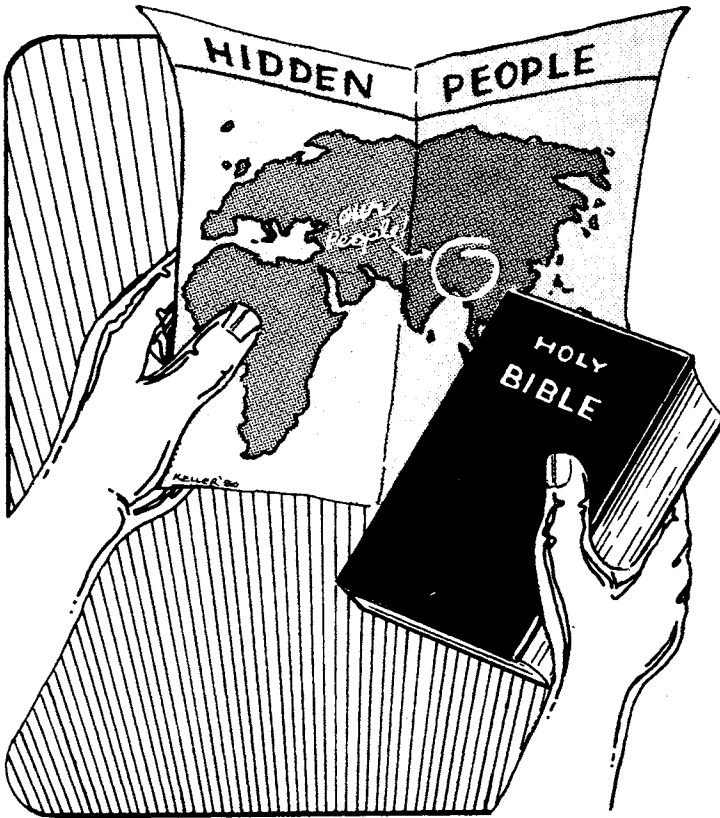


MISSION FRONTIERS

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For many years, churches have sent out missionaries to bring the Gospel to people living in spiritual darkness. The sending churches have nurtured, loved, and "adopted" their missionaries. The apostle Paul was often encouraged and supported by a sending Church. The heart of God seeks to bless His people, yet He also wants to reach out to those who are not yet His people.

There is now in America a great groundswell on the part of God's people to go one step beyond that "missionary-mindedness" to being truly "mission-minded."

A mission-minded church is concerned not only with the missionary involved, but with the larger goal of fulfilling the Commission to take the Gospel to all nations.

Channels are now beginning to open for local churches to actually "adopt" a Hidden People group, working through a mission agency to win a culture for Christ.

This bold new concept was discussed at the Congress on World Evangelism in Pattaya, Thailand, and the Strategy Working Group of the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization.

Linking mission agencies and local churches in frontier outreach was already established as a goal of the USCWM's "Year of Vision" program. The "Adopt-A-Hidden-People" program will be further discussed at the World Consultation on Frontier Missions in Edinburgh.

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LEARN ABOUT A BOLD NEW PROPOSAL:

ADOPT - A - PEOPLE



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This "Adopt-A-People" concept is very challenging. Read the article, and write to Len Bartlottti if you have questions. We'd appreciate hearing what you have to say.

By the time you read this, Edinburgh '80 will be history. We'll have full coverage on it next month. This month, be sure to read about the miracle for E'80 on the Letters Page (p.2).

Robert Wilder was one of the bright lights of

the Student Volunteer Movement 90 years ago. Beginning on page 6, we've reprinted his ringing message entitled "The Perils and Privileges of the Student Volunteer Movement." It's excellent reading.

Dr. Winter's editorial has a new position on page 2. His "Missions in the Bible" series will be completed next month. It's on page 10.

International Films Incorporated is a pioneer in taking the Gospel message on film to many parts of the world (p. 5).

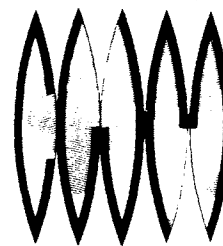
The October issue of Reader's Digest told of the genocide of the Hmong people in Southeast Asia. Read about Hmong Christians in the U.S. on page 9.

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Dear Faithful People,

Last Friday a truly momentous event occurred. We thank you for your prayers. Rejoice with us--on that day our property doubled and our financial net worth tripled. We formerly owned \$8.5 million assets owing \$6.7 million liabilities. Now we own \$14.5 million assets and owe \$9.6 million. Our "Net Worth" is the difference between what we own and owe, now \$4.9 million. On that day an additional 18 acres of residential properties (85 parcels, 135 rental units) cleared escrow so as to make us now owners of the entire campus and off-campus housing we originally sought.

The details leading up to this constitute a truly cliff-hanging series of dramatic events, in which we must recognize God's Hand at every point.

Although the strain humanly speaking has been enormous, we have been at peace through it all. "We are troubled on every side," said Paul, "yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." (IICor 4:8). (I will be glad to send you a detailed report if you wish to ask--tear off the back page and drop it in the mail.)

Please do two things:

(1) Pray that you personally might discover how to share your grasp of the challenge of the Unfinished Task. Do you need another half dozen "Jericho" books to lend around?

