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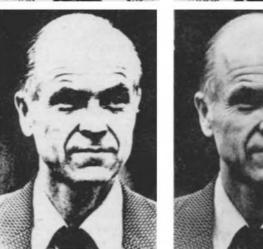
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REFLECTIONS OF A HEART AFLAME

THE FOLLOWING CANDID remarks were made by Ralph Winter at the close of the Frontier Fellowship meeting in Pasadena July 9, 1981. Dr. Winter followed Titus Tineau, a Christian and Missionary Alliance church leader from Upper Volta. The remarks appear here as originally spoken, without substantial editing.

I sort of wish that there wasn't time left tonight for me to talk, I would have been very glad to hear a lot more about Upper Volta. I think maybe that must be a translation from the French. In this country we speak about "high voltage," not "upper voltage." (laughter) I was just fascinated by what was being said tonight...

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Despite a great and caring response to the last issue, by the time you read this, we will have received a formal Notice of Default initiating a final 90 day period of grace before foreclosure and the loss of these 35 acres. During these 90 days we must catch up on our payments. But, during the period the payments continue to mount. We owe \$300,000 now (toward which we have \$125,000), but by September 1st we face an additional payment of \$175,000.

We are naturally embarrassed. But not confused. Pressured but not overcome by anxiety. We believe God is in this. Gradually slipping behind has finally triggered this grave crisis. We believe we are in a

better position than ever to act decisively, in an unusual way.

On the next two pages (and in Lee Roddy's news release on page 6) you can see the scary but exciting new dimensions of all this. We know now how the small eaglet feels when it is pushed out of its nest into a new kind of responsibility in mid air!

You can get a sneak preview of the booklet, "Walk Through the World," that will help sustain the vision of Frontier Fellowship members-it's not ready for production yet, but will be soon (p. 12-13).

The world map on page 7 illustrates the places "sister centers" of world mission are developingas well as where former staff members are now ministering. It's amazing. And, read about the Second Annual Southern California Missions Festival on page 11.

Dear Reader,

How can I put it courteously? Whoever you are, just about, I feel sorry for you. That is, I don't see how you could possibly appreciate your job as much as I do mine.

I am surrounded by the most wonderful people. Keen, smiling, hard-working thrilled, loyal, long-suffering, profoundly devoted to the Lord. How, where on earth could I join a nicer team? Our people are human enough to be hurt, spiritual enough to forgive, big enough to be working basically "for the joy that is set before us." Would you like to join us? I think I sense now what Jesus was talking about in Mark 10:29830... I had one house, now we have 85, etc.

But all this is in deep jeopardy. From a purely business standpoint, the carefully compiled data across the page shows our biggest jump in net worth to be in the past 12 months. Our indebtedness is now only 54% of our assets. Yet, we have to dig out of this temporary crisis. But, we have to do more than that.

We believe the more important goal is the frontier prayer movement called the Frontier Fellowship. That will, I believe, resolve not only our short-term crisis but the \$6 million payment coming up in 2 years (see diagram).

That is, we seek 40,000 new prayer members by December 31st. That goal, if formally promised by October 15, will be the basis on which we can receive advances to resolve our immediate crisis (see news release, p. 6).

Next year, then, there is time for a lot more organizations to join and it is reasonable to hope for 10,000 churches reached via 50 collaborating organizations. However it could well run higher. Our goal is still to enlist a million people. Under the Frontier Fellowship program that million (including you?) will constitute a praying backbone of daily aware people who will create the crucial climate for the next, final mission era.

Once more, WHY? Because 45,000 American missionaries will retire in this decade; that number plus an additional 150,000 are essential if our country will do its part and escape God's judgment for withholding our blessings from the rest of the world.

To do this will require Americans to give five times as much as they do for pet food—instead of 1/5th as much—and this change REQUIRES a million daily-aware Frontier Fellowship participants. Sincerely, Kolph D. Winter

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Out of the Nest?

Yes, God, like a caring mother eagle, has pushed us out of the nest. We were 48 months in the nest of one kind of His care: He used miracles to help us make the essential payments.

Then, gradually He has allowed us to slip behind just enough finally to trigger a Notice of Default that will arrive by the time you read this. At that point we'll have 90 days to catch up.

How far are you behind?

I know you don't like to look at a mass of numbers—so to the right I've circled the \$300,000 delinquent amount, which now threatens us with total loss of all our property. Good news: we now have \$125,000 toward this, lacking only \$175,000. Bad news: we are sliding into the next payment of \$175,000 on Sept. 1st.

Does that mean we lose \$19 million if we can't pay \$300, 000?

No, \$19 million is the total value of our holdings, on which \$10 million is still owed. We lose "only" about \$9 million (e.g. the 5-1/2 + 3-1/3 above)--but that means we lose all but the shirts on our backs.

What are we doing about this?

We do not solicit gifts other than a single \$15.95 amount. We gratefully acknowledge however that many of the 25,000 people who have given to us have often given more than that, much more, or we would not have been able to pay \$3-1/3 million in 48 months.

But that is not working! Not quite. For 48 months

OUT OF THE NEST

The Bottom Line

	PAYMENTS DUE (PRINCIPLE + INTEREST)	AMOUNT ACTUALLY PAID	AMOUNT STILL DUE	NET WORTH (OUR EQUITY)	TOTAL VALUE (ASSETS)
12/31 1977	850,000	850,000	-0-	815,000	1,015,000
12/31 1978	650,000	650,000	-0-	1,835,000	8,935,000
12/31 1979	719,000	544,000	175,000	3,526,000	10,736,000
12/31 1980	1,042,000	1,092,000	-50,000	8,097,000	18,302,000
6/30 1981	350,000	175,000	175,000	8,890,000	19,200,000
TOTAL TO DATE	3,611,000	3,311,000	300,000	\	
12/31 1981	350,000	350,000		10,632,000	20,132,000
12/31 1982	700,000	700,000		12,795,000	22,145,000
12/31 1983	6,000,000	(final on fi		21,481,000	24,360,000
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12/31 1985	2,871,000	(final on se		29,475,000	29,475,000

NOTE: AS of July 1, we had paid a total of \$3,311,000. But, since 1979 we have gradually fallen behind. Our net worth is \$8,890,000, which is a healthy 46% of our total assets. This will be completely wiped out by fore-closure if we cannot catch up in the 90 day grace period.

