



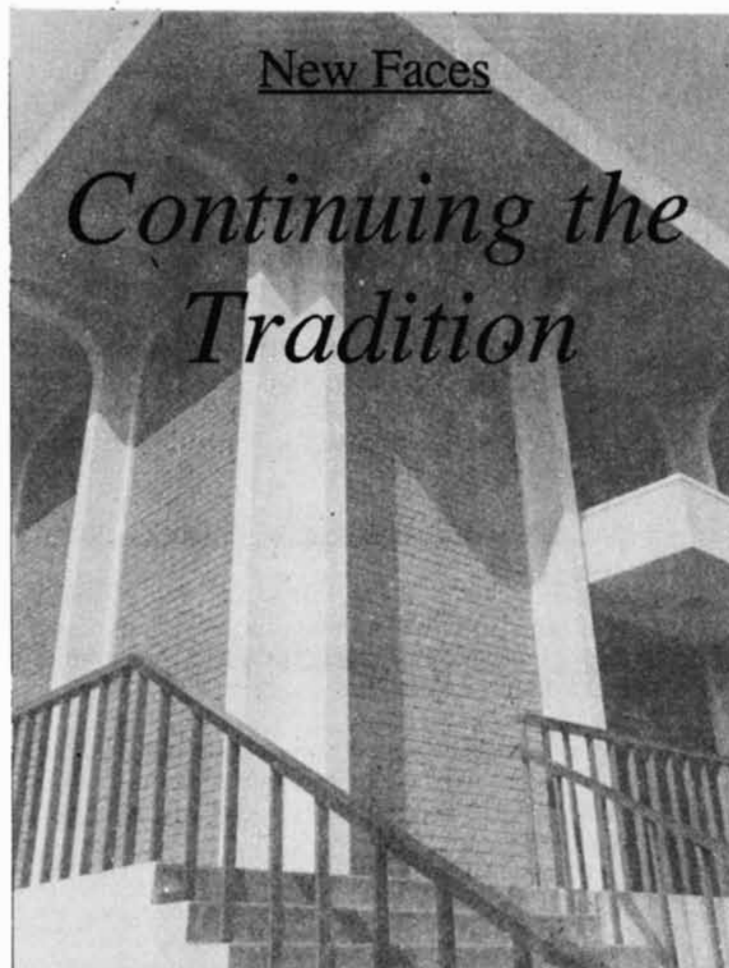
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By all odds, the early missionaries were a special breed of men. Single-handedly and with great courage they attacked the social evils of their time--child marriage, the immolation of widows, temple prostitution and untouchability in India; the opium trade, gambling, foot-binding and infanticide in China; the slave trade, the liquor trade, and the destruction of twins in Africa.... They were the first to rescue unwanted babies, educate girls, and liberate women.... In the conduct of their work they encountered indifference, suspicion, hostility, persecution and imprisonment. And all this they endured without reserve, without regret, and without reward.

--J. Herbert Kane.



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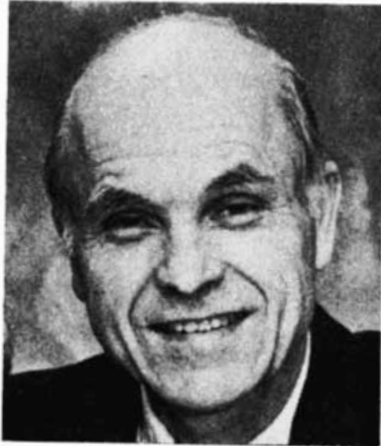
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Editorial



March 9, 1986

Dear friends,

I'm back from six days in Guatemala. The "Korea" of the Americas (e.g. 25% evangelical). And it's true (what I said here in the last issue) that Latin America is aflame with brand new, totally unexpected mission interest. That's on page 12.

(It's also true that only two weeks ago we went to press with the January issue - and now, still late but not quite so late, we are going to press with the February issue! At this rate we WILL catch up! . . . shorter issues, more frequently sent out.)

*THIS TIME we introduce the first section of a Biblical/theological series entitled "THE SECRET MISSION" (see page 17)

*THIS TIME we are trying to help you catch at least a glimpse of the amazing year 1985, and where we are right now.

*THIS TIME we want to go further into the "unmentionable": the radical idea of mission-committed U.S. families adopting the financial provisions of a missionary lifestyle. See "Families of the 1/3 plan" page 8.

*THIS TIME we also try, once more, before the dread April 1st \$300,000 payment, to point out the grand benefits to the entire cause of spreading vision vs. simply raising money. Note on page 9 how in 1983, 550 people helped us to reach out to 12,648 new people in just two months. (We need to do that again, but to do it in such a way as to be sure to be able further to equip all such new people to reach others also. Would you be willing to try that?)

Yours faithfully,

Ralph D. Winter
Ralph D. Winter

P.S. Some of you will want to know how we stand regarding the April 1st \$300,000 property payment. We have almost \$100,000, with 22 days left to go!



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STATE OF THE CENTER

1985 at the USCWM

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

It has been nine years since the USCWM was founded. In that time the central organization has been joined by many more autonomous agencies which work in cooperation with it. They work together to fulfill the original founding vision of the Center. Looking at 1985 alone, just what did they all accomplish? What have they done?

A Year of Accomplishment In Training.

1985 was the year in which 1100 students attended Perspectives classes held in 59 different locations. Wesley Tullis, national coordinator of the Perspectives program, said, "More than 6300 copies of the *Perspectives* text were sold in places ranging from Liberty University (Jerry Falwell's school) to Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship headquarters, and a bookstore in Lima, New York. We still don't know what spurred the sale of 132 copies of the book in Lima!"

1985 was the year in which three of the largest, most influential churches in the Los Angeles area all held the Perspectives class. Grace Community Church pastored by John McArthur, Fullerton Evangelical Free Church pastored by Chuck Swindoll, and the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys ("Church on the Way") pastored by Jack Hayford all held classes.

According to Tullis, "These classes helped other churches in the area to realize the quality and credibility of the course."

1985 was the year in which Youth With A Mission committed itself to use the Perspectives course as a field-based program in six Asian countries. Todd Johnson of the Frontier Peoples Project of YWAM is currently working on a simplified *Perspectives* textbook and study guide for use in Asia.

1985 was the year in which the Zwemer Institute of Muslim Studies taught 110 students about ministry

among Muslims. Three summer courses were taught: Introduction to Islam (the faith and cultures of the Muslim world); Gospel & Islam (cross-cultural communication principles in witness to Muslims); and Church Planting in Muslim Contexts (various approaches in specific contexts).



Wes and Sandi Tullis are the national coordinators of the Perspectives course in the U.S. Center for World Mission's Institute of International Studies.

John Herr, Northwest regional director, Sudan Interior Mission, took one of the courses and wrote in August: "We look forward to coming next summer to finish the course. We found what we did receive to be enriching and stimulating. It was a great experience! If we would have just had something like this 35 years ago when first going to Africa . . .!"

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Hindu Studies held its first summer institute, "Introduction to

Mission Among Hindu Peoples," with a daily attendance of more than 50 students. Thirteen students so far have completed the course for three university credits apiece. The course was so successful, it will be offered again this summer.

1985 was the year in which Dan Henrich, vice president of International Communications, Inc., led the first "Workshop on Media Ministry in the Third World." Workshop sessions alternated between discussions of strategies for systematic use of the mass media and actual case study analysis. The program was successful enough that it will be offered this spring through William Carey International University.

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Chinese Studies completed its four-lesson "Urban Working Peoples of Taiwan" multimedia kit. Three churches are now testing the kit with their 4th through 6th grade children.

1985 was the year in which the Episcopal Church Missionary Community helped the Episcopal Church to develop an on-going missionary training process; held four one-week "Introduction to World Mission" courses; and catalyzed the beginning of a two- to three-year program for study and strategy planning for expansion of Episcopal Church ethnic ministries in Southern California.

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Japanese Studies prepared a Japanese Studies reader. The Institute taught three introductory courses, one away from Pasadena, and two through WCIU. Students included four from West Germany!

1985 was the year in which 35

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students participated in courses sponsored by FACE (the Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Evangelism), and acquired a new appreciation for communication media not normally found in the West, but often used in other cultures.

Mary Lou Totten, course instructor, said, "We're losing out if we don't pay attention to artistic forms with which we are unfamiliar. Dramatic presentations, dances, or poetry are, in various cultures, exceptionally powerful forms of communication, even though in the West they are not often appreciated."