(2) Pray that now, as this goes to press, and as the scene for many of us shifts to Edinburgh, that this precious meeting will succeed. No use being the largest meeting of mission executives in history, or the first to bring mission executives from East and West together, or the first to incorporate a sister conference of youth leaders--if through it all there is not the radiant presence of the Holy Spirit illuminating new steps forward to share the blessings of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with all the families of the earth.

Young in His Commission
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Expect Great Things from God. Attempt Great Things for God . . . William Carey

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LETTERS

PRAYING, MEETING, SUPPORTING,
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Friends,

I received a brochure about your special need which I passed on to another friend. Praying with you for the need to be met in Jesus' Name. May God's people respond to the leading of His Spirit.

Sincerely,

E. B.

Chatham, New Jersey

Dear Sir,

Greetings in Jesus' Holy Name.

I thank God for what He is doing in NIGERIA through all of you. . . May the Lord bless you even [in] this life.

Please help me [by] sending free Pastor's Kit and some books that would help me in this great task.

Though you do not know me, but by His grace we shall meet one day in His presence and shake hands. Galatians 6:9.

Thanks,

Pastor E. U.

Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Dear Dr. Winter,

. . . Our decision to participate [in helping to support the Center] was influenced a great deal when I remember a talk you gave to a group of businessmen either at a business seminar or at the Union League Club in Chicago. It was positive, straightforward, constructive for every individual who would listen and heed.

Therefore our donation is made with the prayer to God that the Christian principles of living may be conveyed.

Sincerely,

R. and E. O.

Homosassa, Florida

Dear Dr. Winter,

I thank you for keeping me up to date on the happenings at the USCWM. I thank you for the Prayer Bulletin and the Women's Prayer Council.

. . . I am not a young lady any more.

I am a 67 year old widow on a fixed income. I would like to make a monthly faith gift. It will not be large but I do know that every penny helps. Pray with me that God will supply here.

May God's richest blessings be with you, your dear wife, your family, and co-workers always.

He Lives and I know He lives,

H. J.

Richmond, California

Dear Friends at USCWM,

Enclosed is a "mite" of \$10 to add to your payment. We want to have some share in the victory we believe the Lord will give you. We know He has not brought you this far to let you be cast down now.

Surely for His own Name sake He will see you through. Those who are trusting in the Lord will not be brought to shame.

Sincerely in Christ,

M. B.

Pasadena, California

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have just finished reading Once More Around Jericho (I hope that is the exact title. . . I've already passed it on for someone else to read). The book is very inspiring as it tells of your dedication and zeal to spread the gospel to all the world.

I currently give heavily to support the missionary outreaches from the Word of God, the Christian community I live in. However, the Lord impressed upon my heart the need to fully establish the USCWM, so I am sending you \$15.00. You do not need to send a copy of the book, as I have already read a borrowed copy which is being rapidly circulated among people I know.

I will be praying that the Lord will continue to bless your work. While I am far from your center and the day to day work you do, I am a partner with you in prayer and in spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Sincerely,

J.A.M.

Ann Arbor, Michigan



MIRACLE FOR E'80

The first reaction was stunned silence. Then, a flurry of commotion and praises to God as the announcement was made at a special staff meeting of the USCWM by Larry Allmon, Chairman of the Edinburgh '80 Committee that a gift of \$100,000 had been received to underwrite the expenses of the World Consultation on Frontier Missions.

The gift was given by the Aurora Foundation whose founder has had for many years an intense personal interest in world missions. His interest has taken him to many countries---not just as an onlooker, but as a side-by-side assistant to missionaries on the field.

Last month's "Mission Frontiers" asked for special prayers for the finances of E '80. With this special gift, which covers the entire budget needs of the meetings, there will also be additional travel subsidies available for those non-Western delegates to the conference who had registered a special need.

The funds will also be used to guarantee full documentation of the conference. ■

ADOPT

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Although this program is still in its formative stages of development, we at the USCWM believe that having local churches pledge finances and personnel for specific cultural groups is the kind of thrust that will bring into reality the vision of reaching 16,750 Hidden People groups by the year 2000.

The "Adopt-A-People" proposal can be likened to a family adopting a child. For an orphan to be assured of a secure home, parents considering adoption must be willing to care for, take responsibility for, and love the prospective child.

In turn, some information about the baby's parentage, background, and health must be made available. Then the adoption agency brings the two parties together, acting for a time as a resource for the newly-formed family.

Hidden people are like spiritual orphans. Local churches, with their wealth of spiritual and material resources, are the best-qualified to take responsibility for carrying the Gospel to these orphans. Mission agencies can provide the experience and personnel training necessary for cross-cultural ministry.

The local church and the mission agency are like a "marriage" of prospective parents who can adopt a Hidden People group.

The United States Center for World Mission can act as one of the clearinghouses to help match the people groups and local churches with the most appropriate mission agency.

Three crucial steps are necessary to bring about a successful adoption:

1. Validation of the people group. An accurate pool of information is necessary for a task of this kind. Such a data base depends on sophisticated information systems that are already in place in various organizations today. The data must then be made available to other agencies for collation.

