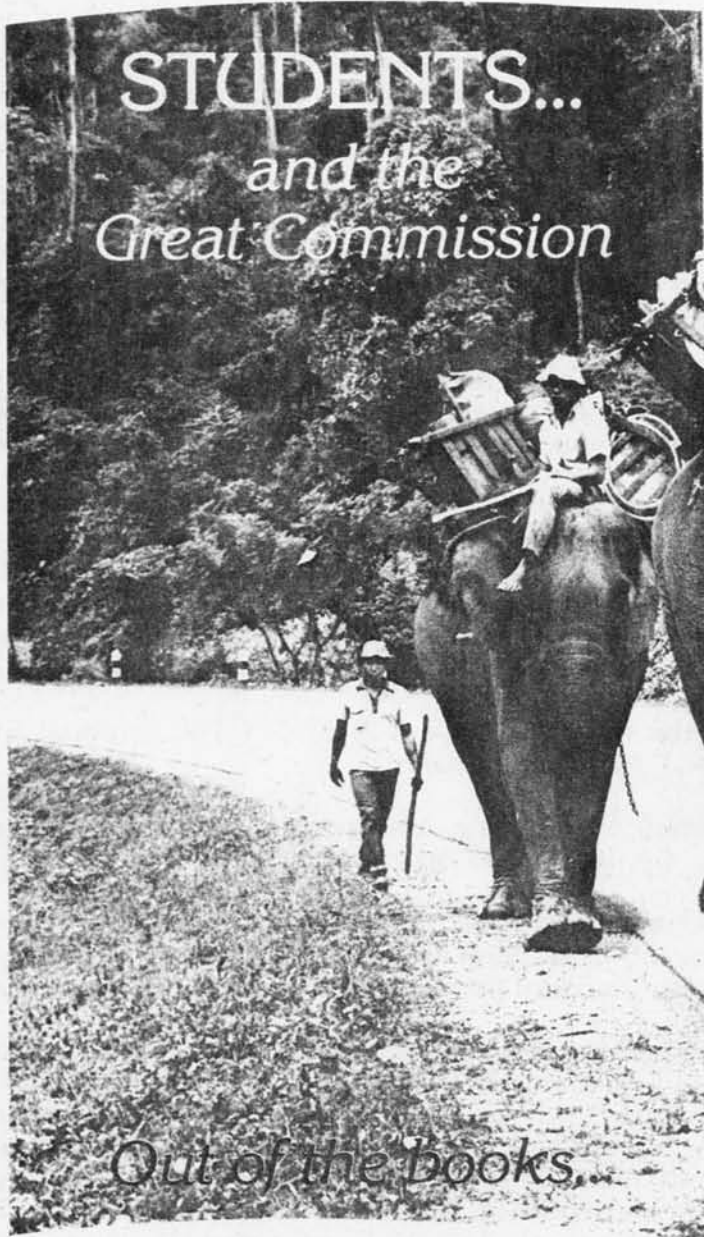


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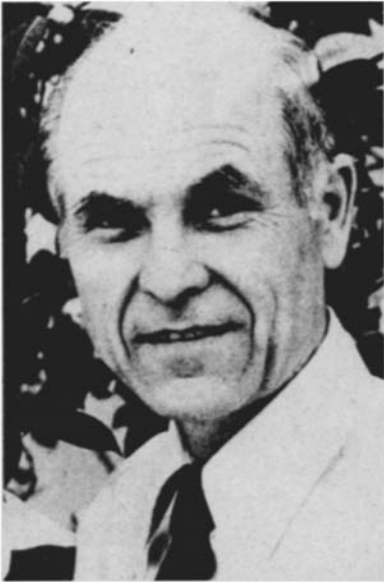
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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Frankly, I don't like that word "director." I tell people sometimes that I am the "janitor" here, just trying to be a good steward of these 100 buildings.

Or, I tell people I am the "observer" here, hardly more than keeping track, in general, of all the things that 200 energetic people working, creating, producing can be up to simultaneously! "It ain't easy," even for an "observer."