A Year of Accomplishment In Mobilization.

It was the year in which the *Global Prayer Digest* first hit the airwaves in a radio version now heard on over 125 Christian stations around the country.

1985 was the year in which ACMC Australia began distributing an Australian *Global Prayer Digest*. According to GPD Managing Editor Pat Durst, two other agencies made firm commitments to produce their own versions of the *Digest*, two are still in "the introductory stage," and four agencies stopped production. The GPD maintained a consistent distribution rate of 20,000 copies a month throughout the year.

It was the year in which Caleb Project began publishing *Co-Laborer*, "the Newsletter for Senders," an open forum for discussion of issues relating to improving one's ability to support mission work.

1985 was the year in which Caleb Project challenged and encouraged 600 active Calebites to fulfill their commitment to "go." Encouragement came in the form of the *Caleb Newsletter*, prayer, and personal letters.

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Chinese Studies completed

its "Hidden Hani" People Group brochure (first in a series), and nearly completed its "Drawn to China" 32-page learning activity book for children.

1985 was the year in which the Zwemer Institute of Muslim Studies held 17 Muslim Awareness Seminars averaging 51 students apiece. Said one member of the Zwemer staff: "The churches are astounded at the fact that

"I really can't explain why, but I have this irrational optimism that God is going to bring us through to a great victory soon."

—Jim Grasley, Writer
Global Prayer Digest

they have never considered the Muslims for missionary work and that the Muslim Awareness Seminar raises the level of awareness of their people and motivates them to train for Muslim evangelism."

1985 was the year in which Frontiers, Inc., Caleb Project, and TEAM worked together to sponsor student mobilization teams (SMT's) to spur students toward front line ministry among unreached peoples. The teams met with over 8,000 students. (See article, page 12.)

A Year of Accomplishment In Communication.

By mid-year, the Center was making available to all donors copies of the "Exciting News from the Frontlines" paper that John Holzmann had begun to write for his personal supporters. "Exciting News" is now also being

incorporated into Mission Frontiers in the "News" and "Mission Awareness" departments.

By late October, the Center began publishing the "USCWM Journal," a bi-weekly diary of important events at the Center.

Acquisition of an Apple Computer Laserwriter combined with some of the latest software, allowed *Mission Frontiers* to improve its look and begin using a new format. (We hope our new look encourages you to read us more thoroughly, and we are looking forward to more frequent publication in the near future.)

1985 was the year in which the *International Journal of Frontier Missions* went under new management and completed its first year of publication. This is the only scholarly journal exclusively devoted to the discussion of reaching the frontiers.

A Year of Accomplishment In Outreach.

1985 was the year in which the Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Evangelism was able to sponsor artists from "closed" countries to visit, study, and exhibit their art in the U.S.A.—providing opportunities for friendship evangelism both here in the United States as well as in the "closed" countries.

1985 was the year in which International Communications, Inc. helped to establish a major language-dubbing studio in Nairobi, Kenya, and began dubbing the *SuperBook* cartoon series into Telegu and several other languages.

1985 was the year in which the Asia Evangelical Mission sponsored an Asian Pastors Conference in Taiwan, developed a network of pastors and lay people for evangelism, and took

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beginning steps toward evangelistic work in China.

1985 was the year in which Frontiers, Inc. achieved a total of 105 missionaries on Muslim soil. Their missionaries are now working among 14 different unreached people groups in the Muslim world.

It was the year in which Frontiers, Inc. received inquiries from 6,000 Christians concerning the possibility of working among Muslims. It was the year in which they received 600 applicants for work on the front lines.

1985 was the year in which International Communications, Inc. co-funded and helped to produce "The Pearl"—the first indigenous, pre-evangelistic videofilm produced in India.

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Japanese Studies prepared for its first Consultation of Retired Japanese Missionaries. The Consultation, held January 2-4, 1986, discussed possibilities for ministry among Japanese in the U.S.A. Twenty-six retired or nearly-retired missionaries attended. They were so pleased with the conference, they begged for another one to be held next year. US Directors Neal and Clara Jean Browning say they intend to sponsor another Consultation.

A Year of Accomplishment In Discovering New Facts.

1985 was the year in which the Institute of Global Urban Studies (IGUS) was organized. The IGUS began its work with a study-tour of six African cities in which Mission to the World (Presbyterian Church in America) personnel might work.

1985 was the year in which the Global Mapping Project set up several national research bases worldwide,

completed the first major section of mapping software, and entered into computer data banks large blocks of information concerning Hidden Peoples of the world.

1985 was the year in which all the strategy institutes conducted interviews, held advisory meetings and consultations, counseled dozens of students, missionary candidates, furloughing missionaries, mission representatives, etc., and spoke at mission conferences, workshops, worship services and prayer meetings.

Barbara Brown, of the Institute of Tribal Studies, described just one interaction—typical, she said, of the kinds of meetings that the research institutes often conduct.

"Walter, a missionary on furlough, came to us last Spring. He figured he'd invest a couple of hours in our work by telling us about his experiences on the field. At the end of the two hours, he was so pleased with the way the conversation had gone, he asked if he might come back and talk with us some more.

"What he found was that by our relating his experiences and his insights to those of others, and by asking the kinds of questions we tend to ask, his own understanding of what was happening in his situation was greatly improved.

"The next day he came back and spent the whole day with us."

A Year of Financial Difficulty.

1985 started out with disappointment because we were already under a cloud, waiting day by day for foreclosure to be announced. An agreement was finally reached in March which added two payments to the principal and allowed us to move forward again. There was so much

confusion however that it seemed exceedingly unlikely we could make the July 1st payment.

At the end of May it was decided to suspend a portion of staff salaries in view of the possible crisis at the end of June. Thankfully, we were able to squeak through July 1st without using these funds. As a result, however, almost the entire staff agreed to accept only two-thirds of their expected salaries for three months. After this experience, we felt able to recommend a similar practice to our *Mission Frontiers* readers.

By the end of the year, the "One Third Times Three" plan had attracted 35 families (now up to 42—see page 8). On December 31st we had only \$220,000 toward the January 1st payment, but at noon, two businessmen in Chicago phoned us "out of the blue" to indicate their desire to make up the \$80,000 difference.

A Year of Disappointment.

Some wonderful businessmen offered to help with a "Walk-a-thon." And so, with great anticipation, the Center launched a fund-raising program of colossal proportions: an international Walk-A-Thon campaign combined with a Trans-Continental Relay.

It seems that, after months of hard labor and the investment of tens of thousands of dollars from outside sources, and despite radio and newspaper coverage, appearances on the 700 Club, and the loss of dozens of man-weeks in labor from staff members who helped out in various ways, the Walk-A-Thon posted no more than a \$100,000 profit.

It was a bitter disappointment to those who figured the Walk would possibly even pay off the final \$8.5 million due on the campus.

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Is it Worth Saving?

Answer #1: You mean "*What is it doing right now?*"

-You can see what is already being done in the previous pages of this issue. And boy is it exciting. However,

Answer #2: You mean "*Does it have worthy goals?*"

-A young child is judged by what it may become, not by its present contributions to society.

-The USCWM is the first of four centers now functioning in North America (three others are already proposed).

-The USCWM is in constant touch with exactly 50 other key people/centers around the world.

-These centers hold immense privilege and opportunity, for it is the worldwide body of believers that holds the key to the necessary final outreach.

Answer #3: You mean "*How can we measure the impact of the USCWM?*"

-One measurement could be the number of collegians (and local church leaders, too) whom we have shepherded through a ponderous, mind-blowing, college credit bearing PERSPECTIVES course-1,100 in 59 locations last year.

-Another measurement: how much money is being generated annually by the use of the *Global Prayer Digest*? We wish we knew, but it is between \$1 and \$2 million. In 1986, due to two new denominations coming in it may be up to \$10 million or more. (Of course this money does not come to us—we don't consider that a failure of strategy since we planned it that way).

Answer #4: You mean "*What do Christian leaders think about you?*"

"I know of no comparable organization doing as much for the cause of world missions, and particularly for that of unreached areas. Africa Inland Mission is fully behind the program of the U.S. Center. . ."

-Peter Stam, U.S. Director, Africa Inland Mission

"The U.S. Center might well be one of the most important, if not the most important, movements in our generation, perhaps our century."