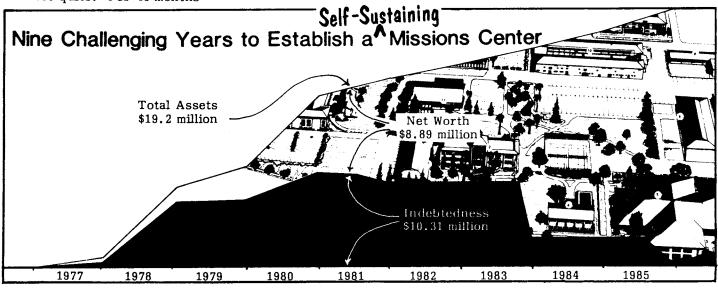
we have nevertheless barely survived. However we have earnestly and prayerfully sought the Lord's guidance and we feel God is gently pushing us out of the nest. He has chosen this crisis (we would not have) to make us bold enough now to go out and ask other organizations respectfully to join us in the Frontier Fellowship.

How will that work?

Though we have new word that the fateful 90 days grace before foreclosure will begin any moment as I write this (Aug. 11, 1981) we are still in the throes of preparing the essential material for a massive campaign in which scores of other evangelical organizations will be loosely associated.

In the diagram below

Here below you see a graph of the numbers from up above. The space between the line for assets and the line for indebtedness is the all-important amount of Net Worth. Our net worth really jumped this past year because the 2nd half of the campus was worth twice what our option specified back in 1977.





NEWSBRIEFS

MISSIONS IN BITE-SIZE PIECES

OCS AND TENTMAKERS ON CAMPUS

The Overseas Counseling Service (OCS), founded by Ruth Siemens within Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) is now headquartered at 1600 E. Elizabeth in Pasadena,

Don Hamilton has accepted the invitiation to be Executive Director of OCS, while Ruth Siemens will continue as Director of Ministries. John Kyle, head of IVCF Missions Department serves on the committee.

OCS assists Christians in locating salaried positions abroad, especially in "closed" countries, in order to carry out "tentmaking" ministries. More than a hundred applicants have gone overseas in recent months.

Don Hamilton also coordinates the Tentmaker Project, which shares offices with OCS on the campus. Formerly a division manager of Xerox, Mr. Hamilton became the Executive Director of the Association of Church Missions Committees (ACMC) in its formative years.

He has undertaken the Tentmaker Project at the request of a number of mission leaders in order to survey "tentmaking" ministries and suggest ways to increase its effectiveness as a form of ministry in missions.

His interest in "tentmaking" goes back to the early 1950's when he, Christy Wilson, Ralph and Paul Winter, and others, helped plan and establish the first technical college in Afghanistan.

NATIONAL ENCOUNTER RESPONDS TO E'80 CHALLENGE

As a direct result of their attendance at the Edinburgh '80 Consultation, National Encounter With Christ has sent over 20 students overseas this summer. The students will be participating in a missions program at the request of churches and Christian organizations in India, Korea, Africa, Scotland and West Germany.

The goal of the program is to train national Christians how to communicate their faith more effectively and to stimulate the thinking of Christian college students towards full-time Christian service

National Encounter With Christ is a non-denominational student ministry focused on community colleges. Currently, their work is centered in four major metropolitan areas: Los Angeles, San Francisco Bay Area, Eugene-Portland, and Seattle. National Encounter has recently opened an office at the U.S. Center for World Mission.

HIDDEN PEOPLES HARVEST FAIR

An estimated 150 Christian artists will be displaying and selling their works at the premier "Hidden Peoples Harvest Fair" on the WCIU campus in Pasadena, October 2-4.

Artists in Christian Testimony (ACT) and the Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Evangelism (FACE) are sponsoring the event. Those in attendance will have opportunity to learn about involvement in reaching Hidden Peoples through art. The public is invited.

A panel of recognized art judges under the direction of event chairman Al Dugan will evaluate and award prizes. Applications to enter may be obtained from Hidden Peoples Harvest Fair, 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104.

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES AND SEA FELLOWSHIP NEW USCWM MEMBERS

South-east Asia (SEA) Fellowship has been accepted as a new member organization at the Center. Its purpose is to help integrate new refugees (particularly from South-east Asia) into their new homeland, and to share the gospel with them.

An Institute of Jewish Studies has also recently been established on the campus and is developing three courses to be offered in the fall.

The new institute will be coordinated by Lea Rynasko and Barry Budoff of the Ahavat Zion (Messianic) Synagogue. Professors will include Dr. William LaSor and Dr. Ray Gannon.

FELLOWSHIP OF ISA REACHING TO MUSLIMS

The Fellowship of Isa (Jesus Christ) has recently written, printed and distributed 100,000 tracts aimed at reaching Muslims for Christ particularly the 3 Million Muslims in the U.S.

Muslims have an all-out evangelistic campaign waged to-ward America and are currently spending an estimated \$100 to each missionary penny America spends, according to ISA Director Edward H. Youssef.

Copies of the colorful 16page tract are available at 50¢ each. A Muslim Seminar is also available in the Minneapolis, MN area.

For more information, contact Fellowship of ISA, P.O. Box 1206, Minneapolis, MN, 55440.

INTERNATIONAL FILMS IN TRANSLATION

International Films, Inc. has assembled what is considered to be the most sophisticated sound "dubbing" equipment in the Christian world on the campus of William Carey International University in Pasadena.

With that equipment, IFI is recording the "Jesus" film (based on the Gospel of Luke—filmed and distributed by Campus Crusade) into the Amharic language for evangelistic use in Ethiopia.

In the planning stages are a Spanish version of "More Than Meets the Eye" and a translation into the Ibo language (Nigeria) of "Peace Child," the film of Don Richardson's work in Irian Jaya.

