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Campus Enters Critical Period

news:

CANDIDATES RALLY IN KOREA

Four hundred and seventeen Korean missionary volunteers committed to using their professions in strategic self-supporting missions gathered together in Seoul last month. There had been some uncertainty as to whether the conference could be held. The assassination of President Park Chung Hee, which placed the country under a martial law, required that every public gathering have a permit. The permit was granted two weeks prior, allowing 417 daytime and 1000 evening conferees to come together for candidate preparation. Another conference, expected to be twice the size, will be held at the end of the summer.



STATISTICS REVEAL INSTITUTE'S ROLE

After six terms of the Institute of International Studies, a look at the 375 graduates reveals the following:

- *eighteen are in cross-cultural ministry with at least fourteen missionary agencies;
- *another sixty one seem definitely headed into missionary service in the near future;
- *at least seventeen went on short terms after completing their studies;
- *as many as forty have gone on to additional training--partly as a result of their IIS experience;
- *sixty one could be classified as key leadership with churches, campus groups, mission agencies, and other Christian organizations. (This includes at least twenty-four men and women from South Africa).
- *As well, advanced and extension "pilot projects" have been activated during the past year.

In the February issue of *Eternity* and of *Campus Crusades' Worldwide Challenge*, Dr. Winter was interviewed at length about the world's Hidden Peoples and the challenge of the unreached frontiers. In those articles little was said about the severe crisis which faces him and the staff at the U.S. Center for World Mission right now. *Mission Frontiers'* editorial staff felt it appropriate, therefore, to ask him pointed questions regarding that crisis.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Dr. Winter, if the March 8th deadline could kill you after three years of struggling to own this campus--how do you feel right about now?

DR. WINTER: Well, we've run a good race. I am tremendously impressed by the management ability of our young staff. Oh, we have a lot of older people more my age here too, contributed by over 40 different mission organizations. We have over 120 full time people

here, but most are working in our many departments, not as part of our central staff. We do not draw on them to help us in our financial crisis.

MISSION FRONTIERS: What specifically have your younger leaders done?

DR. WINTER: For one thing, they have kept us in the black. We took over an empty campus a little over a year ago. Our 26-32 year old central staff has operated a complex program without a penny of donations. People said we could not do it. We're building one of the great younger management teams in missions today.

MISSION FRONTIERS: But how does this relate to your March 8th deadline?

DR. WINTER: People are not going to invest in us if we are a sinking ship. All our 15 operational cost

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Dear Friend of the Hidden Peoples,

- We have just sent out a special flyer, "Good News-Bad News"
- George Cowan, President of Wycliffe Bible Translators, has written to their staff world wide urging them to send in their \$15.95.
- A youth congress on the world level (organized by South African youth leaders) is announced to be simultaneous to the long-planned mission executives' World Consultation on Frontier Missions at Edinburgh Oct. 27 to Nov. 1st.
- 92 Penn State students register for a special version of our mission-emphasis International Studies course.
- We now have 31 graduate students studying how to teach English as a second language.
- King College, Bristol, Tenn., asks us to help them set up an IIS program this summer.
- A report on South China telling of regions 80% Christian.
- 90 "Urbana Onward" conferences conclude this month, one here on our campus.
- Today we discussed setting up a Central Asian Study Center--touching hundreds of languages that fall in no other major category.
- Last Thursday we agreed to house an office focusing on 165 million deaf people in the world--the world's "fifth largest country" yet a people without a land, almost nowhere fairly treated.

What ties all this together? **THE BIGGEST, BOLDEST, WILDEST SCHEME IN THE HISTORY OF MISSIONS. (IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, WHAT WILL?)** Right now all over the world evangelicals in this gateway year to the year 2,000 are plotting, planning, praying, and laboring as never since 1910 to work together to complete the Great Commission. Never before could we count on so many Christians. What is the scheme? Collaboration on an unprecedented scale to penetrate the last 16,750 people groups where there is no vital, indigenous church.

Don't miss out. The U. S. Center for World Mission is only a tiny but, we believe, vital part of this whole picture. We don't believe that God has brought us out of Egypt to die in the desert. We do believe that somehow God will help us meet the March 8th deadline. We know that He is working in your heart and in the hearts of all 15,000 who get this bulletin. You have given. Now **PRAY AS NEVER BEFORE!** And send in for brochures to share with others. We must "Expect Great Things from God" even as we "Attempt Great Things for God."