But, to tell the truth, I am actually the "General Director." Do you know what that means? I have the unenviable job of casting the deciding vote in staff huddles as regards the general direction of things. That's all. The general direction. Details are for other people.

[Remember Will Rogers? Asked how to deal with the phenomenal problem of German submarines during World War II, he said, "Heat the ocean to a boil." People replied, "But how?" He answered, "That's your problem. I gave you the solution. You work out the details."]

Curiously, however, I really am more of an observer than a director, even a general "directioner." Why? Most of the most arresting things we have to do with are not in my control, nor even in the control of anyone here. All of us are mainly just fitting into what our sovereign, active, loving, living Lord is doing. And things are exploding on all sides.

Could I "direct" into existence the new, dynamic N.S.M.C.--the National Student Missions Coalition? (See pages 12-14.) God must have!

Could I have "directed" that potent, swarming, beautiful headquarters team of youthful leaders to move to the U.S. Center? God must have!

Could I "direct" our young chief accountant to stick it out another year here before going to seminary? God must have! I expect he can begin seminary while still working here. Anyhow, he's more than accountant now--one of our top managers.

Could I "direct" 20 people to gather in Chicago last week (representing top Southern Baptist leadership, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Lausanne Committee, Sudan Interior Mission, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, etc., etc.)? Although I was one of them, could I have had the power to "direct" those men to drop the definition of Unreached Peoples used at Pattaya and for that phrase adopt the concept employed at the 1980 Edinburgh World Consultation on Frontier Missions? God must have! This agreement now paves the way for far better collaboration and understanding. More on this meeting next issue.

Could I--just since last issue--"direct" two additional, outstanding, stable, older mission agencies (RBMU International and FEGC--now Send International) to plunge
(See page 4)

"I had thought I would live a normal middle-class American life and that I would exhort others to obey Christ, but I didn't really know what it meant to obey Christ.

How could 2.7 BILLION people hear about Christ and become His disciples if no one would share the Gospel with them in a way that they could understand—and how could I justify staying in the United States making disciples when so many millions of Muslims, Hindus, Chinese and tribal peoples would never even have the chance to hear who Jesus really is."

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into the Frontier Fellowship movement? God must have!

How's this: Could I "direct" the Motion Picture Academy to give Chariots of Fire the best picture award? God must have! This will send a flood of keen, new, determined young people to the field. (See back page for the rest of the story in book form.)

Could I "direct" the 3000-student Biola University to choose a missionary/mission executive for its new president? God must have! This now will give other Christian colleges a new tough example to live up to in terms of serious recruitment and training of students for world service--both on graduate and undergrad levels.

For that matter, could I direct a young officers Junta to choose a devout Sunday School teacher as the new president of Guatemala? God must have! Oh, God, please also keep this man alive! Let the world now see appear the rugged moral backbone of Guatemala--the one million (out of seven) evangelicals without whom there is no hope for that country.

Could I "direct" a superb team of young people to knock themselves out, work night and day, gamble everything they (and their friends) possess to launch a new missions magazine (TODAY'S MISSION -- The World Christian Magazine--48 pages, 8½ x 11, four color, superb high quality, absolutely stunning)? I actually doubted if they could do it! But God is in this! Send for a sample copy. Order 1982's six issues--don't miss a single one--for \$12 to Box 40010, Pasadena CA 91104.

Dear faithful people, you can see I haven't "directed" any of these things. I did direct our accountant to pay the last \$65,000 on the March 1st payment. But even there God must have directed many generous people to send in the first \$110,000, and our staff was certainly consulted before we took the last \$65,000 out of our carefully built-up \$70,000 severance fund. (Now our staff can't resign!)

What glorious weariness we experience here together. How about it? Pray! Ask God if He wants you to come and join us. We need every kind of talent to assist Him as He directs. That \$6,000,000 payment next year won't go away. It's getting closer (September '83). We can make it only if 400,000 more join the Frontier Fellowship and give their first \$15 to us. But we cannot "direct" that to happen.

So what? "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty, mighty!" That is good enough. Rejoice with us!