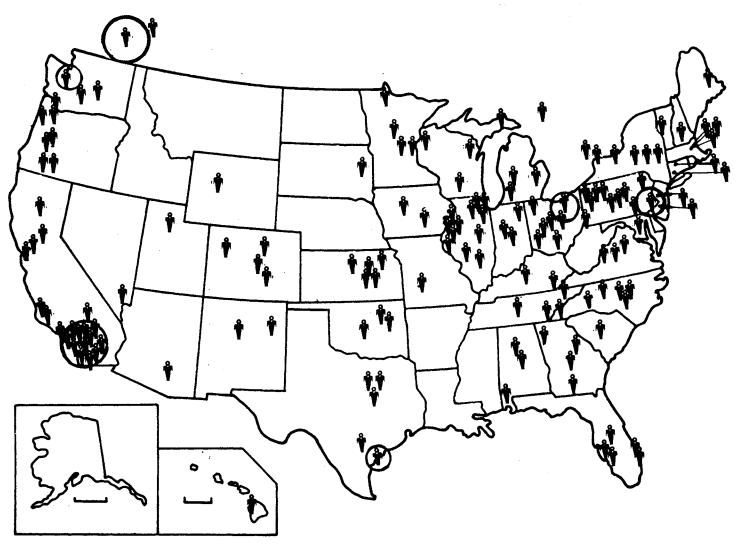
FIVE THOUSAND PLAYERS FOR INDIA

Portable Recording Ministries, Holland, MI, has been granted exclusive, "once only permission" to supply otherwise unavailable cassette players to evangelical ministries in India, according to PRM President Dr. Ron Beery.

The components are shipped to the Katpadi Industrial Institute to administer assembly for Christian nationals.

For more information, contact Dr. Beery at 681 Windcrest Drive, Holland, MI 49423.

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIPS GROWING **Regional Centers Developing**



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Cities where individuals have responded to the Frontier Fellowship



Proposed Regional Centers for promoting frontier vision



National Centers for promoting frontier vision (Vancouver and Pasadena)

YEAR OF 'BIBLE' AT USCWM

A unique one-year Bible training program incorporating academic training, missions internship and orientation toward frontier missions has been announced as the latest offering of the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena.

Brad Gill, Center training director explained, "Hundreds of students in secular colleges and universities are discovering their need for an integrated approach to their pre-missionary training. We can provide this crucial integration-while meeting the standard for training established by most evangelical mission agencies."

The program is offered under the auspices of Columbia Bible College's Biblical Education by Extention program. Participants will receive full academic credit from CBC at either the graduate

or undergraduate level.

Dr. Ralph Winter, general director of the Center pointed out that the program's location in Pasadena will make available to the students the resources of many of the nation's top missions, research agencies and training institutions, all in the Southern California area.

Students interested in applying for admission this fall should contact the U.S. Center for World Mission. Check box on back page for more information.

FRONTIER MISSION CONSORTIUM GEARS UP

BY LEE RODDY

PASADENA (CA) --A modern "March of Coins," the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship, announced only in June has already become a movement with more than 5,000 members pledged. Dr. Ralph D. Winter, general director of the United States Center for World Mission headquartered here, said 40,000 members are sought by the end of 1981 and one million by the end of 1982, reached via a collaborating consortium of evangelical organizations.

Although the four year old center faces a financial crisis with possible loss of its 35-acre property, the USCWM requires nothing of the Loose Change Fellowship's receipts, Dr. Winter said.

Pastors and mission executives are endorsing the evangelical LCFF effort to reach the final frontiers--16,750 people groups worldwide, still without an effective Christian witness.

Members are asked to daily pray, study and give. The giving involves daily collecting loose change from pocket or purse. An estimated 28 cents daily per member will average about \$100 annually.

One million North American Christians participating in the LCFF would raise a hundred million "new" dollars annually, year after year, Dr. Winter believes. He said these funds would not be reinforcement of established mission work.

Rather, these loose coins would be collected in jars or other home containers and pooled with other members' accumulations. These funds would be designated exclusively toward reaching 16,750 frontier populations (over 2 billion people).

Despite gigantic Christian growth across the world, these billions of people found both at home and abroad are still walled off from the Gospel by language, culture or other barriers. The LCFF's objective is to establish a viable Christian witness within such groups where there is not yet an effective, functioning, evangelical congregation.

As proof that the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship is becoming a movement, Dr. Winter pointed to the new announcement of the United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship to seek a goal (not yet pledged) of 100,000 Frontier Prayer Partners from United Presbyterian churches across the country.

The North Africa Mission, this year celebrating their Centennial of reaching Muslim North Africa, 6 Mission Frontiers/August 1981

has pledged 2,000 members. Another 1,000 member goal has been set by the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle.

Greg Livingston, U.S. director for North Africa Mission, declared: "We are most excited about the Frontier Fellowship plan." He added that he was encouraging other mission leaders to "throw their weight" behind the LCFF.

Dr. Winter stressed that although the Center does not require any part of the LCFF funds, most collaborating organizations to date have agreed to send the first \$15 collected from each individual to aid the USCWM's founding budget.

"We are \$300,000 behind in our payments and face foreclosure in 90 days," Dr. Winter said. He added, "Curiously, if the Frontier Prayer Fellowship moves rapidly forward and 40,000 Frontier Prayer Partners are pledged by a host of congregations and mission boards by October we may yet escape foreclosure."

Then, if enough LCFF Participants are reached by collaborating organizations to meet the million member goal, and each sent the first \$15 collected, the Center's entire founding budget of \$15 million could be met, while \$85 million more would go to frontier mission work.

Joseph D. Bjordahl, director of public relations and a member of the administrative committee for the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, told of his school's endorsement. He wrote:

"We believe that the daily discipline of prayer and giving suggested by the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship plan is the kind of radical effort that can awaken our Christian church to the cause of reaching the hidden peoples."

Dr. Paul A. Cedar, senior pastor at the large Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena, was among the first ministers to endorse the Loose Change project. He said, "I believe that your concept of Frontier Fellowship is right on target."

The idea for LCFF developed from a practice by Burma's Christians. Although poor, they daily set aside a handful of rice per family. The pooled rice is sold to support evangelistic outreach to a totally different tribal group.

Although the USCWM early got behind the idea of the Loose Change Frontier Fellowship, Dr. Winter stressed that the Center does not control the project. Rather, he said, the Center's purpose is only to help found and encourage the movement.

