 20,000 new one-time \$15 donors, a task that is very, very difficult-but also very, very beneficial to the 20,000 people with new vision!

Yours in His Cause,

Rolph D. Winter



### HIDDEN PEOPLES??

In this publication, you will often come across the phrases "frontier missions," and "Hidden Peoples." Just for the record, let's review what they mean.

The term "Frontier Missions" has been officially defined and is now used by missiologists to describe cross-cultural outreach to people groups in which there is not presently a viable, indigenous, evangelizing church.

Note that this definition is similar to that of an unreached people group. Over 2.5 billion people live in 16,750 of these "hidden" people groups—hidden from our view and the conventional outreach of existing churches and mission agencies. "Frontier" missions is thus a critical complement to "regular" missions if new beachheads for the gospel are to be established within still untouched cultural groups.

The Hidden Peoples are found mainly among the Muslim, Chinese, Hindu, Buddhist and tribal peoples of the world. These thousands of bypassed people groups, whether in cities or in jungles, are the final Frontiers of the gospel.

Less than 10 per cent of the world's missionaries and only 5 per cent of mission money are focused on these 16,750 groups.



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MEMBER CEDO In the Second World War we sent 10 MILLION MEN across the world-to save our own skins.

## LET'S GO FORWARD!

# Jesus Christ:" My food is to do the will of God and to FINISH HIS WORK" (John 4:34)

Can we now send out 40,000 missionaries to save 17,000 other nations?

We sent out 10 million as soldiers and sailors and airmen to ward off any danger to our own country.

Now can we send 40,000 (1/250th of 10 million) in response to the Great Commission?

IS GOD ASKING THE IMPOSSIBLE?

As I travel around and talk to pastors and people all across the country, the question arises as to just what God does expect us to do. My response: God does not ask us to do what we cannot do with Hishelp.

The "JOB" necessary is perfectly possible for us to do. Below you see the overall picture in a nutshell. It is a big "JOB," but it is clearly within our capacities to accomplish, with His help.

### HERE IS WHAT IS NEEDED

To make significant contact with 17,000 peoples around the world will take, say, four missionaries—two couples or two pairs of keen, willing poeple, dedicated to sharing their faith with a society that at this point has no internal witness, no warm believing fellowship which is part of their own group, native and indigenous to them. This is the one thing they most need. This is what a mission agency supplies as its bedrock accomplishment.

68,000 MISSIONARIES?

That's right:  $17,000 \times 4 = 68,000$ . Do they all have to come from the U.S.? Certainly not. Today 28,000 can come from the churches overseas that have already resulted from missionary efforts.

## HOW BIG THE JOB IS! (Seeing the world as a mass of individuals to be reached)

## The Reached Peoples-7,000

Only half the world's population lives within the sound of the Cospel. In this half are:

### Total=2.3 billion people in reached peoples

260 million truly committed Christians NURTURE NEEDED

1,100 million "nominal" Christians (1.1 billion)

RENEWAL & EVANGELISM NEEDED

900 million non-Christians (.9 billion)

**EVANGELISM NEEDED** 

## The Unreached Peoples-17,000

A full half of the world's population lack the incomparable blessing of an indigenous, witnessing fellowship of believers within their societies. What are these "Unreached Peoples"?

Total=2.3 billion people in Unreached Peoples

- 5,000 are Tribal groups (3,000 languages)--still the largest mission task remaining.
- 4,000 are Muslim groups (580 major languages, many dialects)--all Muslims think well of Jesus Christ.
- 3,000 are Hindu groups (1,000 dialects)--deep philosophical differences.
- 2,000 are Chinese groups--none very far from a reached group.
- 1,000 are Buddhist groups--no great resistance to Christ.
- 2,000 are "other" miscellaneous groups--easily overlooked.

Evangelism

**Missions** 

We are already sending about 65,000 from the U.S. Suppose we try to make sure that...

... 1) all present missionaries, wherever they are, devote more time than ever to assisting the national churches in further mobilizing their own mission outreach, and

... 2) we plan to send 40,000 new missionaries out to join an additional 28,000 from the overseas churches. (Third-world churches already send something like 20,000, although few of them are working with specifically Hidden or Unreached Peoples.)

Does this sound unreasonable?

HOW DO WE DO IT?

Step one right now may be to concentrate on securing and establishing the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena. We hope you will consider that. Where else are people from 70 mission agencies huddled together at work on finishing the task of reaching these 17,000 remaining peoples?

The "Touch Ten" plan has been developed to establish the Center and to spread this vision. The plan has these virtues:

- It focuses upon people who are not now really active in mission giving.
- It wins them to a deeper faith and brighter hope about God's plans for the world (see pages 6 and 7).

### "OPERATION SEVENTY-TWO"

Just as Jesus sent out 72 of His disciples, two by two, we would like, as part of the "Touch Ten" plan, to send out all of our own staff across this country to help explain the vision of the Center and of the Hidden Peoples.

Beginning with churches within driving distance in southern California, we are going to reach out, develop skills in making presentations to small groups in homes and to larger groups gathered in churches.

We have several new audio-visual packages available. We are willing to meet with small groups, and in fact may be able to do more with small groups.