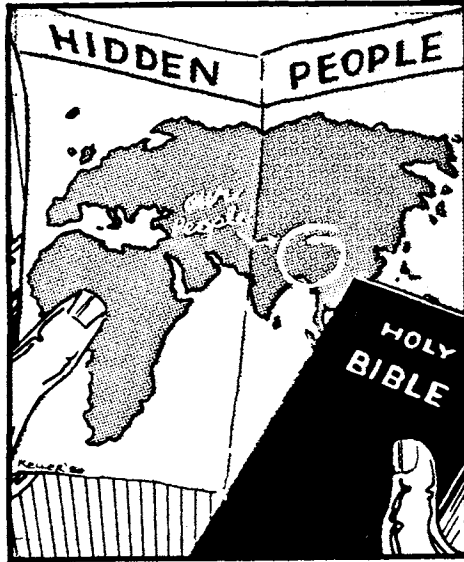
Information has already been cross-indexed at the USCWM from the Unreached Peoples files of MARC (3,000 people groups), the Ethnologue of Wycliffe (10,000 languages and dialects), and the Language List of Gospel Recordings (4,070 languages and dialects).

Then, appropriate strategies for evangelism can be designed by the Institute of Chinese Studies, Institute of Hindu Studies, Institute of Tribal Studies, and the Samuel Zwemer Institute, all located at the United States Center for World Mission.

With the compilation of information and development of strategy, there must be an assessment of priority of need, and evaluation of the relative receptivity of each people group.

2. Agency decision to initiate action. At some point in this process, the mission agency enters the picture. The agency must be fully informed concerning potential strategies and required resources (budgets, personnel, support services) necessary to initiate action. Then, the agency would screen and select candidates.

It is encouraging that churches are increasingly willing to take on more responsibility in the recruiting and nurturing on potential candidates. Potential candidates are being prepared by the Institute for International Studies at the USCWM which provides accredited perspective-building courses for college students.



The agency would then alert its churches and constituency about the Hidden People project. The USCWM would assist in this peomotion, make initial contact with churches, and serve as facilitator for the adoption process.

The agency would naturally make a commitment to supporting churches, groups, and individuals, providing regular reports and enabling them to follow the progress made in penetrating the Hidden People. The agency's decision to

initiate action will assure churches of its willingness to move into new fields as soon as sufficient funds and personnel are pledged.

3. Church adoption of the Hidden People. The local congregation's adoption of a Hidden People would involve long-range concern, including prayer, information, research, awareness, love, financial contribution, provision of personnel, etc. The USCWM has developed a "Year of Vision" program (see September 1980 of Mission Frontiers) involving a variety of pioneer missions renewal resources and awareness seminars to help educate the church and to help lay the groundwork necessary for intelligent involvement in reaching a Hidden People. Films, books, periodicals, and other materials from individual agencies would also contribute to a church's informed participation.

Churches could select and back specific Hidden People projects according to agency, or according to their interest in a particular cultural bloc.

Adoption would probably need to be on a partnership or "shared" basis because of the costs involved. That is, each participating church could assume one or more \$1,000 yearly shares in the total projected cost for reaching the Hidden People. A church would make a 5-year faith commitment to stand behind the mission agency's faith initiative.

Even if the missionary couple(s) or team involved were to change, the church's adoption of the unreached people would be secure. Progress reports, training, field visits, etc. would fuel prayer, concern and awareness.

Results could be monitored and reported. An adequate monitoring and reporting mechanism is being developed by the Strategy Division of the USCWM in consultation with MARC, the Strategy Working Group, and others.

Such a plan can actually provide a conceptual and practical framework for the great task of reaching the Hidden People with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is exciting to think that God may use one particular local church (maybe yours!) to help bring the Gospel to a particular Hidden People!

As more and more churches catch the vision of fulfilling God's Commission, there will be fewer and fewer Hidden People groups!

There is a Light at the end of the tunnel. ■



WORLD BRIEFING,
FEGC, INTERCRISTO

"WORLD BRIEFING" MINI-CONFERENCE AT CENTER JANUARY 1-3, 1981

The USCWM is sponsoring a World Briefing Conference at the Center from January 1 at 5:00 P.M. to January 3 at 2:00 P.M.

The program will feature first-hand accounts of God's workings in crucial areas of the world during 1980 by Dr. Ralph Winter and others of the USCWM family; and practical goal-setting seminars for reaching "hidden people."

Lodging and meals are available on campus. For registration and information, write USCWM WORLD BRIEFING, 1635 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena CA 91104.

FEGC REPORTS

"We are looking towards 1981 with plans to begin recruiting people to help with Muslim evangelism," according to Rev. Frank Allen, Philippine area director of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. There are 3 to 5 million Muslims in the Philippines, and very little is being done to reach them with the Gospel.

INTERCRISTO QUERIES INCLUDE HIDDEN PEOPLES

Dave Carlstrom of Intercristo (a service agency designed to "help God's people into God's work") reported at a recent Thursday Night meeting at the Center that their new questionnaire adds the option: "Ministry to Unreached Peoples."

Applicants are also given opportunity to identify the people blocs with which they are most interested in ministry.