Individuals who are saving coins are already passing them on through their churches to mission agencies doing frontier work. This policy holds even in the midst of the Center's own financial predicament.

"We are convinced, the former missionary and seminary professor explained, "that God has a wonderful purpose in this crisis."

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CONSORTIUM, cont'd.

The Center, founded four years ago, has always been operationally self-supporting. Now the only indebtedness is half of the almost \$20 million set of properties, including rental dwelling units and the campus. The hope remains that the crisis precipitated by the slowing of the \$15 one-time gifts will be dramatically reversed as the Frontier Fellowship takes off. and that this reversal will be possible whether or not every participating agency chooses to allot the first \$15 per participant to the Center's need.

However, the main thing, Dr. Winter concluded, "is to bring the cause of frontier missions home to one million North American Christians. The vision is spreading. The 'leftover' coins will help establish a viable church in every people group. Whether we at the USCWM survive or not is secondary to that. Our future as a Center is in God's hands."

GETTING GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

Are you a college student seeking career foundations and perspectives in Christian mission? A layman desiring a knowledge of world mission that will enable you to be an effective "change agent" in your local church? The Institute of International Studies (IIS) may be your passport to a whole new understanding of God's global purposes.

August 31 through September 26, IIS students on the campus in Pasadena will attend daily morning classes and frequent evening case studies presented by a variety of visiting professors.

The course is also available on successive Tuesday evenings from September 1 to December 15, for those unable to attend the daytime classes.

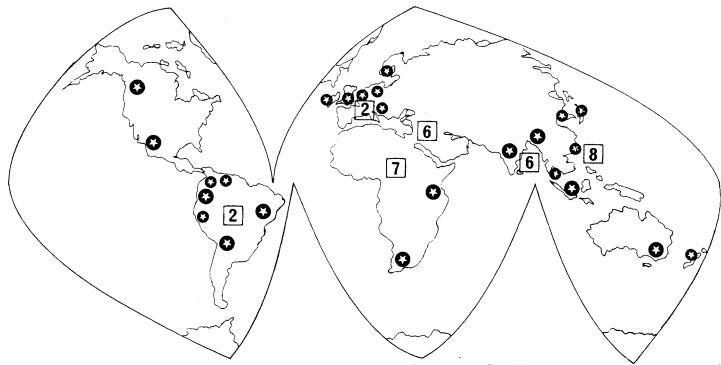
Classroom experiences and readings will focus on Biblical, cultural, historical and strategic dimensions of world evangelization.

Topics will include the Student Volunteer Movement, language and cultural learning, community development, and the role of mission teams in churchplanting.

Another highlight of the experience will be an overview of mission needs and opportunities in Chinese, Muslim, Hindu and tribal worlds.

Semester or quarter units are available for successful completion of the course work. In addition to room and board costs for resident students, tuition varies from \$100 to \$240, depending on credit/audit, and workstudy/non work-study status. Texts cost \$20-25.

It's a small investment with prospects of eternal returns! For information, write IIS, 1539 E. Howard, Pasadena, CA, 91104 or call (213) 797-4605.



SISTER CENTERS" and former staff AROUND THE WORLD

Represents locations of developing "sister mission centers"—autonomous centers responsive to the churches and agencies in their own countries; loosely interrelated by a doctrinal statement and common commitment to the frontiers.

7 | Figures in boxes indicate the number of former USCWM staff members in their current ministry locales.

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I guess my only function here will be to make sure you caught some of the points he made. . . Very, very significant points.

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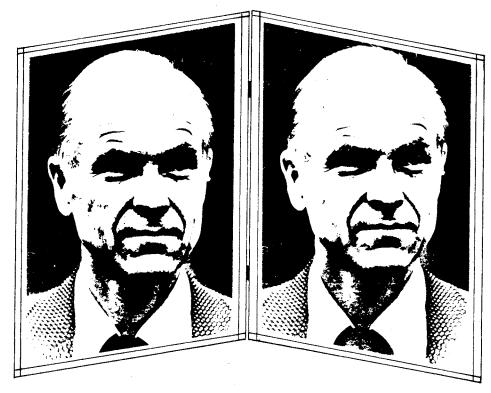
Now he said that their group [Christian and Missionary Alliance—CMA] was working with one of the larger groups that is there. This isn't always the case, but it is often the case. Missionaries come into a country, they know there are many different languages, like say 400 in Nigeria, and they look around for the place where their efforts can go the furthest once they break into that language.

So they get into that language, they work with that kind of people, and then those people, who very often are dominant in that country, people who crowd out the minorities that are around them, have a kind of snobbishness about the other people. And it just thrilled me to hear his reference to the minorities, and a concern for those people.

How similar it is to Jesus' life among us. He was always disconcerting to the disciples! They always thought that He should talk and give His attention to the daughter of the ruler of the synagogue, or somebody here or somebody there, and their intuitions were almost always wrong.

And you can also catch the contrast between this man's vision and the vision of many of the [national] pastors.

Somehow Americans today have this erroneous supposition. Christians in this country, as we well know, are pretty selfish people. Generally, we cough up a few Kopecks for missions which, all across the country amounts, you know, to an enormous sum of money, equal to what we spend for chewing gum. . . and we ship it off, and we're very proud of ourselves! But most Christians are really behind the



8-ball still. They're still struggling with their own salvation.

MASS OF FLABBY BLESSINGS

About all they've heard of the Gospel is that God loves YOU. And they take that to mean themselves, period. About all they've heard the Bible is good for, is that God has blessings for you. That's them, period. And so, they even buy Bibles with all the blessing verses tinted in and things like that. It's the same way, I'm sure in High Voltage. (peals of laughter) In other words, people are the same everywhere.

You know, I'm sure none of us could take it if we were to fully plumb the significance of this simple message tonight.

There is a secret here. That the gospel as it works produces people who want the blessings for themselves. Not just in America, but in Upper Volta, in Singapore. You go where the Christians are in this world, and you'll find most Christians concerned and even theologically sophisticated primarily about the blessings that God is talking about for them.