Yours in His compassion and
faithfulness,

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'URBANA ONWARD' REAPING STUDENT INTEREST



Thousands of students across the country will participate in Urbana Onward conferences designed for those students wishing to integrate "World Christian perspective" with everyday responsibilities. David Bryant (top) and John Kyle, both of Inter-Varsity Missions, are two of the prime movers behind this major step in developing the response of students to the Urbana Student Missions Conference held in December, 1979. Over eighty conferences, some as large as three hundred students, will be held during the month of February.

SISTER CENTERS BEGIN COMMUNICATION

In January the U.S. Center for World Mission began formal monthly communication with the other emerging Centers worldwide. The communique will give an official update on projects, plans, and personnel. Dr. Ben Jennings, executive vice-director of International Missionary Advance (IMA), is directing the "Sister Center Relations" department of the USCWM. IMA, an agency devoted to helping younger churches across the globe develop younger mission sending agencies, recognized the importance of a solid fraternity of centers in the pulling together of Third World "frontier mission" efforts. The January report states that centers are being developed or discussed by Christian leadership in thirteen other countries.

Muslim 'Awareness' Materials Expand

A crop of new materials focusing on Islam is becoming available through the work of the Samuel Zwemer Institute, a Pasadena-based agency directed toward Muslim research and training.

Don McCurry, director of the Institute, has helped produce two new titles in conjunction with World Vision's MARC. The Gospel and Islam, a major new resource containing forty foundation papers which explore new approaches in Muslim evangelization, is actually the compendium pulled together by McCurry following the Consultation on Muslim Evangelization, held in Glen Eyrie, Colorado, October '78.

The other, Unreached Peoples '80, is actually the second of MARC's annual directories, which identifies groups of peoples unreached with the Christian message. This edition gives particular focus to Islam, providing articles and case studies on Muslim evangelism, almost eighty one-page descriptions of different Muslim peoples and a glossary of key Muslim terms. (Both are available through MARC, World Vision Int'l., 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016).



Institute of International Studies' students, working in conjunction with the Zwemer Institute, have almost finished the final stages of an Iranian Handbook. It's primarily an

overview for Christian workers in North America who need to work sensitively and effectively with Iranians. It helps you start meeting Iranians, develop friendships, and share Jesus Christ with them.

Two other organs, the Zwemer Institute newsletter (\$3/year; \$5/year for overseas subscriptions) and the Muslim Awareness Seminar, are also available. The Seminar, designed to help you become aware of Muslims in your midst as well as to introduce churches to the scope of Islam worldwide, is \$18 per person (includes registration, notebook and materials). For further information, use the Mission Frontiers Book Service on back of periodical.



MISSION AGENCIES ENDORSE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONSULTATION

The Pasadena Convening Committee for the World Consultation on Frontier Missions, under the leadership of Larry Allman, general director of Gospel Recordings, Int., has recognized the need for an international student consultation on frontier missions. The committee, responding to a proposal generated by a group of IIS students, took official action stating that it "recognized the advantage of a simultaneous and complementary consultation which would provide an international forum where students committed to frontier missions may consult with each other within the context of the World Consultation on Frontier Missions, concerning the principles, goals, resources, and implementation of a global movement which would call forth and develop student volunteers who would share the responsibility for the Hidden People of the world."

The students will retain the same focus as the agency consultation: the Hidden People, which the Convening Committee has defined as "those cultural and (ethnic) linguistic sub-groups, urban and rural, for whom there is yet no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize their own peoples".

The criteria for student attendance will be twofold: 1) the signing of a declaration of purpose; and 2) the provision of one's own finances. Administrative offices will be based in South Africa (see article, page), while a Pasadena liaison will provide proper interfacing between both consultations.

MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE

REVIEW

Imagine a German tribal chieftain in the early centuries having read to him out loud the first five books of the Bible. What impressions would he get?