-Olan Hendrix, U.S. director, SEND International

"No other agency is focused exclusively upon encouraging new missionary outreach. The U.S. Center has tremendous influence and impetus in this area. More than any other institution. . . This is one of the most surprising, effective, and efficient projects in the world of missions today. . . Nowhere in the world is there an equivalent space devoted to the cooperation of mission agencies together. Nowhere do you see people from 64 different mission boards working together for the benefit of all evangelical missions."

-Edwin L. (Jack) Frizen, Jr., Executive Director, Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association

"Let's join hands together and make this a success."

-Billy Graham

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How Can it Be Saved?

(Really, enough people praying and doing what they can is all that is necessary. There are not many but there are enough people in the U.S. today who would be eager to know about and assist this project.)

Answer #1: You mean "*Are you in an endless series of payments?*"

—Theoretically, only six years more at what we are now paying (\$300,000) per quarter, will pay off the \$5 million still owed on the campus proper. Less than 30% of that would go for interest (or "rent"), and the increased value of the property makes even the "interest" like principal. But, "Why do you say 'theoretically'?" Because we are not allowed to pay for six years under the present contract. Refinancing would be necessary. If we can pay it off on time we'll save most of the interest resulting from a six year period.

Answer #2: You mean "*What is your basic strategy?*"

Two points:

#1 We would like to shift the debt to another entity so we won't face a brittle balloon payment next year (October 1st). The Christian college that needs this money has been long-suffering already. We may even be able to get an interest rate lower than 12.5%.

#2 However, we hope to pay it all off as soon as possible in any case, to avoid as much interest as possible.

Answer #3: You mean "*But, exactly how will you raise all this money? Do you still cling to the '\$15 per person' plan?*"

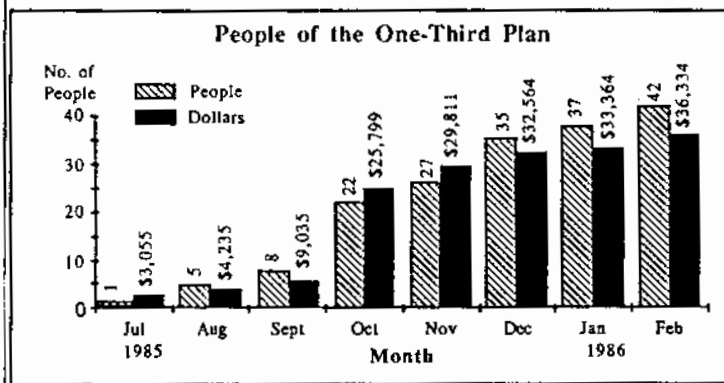
—Well, we don't need gifts to extend the payments to six years. But it will require external co-signers to do so.

—To raise money quickly, *in the short run*, we hope and pray that 400 congregations will bite the bullet and challenge 10 families to adopt a missionary lifestyle for 3 months. Our plight is galvanizing a lot of people into action.

—To raise money *over a long period*—the goal of \$15 from each of 1 million people (and then to return or reassign funds from the large-gift, short term givers)—is still quite reasonable plan for this type of an institution (which must not compete with existing mission agencies) and is, incidentally, phenomenally strategic and productive of new vision in new circles. The strategic value of this vision-spreading plan may be worth more (in the Lord's eyes) than anything else we are doing.

Action--in the *Short* run

How many mission-minded U.S. families can live (even for three months) on a missionary support level?



People of the One-Third Plan
(Report as of Sat 01/06/86 at 15:02)

	New	Total		
1	3,055.56	3,055.56	July 26	Columbus, Ohio
2	200.00	3,255.56	August 01	Grand Junction, Colorado
3	565.00	3,820.56	August 03	Tyler, Texas
4	375.00	4,195.56	August 14	Yutan, Nebraska
5	40.00	4,235.56	August 22	Memphis, Tenn.
6	480.00	4,715.56	September 14	Pomona, Calif.
7	4,000.00	8,715.56	September 27	Burbank, CA
8	320.00	9,035.56	September 29	Reading, PA
9	600.00	9,635.56	October 03	Indio, CA
10	3,432.00	13,067.56	October 05	Sacramento, CA
11	300.00	13,367.56	October 05	Lawrence, KS
12	411.00	13,778.56	October 08	Surrey BC, Canada
13	796.00	14,574.56	October 08	Los Angeles, Calif.
14	116.00	14,690.56	October 09	Rutchison, MN
15	135.00	14,825.56	October 09	Rutchison, MN
16	1,290.00	16,115.56	October 11	Downey, CA
17	1,942.00	18,057.56	October 13	Fargo, North Dakota
18	2,407.10	20,464.66	October 13	Sterling Heights, Mich.
19	1,170.00	21,634.66	October 18	Staunton, Virginia
20	2,765.00	24,399.66	October 21	Yakima, Washington
21	1,000.00	25,399.66	October 24	Guilford, Indiana
22	400.00	25,799.66	October 28	Manzini, Swaziland
23	500.00	26,299.66	November 02	Walnut Creek, CA
24	100.00	26,399.66	November 05	Gloucester, Mass.
25	829.60	27,229.26	November 05	Denver, Colorado
26	2,202.00	29,431.26	November 14	Birmingham, AL
27	380.00	29,811.26	November 14	Boulder, Colorado
28	400.00	30,211.26	December 09	Las Vegas, Nevada
29	423.54	30,634.80	December 06	Brookings, Oregon
30	90.00	30,724.80	December 11	Iligan City 8801, Philippines
31	500.00	31,224.80	December 20	Spring Valley, CA
32	150.00	31,374.80	December 27	Gardena, CA
33	289.55	31,664.35	December 27	Long Beach, CA
34	300.00	31,964.35	December 30	Las Vegas, Nevada
35	600.00	32,564.35	December 30	Painesville, Ohio
36	500.00	33,064.35	January 06	Clearlake, California
37	300.00	33,364.35	January 25	Yajalon, Chiapas-Mexico
38	0.00	33,364.35	February 06	San Francisco, California
39	0.00	33,364.35	February 09	Pasadena, California
40	1,644.15	35,008.50	February 10	La Julia, California
41	1,060.54	36,069.04	February 12	New Orleans, Louisiana
42	265.00	36,334.04	February 25	West Lafayette, Indiana

There are now 42 families who have responded to our appeal to try out the radical lifestyle of the missionary families of the world.

(It would take only a new 280 families doing this each quarter to meet the entire \$300,000 quarterly payment.)

Three issues back we mentioned the possibility of families taking roughly 2/3 of present income as an approximation of a missionary salary level. Apparently that seemed to most of these people to be the easier way to go than to get in touch with a mission agency and try to ascertain just what a missionary on furlough, with various allowances, etc. would actually receive.

Note that Swaziland, Philippines, and Mexico appear in the list - those families are already living on a missionary salary level!

Looking more closely, many of these families may already be living at or below a missionary salary level! (Some of the smaller amounts represent just the additional amount necessary for that family to be giving 1/3 to missions.)

First of all, let us all understand that it is very important that we not yield to judgments against anyone, any family that is not here! One couple wrote, "we were incensed to see how few responded, until we realized that we were among the 50,000 who had not responded".

Furthermore, many, many families are simply too deeply in debt. **DEBT IS THE CHIEF REASON FAMILIES CANNOT GIVE ONE-THIRD OF THEIR INCOME, EVEN FOR THREE MONTHS.**

Naturally this is no small step. If you, dear reader, would like to consider this more seriously, I will be glad to send you photocopies of our previous coverage of this subject, plus other materials.

Remember we are merely suggesting that such funds come to us as "advances" to help us leap over the moon. As our long term \$15 process catches up we will expect to return or reassign all such larger gifts, according to your suggestions - your money will live to serve a second time!

Action Coupon

1. Our family feels it is prepared to join the daring group above. Here is our first check. (Make out to the USCWM)

2. We'd like to consider this step of faith. Please send us further information.

Send to: Ralph D. Winter
1605 Elizabeth St
Pasadena, CA 91104 or call (818-797-1111)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Action—In the *Long Run*

How many who have heard the "Good Word" will bend their efforts to share it with others?

"Hardly anything could be more honorable than for the USCWM to emerge in the long run with its property completely paid for without any money being diverted from existing mission efforts."—Ralph Winter, General Director, USCWM

It would be possible for us to boast that our "Short Run" One Third plan will teach people how to give more money to missions and therefore we might just as well keep what we receive from that source permanently, and abandon the slower, "Long Run" \$15 plan, where no one gives more than \$15. Let's step back a moment.

