
 *Mission Frontiers* commends the book *Cat and Dog Theology* to any who wish to see how living for the Kingdom contrasts with cultural forms of Christianity.

In this humorous book, you'll discover that the modern gospel message is antagonistic to the foundation of Biblical Christianity. Without knowing it, many Christians have themselves become primary in the gospel and have replaced the glory of God.


Authors Bob Sjogren and Gerald Robison created dog "theology" and cat "me-ology" to uniquely illustrate how this happens. For too long, the modern culture has been busy teaching "how to make a living," but not "how to live for God" — we pursue His glory, but only on our own terms.

The readers will find themselves "happily convicted" about what has become our normal way of life, and comforted with adequate answers bringing the Glory of God back to the forefront of Christian thinking.

Price: \$10.00, available through Gabriel Resources 1-800-MISSION


 *July 26-August 2: YWAM Global Arts Gathering*, Biola University — for more information go to www.ywamglobalarts.com

Reminders:

 *The Global Consultation on Music & Missions* will be held September 15-18 in Ft. Worth, TX. The purpose for this gathering is to explore how God is drawing the nations to Himself through music and related arts.

We are calling together mission, music and worship leaders from around the world.

For further information, see ad on inside front cover, visit www.swbts.edu/gcomm or write gcomm03@netscape.net

 *The Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (EFMA)* will have its annual executives retreat from Sept. 15-18, 2003 at the Founder Inn, Virginia Beach, VA. For registration info email the program chair: greg.parsons@uscwm.org with "EFMA Details" in the subject line.



Third Call

Dear Mission Frontiers,

I've just finished reading your May-June issue. Thank you for your strong affirmation of the

need for mission agencies to take a fresh initiative in the task of World Evangelization. As U.S. Director for SIM, I am very interested in being part of the on-going process. Let me mention a couple of concerns for your consideration as the process moves forward:

1) As you well know, an increasing number of local churches and fellowships of churches in North America are choosing to conduct missions programs apart from any partnership with agencies. One of the major needs of missions from North America today is increased cooperation between church and mission. The organization of any such gather of agencies must be careful to avoid further polarization between church and agency and enhance their cooperation. How do we do this if we don't include these

churches in any gatherings that take place?

2) The emergence of mission from the Majority World in the past 3-4 decades is, perhaps, the most exciting and far-reaching event in recent mission history. Any gathering of mission agencies should be largely a gathering of missionary sending forces from Latin America, Africa, and Asia, NOT just a joint IFMA/EFMA/ISFM/ACMC meeting of North Americans who are involved in missions. Perhaps even more to the point, the LEADERSHIP and ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING of any such gathering should be led by missions leaders from the Majority World, not by missions leaders from North America. Do they feel the need for such a gathering? What do they feel the agenda of such a meeting should be?

Please put me on any mailing list or information list being assembled. I am very interested in the on-going planning and implementation of any gathering of mission agencies as proposed in *Mission Frontiers*.

Cordially,
Steve Strauss,
Director SIM USA

letters to the editor

Response to Steve Strauss

Virtually all responses so far are from the third world. The network will not be sponsoring house parties where invitation only reigns, but will be open to any qualified agency from wherever, as in 1980, which was a smashing success. Judging by that meeting the IFMA/EFMA people will be the last to feel the need to attend. I wouldn't mind if all of the people who come to send out the Call and even those who meet to implement it were third world-ers. No one will be "invited." All are freely able to come. Those who do will formulate it. I myself will probably be unable to attend, due to advancing cancer.

I agree that this sensitivity must be addressed. It explains in part the simple fact that global gatherings of explicitly mission agencies are so infrequent.

For example, gatherings at which there is a significant presence of local church leaders usually end up emphasizing something less important than agencies could be discussing. Local churches simply aren't in a good position to supervise field missionaries. However, if agencies want to gather together to see how they can best help local churches "send" their missionaries, this may help.

Cordially,
Ralph Winter
Editor, Mission Frontiers