Production crew discusses scene from "Tanglewoods' Secret".

IFI: Films to Reach Multitudes

If you have heard of Darth Vader you know the power of the film media.

That power was impressed on C. Ray Carlson, founder of International Films, Inc., 25 years ago when he saw "Quo Vadis."

"Although I had thought myself a good Christian and a devout church-goer," he said, "I was not prepared for that film. In typical Hollywood spectacular fashion, it showed Christians being martyred in the arenas of Rome, and being burned at the stake---all the while singing praises to God. When my wife and I got to our car, we sat and wept.

"This personal experience proved to me just how powerful and valuable movies can be."

In pursuit of this goal, IFI has made films in Latin America, Africa, Europe, Central Asia and the Far East, each in the language of the land.

For instance, according to Janet Tronstad, IFI Director of Communications, "The Book That Would Not Burn," the story of how a queen in Madasgar more than a hundred years ago killed Christians and burned their

Bibles, has been shown more than a thousand times throughout Madagascar. She said missionaries report that whenever it is shown, Bible sales go up, church attendance increases and new converts are won to Christ.

The state censor, she said, wept when he saw the film and asked for more films like it.

In another instance, the film "Yoneko," a true story of a Japanese girl who tried to kill herself, but instead became a Christian in the hospital, was broadcast in Turkish over a Dutch television station for the 250,000 Turkish guest workers living nearby.

Since there are fewer than 100 known converts from Islam to Christ among 40 million Turks, Christian missionaries said it was "incredible" when 200 viewers requested the offered Gospel of John.

Because one of the primary objectives of IFI is to train Christians of other countries to produce films, IFI is beginning a production program next fall, hoping to enroll both foreign and U.S. students. For information write to International Films, Inc., 1610 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, California 91104. ■

box score	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT
New Donors	263	232	306	446	380	405	461	249	323
"Grapevine Letters" Ordered	5500	4800	9700	5950	9840	8035	1355	2226	2433
Hidden People Sunday Churches	7	8	11	14	7	32	39	37	40
Total Donors Monthly	457	407	702	701	617	675	760	336	427
Total Donors to Project:	18,883				Total new pastors this year: 264				

[This article is an abridged transcription of an address given by Robert Wilder at the Student Volunteer Movement Conference held in 1891 in Cleveland, Ohio. Wilder helped to found the Student Volunteer Movement in 1886 at Princeton College, out of which 40,000 students committed themselves to spreading the Gospel to foreign lands. Within the next 50 years, 21,000 missionaries journeyed overseas, influenced by this movement.]

Wilder here addresses students who have signed a pledge joining "those who had definitely decided that it was their duty to go to the foreign fields, in order that they might encourage and enlighten one another, and do more effective and aggressive work on behalf of the cause." Although spoken nearly 100 years ago, Wilder's exhortation rings with relevance and truth for those today who would go wherever Christ calls them.]

Robert P. Wilder

The Perils and Privileges of the Student Volunteer Movement

1. Here is our first peril. Some say: "Yes. We have given our lives to the work. The churches are disobeying Christ's last command, is it any reason why we should? Should the heathen be allowed to perish because our church members purchase flowers to adorn earthly temples, when the money is needed to win souls for the heavenly temple? These Christians are answerable to their Master. We must not plead their sin as an excuse for ours.

Students in one of the leading theological seminaries said to me: "It will do no good for us to apply for foreign service. Two of our best men applied, and were rejected for lack of funds. They were far superior to us." To such I answer, Do the Boards say, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation?" If so then the Boards dictum should settle matters. But it is Christ who commands this world-wide campaign. A Christ-sent man no empty Board treasury can stop.

But, you answer, if the Board refuses me, is that not a call of God for me to remain at home? That depends upon the cause of their refusal. If you are refused because of ill health, or mental or spiritual incompetency, the probability is that you are unfit for foreign work. But even here the Boards are fallible. One of the best foreign missionaries was rejected by three Boards. Yet he went abroad, and God used him.

If the Board rejects you because of lack of funds, do not interpret this as a call of God to stay at home. You say, How can I be sent? First, pray to Him whose is the silver and gold. Then go to your home church where you are known and loved, tell the pastor and people of your purpose, and doubtless they will raise your salary. The churches are ready and willing to give if appealed to by young people whose lives are consecrated to the work.

Let us come to the churches having as our theme the highwayman's motto, "Your money or your life," saying the needs are so great, the command so urgent, we have given our lives -- will you not give your money? I am glad, for two reasons, that our Boards lack funds. First, so that the faint-hearted and backbonesless volunteers may be weeded out. If such a small obstacle as lack of money paralyzes a man, how will greater obstacles on the field affect him? Second, so that we may be compelled to address the churches and give them facts and fire. Think what it will mean if scores of volunteers make a thorough canvass of the churches informing them upon foreign fields and prevailing upon each church to support at least one volunteer. So this lack of money is our extremity if we are weak-kneed, but our opportunity if we are strong in the Lord and true to our pledge.

2. The second peril is from our friends. Some wiseacre will come to a volunteer and say: "You are too good a man for foreign work. The home field needs men of piety and brains like yourself."