The original design of the USCWM was for it to become independent of the usual kind of donor constituency but to be totally dependent upon the approval, goodwill, personnel and mild financial support of the collaborating mission agencies. By "mild financial support" I mean that each agency here pays a nominal amount into operational overhead.

We're not exactly like the Bumble Bee which isn't supposed to be able to fly, but does. How do we run in the black, operationally? Most of the almost 300 people who work here

every day are paid by other agencies who send them here to work for the benefit of everyone. Most of the property mission agencies occupy here is paid for at a nominal amount, which pays for overhead—utilities, maintenance, etc. What is the value of all this? About \$2.5 million per year. Most of this money we never actually see, which is what mission personnel live on, and goes directly to them (not through the Center's hands), but this will give you insight into the measure of our great, ongoing dependence upon the agencies, they, in turn, depending upon the donor public.

Thus it is that due to the phenomenon of existing agencies contributing personnel and operational funds, and apart from the monumental struggle we have had with the property payments all along, we have always run in the black in terms of operations. Not all of our personnel yet come to us

from other agencies, but more than two thirds now do, and we hope that will go up to 100%.

This is why paying off the campus is so significant an achievement. It thus frees us from any taint of competition for funds with the existing agencies. It allows us to continue to work along behind the scenes, the regular agencies being in the limelight, where they need to be in order to attract personnel and support, and where we don't need to be due to the personnel and support we get from those same agencies.

This is why we have adopted such stringent policies (e.g. the \$15 plan) to avoid competition even while paying for the campus.

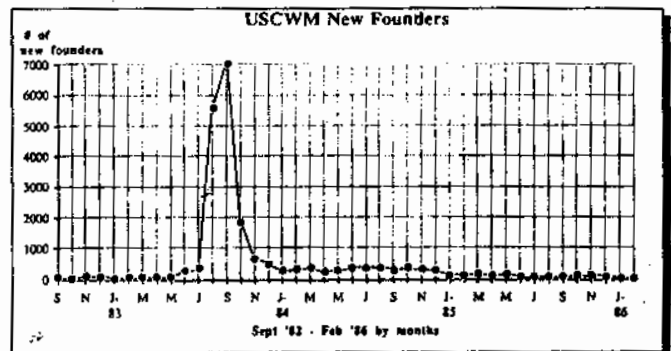
This is why even our "1/3 x 3" plan is designed as it is—to help produce new money and long term major supporters not for us but for the other agencies.

In the graph--what's the secret of the huge hump?

In the fall of 1983, 550 valiant people undertook to help us pass out thousands of "I'll Touch Ten" packets enclosing ten invitations to people to become Founders of the USCWM.

In a matter of days those 550 people, working through an average of about ten others, were able to elicit the response of over 15,000 new Founders. Try as we might we were unable properly to service that large a number, and failed to design the system so as to allow further growth.

But now we think we have a better way--and we can tell you to SEVEN generations how many ripples are created by the ten invitations you prayerfully send out!



Action Coupon

Your vision for reaching the Unreached Peoples of the world by the Year 2000 is now our vision, too, and we would like to try to give it away by inviting people to become \$15 Founders of the Center. With you we would like to believe that this vision can reproduce itself in still others further on whom we do not know. Please tell us how this might work, and send sample materials.

Send to: Ralph Winter
1605 Elizabeth St.
Pasadena, CA 91104

New Faces

AT THE U.S. CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

BILL ZOBRIST - Minneapolis, MN

Growing up in a missionary family in Africa with S.I.M., Bill Zobrist became a Christian early in life. From 1979-1981 he was involved with 2 special short term SIM projects. He has a BA in History/Bible Linguistics from Marion College (Marion, Indiana) and special training in computer electronics at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. Just before coming to staff training at the USCWM, Bill coordinated the IIS Perspectives class in Minneapolis. Like many other candidates who come to the Center, Bill sees a vital challenge for some to stay behind and help mobilize many others that might be able to go.



CRAIG SODERBERG - Cambridge, MA

Craig Soderberg first learned about the USCWM when he took the "Perspectives" course here on the campus. With a rich business background, he has given up a big potential career for his call to missions. (He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business in 1982). Craig says, "My commitment to missions is linked with my life goal. I would like to be instrumental in planting at least one church in at least one unreached

Here are the 6 candidates who began the first Candidate Training Program (CTP) offered by the USCWM, on Feb 3. The purpose of the 3 1/2 month program is to prepare prospective staff members not only for service at the USCWM but for service with any agency. With a strong emphasis on training, we see the CTP as an excellent opportunity, or first step, for anyone interested in pursuing a career in missions. Not only have the candidates responded with enthusiasm but many of the staff members share the same excitement

people group before I die. I would also like to be involved in reaching as many other 'Hidden People' groups as possible during my lifetime." Craig says he is interested in serving at the USCWM "because my personal life goals are very similar to the objectives of the USCWM." His goals also include further Biblical training - possibly at the Zwemer Institute, the Chinese World Mission Center, or Fuller Theological Seminary.



KEITH CAREY - Hermosa Beach, CA

Keith Carey's background is in the area of personnel hiring and development. Very early in life Keith gained a real heart to reach out to the

unsaved around the world. He has the gift of giving generously and more recently has been active with Mexico Outreach - making trips into Mexico to witness and to help put on religious services. "God has prepared me for missionary work for a long time," says Keith. "Even before I became a Christian - even as a small boy - God gave me a compassion for the starving. I used to 'trick or treat for UNICEF', and would fantasize on how each nickel could buy enough milk to feed someone for a full week." Referred to the USCWM by his pastor, Keith found that the Center needed people in Personnel Management; he felt the Lord call him to offer his talents in this vital way to the Lord's service.



New Faces

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and are even participating in the program.

The general feeling in the community is that a program of this type has been long overdue. We hope the CTP will expose many more people to the many opportunities available at the Center for the study and service. According to one candidate, "There is simply no other place I know that offers the kind of exposure to missions that the USCWM does; I feel this is the best place for me to determine what God wants me to do and where he wants me to serve."

TAWNEY ROGERS - Maple Grove, MN

Tawney Rogers brings a variety of experiences and skills to the USCWM. These range from Data Processing and Accounting to Professional Home Cleaning and Bible Study Leader. "I want to share my faith with others and disciple new believers in Jesus Christ," she explains. "With the development of my relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit I found that full time



missionary service is where I fit best into God's plan for the furthering of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Ever since she

received Christ she has been bringing missionary minded people into her life, with two of her friends currently serving at the USCWM and another student friend and husband studying at the Center.

PATRICK ROGERS - Maple Grove, MN

Patrick Rogers made a commitment to Jesus Christ at 8 years of age as his Savior; ever since, he has had a deep desire to share his faith with all people. Through the Evangelism Outreach Program he has been certificated and has helped train others to also share the Gospel. "I believe God is calling me into full time missionary service," he says. "I have sought God's leading about this for two years and I believe He has an answer in the U.S. Center for World Mission. I feel the training and service at the Center will best prepare me for overseas missions." While here, his goals are to complete the "Bible and Missions" training, to identify a People Group, then to learn more about these people. Patrick's background includes machine operation, building maintenance, ground maintenance, record keeping and evangelism.



DAVID SAND - Sandy, Utah

For 12 years, David Sand operated his own janitorial business before coming into the USCWM candidate program. With a background as an M.K., and a wife who is very interested in the missionary field, David brings a lot of potential to this aspect of the Lord's work. The catalyst that really launched him into full time missionary work was a fall of seventeen stories during a window cleaning job. He miraculously survived the ordeal even though he now has some limitations on his mobility. His wife Kathleen was not able to accompany him because she is completing prior commitments in her job as a Medical Technologist. However, she plans to join him later at the Center as they work towards their goal of overseas missionary service.

The CTP will be offered two more times this year: June 9-Sept 5 and Sept 8-Dec 16. For more information write to:

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News

FROM THE FRONTLINES

Student Mobilization Teams: Low-Cost Recruitment for the Front Lines

In the last three months of 1985, representatives from Frontiers, Inc., TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), and Caleb Project were able to meet with 8,500 students, 550 of them in one-on-one contexts, in order to demonstrate to them the viability of going to the mission field.