Our purpose is very simple: explain the "Touch Ten" program of vision outreach, and enlist those present both in employing a ten-invitation packet themselves and in inviting four other couples to their homes for a similar "Touch Ten" meeting.

Would you like to have one of our staff in your home? Whether you are near or far from us, we will make an earnest attempt to get there. Check the appropriate box on the final page, tear off the page and mail it to us! Or phone us, night or day, seven days a week, at (818) 797-1111.

We'll be seeing you!

HOW SMALL THE JOB IS! (Seeing the world as a relatively small number of people groups to be penetrated)

## The Reached Peoples-Going Well!

1,100

In 7,000 groups:

--850,000 Christian workers

--1,000,000 new churches per week

--87,000 Protestant missionaries

(70,000 are Western)

### Evangelism

(at home & abroad)

### WHY THIS IS A SMALL TASK:

Evangelicals in the U.S. (alone):

Per person Per day

### MONEY

- 1. We earn \$700 billion per year -- -- \$38.00.
- 2. We give \$21 billion to the church --- \$ 1.15.
- 3. Of that \$2.1 billion we give to "Missions" 1116.

### MANPOWER

- 1. We are 60 million people.
- 2. We give 1,200,000 to full-time work,
- 3. We give 70,000 to missionary work.
- 4. We give 9,000 to Unreached Peoples.

## The Unreached Peoples-Easy if we become aware of it!

5,000 4,000 3,000 2,000

1,000

In 17,000 groups:

--13,000 Protestant missionaries (9,000 are Western)

(3,000 are #

### Missions

(Crossing new frontiers at home and abroad)

### WHY THIS IS A SMALL TASK:

Evangelicals in the world today

- 1. Number 260 million or more.
- That means 15,000 Bible-believing evangelicals for each of the 17,000 unreached groups.
- The average group is only about 135,000 people.
- 4. If we send four missionaries to each group we need only 68,000 more missionaries. That's 34,000 pairs or couples. How much will that cost? Suppose only one out of 4 evangelicals gets involved? That means 4¢ per day for those who do!

# Why The 'Touch Ten'

Vision. Spread the VISION. That's the primary gnal of the "Touch Ten" campaign: to help people who are currently aware of and interested in frontier missions to each touch ten friends with vision and hope for reaching the unreached peoples of the world.

"Touch Ten" also invites American Christians to help found the USCWM.

But "Touch Ten" is not primarily a fund-raising campaign!

Far, far more important to us than funding the USCWM campus is finding a million people who are willing to be informed about and to become

actively involved in the frontier missions enterprise on a continuing basis.

The "Touch Ten" brochure, or "Invitation," introduces its readers not only to the Center, but also to a world of VISION and HOPE that can give them an exciting sense of God's global purpose.

You can be an instrument in God's hand as you tell your friends and acquaintances, your pastor or church missions committee about the Hidden Peoples... and about the U.S. Center for World Mission, the largest nerve center for missions ever created.

You can play a strategic role in telling a potential missionary about the world's largest cooperative resource and training center for missions.

## Petition for promising breakthroughs.

"What? Become a Christian? Of course not! I don't war t to turn my back on my people and become a European like other Minangkabau have." The store clerk's response reveals the prevailing assumption among the six million Minangkabau of west Sumatra: to be Minangkabau is to be Muslim. This assumption is reinforced by the European appearance of the few, ingrown Minangkabau churches that do exist.

Fortunately, one group of Minangkabau Christians is presenting an alternative. A fellowship of 200 believers began to gather two years ago in careful adherence to Minangkabau tradition. The group applied for and received government recognition as one among hundreds of social organizations scattered across Indonesia. Officials have also not questioned the fellowship's collection of funds to acquire a building because the offering is clearly by and for Minangkabau. No one has accused this group of being a foreign church! Father, we praise You for the development of this indigenous Minangkabau church. Add to their numbers, increase their holiness, and continue to give them favor with the Indonesian government. Raise up other fellowships who will demonstrate that to be disciples of Jesus is to truly be Minangkabau.



Petition for promising breakthroughs. "Our leadership is split by tribal factions. Our young people can't find jobs and are turning to drugs. Fellow Muslims have denied us our own homeland and oppress us. Whatever are we to do?" The well-dressed Baluch tribal leader lowers his head to hide the tears from his visitor. "We number enough for a country of our own, yet we are scattered in Pakistan, Iran, and several Persian Gulf states," he adds, "Is there no hope?"

For many centuries the 3.5 million Baluch have sat in spiritual darkness. Until very recently almost no attempt had been made to evangelize them, but now that is changing. For the first time in history portions of the Bible have been translated and printed in the Baluchi language. Several mission agencies are cooperating in printing and distributing two Gospels and the first four chapters of Acts. Bible Translations on Tape, Inc. has produced cassettes for the 95% of the Baluch who cannot read. So little Baluchi literature is in circulation that many Baluch intellectuals are welcoming the translation of the Bible into their language. This seems to be God's timing for a spiritual breakthrough among the Baluch!

Ask God to grant wisdom to those who are distributing the Baluchi Scripture portions and cassettes, Pray that the translators of the Baluchi Bible will be protected from Satanic attacks,

CORRECTION: The January-February issue of Mission Frontiers incorrectly identified two "Hope Chest" coordinators as Dorothy and Ian Stone. Their correct names are Dorothy and Ian North.