In His Commission,

Ralph D. Winter

Crossroads '82: Do you know of a young person going overseas this summer who might appreciate a big, warm send-off? Will that student just drop out of sight? How about steering such a young person through Pasadena on Saturday evening, June 19th for a special "Great Commissioning" service of youth? That evening at least 200 will be commissioned, sent by many boards. Elizabeth Elliot will be the main speaker. Many other exciting ingredients! (Jointly sponsored for all missions by Language Institute for Evangelism and the U.S. Center for World Mission. Held at Pasadena First Nazarene at 7 P.M.)

— SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT —

The true story of an evangelical that won the Olympics for Christ,
died in China for the Gospel!

CHARIOTS OF FIRE



"Chariots of Fire" made it!

Oscar for "Best Picture, 1981," awarded March 25, 1982

Two reasons to rejoice:

NUMBER ONE -- it is already making history!

— 1,000 to 5,000 are being catapulted into new, serious consideration of giving their lives like Eric Liddell did.

— Pray that it will revolutionize the motion picture industry --
Some day we may say, "In 1982, that film Chariots of Fire
blew the minds of the film makers, and we've had a stream of
clean, high-minded films ever since!"

NUMBER TWO -- it will help you start the Frontier Fellowship in your church!

- In our new May edition of the Frontier Fellowship Daily Prayer Guide, Eric Liddell (the star of the film) is referred to again and again.
- Little known further facts about his subsequent work as a missionary in China!

FLASH! Sample copy coming free by separate mail.

YOU MUST HURRY IF YOU WANT THIS BY MAY!

1. Ask the Lord how many of your friends will get a blessing from a month of inspiration like this?
2. Pick up the phone, dial 0-213-791-1324.
3. Tell the operator, "station rate, Frontier Fellowship calling."
4. Ginny Williamson will answer — tell her whether you want 10, 20, 30...
5. We'll send them the same day,
we'll send them priority mail (same speed as First Class)
We'll enclose a bill as follows:
10 for \$5.00, 20 or more 40¢ each, delivered (plus tax in Calif.)

ANNOUNCING: The New Frontier

Coming in May, a new format for this unique monthly booklet, focused on the final frontiers of the Gospel!

The Frontier Fellowship and the *Daily Prayer Guide* are moving ahead! Len Bartlotti, Coordinator of the Frontier Fellowship reports that he continues to receive word of new mission agencies and churches who are deciding to adopt this program as they seek to be more effective and involved with the frontier missions movement. In keeping with increased demand for a daily source of information and inspiration, the Daily Prayer Guide Team has announced a new format for upcoming issues.

The Frontier Fellowship is a national prayer campaign focused on the final frontiers of the Gospel—the Hidden Peoples. It seeks to involve *one million Christians* in a daily devotional discipline of prayer and saving “loose change.”

This simple discipline, when shared by believers all over the country, will produce millions of moments of prayer and about \$100 million per year for outreach to Hidden People groups. Believers are encouraged to use the *Daily Prayer Guide* to LEARN, PRAY, and SAVE daily, to GATHER monthly in local church Frontier Fellowship groups and to SHARE their frontier vision with others.

The LEARNING component of the booklet includes “Missions in the Bible”, exciting true stories from history, profiles from Hidden People groups, potential breakthroughs to the Gospel frontiers, and the role of the local church in the task. Featured *every day* is a Bible passage emphasizing God’s concern for the nations. Daily exposure to missions in

the Bible will certainly change hearts and lives! The addition of a map on the back of the *Daily Prayer Guide* provides a new visual way to stimulate our prayer focus.

John Shindeldecker, editor of the *Daily Prayer Guide* points out that the new expanded daily write-ups allow for more in-depth information on Hidden People groups, exciting historical vignettes, and promising developments in the Frontier Missions movement. In addition to the Bible passage in which we pursue God’s heart for all nations, each day has one of the following items for PRAYER focus:

- 1) Looking at some heroes of the faith, we can praise God for what He has done through His people in

Bazigar... Bediya... Bhakta... Chamari... Dhurwa... Gadaban...