This Spring the three agencies hope to meet with 7,000 students in small-group audiences of 30 to 40, and 400 students in one-on-one settings.

"I may be wrong," said Bob Sjogren, associate U.S. director of Frontiers, "but I don't believe any agency can match the cost-effectiveness of our cooperative student mobilization teams (SMT's)."

For the entire calendar year 1985, he figures the agencies spent an average of less than 84 cents per student, total, to get their message out. "Understand what that means," he said. "We meet one-on-one with between 7 and 9 percent of all the students we ever talk

to. And 15 to 17 percent of all those students end up on our mailing list."

Sjogren indicated these names and addresses are valuable on two counts. First, because these students are prime candidates for mission service, and, second, because, even when students do not end up on the field, those agencies with whom they have the longest standing relationships are the ones that are likely to receive their support when they begin to earn money.

The three agencies are praying that by next fall six SMT's will be on the road at a time. Brent Preston, a member of TEAM and leader of one of the SMT's, said, "We want to split the country up into six regions. Each team will have one region in the fall and a different region in the spring. Each region will be covered twice each school year, but different people will speak at the meetings."

Preston said they are trying to get more agencies to devote personnel to the SMT plan. "Because the SMT's shift regions between fall and spring, an agency could devote three people to this project and by the end of the school year, one of their representatives would have spoken to students in every region of the country. Furthermore, they would have information concerning hundreds of students who had met one-on-one not only with their own SMT representative, but with representatives from other agencies who were working alongside them in the SMT plan."

The cooperative nature of the SMT plan means that Sjogren's 84-cent figure may be misleading. In 1985, two sending agencies, Frontiers and TEAM, sponsored the SMT's. Together they bore the cost of the SMT's, and together they shared in the information gathered by the SMT's. They were both represented at every

Guatemala Revisited

I did not know very precisely what I was getting into when I landed in Guatemala. But all my highest hopes were realized. No, higher than highest! Arriving at 8:30 p.m., I was informed that a large group of youth leaders were waiting for me to speak to them—at a conference center an hour's drive away, a big help in brushing up my Spanish. What powerful singing! I'm not sure I've heard it that way before.

Then the next day to an equally vigorous, packed auditorium of women—in a different city. Then the same day a group of about 60 professional men in a mountain retreat, returning there for a second talk a day later.

Finally the three-day "National leaderships" group (mainly pastors now), in still a different place.

But all of this was the same overall conference: the First Missionary Consultation of the Evangelical Church of Guatemala ("Primera Consulta Misionera de La Iglesia Evangelica en Guatemala").

Two points:

This had never happened before. Oh, it was not the first time Guatemalan believers of many different kinds had

met together—more turned out for Luis Palau than for the Pope. But *this was the first time the precise subject was missions and not evangelism*. That is, missions means going beyond your own people, classically to a people who have never heard. Evangelism is what happens after the church has been planted and reaches out to its own people. It was very clear that they now know the difference!

Secondly, this was only one of many regional and national-level conferences leading toward the big one in November of next year in Brazil for all Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries in the world! A \$2 million budget. Twenty books are being published in advance, etc. Nothing like this has ever swept Latin America.

Three years ago Latin America was dead on its feet in regard to Missions—Latin American led Missions. Not now. Shortly Latin America may have taken a leap and a bound and passed both Africa and Asia. Latin Americans have great advantages, being so close in cultural tradition to the Western resources. This was my first six-day chance to see Guatemala since 1975.

—Ralph D. Winter

FROM THE FRONTLINES

SMT presentation. That means the actual cost per agency to speak to one student was only 41 cents.

In the fall of 1986, if the SMT leaders' plans are realized, an agency would have to spend only 7 cents a student to get its message out.

"There are two things students lack," said Sjogren. "It's virtually a universal problem. They lack knowledge, and they lack examples."

Said Preston, "What we're doing is presenting ourselves to the students as real, live people like themselves—single, having questions, not wanting to leave friends and family—yet going. We're not saying, merely, 'Go!' We're saying, 'Come with us as we go to plant churches among different Unreached Peoples.'"

Sjogren added, "We've found that staying in their dorm rooms is a very effective way to communicate with students. We stay up 'til midnight, talk with them, eat pizza with them, sleep on their floors, get up in the morning, take a shower, get dressed...and we're missionaries! The students see that we are real and they can relate to us and they begin to think that maybe God really can use them, too."

Modeling is only one feature of the SMT approach. The matter of conveying knowledge and, perhaps, even hope itself, is another indispensable part of the SMT plan.

"When I meet with students one-on-

one," said Sjogren, "I try to map out for them a plan that will take them from where they are today to the field. I map out where they have to be at what times."

He gave an example of a sophomore. "I'll help him look at his junior year. Maybe he needs to emphasize evangelism and discipleship. In his senior year, maybe he needs to go overseas. After he graduates, maybe he'll take the Perspectives course, sign up with a mission and go on their candidate training. If he's in debt—he needs to work out a plan for paying back his loans. Whatever it takes, we figure it in.

"Most students don't think this way. They don't think in concrete terms. But we've found this is valuable for giving them a vision of what God may want to do through them."

Following the group meetings and one-on-one interviews, students who show an interest in what the SMT teams have to say are sent personal notes by SMT team members. A little later, they receive a printed letter that challenges them to a one-year commitment to monthly accountability and follow-up. The commitment comes in the form of the "Caleb Declaration":

Compelled by my first love for Jesus Christ, I will obey the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 for the rest of my life. In doing so, I will accept the priority of Paul to see the

Gospel preached among those peoples where Christ is not yet named.

Once a student signs this statement and returns it to the Caleb Project office he or she receives Caleb Project newsletters once a month throughout the school year. Each newsletter includes a monthly report form for the student to fill out and return.

Dorothy White, coordinator of Caleb Project's follow-up program, says these monthly reports are used by Caleb Project staff members to pray for the students and to encourage others. "We print challenging, encouraging quotes from these reports in our monthly newsletter. It's part of our supportive, 'come with us' attitude."

Marcia Blomberg, a nurse in Pasadena, California, wrote Dorothy, "The monthly reports have opened up my eyes to how quickly good intentions can be neglected if not pursued. I'm thankful for your commitment to seeing people develop a heart for the world that will take them beyond good intentions."

The Frontiers/TEAM/Caleb Project SMT's are on the road right now in the Midwest and northeastern United States.

For further information about the SMT plan itself or concerning the current teams' itineraries, write or call: Student Mobilization Teams, c/o Caleb Project, 1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104. (818) 794-1532.

—John A. Holzmann

Classroom Too Small

2/28—USCWM

Dave Delozier, USCWM representative for Massachusetts, reported that 110 students, almost 10 percent of the student body, are taking his Perspectives course at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts. Thirty students had to be turned away for lack of room in the class.

Khomeini a Great Blessing

On a recent trip through Iran, a leader in a ministry to Muslims was stunned by the comments of Christians in that country.

"Khomeini has been the greatest blessing the church has ever had here in Iran," they said. "He has shown the world what Islam is really like."

It seems that Muslims are turning to Christ in unprecedented numbers. Iranian church leaders report that, currently, 70 percent of all baptisms are of Muslim converts! Several churches reported that their number included between 50 and 70 percent converted Muslim. —J.A.H.

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FROM THE FRONTLINES

Producer: "Don't Neglect Video!"

C. Ray Carlson, president of the Center for International Communications, spoke at a regularly scheduled Missiology meeting at the U.S. Center for World Mission. "Any mission executive who has not considered the use of video within his mission's strategy for the '90s is behind the times," he said.

"Many people have the idea that other countries are too poor or too backward to be able to support the technology. They are wrong.

"Right now, only about 20 percent of all households in the U.S. have VCR's (Video Cassette Recorders). But in Kuwait that number is close to 98 percent, and in Japan, 60 percent or more. India, poor as it is, imports 25,000 VCR's a month, and Indian church leaders have actually stated that, due to the proliferation of the medium, they believe production of Christian video programming is *mandatory*."

Carlson said that part of the reason why the U.S. is so far behind other countries in use of VCR's is the wide-scale use of cable TV and satellite dishes here in the States. "We have other options here in the U.S.," he said. "But that is one more reason why we should be looking at video in missions. Many of the people we are trying to reach have the technology. What they are looking for and not finding is quality programming. I don't see why we can't provide them with quality *Christian* programming."