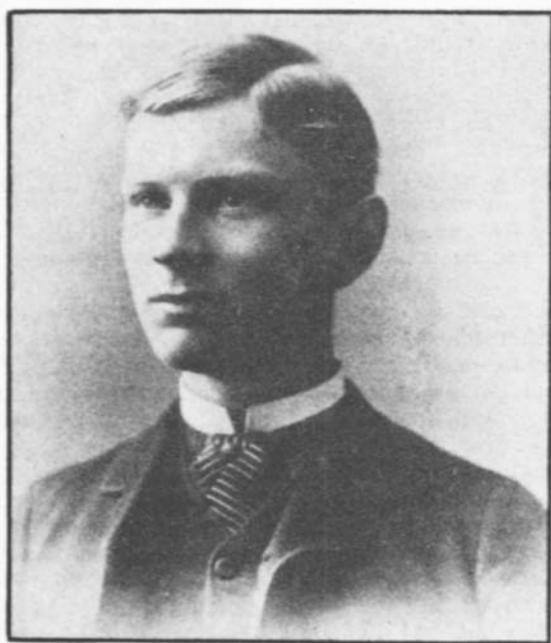
A professor in a leading divinity school told a senior that he was too able a man for foreign service. What do such professors mean? Shall we send inferior men to grapple with Neo-Buddhism and infidelity in Japan? Are any too brilliant to deal with the subtleties of Hindooism or the modern philosophical-religious cults in India? If any man before me holds this view, a month's contact with the Somajists or theosophists in India will knock out his conceit. Yes, even the most degraded in Africa need the best. The most ignorant need as teachers the clearest thinker. Our Savior did not hesitate to preach a matchless sermon to the fallen woman of Samaria.

"LET US COME TO THE CHURCHES HAVING AS OUR THEME THE HIGHWAYMAN'S MOTTO, 'YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE. . .'"

Friends occasionally take a different tack. They magnify difficulties of language and dangers of climate. They counsel caution and urge our unfitness for foreign work. Pray over the matter unselfishly. Find out your unfitness and overcome it. If it be intellectual unfitness, study and discipline your mind. If it be physical, endeavor by careful diet and exercise to overcome this obstacle. If after careful training you are still unfit, you can work at home with the satisfaction of having done your best to go. If the defect is a spiritual one, then halt. Move not a step until this unfitness be removed. By prayer, study of

the Word, and practice in sharing your faith, this defect can be overcome. Do not let the question be decided by a "What say your friends?" but by a "What saith the Lord?"

The most serious peril presented under this head is that presented by home ties. You say, "Are we not told, 'children obey your parents?'" Yes, but complete the verse; it reads, "Obey your parents in the Lord." Are we obeying them in the Lord if they interfere with our doing the Lord's work? How did Christ deal with this subject? (Math. 10:35-38; Math. 12:46-50.) Was Asa a disobedient son? He removed his mother from being queen because she had made an idol in a grove. He put God and his cause first, his mother second. Can we allow a mother to be queen in our hearts if she interferes with duty to Christ? When Christ called James and John they did not argue about filial duty. "They immediately left their ship and their father and followed Him."



Robert P. Wilder in 1886

Let God, not your parents, settle this question. You should pray for them and give them the facts. If consecrated they will in time feel the force of Christ's command as you do, and will bid you "God speed" in the work. But what if parents are financially dependent upon you? If you are an only child and the support of an aged father or mother rests upon you, then you may be exempt. But if there are other children in the family, you are under no more obligation than they to support parents.

There is a question more difficult than this to decide. It presents a serious problem. If the first commandment means anything, it means that God and his service must be dearer to us than the dearest earthly tie. So firm was William Carey on this point that when his wife refused to accompany him the answer came, "Go I must or guilt will rest upon my soul." One volunteer said to me not long since that his fiancée refused to accompany him. With my whole soul do I pity that man; but the

fault is largely his own. Had he, from the first, made it evident to her and her friends that it was his unflinching purpose to go, he would have avoided this complication. Write a letter indicating such a purpose to your fiancée. If she be thoroughly consecrated, it will nerve her to new consecration. If she is unwilling to go, find out the fact as soon as possible, leave her, and thank God for your escape from a union which would defeat His plans.

One volunteer hesitated to go because his mother-in-law opposed it. Imagine a man in the United States Army telling his officer that he would not go to a western army post because his mother-in-law objected! Oh! for men like Zinzendorf, who will say, "I know of only one passion, and it is He."

3. The third peril is self. This explains why so many volunteers cool off. The lack of money in the Boards, pressure of friends and relatives, are perils; but the chief perils are in the volunteer's heart. At some meeting the missionary fire was kindled, and he signed the pledge. If the fire is not kept up the fault is his own. You say that he decided under excitement. That makes no difference. Excitement is often a God-send. Hear Dr. Judson's statement upon this subject:

My views were very incorrect and my feelings extravagant; but yet I have always felt thankful to God for bringing me into that state of excitement which was perhaps necessary in the first instance to enable me to break the strong attachment I felt to home and country... That excitement soon passed away, but it left a strong desire to prosecute my inquiries.