You take the great theological statements in history (which of course is what you study in seminary—the Westminster Confession, for example). . .there's nothing

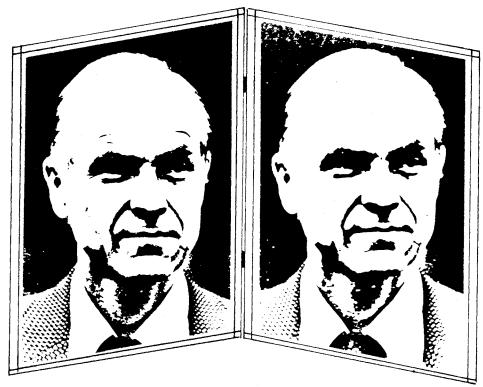
in the whole Westminster Confession that even implies that anybody should share their blessings with anybody outside their own group! The whole masterpiece of all theological history comes down to us absolutely nerveless, spineless, boneless—a mass of flabby blessings! And, I must say, that this is not so much a criticism. It is a reflection on what we are, we Christians.

OUTBACK AND UPFRONT

I was ten years in the outback of Guatemala. I was ten years in the upfront of Fuller Seminary School of World Mission. I had a thousand missionaries going through my classes and one day (you know I am telescoping a long rather slow learning-process). one day it became clear that I could stay at that school, deal with those national church leaders and missionaries going out, coming back, for another hundred years. and it would be virtually impossible to focus primarily upon those minorities, those bypassed peoples, those places where the church is not yet.

I wrote down some phrases here [from the previous speaker]: "No organized evangelism to reach out to the Dafing," "The Sambla tribe, no church among them," "The Fulanis cannot be converted." You could just substitute for

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Fulani the names of 16,000 people groups across the world and you could repeat that with identical significance in every Christian community across the world. Here's another item: "Evangelism on the part of Christians, reaching out in this way, has not yet begun," that's the exact phrase, "has not begun."

OUTSIDERS ARE BEST

Or, here's a fascinating insight. Most people would never think of this, they wouldn't believe it. If he had said this and let you think about it, you would have said, "Now wait a minute, that can't be right!" Let me repeat it so you can say, "That couldn't be right!" (laughter)

He said, "The people who can best evangelize them are outsiders." (pause) Now, you know that couldn't be right! Once there are Christians in Upper Volta, you don't need to send any more missionaries, you don't need Nigerians, you don't need Koreans. Just let the people win their own people.

What simplistic thinking this is! We know that the white citizens of Phoenix Arizona are not going to be the ones to win the Navajo Indians. Even if somehow the Spirit of God would come down upon every church in Phoenix, and all those people

would be filled with all the love of God, and they would go up to reach the Navajos, the Navajos wouldn't believe them. They know what those people are like. You need Indians from Bolivia to go and reach those Navajos. And that is the reason there are people from Upper Volta in California, and hopefully people from California in Upper Volta.

It was last Thursday night that one of our people, working on our staff here for several years was off to the—what tribe was he going to? (This is just a final exam here!) He was going to a tribe in what country? [voice in audience: "Sierra Leone!"] Sierra Leone! And to what tribe that had no missionary, no church? What was the name of it? You've been praying all week for it. [voice in audience: "Kono!"] The Kono people.

Now, the fact is that, these people groups about whom no one cares are little known and easily forgotten.

MISSIONS IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

What a thrill to flip on the television in a motel in the Chicago area when I was back there for the Billy Graham Center dedication, and to catch Robert

Schuller in mid-sentence. He had just come back from the Thailand meetings, where among other things, they were talking about the world's hidden peoples. He said, "For the rest of my life, my ministry will focus on those peoples in the world about whom no one else is thinking or caring!" . . .

Now, I want you to realize tonight, that the word, "missions" is not good enough. "Missions as usual" is not going to do this job! Most missionaries, like the national pastors, are concerned about what is already going on.

Ninety percent of all missionaries are going to work with wellestablished churches and most of them will never even be exposed to the insight you've heard tonight that we need to break out of our box and go to those people groups where there is nothing going on.

That isn't in the cards for them. They're not thinking about it. They're not bad people, they're not evil people, they just never stop to think. And 95 per cent of all mission funds are going simply to widen and broaden the existing beachheads, without any leapfrogging, without any intentional penetration of other people groups.

RUSTLING IN THE MULBERRY BUSHES

Well, this is CMA Night. Let me tell you my CMA stories. I taught at Nyack one semester, myself. (laughter) Some of my best friends are CMA'ers. (great laughter) But what I remember about the CMA is what I learned before I ever met them face-toface.

The CMA was not a denomination, it was a movement. It made enemies in almost every denomination. And finally, so much so that many of the Presbyterians involved were just sort of pushed out, and they ended up starting their own denomination. The CMA (as a Presbyterian, I can't take credit for it, but I believe it) certainly shows the reluctance of Presbyterians to move out to new places. Why?

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REFLECTIONS, cont'd

Because it was born back in the days when there was, like there is today, a rustling in the mulberry bushes; in the treetops you hear the rain, you think something new is happening.

CMA, SIMPSON, STUDD

Back in those days, A. B. Simpson and other leaders in the so-called "faith-mission movement" which produced 40 new mission agencies, and retooled a hundred other mission agencies, marched the whole Christian missionary enterprise out, beyond where they were, into Upper Volta, precisely, in places they were calling "inland" places.

They still weren't thinking of people groups, or pockets, or that sort of thing, bypassed groups, they were just thinking about geographical inlands. But, Simpson was one of the men along with C. T. Studd and others, who backed this movement which electrified and irritated the slumbering Christians who were willing just to send missionaries where there had been missionaries before.

And he tore the whole church wide-awake! The Alliance—the Christian Alliance, the Missionary Alliance—those two organizations coalesced and formed an unbeatable combination. And they tore this nation up and down, top to bottom.

IT IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF VOLUNTEER YOUNG PEOPLE, IT IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FUNDS, IT IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF ANYTHING BUT OF HEARTS SET ON THAT WHICH IS GOD'S HIGHEST. . .

Now, they are pretty much keeping to themselves, they don't attack the Methodists or the Presbyterians. They don't try to worm their way in and get frontier mission vision in there, you know, but that was an illustrious past. What a tremendous background.

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NINETY PERCENT OF ALL MISSIONARIES ARE GOING TO WORK WITH WELL-ESTABLISHED CHURCHES. . .