Though television and video may look expensive when considered strictly in terms of dollars expended, they can be extremely cheap in comparison with other media, he said. Procter & Gamble, for instance, which does a lot of advertising, will not use TV unless the cost per thousand (CPM) of reaching its audience is \$10 or less (a penny or less per person reached). "Tracts aren't that cheap!" said Carlson. "And when

we're talking about reaching illiterate populations (as many unreached groups are), there's no printed media that can approach the cost-effectiveness of video."

Carlson is particularly attracted to children's programming. One of the advantages of children's media, he said, is that parents tend to watch the programs through the eyes of their children. Some of the barriers are down. "A person who might never be caught dead on the streets showing an interest in the Bible could very easily end up watching a video cassette recording of *Super Book* (a cartoon version of the Bible) in the privacy of his own home. His children are watching it. Why shouldn't he?"

The matter of children's programming led Carlson to another point: video is replayable. "Children play these things over and over again," he said. "With the *Super Book* series overdubbed into Telegu, for instance, we might soon find Indian children with a better grasp of the Scripture message than children here in America."

Navajo Bible Only Second for Native Americans

Thursday-2/20-USCWM

Dr. James Buswell, head of William Carey International University's Graduate Studies Program and member of the Board of the Navajo Gospel Mission, announced today that the recently-completed Navajo Bible is "only the second complete Bible for any American Indian group."

By *American Indian* Buswell said he was referring to Indian groups "everywhere in North and South America."

Qhadaffi Aids Christian Missions

Thursday-1/16-USCWM

Dorothy Monsma, assistant to the director of the Institute of Global Urban Studies at the U.S. Center for World Mission, recalled for the staff today an incident that occurred just a few years ago in Bamako, Mali, West Africa.

"The Libyan government gave a television station to Mali," Monsma said. "When the station first came on the air, Muammar Qhadaffi got on the station and said that one of the main purposes for giving the station was 'to help stop Christianity.'

"Only a couple of months later, the Malian government approached Christian missionaries to ask them if they wanted some free broadcast time on their new television station.

"God uses things meant for evil in order to work good!" Monsma concluded.

At Home & Overseas

Thursday-1/30-USCWM

At tonight's Frontier Fellowship meeting it was stated that there are more Cambodians in Long Beach, California, than there were in Pnomh Penh at the height of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia.

In other news, the speaker said that God is working mightily in Indonesia. Church growth is so great, we are told, "when the government of Indonesia released the results of the 1980 census, there was such a violent reaction on the part of Muslims that the figures were revised to reflect the 1970 numbers.

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What's Happening

AT THE U.S. CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

Calendar

Weekly

The following meetings are open to the public. We invite you to join us.

Monday through Friday, 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.

Staff prayer meeting. Discuss and pray about what God is revealing through His Word and His Works.

Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Guided tours of the Center. (Tours at other times by special arrangement. Call (818) 797-1111-24 hours.)

First and Third Mondays, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m.

Interface. Hear the latest from the agencies at work on the USCWM campus; ask questions; pray for promising breakthroughs.

Second and Fourth Mondays, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m.

Missiology. Specialized reports and discussions on issues of relevance to missionaries and mission work today. Recent topics: Church Planting Models for Third World Missions; Radio Evangelism in India; Missions and the Return of Christ (a discussion of the relevance of Matthew 24:14 to missionary work).

Fifth Mondays, 11:00 to 12:00 a.m.

Special Topics. Call for information. (818) 797-1111-24 hours.

Wednesdays, 8:30 to 12:00 a.m.

Staff development meeting. Hear an inspiring message for personal growth. Recent topics: The Father Heart of God; Bitterness and Forgiveness; Spiritual Warfare; The Family in Missions.

Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Community dinner in the cafeteria. \$2.50 per adult.

First Thursdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.:

San Gabriel Valley Concert of Prayer. Call for location. (818) 797-1111-24 hours.

Second through Fifth Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.:

Frontier Fellowship. In-depth reports from the front lines, with prayer following. Keep up on the latest news!

Study Opportunities

The following courses are offered by the offices or agencies listed. University credit may be arranged in all cases. For further information, applications, etc., write or call the offices or agencies involved. If phoning and there is no answer at the number listed, messages can be transmitted via the Center's 24-hour phone number: (818) 797-1111.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

(818) 797-4605

Summer Session I, June 16-July 11.

Summer Session II, July 21-August 22.

Coordinators Training, July 12-18.

Institute of Japanese Studies

(818) 794-4400

The Gospel and Contemporary Japanese Society, July 21-August 1.

Effective Evangelism in Japan, August 4-15.

Asia Evangelical Mission

(818) 794-5128

Chinese World Mission-Study Internship, June 20-July 11.

Zwemer Institute of Muslim Studies

(818) 794-1121

Introduction to Islam, July 7-18.

The Gospel & Islam, July 21-August 1.

Church Planting in Muslim Contexts, August 4-15.

Supervised field experience available at all times.

Institute of Hindu Studies

(818) 794-1117

Introduction to Mission Among Hindu Peoples, July 21-August 15.

William Carey International University

Department of International Communication

Audio/Visual Production Workshop, June 2-14.

Richardson Addresses Issue of Children on the Field



Carol Richardson.

Wednesday-2/12-USCWM

Carol Richardson, member of the on-going Steering Committee of the International Conference on MK's (Missionary Kids), spoke today on the subject of "The Missionary Family in God's Purpose for the World."

"God's plan is for families," she said, "His plan is also for missions. The two go together."

One of Richardson's first concerns was to answer the objections of people who feel that mission work is too dangerous for families, and potentially damaging to children.

"As one man put it to me," she said, "It's one thing for a young couple, in their religious fervor, to be willing to lay down their lives among the cannibals. But I would draw the line when it comes to taking an innocent baby into a potentially dangerous situation."

Richardson objected, "The safest place in the world—not only for us, but also for our children—is at the very center of God's will."

Richardson demonstrated the value of a family ministry on the field, the blessings of God not only upon the

world around missionary families, but upon the families themselves. She also discussed the resources of God and the Church available to support missionary families.

Copies of the tape may be purchased through Frontier Media at the U.S. Center for World Mission. —J.A.H.

Missouri Synod Considers GPD



Three Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod "mission interpreters" (i.e., denominational-level mission educators/mobilizers) came to the Center January 10 to discuss with Dr. Winter production of a Global Prayer Digest-type publication for their church.

Maintenance Needs Evaluated by Church Group

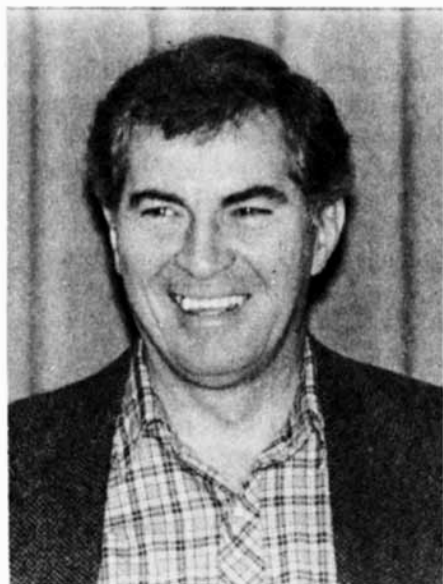
Saturday, January 11, nineteen men from Calvary Baptist Church, Gardena, California, came to the Center to evaluate maintenance needs in order to plan work for future groups of volunteers.

Art McCleary, Center general manager, says he hopes in the future to "more actively recruit volunteer groups to meet the Center's needs at the lowest cost."

What's Happening

AT THE U.S. CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION

"The Nations" and Christ's Return



Don Richardson

Monday-2/10-USCWM

Don Richardson today presented some of his latest thinking on the biblical basis for frontier mission outreach. "Does Matthew 24:14 ('and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end shall come') have any significance for current mission outreach?" he asked. He raised the question as a result of dialogue he has had with Dispensational theologians.

He referred his audience to five passages in which similar contingencies (the gospel being preached to all peoples) resulted in similar outcomes (the coming of the end) to those found in Matthew 24. For example, Romans 11:25-26 speaks of "the full number of the gentiles (nations, *ethne*)" coming in "so all Israel shall be saved." Revelation 5:9 suggests that men from all tongues, tribes, peoples and nations must be saved before the seven seals of judgment can be broken.