Whether "excitement" is followed by such a "strong desire" depends upon yourself. Do not say that God allowed the flame to wane. Have you fed the fire? Information is the fuel. If the fire has died for lack of fuel the fault is your own, since there is an abundance of missionary literature at your hand. But throwing on fuel is not enough. Look well to the draft. Knock out the clinkers of self which clog up and deaden the fire of consecration.

"THROWING ON FUEL IS NOT ENOUGH. LOOK WELL TO THE DRAFT. KNOCK OUT THE CLINKERS OF SELF WHICH CLOG UP AND DEADEN THE FIRE OF CONSECRATION. . ."

Unless careful, men, our professional courses of study will chill us. Theological men will bear me out what I say that the business like scrutiny of the Word with the microscope of textual criticism is a chilling operation unless we constantly approach the study with bowed heads and scan the sacred pages reverently. Here is a peril. Let not the fire of consecration cool under your professional studies.

He says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." If His last command means less to us now than when we first volunteered, it is because we

love Him less. "Lovest thou me? ... feed my sheep." If we are less anxious to feed the sheep wandering through all the mountains of the world, it is because we love the Shepherd less. Is not Christ saying now, as in the days of Ezekiel, "My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them"?

We all have more light than we live up to. To get more we must use what we have. Then there are crises when any delay is unjustifiable. Notwithstanding the many adversaries opposing, a wide door and an effectual one is open to us.

What are our privileges? They belong to two classes: those before sailing, and those after reaching the field.

1. Those before sailing:

a) We have the personal privilege for preparing for the largest possible service. Throughout our courses of study we have the assurance that every bit of knowledge can be utilized in the foreign field.

"If GOD COULD EVANGELIZE THROUGH MISSIONARIES OUR ANCESTORS, THE SKIN-CLAD BRITONS AND THE NAKED SAVAGES OF GERMANY, HE CAN USE US TO EVANGELIZE ANY EXISTING HEATHEN NATION."

Can you use the axe as well as the pen? Both kinds of skill are needed abroad. Knowledge of printing, blacksmithing, ship-building, carpentry, medicine, journalism, book-making, all can be utilized in this magnificent work to which we look forward. As the German proverb states, "All kinds of nets are needed for all classes of fish." We have all classes of work abroad, and every talent can, if consecrated, be utilized.

Here is a work for which no man is too great -- none to small -- if the heart be filled with the Holy Ghost; a work in which the weak things, the base things, and those despised have been used. And as we study and think about this work, how our hearts and minds expand! The millions who cling to great ethnic faiths troop into our sympathies until our thoughts broaden; our love deepens, and we, too, have begun to love the world somewhat as God loves it. Oh, the personal privilege of preparing for the work of foreign missions!

b) But there is a public privilege for us prior to going abroad: First, to secure volunteers. Next to going yourself comes the pleasure of getting someone else to go. Secure another man to enter foreign service and your life is doubled.

Secondly, we have the privilege of arousing the home church to a greater interest in the work of missions. You say, that is presumption. We should follow, not lead, the Church. But God has worked differently. If Martin Luther had waited for the Church to lead, where would have been the Reformation? If William Carey had waited for the Church to lead, where would have been modern missions?

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth!" God chose a young man to arouse England, and he did it, though only after twelve years' battling. God chose a young man to arouse America to assist in the world's evangelization. Is he not calling us to

stir the church of America to finish the work of world-wide evangelization? It is in our power to stir Canada and the States from Toronto to Texas, from Nova Scotia to the Pacific. Think what God did through the one man Wesley. What can He not accomplish through hundreds of men and women if we let Him use us! How can we accomplish this? The way in which Jerusalem was kept clean was by having every man sweep before his own door. Let each one of us sweep away from his own church and institution whatever ignorance and indifference there is to this, the greatest work of the century.

2. After sailing:

First, the personal privilege. We can enter upon the grandest work given men to do, a work which the Apostle Paul coveted. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace (privilege) given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Do you wonder that a volunteer writes from Africa, "There is such joy in this service that I almost pity those who have to stay at home?" As we enter the foreign field, let us remember that we are treading in the footsteps of the greatest men of the Church. Schwartz, Carey, Livingstone, Martyn, Judson, Hannington, and a host of others are watching us. Seeing "that we are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Secondly, by sailing we have the privilege of strengthening the home church. One says, "As metaphysics may be called the pure mathematics of Theology, so missions are its practical application, and are destined to play an important part in correcting the vagaries of theologians, as practical engineering has done in the domain of theoretical mechanics."

Thirdly, we have the privilege, after reaching the field, to cooperate with missionaries and native Christians in a forward movement to speedily evangelize the world. It is the privilege of being at the front in what may be the final charge. We must admit that the world can be evangelized in this generation. Whether it shall be depends largely upon us, the students of North America. Courage, fellows! If God could evangelize through missionaries our ancestors, the skin-clad Britons and the naked savages of Germany, He can use us to evangelize any existing heathen nation. But, to accomplish this, one thing is essential. With it success is assured. If the volunteers receive this fire from on high, our land will be illumined and the dangers of distant lands be dispelled. "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Ghost." We volunteers need this fire.