The unfolding story would describe man's fall and then introduce the main subject of the Bible--a missionary God chooses a missionary nation to reach "all the families of the earth." (Gen. 12:2)

In Exodus he would see the chosen nation grumbling and complaining even after being liberated from slavery and being given sensible laws and the reasonable demand that its people be faithful to God. Leviticus would then spell out the need to deal with sin.

In Numbers the chieftain would discover how rebellion and jealousy and fateful faltering in response to God's call to the promised land would temporarily thwart God's intention for that nation. (See especially Numbers 12 through 16.)

WEEK FIVE February 3, 1980

NUMBERS 13, 14. Here the crisis of obedience is detailed. God offered his people a major missionary base at the crossroads of the African, European and Asia land mass. But they pulled back. Yet God's purpose is still clear: "I vow by my own name that just as it is true that all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, so it is true that not one of the men who has seen my glory and the miracles I did both in Egypt and in the wilderness--and ten times refused to trust me and obey me--shall even see the land I promised to this people's ancestors" (Numbers 14:21-23).

So, it is clear that God still wants all of the earth to taste of His glory. He does not forget His purposes even though His chosen people do, being constantly overwhelmed by their own anxieties for food, protection and security.

WEEK SIX February 10, 1980

EXODUS - NUMBERS. Unlike the chieftain in the forest, our modern small Bibles allow us to page through this whole section in a few minutes. It is astonishing to note

the near total absence of vision among the people God has chosen, freed, protected. The Bible faithfully records their complaining and reluctance to believe.

Yet God did not ask them to do something He would not help them accomplish. They simply did not "seek first the kingdom of God" but worried about how "all these things would be added to them"--food, shelter, security (compare Matt. 6:33). Their minds are on themselves. They seek to be blessed, not to be a blessing. As a result they find themselves telling God that what He asks them to do is impossible. Their hearts are hardened to the reality of all the "impossible" things God has already done for them.

This year we will devote one page in each monthly issue of Mission Frontiers to this theme. Why? Many people, perhaps most Christians down through history, have handled the Bible without being aware that the theme that ties it all together is the relentless, redeeming love of God for "all the families of the earth."

We hope these once-a-week paragraphs will give extra sparkle to each of 52 weeks this year, and make your Bible "light up" from Genesis to Revelation on the subject of missions. Devotions at home, Sunday School classes, even sermons can spring from these studies by our General Director.

WEEK SEVEN February 17, 1980

DEUTERONOMY (Part 1). This is a summarizing book as the new generation steps to the fore. Forty years it took the nation to get to a point which could have taken only 11 days, had their fathers obeyed (Deut. 1:2,3). Page through this book, too, and you will find little awareness of missionary vision. The closest thing is a continued sense of destiny, 7:6-8: "You are a holy people, dedicated to the Lord your God. He has chosen you from all the people on the face of the earth to be His special treasure. . . just because He loves you and kept His

promise to your ancestors." Alas, however, that "promise" had always involved a clear mandate as well (Gen. 12:1-3).

So a sense of destiny, yes; but a missionary vision, no. Here we see rehearsed only the first half of the mandate to Abraham: "He will love you and bless you. . . You shall be blessed above all the families of the earth" (7:13,14). But "be a blessing to all the families of the earth" (Gen. 12:3)? No reference to that!

How could they know but not acknowledge the missionary mandate? It is said that to this day Bedouins in the desert repeat the passages of Genesis--with the same 318 servants in Gen. 14, for example--after 4,000 years of purely "oral tradition." We too have this mandate in our Bibles. Yet how often do we refer to it in our sermons, Sunday School classes, at home around the table?

WEEK EIGHT February 24, 1980

DEUTERONOMY (Part 2). This book portrays a renewal of obedience and allows us a glimpse of a people which at least understood that obedience and survival went together. The book reverberates with duty, obedience, blessings and curses. If they obey, "all the nations shall see that you belong to the Lord, and shall stand in awe," (28:9,10).

But the book actually predicts the opposite. In one of the longest chapters in the Bible (Deut. 28), we see the horrifying truth that this nation redeemed from captivity would be taken captive once more (v. 26) because, apparently, only that way could God "scatter them among the nations from one end of the earth to the other." God had to drive the believers out of Jerusalem at a later date, too. We shall see further on in the Bible more examples of God doing extreme things in order to get His blessings spread out across the earth. Note that when exiled, it would be "to a nation to whom neither you nor your ancestors gave a second thought," (v. 36, LB).