NEWS FLASH! -- "OPERATION 72"

Picture in your living room four couples whom you have invited to meet a member of the USCWM staff. Questions and answers, slides of the Center and world challenge--the opportunity to reach out to 10 other friends with a touch of new vision and hope. Would you like that? [Read pages 2, 4 and 5 to see what "Operation 72" is all about.]

# Campaign?

You could be just the person God is seeking to carry the vision of the Hidden Peoples to a church or Bible study group that has failed to discern God's heart for the nations.

You are needed to help wake up American Christians to the crying needs around the world...and to the resources available to meet them.

Will you join with us in this informational, motivational, vision-spreading campaign?

Please call John Holzmann, collect, at (818) 797-1111. Or check the appropriate box on the "Touch Ten" order form found on the back cover of this issue of Mission Frontiers.

We want all those who have contact with the USCWM to understand what we are about.

World evangelization is not only an imperative part of obedient, fruitful discipleship; it is also "do-able," and it is happening before our very eyes!

### Catch the vision and pass it on!

Look at the following hope-filled reports from the latest issues of the Frontier Fellowship Global Prayer Digest...then pass these reports on to a friend who hasn't heard, and pray--together with the 32,000 subscribers to the Digest -- for the items mentioned.

## Petition for promising breakthroughs.

The small step into the helicopter cockpit is a giant leap out of the stone age for the Hatam evangelist. Leaders of the very young Hatam church in coastal Irian Jaya are taking the timeless gospel of Jesus Christ to the Moskona tribe in the Irian Jaya jungle, with the assistance of the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) and The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM).

Contact with the Moskona was first made from the air. Crates containing useful knives, matches, machetes, axes, and cloth were dropped from MAF aircraft swooping low over the unique tree houses of the primitive tribe. Though the villagers were frightened at first, these air drops were a key step because the Indonesian government requires missionaries to first be invited by the target people.

With the support of 76 home churches, several Hatam Christian leaders moved to the area and began learning the unfamiliar Moskona language. The government very interested in the development of isolated peoples, gave the missionaries approval to build a helipad. Now the Moskona have regular mail service, provisions, and most importantly, Hatam missionaries to help them find their place in modern Indonesia. Thank God for the technology available to reach the Moskona. Pray for even more opportunities for stronger ties between Western mission agencies and local missionaries to reach hidden peoples.







# Petition for promising breakthroughs.

"Who is that?" gasped Doquiauma, gripping the arm of her companion. The two young Catio Indian women were awestruck. In front of them stood a messenger. "Peace," the messenger said. Warn those who continue having affairs with women and women who have wrong relations with men." Terrified, Doquiauma was speechless. Then suddenly, she was flooded with a sense of peace. The messenger spoke again, "Those who do not believe will be lost; those who believe will arrive at our Father's house. Listen to my words and warn them!"

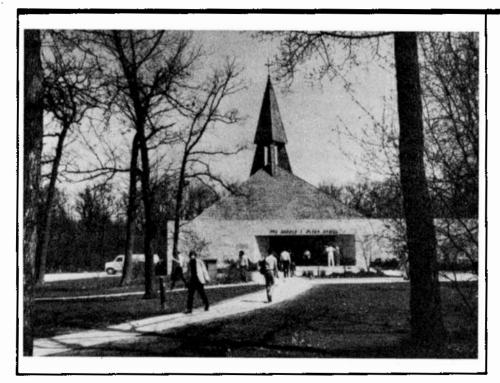
Doquiauma's dramatic encounter near her home in Cordoba, Colombia, brought her to deep repentance for her previously immoral life. She told her remarkable story to Mareike Schottelondreyer and Eileen Rex, Wycliffe Bible Translators, who recognized the messenger as an angel of the living God and began translating Scripture verses and choruses into the Catio language. The Catio began worshipping Doquiauma for seeing the messenger, but the missionaries urged the people to heed the message instead.

As a public expression of her own repentance, Doquiauma had a wedding ceremony, marrying the man with whom she was living, because she now understood that marriage was ordained by God. She wanted other Catio Indians to have their lives changed, too. As more Catios experienced God's power, a desire to learn more about Jesus from the Bible became their passion. But today these new believers face opposition both from their own people and from outsiders. Thank You, Lord, for using this vision to open a door for Your salvation among the Catlo Indians of Colombia. Defeat any power opposing Your work among the Catlo bellevers.



SOUTH AMERICA

# Trinity Evangelical Divinity School: How Could This Have Happened?



Trinity Evangelical Divinity
School (TEDS), a seminary in
Deerfield, Illinois affiliated
with the Evangelical Free Church
of America, has a history of
strong commitment to world
evangelization. That commitment
has gathered steam in recent
years. Consider the following
examples:

•120 TEDS students are planning to spend the summer of 1984 overseas in response to the October 1983 Overseas Missions Institute (OMI). For over ten years, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School has held an Overseas Missions Institute for four days each October. A joint student-faculty committee plans the program. They invite a keynote speaker, who gives two addresses each day, and Evangelical Free Church missionaries on furlough also participate in the program.

At the conclusion of the 1983 OMI, Dr. Arthur P. Johnston, Professor of Missions, asked students: "How many, as a result of our work this

week, really are willing, impressed before God, and moved in your hearts that you want to make a definite commitment to missions?" Almost one-third of those present stood in response!