Pursue God's Heart for All Nations

Monday

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“Out of these the nations were separated...” (Gen.10:32). God made a special point after the flood to list all of the “nations” of the earth. The incident at the Tower of Babel confused the languages of these groups (smaller than countries, larger than families). Missiologists calculate that today there are about 22,000 of these “nations” speaking some 12,000 languages. The startling fact is that of these 22,000 biblical “nations,” nearly 17,000 still have no indigenous, evangelizing church movement among them. These are sometimes referred to as “unreached people groups.” But because they are mainly unnoticed, they are also known as “Hidden Peoples.” People in these groups speak nearly 5000 distinct languages and are mostly found in tribal, Muslim, Hindu, Chinese, and Buddhist categories.

God has been concerned for them from the very beginning. Shouldn't we be also?

Praise God for what He has done!

“I won't run on a Sunday.” Olympic games, Paris, 1924. Eric Liddell was determined to keep the Sabbath. He dropped out of the prestigious 100-meter race—the race he was favored to win—and unexpectedly won a gold medal in the 400-meters, setting a world record. Forty years after his death, the history of that spectacular race inspired the making of the Academy Award nominee, “Chariots of Fire.”

Eric Liddell was by far the most popular athlete in all of Scotland in his day. What motivated him to leave behind his athletic career, ardent fans, and beloved homeland to go to China as a missionary and eventually die in an obscure Japanese internment camp?

Liddell was born in China in 1902 where his parents were serving with the London Missionary Society. During his years at the University of Edinburgh, Eric gathered trophies and prizes faster than his family could store them. But in the spring of 1923, a new challenge came. He was asked to speak at an evangelistic meeting in Armadale, central Scotland. Though not an eloquent orator, Eric's simple message had a powerful impact on the men who came. Liddell's address at Armadale was the first, stunning example of how God would use him throughout his life, uncannily commanding rapt attention as he spoke of his faith in Jesus Christ. *Pray that many today—young and old—will lay hold of the same commitment that motivated Eric Liddell.*

*“I won't run on a Sunday.”
—Eric Liddell*

Fellowship Daily Prayer Guide

Kenya: Ayana... Boran... Digo... Dorobo... El Molo... Gabbra...

Tuesday
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Pursue God's heart for all nations.

"Bless our God, O peoples." (Ps. 66:1-8). "Come and see the works of our God!" (Ps 66:5) The nations are again exhorted to give praise to the LORD. The Psalmist here reflects how the LORD protected the children of Israel and brought them through the sea on dry land. The implication is, "You nations had better worship the LORD, because He is so powerful and has done so much for us!"

There are no known Christians among the 20,000 Rendille.

As we seek to reach out to the frontiers with the Gospel, let us base our outreach on a life that has been blessed by Him. We must make sure we have wonderful things to tell the nations that He has done for us. They will listen only if we have a testimony of fact and personal experience.

Plead with God for the Hidden Peoples.

In tones of respect, an aged Boran storyteller describes his Rendille neighbors: "Uncertainty is their challenge; independence is their strength." According to oral history from their northern Boran neighbors, the Rendille were pushed out of southern Ethiopia, where they used to live as cattle herders. They went south into Kenya as far as the Rift Valley. Competition over the land caused them to settle in the dry, inhospitable northern terrain of the Kaisu Desert. Their cattle could not cope with the harsh climate, so they shifted to herding camels, exhibiting their innovativeness and preserving their dignity. They developed new customs to help cope with the fragile, uncertain life of Kenya's northern frontier.

Kenya has been politically stable since independence from Great Britain in 1963, and there is complete religious freedom. About 70% of the 15,000,000 population now claims to be Christian. However, certain tribes remain totally unreached. The Rendille is one of them.

There are no known Christians among the 20,000 Rendille. There is some confusion over their religion, but missionaries close to the Rendille indicate they are 100% animists (spirit worshippers).

Pray for Christian workers who can learn the difficult language and who can reach these nomadic people with the Gospel of Christ in a culturally sensitive way.

Gosha... Rendille... Sabbra... Sakuye... Samburu... Somali... Suk...

Wednesday
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Pursue God's heart for all nations.