They were originally a frontier mission movement! More than any other in the United States. No other movement that size ever attacked (that's wisely chosen!) the complacency of all the churches. They enabled those churches to wrest themselves out of the rubbish of neutralism and complacency and "everyday-ism" and all the other "ism's" that overtake us, like the little sins that entangle our feet, when we are not on the frontiers of obedience to the living God!

TEARING AWAY THE BLINDERS

Oh, I pray that either the CMA or some other movement of that scope will come into being. This is why this meeting is here on Thursday nights. The name has been changed, I hope you've noticed.

Ever since Pastor Vuta and Pastor Bawla have come from Burma, we've learned something from them. We've learned if you want to turn the nation upsidedown, you've got to promote something so radical as a new daily habit of devotion that will gradually, gradually, day after day tear away the blinders from our eyes and open our eyes to these pockets of people.

There will be a day, Titus, when we will know the names of every single hidden people group in Upper Volta, and not only be praying for them by name, but I hope sending people. Probably not exclusively from the United States. . I hope some of these Koreans [in the audience] will get there.

NETWORK OF CENTERS

Our hope and prayer, of course, here at this Center is, and Ben Jennings will help you work it out, that there would be a sister-center in Upper Volta that would, like this center, perform a two-way street for its own nation. It would consider its own nation as a <u>mission-field</u> (not too difficult for that to be done after what he has told us of the need that's still there), and also as a mission base.

If all the Christians in every concentration across the world look at themselves and their own context as both a mission field and a mission base (and there are sister centers in a network of insight and challenge for the frontiers) then I believe it will be possible to do what we have the muscle to do today!

NEEDED: HEARTS. SET ON GOD'S HIGHEST

Never in history has there been the muscle, the unused muscle in the Church of Jesus Christ. Oh, it is not the absence of volunteer young people, it is not the absence of funds, it is not the absence of anything but of hearts set on that which is God's highest, reaching out to those least-reached people with the least opportunity—that has always been God's highest goal, and highest purpose.

IF YOU WANT TO TURN THE NATION UPSIDE-DOWN, YOU'VE GOT TO PROMOTE SOMETHING SO RADICAL AS A NEW DAILY HABIT OF DEVOTION. . .

I pray that all of us may take a lesson from the CMA, that we'll be challenged by what they did; and that we, too will become irritating campaigners who will disturb the complacency, as the Bible says, "Comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable." (laughter)—all across this country and the whole world so that it will not be necessary to go on hearing reports of how Christians are being so successful at keeping the blessings of God for themselves.

Shall we close in a word of prayer.

For you copy of the entire evening program on cassette tape, check appropriate box on back page.

MISSIOUS FESTIVAL **E.L.**].[.S

"Let's get on with the business of sowing the good seed, and get out of the darnel-pulling business! Everything else is endless exhaustion. . . Jesus will deal with the evil when He returns. It's not a matter of trying to shovel out the darkness from our society, but of turning on the light where there is not yet the light of the gospel."



So spoke Dr. Stan Mooneyham, at the Second Annual Southern California Missions Festival on July 12 at the U.S Center for World Mission. Dr. Mooneyham, president of World Vision, International referred to the parable of the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13. He presented the controversial image of sowing the Word of God where it has never yet been sown, instead of just spending our time and energies trying to root out the evil in the world.

In response to Dr. Mooneyham's comments, Ralph Winter added that it was necessary to plant the "wheat" in the regions where there is not yet any indigenous church—and that will require cross-cultural missions.

The stirring climax of the evening occured as Ben Jennings presented the challenge of the 75th anniversary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement—which itself was a recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "Haystack Prayer Meeting."

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The Festival was the kickoff for the entire Christian Leaders Institute of International Studies, July 12-16. This program, an intensive IIS experience, attracted 125 participants from as far away as Washington, South Carolina, Washington DC, and Canada. Some participants were from Austria, Germany, Singapore, and Australia.

Evening speakers provided challenges concerning the world's major blocs of hidden peoples. Don McCurry asked: "Does your eschatology hinder the evangelism of the Muslims, and hence the coming of Jesus Christ?"

Sam Kamaleson pointed out that, within each Hindu, there is the desire to see God.



Ben Jennings presents Laymens Missionary Movement challenge

Jim Ziervogel, on the Chinese world, observed that even though China is closed to traditional missions, there are still 40 million Chinese people living outside the Peoples Republic.

Clarence Church commented that cultures do change when missionaries come, and churches are planted. When a tribal group comes to the Lord, there is an ending to murders, drunkenness, and the like, because the Lord changes people's hearts.



Participants were pleased with the experience, and remarked that the time was:

"...action-packed." "thought-provoking and heart-searching,"

"The Lord is using my time here to see in a new way and to open my heart afresh to Him,"

"I was impressed by your displays... just talking with the various missionaries at the booths was very helpful."

A judge from Singapore attended, and shared: "It has been excellent. I have attended so many conferences, all over the world, and I can say with a great deep sense of affection, this has been the greatest conference, the greatest seminar that I've ever attended in my whole life... I have been so challenged."

One came from Washington, who said, "It gave me a whole new perspective on the Bible. It inspires me to action. I plan to shift my lifestyle from peacetime to wartime, and evaluate expenses in terms of the [frontier] cause."

And, one from Minneapolis shared, "It had incredible scholarship. What incredible heart these people have for the lost. It was awesome... at times, I felt I've been looking at the heart of God."

COMING SOON, A "DAILY WALK THROUGH THE WORLD" **BOOKLET**

Faith 7

Faith-building reminders of God's power in history, i.e.

- --the transformation of Africa
- --the transformation of Europe, centuries earlier
- --stories from the faithful lives of people of God
- --remarkable church growth in Latin America
- --powerful people movements
- --revivals and prayer
- -- the early church in Rome
- --martyrs of faith
- --frontier church planting of previous centuries
- -India's hospitals; Africa's schools
- --and more, each day.

Hope>

Largely unproclaimed, hopeful signs of God's power surging through the next two decades:

- --unprecedented openness among Muslims
- --fast-breaking opportunities in China
- --a new surge of student mission interest as in the previous century
- --Frontier Fellowship news
- --news from agencies of breakthroughs and plans
- --growth of lay involvement opportunities
- --the massive, untapped strength of the global evangelical community
- --and more, each day.