Dr. Johnston went on to ask those who would commit themselves to overseas ministry during the summer of 1984 to come forward. Some 120 responded.

A special offering was taken to begin to underwrite this mission, and the students and faculty present pooled \$14,000. Trinity President Dr. Kenneth M. Meyer pledged, as the institutional offering, to grant a 50% tuition reduction to the commissioned students for the fall 1984 quarter. Such a reduction had been granted by the Board of Directors for the previous two years.

When Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer became Academic Dean in 1963, he spearheaded the establishment at Trinity of the School of World Mission and Evangelism. Within

four years a number of notable mission scholars had joined the faculty. Among them were Dr. David J. Hesselgrave, who had spent fourteen years in Japan with the Evangelical Free Church, and Dr. J. Herbert Kane, who had been in China with the China Inland Mission for twenty years before missionaries were expelled by the Communist regime. Hesselgrave and Kane have since distinguished themselves as outstanding educators and prolific authors.

Two hundred students are currently enrolled in the growing School of World Mission and Evangelism. Some 150 of these are working toward a Doctorate of Missiology. Their roster, claims TEDS Academic Dean Walter Kaiser, "reads like a Who's Who of modern faith missions." Kaiser hopes for a growth to 500-600 students within the next few years.

•From the beginning of the School of World Mission and Evangelism, exposure to and experience in overseas missions has infused faculty and administration with a commitment to world evangelization. Dr. Kaiser believes that the quality and depth of this commitment is one of the key reasons for Trinity's success in promoting missions among students. For example:

For several years, Dr. John W. Nyquist, Assistant Professor of Evangelism, and other faculty members have taken 20-30 students overseas each year for evangelism training with the TEDS Overseas Ministries Program.

Dr. Gary R. Collins, Professor of Pastoral Counseling and Psychology, has taught in a seminary in Guatemala.

President Meyer is committed to sending all 45 full-time faculty members overseas over the next five years. The current goal is to send nine each year to work in an overseas capacity.

 Trinity is reaching out to network evangelism efforts with Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. is a professor of Semitic Languages and Old Testament and Dean and Vice-President of Education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He came to Trinity in 1964 after eight years of teaching at Wheaton College. He has also had experience as a pastor and is active in the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Based on his extensive speaking schedule, writings, and classroom experiences, Kaiser has become an evangelical spokesman for Old Testament scholarship. He received the B.A. from Wheaton College and the B.D. from Wheaton Graduate School. He holds the M.A. and Ph.D. in Mediterranean studies from Brandeis University. Kaiser is also a recipient of the Danforth Teacher Study Grant.

Contributor to such publications as Moody Monthly, Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society, Eternity, Christianity Today, Westminster Theological Journal and Evangelical Quarterly, Kaiser has also written several books.

Kaiser's credentials in Old
Testament scholarship lend weight
to his thesis that the Biblical
mandate for world evangelization
was a mandate first given to
the nation of Israel and now
inherited by the church. Consider
these excerpts from "Israel's
Missionary Call" (in Perspectives
on the World Christian Movement: A
Reader):

"There is a rumor abroad that the Old Testament does not have a missionary message or vision. It is, so goes the popular adage, a book and message dedicated solely to the Jews and their own

nationalistic fortunes. But that rumor and view will not square with the claims that the Old Testament itself makes....

"We would have been more hesitant in our suspecting that the Old Testament has no missionary challenge had we paid close attention to how the Old Testament begins. Certainly the message and scope of the earliest chapters in Genesis, namely Genesis I-11, are universal in their appeal and international in their audience. Did God not deal with 'all the families of the earth' when He moved in saving grace at three specific junctures in Genesis 1-11? To be specific, was it not true that after the Fall of Man, the flood of the earth and the failure of the tower of Babel that God gave the grand messages of salvation in Genesis 3:15, 9:27, and 12:1-3?

"And should we doubt that the word to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 was international and universal in its offer, scope and intention, then let us quickly remind ourselves that it was painted against the backdrop of the table of the seventy nations of all the world in Genesis 10. The same 'families of the earth' appears there and in Genesis 12:3....

"But some may still doubt that the Old Testament explicitly enjoined believers and messengers in the Old Testament to go to the Gentiles. Did God, they ask, ever send an Israelite or the whole nation with the Great Commission?

"There are three basic texts that make it clear that God did do just that. These texts are: Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; and Psalm 67. These three texts are so



Dr. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.

basic to our understanding of the missionary mandate that God had designed for the whole nation of Israel that it is impossible to view the Old Testament fairly without treating these texts in their missionary context. Israel had always, in the plan and purpose of God, been responsible for communicating the message of God's grace to the nations. Israel was meant to be a communicating nation.

"Lest we think that these three Old Testament texts have no relevance to those of us who live in the Christian era and that their message is a B.C.-dated injunction, let it be plainly declared that they are also God's call to us... God's challenge to Israel is also ours: we are to have a mediatorial role in proclaiming His name among the nations. That is still God's purpose. Is it happening in your life?"

Moody Bible Institute in downtown Chicago and the Billy Craham Center in Wheaton in order to minister to the greater Chicago area. The academic deans and mission faculty members of these schools also meet monthly to develop strategies for world evangelization.