"Let all nations call Him blessed" (Psalm 72:17). This entire Psalm is devoted to exhorting the nations to bring gifts, honor, and praise to the LORD. The picture of the entire world is drawn in many ways: "May He rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth" (v.8); "and let all kings bow down before Him, all nations serve Him" (v.11); "And may the whole earth be filled with His glory" (v.19).

Solomon, the author of this Psalm, could certainly see how the nations would bow down to the LORD. Israel was at its height. Gentile kings came from miles around to receive food and wisdom from Solomon. In the same way, it is easy for us to see how the LORD wants to bless all nations through us. *May we be willing to be a blessing, both spiritually and materially, to the still unreached peoples.*

Petition for promising breakthroughs.

"Sorio lagoraha!" Just after dawn, the air crackles with excitement as the entire Rendille village at Loglogo, Kenya prepares for its annual Sorio ritual. Astonishing parallels to biblical rituals can be seen. A large, male sheep is chosen. After pouring milk on its back, sides, stomach, and feet, the sheep is thrust on its side. A Rendille pulls out a dagger and deftly slits the sheep's neck, catching most of the blood in a metal bowl. His sons gather round as he leaves an imprint of blood on each boy's chest. Another young Rendille writes on the side of each living cow and calf with the sheep's blood. Finally, a man ties the sheep's neck and lifts it into the house to be butchered and eaten.

What does this ritual mean? Not even the Rendille themselves know; they go through the form every year because "it has always been done that way." Missionaries with Africa Inland Mission (AIM) have noted that no worship is involved in the ceremony. Not once is any god's name mentioned.

Yet, Sorio is a ritual surprisingly similar to that of the Jewish Passover and the Old Testament sin offerings. Perhaps Sorio is the analogy planted by God in Rendille culture to point the way to Jesus, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). *Continue your prayers which you began yesterday for the Rendille; pray that God will show the AIM missionaries there how to use the symbolism of Sorio to lead many Rendille to Jesus Christ, the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world.*

"Sorio" could be a Rendille redemptive analogy.

the past—models for which our own faith can be encouraged.

- 2) The focus on *Hidden People* groups directs us in greater awareness as we pray for the "nations" of the world.
- 3) By learning about the exciting thrusts in frontier missions today, we are guided to petition God for promising breakthroughs of advancing the Kingdom of God to "the uttermost parts of the earth."

Sunday is now a special day in the *Prayer Guide* that includes either an expanded Bible passage or an exciting look at the local church's role in frontier missions.

The SAVING part of the

program involves Christians saving their loose change in a jar each day for new work among Hidden Peoples. As we drop our change in the jar, we are reminded to pray. In this way, both action and prayer are combined in our response to the urgent need of taking the Gospel to the Hidden Peoples.

As each of us is stimulated by the *Prayer Guide*, SHARING is a natural outcome. In the biblical, historical and other information presented in the booklet, we have tools to share with others to encourage and stimulate them to become a part of the Frontier Fellowship movement.

The benefits for every person who becomes involved with reading and studying the *Daily*

Prayer Guide are numerous. First, it provides the material for family activities such as dinnertable discussions, family devotions, bedtime reading and praying. It also provides a simple way to have a more disciplined prayer time for the cause of God's kingdom, as well as more disciplined learning and praying about still untouched groups of people throughout the world.

We believe this new look and format will help foster more intelligent and effective prayer as many learn more and share with others about the fascinating challenge of crossing the final frontiers of the Gospel.

For ordering information, see back page.

ANATOMY OF AN INTERNSHIP: *one student's trek towards becoming a World Christian*

by Sue Richards

What's a Penn State student like me doing at the U.S. Center for World Mission? My internship, of course! Let me tell you about it.

I am a 12th term senior at the Pennsylvania State University. My major is Individual and Family Studies which is in the College of Human Development. One of the requirements of my major is to gain a first-hand look at the field of Human Services by spending 10 weeks (one full term, worth 10 semester units) in a professional Human Service setting. And what could be more human service-oriented than missions?