Somehow in this book duty and obedience do not seem as joyful and hopeful as they might have been had the people had vision and purpose clearly in their minds--had they been giving the nations of the

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South Africans Take Initiative In Student Thrust

Thirty three South Africans--students, church leaders, and pastors--were among those who completed the Institute of International Studies Intersession class this past month. The group, led and organized by David Bliss of African Enterprise as part of an "Unreached Peoples Pilot Project", has now returned to South Africa with the goal of reteaching frontier missions perspective among churches, schools, and Christian organizations.

Bliss is convinced that South Africa needs a vital new push to the hidden peoples. After 260 years of church growth, with South Africa approximately seventy percent Christian, only 270 of the 1620 South Africans involved in cross-cultural mission work are outside the borders of South Africa. Bliss tells the story of a major denomination which recently completed an extensive, three-year study of its priorities. The study listed six such major priorities--and missions, missions encouragement, or mission support was not mentioned at all. Furthermore, the government's policy of Apartheid which is explained as separate economic and political development for each racial group, has the tragic side effect of imposing disunity between various Christian groups in the country. This contributes an additional impediment to the spreading of a common missionary vision among blacks, Indians, whites, or coloureds.



Majola

Majola, founder and director of the Africa for Christ Bible Institute in Pretoria, says that the average black South African is only able to conceive of "white" missionaries, and has a difficult time perceiving himself or other black Christians being sent to other countries as missionaries.

Education will hopefully help to overcome these barriers. Efforts



David Bliss

in this direction are scheduled to begin soon. Each of the South Africans who attended the IIS course came with the understanding that upon returning to South Africa, he would share his new perspective of missions with his church, school, and organization. Bliss will act as a catalyst for the spread of this insight, helping team members with resources, encouragement, and direction to simplify the reteaching task. After the reteaching strategy is underway, Bliss sees the formation of a sister Center in South Africa as a distinct possibility.

One outgrowth of the study tour of major importance is South African participation in the Edinburgh 1980 World Consultation on Frontier Missions, to be held Oct. 27-Nov.1. Leiton Chinn, coordinator of the consultation, responded immediately to the initiative of five South African study team members who brought a proposal before the Pasadena Convening Committee. According to Chinn, the Committee members not only recognized a need for a parallel student consultation for frontier missions, but conveyed openly their conviction that this could be one of the most significant events to take place at Edinburgh this October. Following the affirmative response to the proposal for student participation at this major world consultation on frontier missions, the band of South Africans volunteered after prayer and deliberations to handle all administrative matters from South Africa.

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This offer was also accepted by the Convening Committee.

If you desire to learn more about the spread of mission consciousness in South Africa, African involvement in Edinburgh 1980, or if you have a burden to offer your time or money to the furthering of this cause, please contact: David Bliss, African Enterprise, P.O. Box 647, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

'HIDDEN PEOPLES' CONGRESS SLATED

A Congress focusing on the Hidden Peoples will be held July 14-17 on the campus of the U.S. Center for World Mission. The four-day experience will follow the national conference of the Association of Church Missions Committees, to be held about thirty minutes away in Claremont, CA, from July. 10-13. The two conferences, complementary in emphasis and purpose, can offer anyone, whether pastor, mission committee leadership, or interested lay people, as much as a full week absorbing the critical dimensions in world missions.

The program at the Center will give an overview of the major blocs of "Hidden People". It will also provide workshops and orientation in other critical "frontier mission" perspectives. More next month.



Leiton Chinn, coordinator of the World Consultation on Frontier Missions, discusses program interfacing with student consultation.

Campus Crisis

centers here are running in the black! That frees us to appeal for one-time small (15.95) gifts to go exclusively to our Founding Budget --and, proving we are able to run in the black means we'll not have to raise further gifts at all once we meet our Founding Budget.

MISSION FRONTIERS: "Founding Budget"--so that's what you call your payment schedule?

DR. WINTER: Yes, but our Founding Budget includes more than the campus. Also included are 85 residences within two blocks and a small endowment fund.