Speaking to the need for this kind of cooperation, Dr. Kaiser states, "If the church is ever to go forward, it will be if we learn we are responsible to support the CHURCH primarily, rather than our own little particular institutional

flag or our own separate emphasis. For while we don't want to neglect what God has done, the fact is that GOD has done it. It is not our own little pet project."

Robert E. Coleman, current director of the School of World Mission and Evangelism and author of the widely-read Master Plan of Evangelism, reports, "I find the same concern for overseas missions in the Bible Department and Practical Theology Department. In fact, many of those people have already been overseas, so there is a team effort." He adds, "I

don't feel isolated in the school of missions." He tells of the excitement on campus for overseas missions, and shared with Mission Frontiers that a student visiting from another seminary told him she had noticed this excitement.

Dr. Kaiser also observes, "God has given to us a spirit of prayer." As many as 150 students and faculty are meeting regularly to lift up to God their burden for the world's peoples. They fill the prayer room until there is no place left to stand.

# Dallas Theological Seminary: Not Only at Trinity!

Dallas Theological Seminary is experiencing both new and renewed commitment to the challenges of world evangelization. New excitment is coming from students now becoming equipped for ministry to unreached peoples. Renewed excitement is coming from a reminder of the missions vision that was an integral part of the seminary's foundation.

In 1921 a group of godly men felt the need to establish a new and different training school. Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, a noted Bible teacher and personal evangelist, had seen problems in some of the theological schools of his day. Chafer observed that these schools centered on academic training of the mind more than spiritual preparation of the heart. Often they put other academic disciplines on a par with the study and understanding of the Word of God.

Dr. Chafer wrote, "I have felt for a long time that there is an imperative need for an entirely new departure in the training of men for the ministry. The major study should be centered around the Bible."

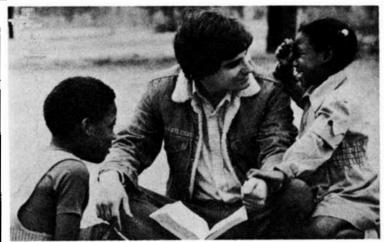
With this on his heart, Chafer and others determined that this new school would be different. It would be different because it would focus on Biblical training. Each student would carefully study all 66 books of the Bible. It would be different because it would focus on the clear communication of God's word. It would be different because it would be started and directed by men with a heart for evangelism and the world. Later, in 1924, Dr. Chafer's vision became a reality when a temporary board founded the Evangelical Theological College and Dr. Chafer became the first president. In 1935 the name was changed to Dallas Theological Seminary.

Chafer's friendship with C.1.

Scofield, founder of the Central American Mission (now CAM International), also influenced the early development of the seminary. Part of Scofield's purpose in starting the mission was to focus attention on Central America, an area of the world overlooked by many evangelical Protestants of the day. Thus, the mindset of reaching unreached areas became part of the heart of the leadership of the seminary. Chafer served as director of the Central American Mission for a few of its early years, and his dream was to see an entire graduating class of the seminary go to the mission field.

A little later in the development of the seminary, one young student of Chafer's grew in his heart for the world. When he graduated, he felt the strong desire to go to China,





Neighborhood ministries complement rigorous academic studies.

and was planning to move in direction. Unexpected obstacles, however, prompted him to reluctantly accept the post of registrar of the seminary. Later, after Chafer's death, John F. Walvoord became the second president of the seminary.

A vision for the world continued to influence the workings of the institution when, in 1974, Dr. Walvoord attended the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne. A speaker there noted that there were two major obstacles to world evangelization--local churches and the seminaries. That comment stuck in Walvoord's heart and mind, and though he couldn't do too much directly about the churches, he determined he could make a difference in the seminaries. Already he had

begun to expand the faculty of the World Mission Department, and his resolve was now strengthened to make Dallas Theological Seminary a major contributor to world missions.

Largely because of the role of the faculty in the World

in the Non-Western Churches; Applied Cultural Anthropology; Principles of Church Growth; A Biblical Theology of Missions; A Practical Theology of Missions; Strategy of Modern Missions; Missions Strategies for Unreached Peoples; and many more. 2. Each year a week-long missions conference suspends the normal class schedule and extends the spring semester. This began at the request of the students over 25 years ago. During each conference, missions speakers and representatives from more than 30





(Above) Student Missions Fellowship members meet with faculty advisor Walt Baker; (Left) A student explores options for a Missionary Summer Internship

Missions Department and the role students play in missions mobilization on the campus, student interest in and commitment to missions has increased in recent years. Ron Blue, Walt Baker, and Ed Pentecost, each with more than 10 years of overseas missions service, comprise the full-time faculty. They are often joined by visiting lecturers, missionaries on furlough or study leave who teach for one year, Example: Pat Cate, a visiting lecturer in 1979-1980. and his wife had recently returned from ministry in Iran with International Missions, a mission working exclusively with Muslim, Hindu, and Chinese people groups.

All students are exposed to principles and needs in world missions through two required courses—"Introduction to World Mission," and an elective from other course offerings. Those offerings include:

Christianity in Muslim Lands; History of the Non-Western Churches; Theological Education The student activities are organized through the Student Missions Fellowship (SMF). This is led by six students, chosen by other students from different class levels. Each of the SMF leaders, working under faculty supervision, gathers 8-15 other students to constitute a "task force." Each task force works in different areas of interest and need on and off the campus. These groups often help to build relationships between students as well as with the faculty.