Paul asked Christians to pray "that utterance may be given unto him," and utterance was given. He and Barnabas "so spake that a great multitude . . . believed." Paul the scholar, Paul the philosopher, prays for utterance. What does this mean? Have we not heard men speak elegantly and learnedly, yet the words did not move our hearts nor mold our lives? They were "faultily faultless, splendidly null." Why? The speakers lacked unction; they did not possess the utterance of the Holy Spirit.

Who can have this baptism of the Holy Spirit? Not only the Apostles, not only the seventy---even the women---all. This is our heritage as much as it was Peter's. We should have more power than he had, since we have the same promises and the light of his example.

How can we obtain this baptism of the Holy Spirit? To Him we must look, and to Him alone. But there are several conditions we must fulfill before receiving this power:

1.) Bible Study. Peter was not ignorant and unlearned as far as his Bible knowledge was concerned. His sermon at Pentecost was made up entirely of quotations from the Old Testament Scriptures and applying those passages. The early disciples were thoroughly familiar with the doctrines and promises of the Word. Christ had taught them how to use the Sword of the Spirit. (John 14:26) He cannot bring things to our remembrance unless we first store them in our memory.

2.) Faith. It is better to have too much faith than too little. It is better to be too hot than to have a Laodicean lukewarmness. Stephen was "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost." He was "full of faith and of power." See how the word faith is emphasized. Do you suppose that God will give us a Pentecost outpouring of His Spirit if we are so "narrow" and "proper" as to practically deny the possibility of another Pentecost now? As we go abroad let us remem-

ber the words, "According to your faith be it unto you." "He could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief." Let us expect a Pentecost upon the foreign field.

3.) Eye single to God's glory. He will not give His glory to another. When Uzziah "was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction." If we preach for "effect," to win admiration, the Holy Spirit will not fill us. Can we truthfully say with Zinzendorf, "I have but one passion, and that is He"?

4.) Waiting, eager waiting upon God. (Luke 24:49) They tarried ten long days, though the world needed them. Let us never, never dare to leave for foreign service until endued with power from on high. Nothing but prayer will give us this power. Note that the disciples were eagerly waiting upon God. They must have had that prayer meeting very early in the morning; for after they had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and after the news had spread and crowds had assembled, it was only nine o'clock in the morning. And only the hungry and thirsty shall be filled. (Jer. 29:13)

When the Tabernacle was finished it was filled with the glory of the Lord. When our work of preaching the Gospel to the whole creation is finished, "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." ■

Young Hmong Christians Convene at U.S. Center

A special group of 88 young people between the ages of 15 and 22 met August 20-24 on the campus of the United States Center for World Mission. What made this group special is the fact that these young people were Hmong Christians---refugees from Laos and Thailand.

They came from many parts of Southern California to study the Bible and to discuss various aspects of the Christian life. According to Ernie Heimbach, coordinator of the conference, there was a strong desire among the group to grow into maturity as Christians.

The Hmong people are a part of the growing Hmong church in the United States. There are several thousand Christians among the approximately 15,000 Hmong residents living in this country. Most of the 30 Hmong congregations in the U.S. are affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The Conference was led by Ly Chong, Hmong pastor who also works with the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company, preparing radio broadcasts to be aired to Hmong-speaking people in Southeast Asia.



Hmong woman

Many Hmong are in America as a result of one of the most massive people-relocations in history, due to the political upheavals in Southeast Asia in recent years.

The Hmongs are also called the Miao in southwest China, where the China Inland Mission had established a thriving work before the Communist Revolution. Non-Christian Miao have filtered into North Vietnam, north Laos, north

Thailand, and east Burma over the past 100 years. They were instrumental to the French and Americans in guerrilla warfare against the communists in Laos.

In June 1951, the Laotian Hmong first had opportunity to hear the Gospel through tribespeople and missionaries from C&MA. A Bible school was established in Vientiane, Laos and Hmong people began to carry the Gospel to their kinsmen.

After the 1975 communist takeover of Laos, the policy of the new government was to exterminate the Hmong people by any available means. By 1978, 55,000 Hmong had fled to Thailand where they entered resettlement camps on the Thai/Laos border. They have been coming to the U.S. from Thailand and Laos since 1976.

Now, Hmong believers continue to minister to their own people in their new homeland. ■

Missions in the Bible

By Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Winter

The Acts of the Apostles. Surely after the resurrection the disciples now understood what Christ's coming was all about. Yet one of the very first episodes (1:6) portrays their continued grasping for power, stated now in terms of "are you now [at last] going to set up your kingdom [where we will share in your power]?" How often we have naively read Acts 1:8 as just one more pleasant reiteration of the Great Commission, but now we see that instead of being an unconditioned promise of power, the promise was that the power from the Holy Spirit would be given them because they would need it in the job they were to do. In other words, the power of the Holy Spirit was not for their enjoyment, nor even primarily for their own spiritual growth--as important as that was--but so that they could "testify about me with great effect...to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). There was no promise of the power of the Holy Spirit without this accompanying command to go! See how similar this is to Gen. 12:1-3 where the promise to be blessed carried with it the responsibility to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.