MISSION FRONTIERS: But I want to get to the matter of the March 8th crisis. Where precisely do you stand?

DR. WINTER: We have two problems: 1) We have not yet completed our December payment, and 2) our increasing stream of small gifts has not grown quite fast enough yet. If we do not complete our \$175,000 December payment before March 8th (when our next \$175,000 payment is due), we are going to be in serious trouble.

MISSION FRONTIERS: How far short may you fall?

DR. WINTER: At our present rate of income, about \$25,000.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Well, that's not much. Why is that so serious?

DR. WINTER: It's bad enough to be one quarter behind in our payments, but we may be considered hopeless if we do not get in funds at the rate of at least \$175,000 every three months, so as to be able gradually to catch up. If our case is considered hopeless, the Christian college which originally owned this campus will have no recourse but to foreclose. In that event we may lose the campus and everything we've paid thus far.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Are you hopeless?

DR. WINTER: Fundamentally, we are not hopeless. But we cannot demand that our creditors simply believe us. It would not be fair to them merely to state our case and not at least close the December gap by March 8th.

MISSION FRONTIERS: What makes you fundamentally hopeful?

DR. WINTER: First, we now have large, powerful programs going here. The 40 agencies that give us their people are giving in effect \$1,000,000 a year to the program.

Second, we have attracted the prayer and at least \$15.95 from about 15,000 people, and this number is increasing by about 30% every six months primarily because these people are sharing the vision with others.

Third, we have 1,000 pastors who have shown interest. They have whole congregations with which they can share the vision.

Fourth, we also have a lot of other Christian workers who have caught on and are sharing the challenge with their own supporters.



Fifth, and finally, major Christian organizations are getting behind us. We are very nearly to the place of becoming known--well, I don't know how to put it--as a center serving all mission agencies, all churches, and all students seeking to know more about the last frontiers. Here's the point: precisely because we do not ask anyone for a second gift and are thus not seeking to corral supporters from other organizations, and because we are serving everyone, it makes it possible for us to be recommended.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Wait a minute. What do you mean by other organizations "recommending" the U.S. Center?

DR. WINTER: George Cowan, the president of Wycliffe Bible Translators, has just written in his monthly letter to all their 3,000 staff world wide suggesting that they send in their \$15.95. Once they write in, Dr. Cowan has encouraged us to see if those missionary donors would like to share this same challenge through their prayer-letter people to still other people.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Wow, but that's a little unique, isn't it?

DR. WINTER: No. Bill Bright has already done this with his U.S. staff. About 500 have already responded. Earlier, Young Life did this with their entire staff. I can give many other examples.

MISSION FRONTIERS: But isn't this just drawing on the same old sources of money?

DR. WINTER: You may have missed a point. We have ourselves suggested that these missionaries and Christian workers not ask their own supporters to give to us, but just ask that they accept 3 brochures to pass on to friends or relatives who are not sufficiently exposed to frontier mission challenge.

MISSION FRONTIERS: Well, if this project is gaining widespread official backing like that, I guess you are fundamentally hopeful.

DR. WINTER: Funny, though, it will always depend on the moving of the Holy Spirit in individual hearts to do something unusual, to take a new deep breath, to believe that we can finish off the mission task by the year 2000. Without that moving, we are nothing.

MISSIONS IN THE BIBLE (cont.)

world "a second thought." If obedience is merely a means of saving ourselves rather than a challenge to save others, we fail not only to save others but even ourselves.

America, America, so blessed of God, so reluctant, increasingly reluctant to obey God! A nation characterized today more and more by pornography, homosexuality, drugs, divorce, alcoholism, etc. Yet the mandate to reach "all the families of the earth" we carry in our expensive, thin-paper, leather-covered Bibles, in multiple translations that make the text ever clearer. But do we handle it as a book principally guiding us to a God who strives with relentless love to bless all nations? Do we ourselves not tend to specialize (just as Israel did) on the verses that speak merely of His blessings to us? Do we think enough about the 16,750 Hidden Peoples? If not, nations to whom we have scarcely "given a second thought"--unless they threaten us--may indeed someday make themselves known to us as our conquerors. Must we, like Israel, be captured or scattered to force us to witness to the remaining peoples of the earth?

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