Here are just a few of the student-directed missions activities at Dallas Theological Seminary:

1. Each summer a number of students go overseas for a MSI (Missionary Summer Internship). After a history of growing participation, now somewhere between 30 and 60 students, plus their families, go on an MSI each year. This year more than 100 students expressed an interest in overseas exposure for this summer.

mission boards are on hand to interact with students and faculty. This year over 120 students are involved in planning and administrating the missions conference for the entire student body.

3. Each year a number of prayer groups form on campus, groups usually meeting weekly. These prayer cells are convened around different parts of the world, such as Asia, or around blocs of peoples, such as Muslims or Chinese. Typically 10-20 groups involve at least 100-200 students. This year over 300 students expressed a desire to participate in prayer by using the new monthly prayer sheet put out by SMF.

More than 300 seminary alumninow serve in 56 countries with over 42 denominational and interdenominational mission boards. Many other Dallas alumni who have assumed pastorates communicate an understanding and heart for missions in local churches in the United States and Canada.

## Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary: Eastern Mission Bulwark

### by Zane G. Pratt-

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is another example of the wedding of missions vigor and theological education. Zane G. Pratt, in his third year of Gordon-Conwell's M.Div. program, is chairman of the Student Missions Committee of GCTS and author of this article, reprinted from Wherever, a magazine of TEAM. Zane spent last summer in Pakistan with the GCTS Overseas Hissions Practicum.

Around the turn of the nineteenth century, in the Massachusetts North Shore town of Wenham, a young man named Adoniram Judson grew up in the manse of the Congregational church. Although his father, the pastor, raised him in the biblical tradition of his Puritan forefathers, Judson rebelled during his college years at Brown University and embraced the Deism which was fashionable at the time. God, however, had great things in store for this wayward New Englander.

Following a dramatic series of events, young Adoniram was converted to the faith of his father. He attended seminary, persuaded the Massachusetts churches that foreign missions was an imperative, and sailed for Burma in 1812 with his wife, Nancy, as the first missionaries to leave the United States.

Their going had a dramatic impact on the new republic. A missionary movement was started, and devout parents named their children after the pioneers. One product of his time was Adoniram Judson Gordon who, like his namesake, was from Massachusetts.

A. J. Gordon grew up to be a minister and evangelist. He founded Gordon College and Gordon Divinity School in Boston to train people to be missionaries in foreign lands. The college has since moved to Wenham, the boyhood hometown of Adoniram

Judson. The divinity school merged with the Conwell School of Theology in 1969 to form Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the adjoining town of Hamilton.

Gordon-Conwell remains strongly committed to the evangelical faith and missionary vision of its founders. A missions track in the Master of Divinity program allows students to concentrate on preparation for overseas service. The missions department is under the leadership of Dr. J. Christy Wilson who served as a missionary in Afghanistan for 22 years.

The Missions Committee, associated with the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, is entirely student-run and coordinates the work of promoting overseas missions among the Gordon-Conwell student body.

The goals of the committee are to inform and motivate the seminary community toward an active world vision. Informing spans three areas: the biblical basis for world evangelization, the needs and conditions of the

world today, and current trends and events in missionary activity around the globe. The task of motivation involves challenging students to translate the information into action.

The committee encourages students to seriously consider going into foreign missions. However, the full objective is to get every Gordon-Conwell graduate involved in world evangelization whether at home or on the foreign field.

The most important means God has given us in reaching these goals is prayer. The reconquest of the planet for the kingdom of God is a spiritual battle against spiritual enemies. As students pray for specific needs around the world, they become informed about these needs and place themselves in an open position before the Holy Spirit regarding their role in meeting these needs.

Thus the backbone of our ministry is a noon prayer meeting held each weekday throughout the school year. Up to 50 students attend these

- Dr. J. Christy Wilson, Gordon-Conwell Professor of World Evangelization, reports that ...
- ... 1000 copies of the Gordon-Conwell customized edition of the Frontier Fellowship Global Prayer Digest were recently distributed to faculty, students and alumni, and 73 subscriptions have already been requested.
- ... 180 students are currently involved in Gordon-Conwell's urban ministries program, and more than 120 students have participated in the growing Overseas Mission Practicum.
- ... 150 students, almost 25% of the GCTS student body, enrolled in Dr. Wilson's introductory course on missions during the January term--the highest enrollment ever for this course!



ceives attention in these three-hour sessions.

Small prayer cells meet weekly focusing on specific areas such as the Arab world or China. Under the direction of Jeff Prey, these groups have been upgraded this year to include accountability structures designed to encourage and maintain a world vision among the members.

In addition to prayer, Gordon-Conwell students are directly involved in spreading a world vision through Theological Students for Frontier Missions, TSFM was established at the Edinburgh Conference in 1980 for the purpose of focusing the attention of seminary students on the unreached people of the world. Despite the fact that 2.5 billion of the world's 4 billion people live in people groups with no indigenous witness to the gospel, less than ten percent of the current Protestant missionary force is directed toward these people groups. TSFM encourages students to redress that imbalance by committing them-



Dr. J. Christy Wilson praying with students on compus

20-minute sessions. Each day a different country is presented, specific prayer requests are given, and prayer is offered in groups of three or four. This year this crucial ministry is being coordinated by Martha Giltinan and Skip Gray.