The fascinating thing about Acts is that except for early brief references to Phillip, John and Peter, the whole book is about Paul, not one of the 12, to whom the Great Commission was given. The command to take the gospel to the ends of the earth was for all the followers of Jesus, especially for the 12, but after his conversion Paul saw himself as uniquely commissioned to reach out to the Gentiles (see Acts 15:7, 22:21, 26:17, 2 Cor. 10:16, Gal. 1:16, 2:7-9, Eph. 3:8, 1 Tim. 2:7). As a former Pharisee he was well qualified; he had abundant training in the exposition of scripture and he was intimately acquainted with the Pharisaic structure for sending missionaries. (See Jesus' comment in Matt. 23:15 about their "traversing land and sea to make a single proselyte," and also Acts 15:5 where it is implied that the Pharisees long had been involved with Gentile converts but had always insisted that they become proselytes through circumcision and adoption of the Jewish customs.) Indeed the coming of Christ did not increase the amount of missionary work being done. Nevertheless Paul came to the task not only understanding that Christ was the Messiah but understanding all sorts of Old Testament passages which formerly he had overlooked. (Read Gal. 1:16-19).

What was it Paul was struggling to understand in the desert? The fact that he tells this to the Galatians gives us a clue: he was saying that God himself had revealed to him something he instinctively knew would raise a storm of protest--namely, that Gentiles were always a part of God's concern and that they did not need to become Jews in order to be acceptable to God (see 1:20). In fact, Paul insisted (especially in Galatians) that this kind of legalistic cultural switch was actually repugnant to God because it involved only outward forms, "circumcision of the body" rather than faith in Jesus Christ or "circumcision of the heart" (see Gal. 1:6-8, 1:18). For the first time Paul saw clearly that God was equally concerned for the other peoples of the world. This concept was at once so startling to him and yet so obvious--once he could see it--that he spoke of his new understanding as "a mystery long hidden" (see Rom. 16:25, 15:8-12, Eph. 1:9, 3:3-6, 8, Col.

1:25-27, 2:3). It made such an impact on Paul that, unlike the other writers of the New Testament, he constantly referred to God's plan for the Gentiles, and spoke of his special joy of telling them about it (Eph. 3:8).

At the same time, Paul was well aware of the consternation and fury his new gospel would bring. In Eph. 2:14-19 he spoke of the angry resentment that existed between Jew and Greek, but insisted that in Christ by faith they were equally children of Abraham, equally to share in the rights of inheritance of God's sons (Eph. 3:3-6). And fury Paul met, even as Christ had in his sermon at Nazareth (see Acts 13:42-48, 14:19, 22:22). In fact, about the only time Paul could repeat his commission to the Gentiles without arousing fury was when he spoke privately with Agrippa and Festus (Acts 26:17, 23). Yet throughout the epistles (all addressed to Greeks except those to individuals like Titus, Philemon and Timothy and the book of Hebrews) he constantly refers to this commission. In Romans Paul speaks to both Jews and Greeks and makes it very clear that the children of Abraham who were to receive the blessing were not those who had his seed (after all Esau and Ismael had been rejected!) but rather those who had his faith--and that would include peoples from every nation, every ethnic unit (Rom. 4:17). (See the same emphasis in 2 Cor. 11-12, Gal. 3:29, Gal. 4:28, Rom. 15:8-10.)

Clearly, then, in the New Testament we see that God's concern for all the peoples of the world is central. "Gentiles" referred to all who were not Jews--and for us as for them that would include every tribe, tongue, and ethnic unit. Paul saw God's concern for all peoples as a "mystery": "But now as the prophets foretold and as God commands, this message is being preached everywhere, so that people all around the world will have faith in Christ and obey him" (Rom. 16:25). In comforting a suffering church, Peter encouraged them to hold on, knowing that Christ would return soon. (See II Peter 3:15, 16) But Peter adds that there are those who deliberately misunderstood Paul and interestingly ties this to their refusal to obey the Great Commission.

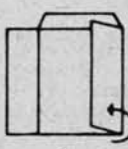
Today we have the same kind of Christians. In Matt. 24:14 and Mark 13:10 Jesus reminds us that all the peoples of the world must hear the Good News of the Kingdom, "and then, finally, the end will come." Yet how often the only comment made by earnest Christians about this statement of Jesus is: "That is a hard verse!" Going to the frontiers "where no one else is working" (2 Cor. 10:16) is all too often still considered an option, not a command. Is it because our eyes are also blinded? Are God's purposes as much a mystery to us as they were to Paul before the experience on the road to Damascus? It matters not where one works so long as he understands that God's first concern is not with his own personal salvation, nor that of his church, but to go to the regions beyond, to the lost sheep. Missions is not peripheral in God's mind and heart. It is not the thing that his children do once they have done other more essential things. To those with obedient open hearts it is no longer a mystery. He is a missionary who shares Christ's passion, who prays for the lost of this world and who will not rest until from every lost tribe, tongue and nation there are some who call Him Lord. ■

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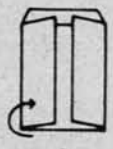
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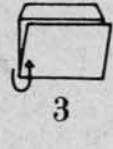
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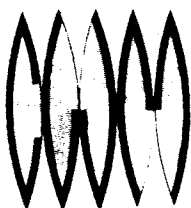
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