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP.

Some of the 16,750 groups still without their own church.

India Kaipong-Koloi...

Kanarese

Kashmir Muslims...

Kolam...

October

Past: Magnificent Achievements Praise God!

...for giants of prayer like A.B. Simpson. Behind every major new thrust in missions have stood men and women of extraordinary prayer and faith. Such a man was A.B. Simpson, a founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance movement, which was to become one of the greatest forces in mission and renewal in this century. A guest in his home one morning came upon him in his study. His arms were around a globe of the world; tears were streaming down his face. May God help us to care for the lost like that, and give us a heart to pray with compassion for the world.

"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." -William

Carey



Present: Peoples Still With No Church Plead with God...

...for the Chang-Pa of Kashmir (India). The Chang-Pa are the people of "Chang-Thang", or the northern upland valleys of the Indus River. The mean height of these plains is over 13,000 feet — the highest plateaus in the world. Because the plains are so high, the Chang-Pa ruise livestock rather than cultivate the soil. Missionaries to the Chang-Pa would have to be quite strong, would need to take time to learn their special Tibetan dialect and rugged way of life. Pray for the Chang-Pa. (More on the Chang-Pa tomorrow)...from "Unreached Peoples '81"

Future: Unparalleled Potential!

Participate with God. Pray for the potential of... ...Third World Agencies. Surely one of the greatest new facts of our day is the development of mission agencies by churches in the Third World. Christians

much less economically able to support missions to other cultures are now doing so, explosively. In fact, the Friends Missionary Prayer Band of India supports more missionaries per capita than any denomination in the United States! There are already 400 non-Western agencies known, sending 10,000 missionaries. Pray that their number will increase and that they will soon

have access to solid cross-cultural missions training.

Eternity: God's Unchanging Heart for All Peoples

We continue our exploration of Jesus -- a man for all peoples (not just the Jewish Messiah). In Luke 1:72, 72, 78, 79, Jesus' uncle Zechariah cited his nephew's coming as proof that God had remembered "his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham." Then, he likened Jesus to a "rising sun ... come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death." References like these were commonly understood by Jews to designate Gentiles (see Matt 4:15, 16). What peoples today still "dwell in darkness"?

A Church For Every People . . .

Subscribers to The Daily Walk-through the World (working title) will automatically become members of the Frontier Fellowship Book Club, allowing them to purchase missions books at a 40% discount. New materials will be featured monthly.

Love

So the Frontier Fellowship can grow on "all fours" -pray, study, give, share

Wednesday

October

DAILY WALK...through the World. Some of the 16,750 groups still without their own church.

India Indonesia Totis... Zoliang... Alas... Tamil Brahmins . Tangsa... Achehnese... Asmat

Past: Magnificent Achievements

Praise God!

...for the unprecedented growth of the church as a result of mission work of the previous century. When missionaries first began attempting to penetrate Africa — formerly the "Dark Continent" — two out of three could count on being dead of disease within three years. And yet, they continued coming, always the minority in the church, but always remarkably effective. Today, across Africa and Asia, at least 1000 new churches open their doors for the first time each week!



Present: Peoples Still With No Church Plead with God...

...again for the Chang-Pa. The total tribe is small: 7,000 members in villages scattered over 20,000 square kilometers. The villages are abandoned most of the year as the people wander with their flocks. Only in the winter, as temperatures drop to -30° Centigrade with gale-force winds, do the nomads move inside. In evenings, villagers sing and dance and recite epics and stories. It may be that in these epics there will be clues to how a Christian could share the Gospel. The people are nominal Buddhists; there is no known evangelistic work among them at present. Pray that a hardy team may establish a long-term work among the Chang-Pa.



Future: Unparalleled Potential!

Participate with God. Pray for the potential of...

...unprecedented harvests. It is easy for us today to bemoan world events and to feel Satan is in control. Instead, we should be looking at God's final design: He will reign! We need to see beyond events in Iran, Afghanistan, Cambodia. More Cambodians have come to Christ, for example, in the last few months than in all of recent history put together. Afghan refugees coming into Pakistan, 20,000 a day at times, are more open to the Gospel than they have ever been. Jesus said: "Lift up your eyes and see."



Eternity: God's Unchanging Heart for All Peoples Jesus — Man for All Peoples.

Soon after Jesus' birth, aged Simeon, a devout Jew, met Joseph, Mary, and Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. (Luke 2:30-32) He declared in wonder to God: "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." At a time when it would have been easy to focus exclusively on the excitement of the coming of the Jewish Messiah, God reemphasizes his ultimate purposes. Have we been guilty of keeping our Messiah to ourselves?

By The Year 2000.

In addition to the daily input, each month's booklet will contain two major articles, exploring and explaining missions breakthroughs, frontier fellowship news, news from other countries, strategic insights, book digests, and so on.

Helping the Hidden People --those without any church and largely no outreach-become visible, tangible targets of love and concern. Each day, explorations of distinct people groups still in need of prayer and ministry. Focus on groups within the major least-reached cultural spheres:

- --Muslims
- --Chinese
- --Hindus
- --Tribal
- --Buddhist
- --others.

Cthe Word

If my people...will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face..." When we seek the Face of God, where do we see him looking? The Bible's major theme must inevitably be God's relentless, compassionate, quest for all families of the earth. This section will, day by day, illuminate the unfolding story from Genesis to Revelation, of God's unstoppable plans to reach all nations. Each year, a new missiologist/Bible scholar will go through the Bible exploring that major theme. His work, at the end of the year, will be reprinted separately as a special missions Bible guide.