Because these meetings of necessity are fairly short, we also meet several times a semester for evenings of prayer. Led by Richard Stuver, these meetings attempt to accomplish a more concentrated and extensive prayer coverage of the world. Each major group of unreached people re-

selves to the task of frontier missions.

Gordon-Conwell has been deeply involved in TSFM since its inception. Gordon-Conwell students were in the original group at Edinburgh; and the current president, Jim Beates, is a Gordon-Conwell student. Gordon-Conwell's TSFM student representative, Nancy Calvert, coordinates efforts to spread this vision to evangelical students in other seminaries in the Boston area.

Each year the week following Columbus Day is designated Missions Em-

phasis Week. This event is our most direct challenge to the seminary community. All chapel services are devoted to missions speakers, and mission boards are invited to send representatives to speak to students on an individual basis. This year's theme was "Missions in the Local Church," with speakers Norman and Jacquelyn Friberg and Phil Parshall.

Immediately following Missions Emphasis Week, Gordon-Conwell hosted the A. J. Gordon Vision '83 Conference, successor to the Vision '82 Conference held at Princeton. The '83 Conference, for students from the northeastern United States and the Maritime Provinces of Canada, featured David Bryant, Ralph Winter, and Ruth Siemens as the main speakers. The Missions Committee also sponsors the International Chapel program, designed to expose students to forms of Christian worship in non-Western cultures.

One of the most exciting missions programs at Gordon-Conwell is the Overseas Missions Practicum. It began several years ago when students Lynn Bolte and Harriet Whitesides spent a summer in Calcutta, India, working with the ministries of Mother Teresa.

With full backing from the seminary, this program has expanded into an ongoing outreach involving 30 to 40 students yearly Students participate in a classroom orientation course to prepare them for cross-cultural ministry, then go in teams to various parts of the world for the summer. Their twin objectives are service to the poor and evangelization of unreached peoples. Last year teams went to Ecuador, Egypt, India, Pakistan, and Yugoslavia. Participating students not only receive a challenge themselves, but also spread their vision to others when they return.

Editor's Note: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary has also officially endorsed and is participating in the Frontier Fellowship movement. Recently GCTS introduced its own customized edition of the Frontier Fellowship Global Prayer Digest. President Robert E. Cooley hails this step as "a further demonstration of Gordon-Conwell's dedication to reaching unreached people for Christ at home and abroad."

# Leaders Discuss Student Ministries & Frontier Missions



Pasadena, CA--The "Consultation on Mobilizing for Frontier Missions," sponsored by the International Student Leaders' Coalition for Frontier Missions (ILSCFM), met from November 27-30, 1983 at the premises of WORLD CHRISTIAN Magazine in Pasadena, California. Thirty delegates from 16 states, representing 21 organizations (who minister to over 200,000 students) came together for three days to focus on how they might direct students towards a greater involvement in world evangelization.

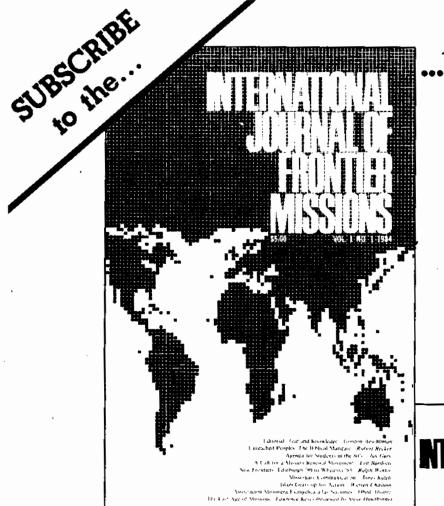
The consultation program had a significant emphasis on the need for leaders to encourage students to become "senders" within the local church as well as challenging them to pursue missionary careers. Plenary addresses were heard from Dr. Sam Wilson, director of World Vision's MARC division, Dr. Ralph Winter, director of the U.S. Center for World Mission and Dr. Paul Cedar, senior pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church.

Work was done in task forces by the delegates in the areas of prayer, church mobilization, missionary candidates, mission curriculum and mission resource distribution. All the delegates expressed the need for similar consultation gatherings in other regions of the U.S.

At the consultation, the ISLCFM announced that it will be conducting the student program at the Lausanne International Prayer Assembly in South Korea on June 5-11, 1984, as well as convening an "International Consultation on Mobilizing Youth" in Thailand for 10 days in January, 1986.

The ISLCFM is a network of leaders of different ministries concerned about directing students towards an involvement in world evangelization. The ISLCFM publishes the "International Journal of Frontier Missions" on a quarterly basis to help serve leaders in this area.

For more information on the Journal, the upcoming events, or the consultation final report, write Gordon Aeschliman, ISLCFM, P.O. Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.