Richardson said that II Peter 3:10-12; Matthew 28:19-20; and Acts 1:6-8 all have similar significance: all

nations must be disciplined before Christ returns.

"It seems clear to me," said Richardson. "We cannot ignore Matthew 24:14 anymore than we can ignore these other portions of Scripture. The Scriptures clearly teach that all nations, all *ethne*—ethnic groups—must receive the Gospel before Christ returns."

But what about the doctrine of the imminence of Christ's return?

Richardson said, "We do not know how God is measuring 'the nations'; we do not know whether He considers a nation disciplined once and for all when the first convert appears, or whether a nation needs to be re-disciplined, as is the case in many parts of the Middle East,

where nations have been disciplined at one time, but have then pursued other gods (Islam). Jesus might return today. We do not know."

And the mission of the 144,000 in Revelation 7?

Richardson referred to Jeremiah 2:3 where Old Testament believers are referred to as *first fruits*. "After the first fruits comes the *harvest*," said Richardson. "The *harvest* is the nations—and the *harvesters* are the Church. The 144,000 of Revelation 7 seem to have the role of *gleaning*. The Lord wants the whole harvest brought in. To get the whole harvest, gleaners must come after harvesters."

—John A. Holzmann

Former Cannibals Send 65 Missionaries

Thursday-2/27-USCWM

John Dekker spoke this evening about his work in the early '60s and '70s among the Dani people of Irian Jaya. Dekker, currently working with the Global Mapping Project under Christian Nationals Evangelization Committee, was addressing the regular Frontier Fellowship meeting held on the campus of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

Said Dekker, "When I first began teaching the Scriptures to Dani

believers, I would say, "Have you learned what I have taught you?" And when they said they had, I would say, "All right. Then I want you to pass these things on to others. Until you have shared what you have, I cannot give you more."

By God's grace, Dekker said, as a result of this approach, within 10 years of the first converts among the Danis, the Dani church was supporting 65 to 70 missionaries who were going to over 20 other tribes. —J.A.H.

Texas "Perspectives" Mushrooms

Friday-2/28-USCWM

Wesley Tullis, national coordinator of the Perspectives study program, reported that there are two classes in Texas each with 90 students. Right now, said Tullis, there are two coordinators "trained and ready to begin classes this fall" in Dallas, and others in San Antonio and Houston who want to

start classes "in the near future."

The interest in Perspectives is so great throughout Texas that the leaders of these courses will be hosting a Regional Coordinators Conference.

Tullis quoted one of the Dallas coordinators as saying, "My ultimate purpose is to start a Center for World Mission here." —J.A.H.

The "Secret" Mission

Chapter One of a Series by Ralph D. Winter

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION

The following article was originally written to help staff members of the U.S. Center for World Mission see their place in the larger context of the cause of Christ. We thought you, too, might be challenged by this view of history that has for too long been held "secret."

Chapter One An Overview

1. Genesis 1-11, Introduction to the Bible

The Beauty of God's Creation. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...and God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good."

The Distortion of Satan's Intrusion. But the evil empire of Satan deceived and tempted man and took control of this world.

The Romance of God's Redemption. As a result, the only hope for the peoples of the earth listed in Genesis 11 is through the grace of God, *the blessing of God*—that is, to be disciples, to be reconciled through the death of His Son, to live in the fulness of His Spirit, and by His grace to "put on the full armor of God, that (they) may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

2. The Redemptive Mission (The Secret Mission)

Arrayed against the kingdom of evil is the Kingdom of God, now drawn into what turns out to be a *secret mission* to push the darkness back and expand God's rule to the ends of the earth, to the last of all the world's peoples. Why must this mission continue seemingly forever to be a "mystery," a "secret"? Paul called it that in Romans 16:25 because that is what in fact it actually

was, not because that is what it ought to have been! It became so and continues today to be so—but by default, due to unbelief, to delayed or partial obedience, or to the triumph in our lives of "the cares, riches and pleasures of this world."

As a result, a veil has dropped down over our eyes (II Cor. 3:14-18), and, tragically, for the vast majority of saints, whether in the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the post-Apostolic period, the reality of this cosmic struggle, the "Kingdom Strikes Back," continues to be a "mystery" or a "secret," just as it was to the vast majority of the Jews in Jesus' day. We are supposed to be praying for this *secret mission* when we say, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Yet few understand these words in this light.

3. The People of God, the Instrument of Redemption

In this mission, the people of God, "the church," in so far as it is responsibly aware of its task, constitutes an irreversible counterforce against which the powers of evil cannot prevail (Matt 16:18).

This concept of "the people of God," despite a wide variety of different views, is after all, I believe, best understood as simply "Abraham's offspring . . . those who are of the faith of Abraham," (Rom 4:16, Gal 3:29). To assume continuity throughout the Bible is easy in light of statements such as "Christ redeemed us . . . in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus . . . if you belong to Christ then you are Abraham's offspring," (Gal 3:13-29). Thus, the church is and was the vast company of

those that "will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God," "with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob," (Luke 13:29, Matt 8:11). This is a worldwide community past, present, and future of all those kindreds and peoples who through the "obedience of faith" are called to be His people—His peoples.

4. His People/His Peoples

It is curious to realize that the church is both "His people" and "His peoples." At the very end of time, in Rev 21:3, we see this vast host gathered—"His people" as our translations have it. But it happens to be "His peoples" in the Greek text. This tells us something of the enormous power of cultural biases to which even Bible translators are subject. American translators, who tend to think in terms of a melting pot church rather than a multi-peoples church (a pluralism of peoples), have apparently given in to cultural bias in not reflecting the plural word which is in the text, even though they render the very same word in the plural in the same book in four previous instances (7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 17:15). In one sense, surely, the children of Abraham by faith are one people but, viewed more specifically, many peoples. The luxuriant beauty and wonder of the variety of the world's languages and cultures, and perhaps even physical types will not be submerged in the end of time!

Paradoxically, by grace, the unifying power of the Spirit of God within the global church is such that uniformity is not essential to unity, nor is diversity the source of disunity.

A Theology of Redemption (Cont'd.)

5. A Wartime Lifestyle (Eph 5:16)

For 4,000 years, then, we have been in a Covenant-instituted and -guided counter-effort, an essentially "wartime" situation, whether people know it or not, and whether they are part of the solution or are unthinkingly or deliberately part of the problem.

We must therefore willingly adopt a "wartime lifestyle" as has been typical of missionaries for many years. This rarely-mentioned characteristic of missionary effort should be known and embraced by all serious Christians throughout the whole church, not just

by missionaries. We in the United States must not act as though we are already in the Millennium and as if it is now a time for relishing and wallowing in every abundance while our brothers in Christ in almost every other country of the world are undergoing much suffering and hardship which we could at least partially alleviate if we did not spend so much on ourselves!

6. The Covenant, the Plan of Redemption

God's way of mounting His counter-force was to take the initiative in establishing a very unique, multifaceted

agreement, or Covenant, with a single individual, Abraham, and with all subsequent "children of Abraham by faith." In that Covenant, by His Sovereign Grace, God invites us and requires us to do certain things, and promises us certain blessings. He selects us, guides us, and supports us. He loves us! He loves others!

—Ralph D. Winter

The author invites your comments. Write him, c/o U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104.

1985: The Year in Retrospect

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1985: A Year of Expectancy.

Despite the difficulties, despite the on-going financial crisis, despite disappointments and adversity of all kinds, our staff is buoyed with faith and an expectancy of good things to come. As Jim Grasley, a writer with the *Global Prayer Digest*, said one morning in the staff prayer meeting, "I really can't explain why, but I have this irrational optimism that God is going to bring us through to a great victory soon."

"We truly believe God is going to do 'something marvelous in our eyes,'" said Mrs. Winter.

"Irrational as it may seem to those

who are not a part of the day-to-day life at the Center, even the most sane and sober staff members have spoken with confidence of what they believe God is going to do if the staff will only trust and obey. Thus, inexplicably, 1985 ended with a great sense of expectancy.

"This is not because we have in our hands all the resources we need, but because the One Who does have these resources in His hands has us in His hands as well."

—John A. Holzmann
with Roberta H. Winter

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At Seminary

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At the regular Frontier Fellowship meeting held this evening at the U.S. Center for World Mission, Bill Campbell, president of Theological Students for Frontier Missions, a mission mobilization group for seminary students, said that "only 9 of over 200 seminaries in the U.S. require student participation in a course on missions."