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PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE

MEST AFRICA

WEST AFRICA: MANDING

Leone, Gambia, Senegal, Ghana, Liberia, and Upper Volta), there are over 7,000,000 Manding. dingo, and Malinke). Bambara, the Dyula (Diola), and the Maninka (Mandinka, Man-This large tribe is divided into three major groups: (Benin, Guinea, Mali, Ivory Coast, Sierra In some ten countries of West Africa

tion area between Islam and Christianity. "For example, few of the Bambara are Muslim while nearly all Dyula are. In cent Muslim; while in Gambia, Liberia and Senegal, more than Dahomey (Benin) and Sierra Leone, they are less than 20 per-90 percent of the Manding are Muslim." (R. Weekes, Muslim Some parts of the Manding people constitute a confronta-

mediated by the Dyula coexisted with Animistic practices. An example are the "clans" (dyamu) which share a common patronym clan members may claim hospitality throughout West Africa. and totem, which is an animal which cannot be harmed. Fellow many Animist tribes, who in time turned to Islam. Islam as throughout West Africa bringing literacy and special skills to since the 15th century. As traders, they traveled widely The Dyula have been the agents of conversion to Islam

erature. Phay that God will bring some of these musicians which do not intermarry with other Manding. high prestige, since they preserve songs and a rich oral litforms to proclaim the Gospel. (griots) to salvation so that they may use the indigenous art The Manding also maintain a system of occupational castes Musicians have

the 2,000,000 Bambara. Their language is used as a medium for Christian broadcasting, and the entire Bible has been translated into this language. Yet, there are only 26,000 Chris-In Mali, Christian missionary work has been started among

Information provided by Warren Chastain, staff member of the Samuel Zwemer Institute (Islam). This Institute is directed by Don McCurry (Box 365, Altadena, California 91001).

PRAYER FOR THE HIDDEN PEOPLE CHINESE

"The Children's News". It has a circulation of 11.1 million, larger than any other newspaper in the PRC. Phay that newspaper for primary school children, Republic of China): There is a weekly there may also be Christian printed matter for these children. -MAINLAND CHINA (The Peoples

dom and continental Europe, including this year some 40,000 Mission. these young people, especially among the refugees, this summer. young people are sent out by the Chinese Overseas Christian Indochinese refugees in West Germany. --EUROPE: Every summer, mission teams of Chinese Christian They bear witness to the Chinese of the United King-Pray for the ministry of

Muslim Indo-European people. They raise sheep and cattle and grow highland barley in these mountainous regions. Across the border in the U.S.S.R. and in Afghanistan live about 5 million more Tajiks. receive the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour westernmost part of this province live about 22,000 Tajiks, a --MAINLAND CHINA--Xinjiang (Sinkiang) Province: •In the Pray that these pastoral people may hear and

are an undisclosed number of military troops from Taiwan. The island is on constant full war alert. About 52,000 civilians sorghum and vegetable fields. Pray for the spread of the Christian Gospel among both the civilian and military people. 50-square-mile island a few miles offshore from Mainland China live on this well-irrigated island where woods alternate with -- TAIWAN (Republic of China) -- Island of Quemoy:

--MAINLAND CHINA: The PRC has developed a system of "key" schools where pupils are selected, often by examination at the are provided for this system, along with well qualified teachers. age of five, and given an elite education through high school. An enriched curriculum and the best of available teaching tools

directed by Jim Ziervogel, and the Chinese World Mission Center directed by Danny Yu, are located at the U.S. Center for World Mission (1605 E. Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104). 1981, published by the Institute of Chinese Studies. The ICS, Information from "Watchman on the Great Wall", July-August,



LETTERS

COMMENTS AND QUOTES FROM READERS AND FRIENDS

I made a pledge that I would send each month's loose change from my pocket until you had the Center paid for. [The enclosed] check is for the months of April, May and June. It is a small amount but I pray it will help in the payments for March and June. I am praying that God will bring many small checks just like mine to help in this work.

. . . Right now I am praying that the Lord will lead me to five members of the church which I serve that will see the vision that the Center means in the spreading of the gospel. Please pray that they will adopt not only the need of the Center but also the Frontier Fellowship.

May God be with you all. Sincerely, C. J. Zearing, IA

Many times listening to you, I have seen in you the Suffering Christ for a lost world. Your vision is God-given and only He will be your help to the completion of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

The enclosed check is the money I had put away for my vacation, but plans were changed. I have had many fine vacations, but meeting the July 15 deadline is more important.

Thanking God for His marvelous miracle in rescuing your mission again, it is with anticipation that I look forward to the good news: "The deadline was met once more."

Sincerely, L. M. C.

[We do not always know how He will "rescue" us, but we do know that He wants the Hidden Peoples reached with the Gospel!—Ed.]

After reading about your crisis I promised the Lord that He would be given half of any extra money that I received this month(s). We were already heavily committed to our church and a building program, so the money donated to you had to be over and above our normal giving.

After a garage sale on Saturday, we are enclosing \$40.00, half of our sale. With God's riches we may be sending more soon.

In Him, M. P. La Verne, CA Enclosed please find my draft to the U.S. Center for World Mission in the amount of \$200.

Praise the Lord for the work being done at the Center! My parents first told me of your work. . . Since reading Once More Around Jericho, which will be circulated among my friends, I have wanted to participate in some way. I wish I could give more!

II Chronicles 16:9a has been a blessing to meand now to you I hope. It seems you have relied on the Lord. As you continue to have hearts that are His, He will be supportive of you. This tremendous financial need must be met because God is faithful to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

I am praying with you and looking forward to hearing how the Lord answers our prayers to keep the campus and the ministry going on to His glory.

In His Bonds, R. S. Fairport, NY

Recently I was exposed to your film and the book Once More Around Jericho.

It amazes me that discouragement can come to people so plainly involved in the Lord's work. As people we are so humorous—forgetting to look back and see how far God has brought us. God has directed your paths. He is your strength. Don't depend on man or money!

I so appreciated the vision put forth in the book. You are so right—people need to get a glimpse of a big task with divine purpose to set them on fire. I'm going to start the circulation of my book to my friends. Enclosed is a faith gift of \$16.00.

In Christ, G. M. Aberdeen, SD

Thank you for sending Once More Around Jericho and "Mission Frontiers." It is so exciting to read about what God is doing, and to know that we have the privilege of being part of it all.

I am trying to read more "mission" books, and praying that God can work through me to help instill this world vision in others. This global cause has given my life in Christ a new dimension.

Thank you again so much, J. B. Oxford, OH

I appreciate what the Center stands for and is seeking to do. I know it is making a real contribution in the training of missionaries. May the Lord bless and work a miracle for you at this time.

Sincerely, R. A. M. Temple City, IA

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