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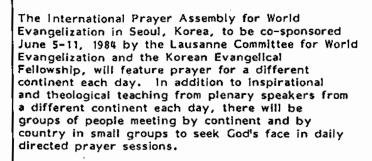
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Experienced prayer leaders will conduct workshops, giving instructions on enhancing one's personal prayer life, mobilizing the church to pray, encouraging city-wide prayer movements and praying for worldwide, heaven- sent revival. Resource people will include Dick Eastman, David Bryant, Dr. J. Edwin Orr, Evelyn Christenson, Gottfried Osei-Mensah, Dr. David Howard, Dr. Paul Cedar, Dr. William Bright, Joy Dawson, and Rev. Armin Gesswein.

Special sessions will be conducted for pastors, laymen, youth, women, missionaries and Christian workers, and for the blind and deaf. Each session will find these people uniting in specific and strategic prayer. The planning committee for the prayer assembly believes that people will return to their countries having met with God and will be equipped to mobilize for world evangelization in their spheres of influence.

"History reveals that evangelism alone seldom results in revival, but revival always produces evangelism," states Mrs. Vonette Bright, who chairs the Lausanne Committee's Intercession Advisory Group.

"Spirit-directed prayer that meets God's conditions can produce revival. Christians from all over the world have poured their energies and finances into evangelism and discipleship efforts, often with spectacular results. Yet in looking at world conditions today, we might ask why we as Christians are not making a greater impact," stressed Mrs. Bright.

Registration deadline for the International Prayer Assembly has passed, but a few openings may still be available. Those interested in attending may write to: International Prayer Assembly for World Evangelization, P.O. Box 6826, San Bernardino, California, U.S.A. 92412.

The International Prayer Assembly will climax with a Pentecost Sunday celebration with thousands of people gathering in Seoul, Korea, on June 10, 1984, to unite in prayer for world evangelization. It is anticipated that a television satellite hook-up will enable churches and groups gathered in the United States (and perhaps in other countries) to join the Seoul prayer meeting at the same time.



## **LETTERS**

Dear Mr. Bartlotti,

Some months ago our pastor introduced our fellowship to your publication, Daily Prayer Guide. It has been a blessing and a challenge and we thank you very much for it.... Our church will soon begin receiving group subscriptions to your Guide and we pray that the Lord of the harvest will use it to stir us to reach all the lost everywhere. May the Lord greatly bless and use you and your efforts for Him and for us.

Gratefully in Him,

Mrs. Bud H. Tacoma, WA

Dear Saints.

Thank you for the encouragement of your prayer guide. It has definitely given me a much wider vision for "All the World" evangelism, not just the places we know of.

In His precious name,

Randal A.

! praise God for the Daily Prayer Guide and FrontierScan! I have distributed the DPG to people with "Commission hearts." I pray that these "pray-ers" will have their vision for God's world sharpened and be stirred to deeper prayer and support for God's mission. I'm especially excited about FrontierScan! I've distributed them to most of the Christians in the dorms and also amongst various Christian groups on campus. I pray that God will touch a few hearts in each of these campus grups and urge them to call others to commitment to God's mission.

> With love and for Jesus' sake,

Jeff F. r Sacramento, CA

Instead of putting a gift in the Senior Citizens gift exchange here is five dollars to apply on radio ministries among Berbers, mentioned October 28, 1983 in your Frontier Fellowship Prayer Guide. God bless its use for His glory. I only wish it were a hundred times more than this.

Mrs. Arthur R. Carlsbad, NM

The Rev. Walter W. Hannum, Board member of the United States Center for World Mission and founder of the Episcopal Church Missionary Community, has been given a five-year appointment to the Standing Commission on World Mission of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The Commission makes recommendations to the General Convention on major subjects concerning the missionary policy, strategy, and programs of the Episcopal Church.



The Episcopal Church Missionary Community is recognized as an autonomous missionary society in the Episcopal Church and is a member organization of the United States Center for World Mission. Episcopalians interested in world missions are encouraged to contact the Rev. Walter H. Hannum at ECMC, 1567 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104. Phone: (818) 797-8323.

Thank you so much for the faithful work you are doing. I am praying for the full payment to come in, so it will. Actually, there are a number of us here at Davis praying for your work..., because we are directly involved with it! Praise God! We just started a Frontier Fellowship group this past fall quarter, and then a daily prayer meeting was started (sparked by an IV conference with Dave Bryant as speaker!).

... Now we are beginning a 24-hour prayer chain—Lord willing—this coming winter quarter.... I thought that this could encourage you. God is at work, pouring His Spirit out on His people and bringing revival in the souls of men! Hooray!

Through Him,

Wendy T. Davis, CA

Dear brothers and sisters at USCWM,

Greetings in Christ! My brother sent me a copy of Once More Around Jericho, which I've begun reading today, and several copies of your letter ["Touch Ten" brochure] to share with some of my university friends. Enclosed is a donation for your work. I would appreciate the "95-cent" package—I'm sure I'll find someone to give the extra copy of Jericho to and I'd like the other material for myself. Also please send 20 more copies of the letter.

I am in Linguistics and Pacific Studies (among other courses) at the University of Victoria and I'm really seeking the Lord about how He would use me in the mission field. Basically I feel compelled to go and share the gospel, and now I'm seeking for the "how," "when," and "where."

Joyfully in Him,

Lynn D. Victoria, B.C., Canada

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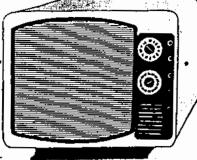
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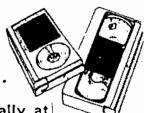
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