Yet, said Campbell, despite the lack of mission fervor evident in seminary leaders, there are hopeful signs of renewed and growing interest in mission involvement on the part of evangelical students. In fact, said Campbell, "the presence of evangelicals is so keenly felt" on some campuses that even liberal seminary administrators are sensing a need to cater to evangelicals' demands or lose a significant portion of their constituency.

The Frontier Fellowship meets at the U.S. Center for World Mission every second through fifth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

"My ultimate purpose is to start a Center for World Mission here in Dallas."

—New Extension Coordinator
Perspectives Study Program

Letters

Final Frontiers slide tape

Dear Friend at USCWM,

Thank you so much for sending the "Final Frontiers" presentation. I used it at our church Sunday night. The response was so positive.

One man said that I should tell you what a good presentation it was, especially the quality of the tape. "You could hear the words - it was clear and not overpowered by the music; it was well done."

Another man said, "That was excellent! I've never had it (missions history) so clearly laid out for me like that before."

After the slides, I sat beside a friend. When I asked him what was something that caused him to become excited about life he readily responded with reference to the slides. "That which you just showed us is what makes me most excited." He is in the process of becoming a doctor and then he wants to go into missions.

I wasn't able to mail the slides back Monday or Tuesday morning. At work on Tuesday, a member of my church, Dr. Hoyt, who teaches missions at Columbia Bible College called me. He wanted to use this presentation in his class on Wednesday.

God Bless!
LB

Daily Prayer Guide Use

When I visited last week I was given several Daily Prayer Guides, without covers, out of date. I've used all I had and I can see a great use for them. For example a waitress in

Merced asked for one.

I'm sending \$1012.00. \$1000.00 is for USCWM loan payment, \$6.00 for my own subscription, the other \$6.00 I would appreciate if you would send me out of date Daily Prayer Guide's. I assure you they will be prayerfully given out to introduce new people to your work.

KJW

From Bangkok!

To whom it may concern,

This check for \$300.00 is a small gift I believe God wants me to give towards the purchase of the property in Pasadena. I am very excited about how you are actively promoting missions and making the remaining task of world evangelization known. Please send the receipt to my Bangkok address.

Warmly in Christ,
TN

Dear USCWM staff,

You have ministered to us through "Global Prayer Digest" and through courses taken at Samuel Zwemer. (I Tim. 5:18)

Enclosed is a check representing a donation to your work. We are interested most, and involved in work among Muslims but you can use this in the area of need.

Your in Him,
TMO

Prayer Guide on KTIS

I've been listening to your prayer helps for unreached peoples on KTIS in Minneapolis, MN for several months. It was an encouragement to my heart to return from overseas and hear such a helpful prayer guide on Christian radio. Could you tell me how much these digests are normally? I believe these would be beneficial to my fellow students especially those of us who pray for unreached people groups on a regular basis. It may be that we will order some copies for current prayer groups and for future groups in the following years.

CC,
Minneapolis, MN

Prayer Guide on KFLT

While listening to my favorite radio station here in Tucson, KFLT, I heard an offer for free information about the Global Prayer Digest. I recently began to hear your little short programs that are aired on KFLT many times through the day and evening hours. I became touched by your ministry to all of these tribes and unsaved people, that I was totally unaware even existed. I would be so happy to receive this information. I will keep your ministry in my prayers each day.

EM,
Tucson, AZ

MISSION TOOLS

Catch the Vision

Whether you're brand new or a 20-year mission veteran, these programs can help you gain and spread vision.



The Final Frontiers

Slides or video, 18 minutes.
Rental \$10; purchase \$35.

Provides insights into the vision of the unreached or hidden peoples and what God is doing around the world today! The missions movement from William Carey to the present is reviewed, describing how we are in the final phase of the missionary task. Christians are challenged to join the movement!

Kingdom of Love

Video. Purchase only, 4 minutes.
Retail: \$25; discount only \$15.

A music video by Scott Wesley Brown produced by MAF. This is a great video for young people showing overseas footage and challenging them to "look around" and see the needs of the world! "A must for every church youth group."

The Abraham Connection

Video, 22 minutes.
Rental \$10; \$30 Discount (\$50 Retail)

Shows the unity of God's purpose from Genesis to Revelation. Based on Genesis 12:1-3, Dr. Ralph Winter shows how God gave the mission mandate to Abraham. It is this same mandate that should be our commanding purpose today.

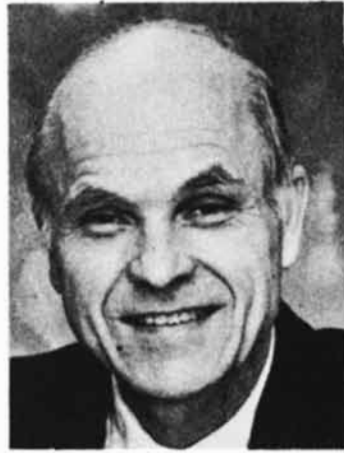
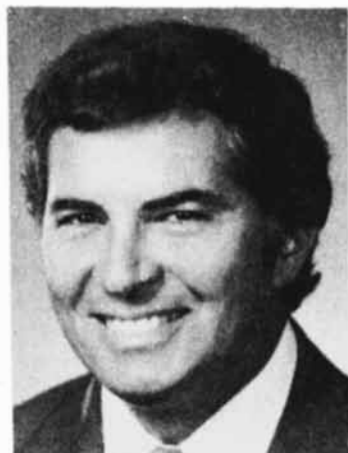
To Reach All Peoples

Slides or video, 15 minutes.
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Use in "Hour of Vision" Free!

A great tool to share your vision with friends. This is the latest presentation from the U.S. Center giving an updated glimpse of mission breakthroughs around the world as well as testimonies from U.S. churches vitally involved in completing the task. Viewers are challenged to become tied into the wealth of excitement and information available today. The U.S. Center's role in this mission renewal is briefly highlighted and viewers are encouraged to become founders and receive materials from the Center to boost their awareness of Frontier Missions.

MISSION TOOLS

Lay the Foundations



How to Mobilize Yourself as a World Christian

Video, 60 minutes.

Rental \$10; \$30 Discount (\$50 Retail)

David Bryant, missions specialist with Inter-Varsity Missions, gives a dynamic presentation with practical suggestions describing what it means to be a World Christian and how to keep your vision alive.

The Abraham Factor

Video, 38 minutes.

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Don Richardson, missionary and author, looks at the worldwide implications of the Abrahamic covenant.

Jesus, A Messiah for All Peoples

Video, 52 minutes.

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Don Richardson uses various New Testament references to demonstrate that God's ancient promise to Abraham to bless all peoples was the backbone of Jesus' earthly ministry.

The Pacesetters of Mission History

Video, 17 minutes.

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See how four missionary pioneers--William Carey, Hudson Taylor, Cameron Townsend, and Donald McGavran--helped to change the course of world missions during the past 200 years.

The Task of Highest Priority & Confronting the New Era in Missions

Available *together* in video.

45 minutes each.

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In *The Task of Highest Priority*, Ralph D. Winter describes the importance of cross-cultural evangelism and the development of the "Hidden People groups" strategy. In *Confronting the New Era in Missions*, Winter describes the methods God has used to propel believers into mission fields, especially in the last 200 years.

MISSION TOOLS

*Build***Perspectives Series #1**

Video, ten-45 minute sessions.
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Ralph Winter, founder and general director of the U.S. Center for World Mission, examines the Bible to draw conclusions about the character of God, His mission for us, and the possibilities that lie ahead as we seek to follow Him. The historic, cultural and strategic perspectives of missions take on new significance. Includes six lectures, four interaction discussions, and handouts. Recorded at Regent College.

Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches

Video, 60 minutes.
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Dr. George Patterson discusses key Biblical principles of multiplying churches by extension chains on the mission field. Dr. Patterson has helped churches to multiply in overseas settings and is now training other in this process.

The World Prepared for the Gospel

Video, 22 minutes.
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Don Richardson presents evidence of how God has prepared the way for messengers of the Gospel by leaving a witness for Himself among thousands of unevangelized and unreached peoples.

How To Mobilize a Movement of World Christians

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How to "give away" your world vision. Missions specialist Dave Bryant moves from the personal suggestions in *How to Mobilize Yourself as a World Christian* (above) to deal with the issues of group dynamics and motivation in small and large groups.

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