It all started Spring term at Penn State in 1980. I enrolled in a class that was offered to Penn State students by the Institute of International Studies. Seventy-five other students and myself met twice a week for the class which we affectionately named "the missions course." Over the course of that Spring term, the other students and I gained a new perspective on many things. We began to see how God's plan, throughout all of time, has been to bring all people groups from all over the world (not just at Penn State) into a restored relationship with Himself.

We began to understand that God's blessings on us were meant to be shared with others, and that the gift of Jesus is God's greatest blessing of all time. We began to realize that to share Jesus with all the peoples of the world is the most significant purpose of all. The perspective that I gained during that term radically changed the direction of my life.

I had pursued my course of study at Penn State with the goal of ending up as a Christian counselor. I had thought I would live a normal middle-class American life and that I would exhort others to obey Christ, but I didn't really know what it meant to obey Christ. As I studied the Bible and listened to the

"As I studied the Bible and listened to the presentations of the experts in missions...I saw more clearly than ever that to obey Christ is to 'go and make disciples of all nations.'"

presentations of the experts in missions from the IIS course, I saw more clearly than ever that to obey Christ is to "go and make disciples of all nations."

I wanted to obey Christ; I wanted

others to obey Christ too, but I saw the incredibly unequal distribution of Christian laborers in the world's population. How could 2.7 BILLION people hear about Christ and become His disciples if no one would share the Gospel with them in a way that they could understand—and how could I justify staying in the United States making disciples when so many millions of Muslims, Hindus, Chinese and tribal peoples would never even have the chance to hear who Jesus really is. By the end of that Spring term at Penn State, I could no longer ignore the need for all peoples to have a Christian witness.

I felt as though blinders had been removed from my eyes. Suddenly I saw the 4 billion people of the world in a new way. At the end of that term, I committed the rest of my life to the task of world evangelization even though I didn't know exactly how God would lead me. I only knew that knowing God was the reason why I was created and that knowing God meant



Sue Richards, intern (second from right), with part of IIS staff she served with at the Center.

knowing and acting in accordance with God's heart for the whole world.

My new perspective motivated me to begin praying daily for the world's people groups, to take classes with an international focus, and to get to know some of the international students on campus. I got to know one very special Muslim couple from Libya. God used them (and their newborn baby!) to give me a growing love for Muslim peoples. I even began to pray that someday God would allow me to be a career missionary to Muslims.

My continued interest in missions was stimulated by regular contact with other "World Christian" books written by former missionaries, and conferences on missions (including the "International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions" held in Edinburgh, Scotland, which God miraculously brought me to), as well as my personal time with God in His Word.

So how did I end up at the U.S. Center for World Mission? That's easy to explain. A friend of mine had moved out to Pasadena because of her interest in missions, and she suggested that I come too. I thought about it, and

"My new perspective motivated me to begin praying daily for the world's people groups..."

decided that if God would make it possible for me to do my Penn State internship here then I would come. As you know by now, God did work out the details, and before I knew it, I was working on staff with the Institute of International Studies (IIS), getting credit back at Penn State at the same time. (I had to send weekly reports.)

My responsibilities here at IIS are very diverse. I am learning to do things I've never done before. I help to coordinate class activities and assignments; I am learning a little bit about computers; I am seeing the whole teaching side of education; and I am gaining confidence in my ability (by God's grace) to put my book-knowledge to practical use.

Penn State is pleased with my

opportunity to experience so many new insights into professional Human Services; IIS is pleased with the extra help that two more hands can provide; my parents are pleased that their daughter can take advantage of a whole world's worth of opportunities as part of her education, and I am "tickled pink" that I can benefit from the

"The job of reaching the whole world for Christ is too big for the few who are presently committed to it...more people need to gain a new perspective on what it means to 'obey Christ.'"

experience and insights from so many wonderful people here at IIS and at the USCWM as I influence other students toward lifelong commitment to Christ and His Global cause! What more could I ask for?

Now I am facing the inevitable decisions that each student must face upon graduation. This internship has been an outstanding opportunity for me to evaluate my strengths and weaknesses with regards to professional Human Services. But it has also been invaluable for helping me to see how I need to continue to prepare myself for my future as a career missionary to Muslims, if God continues to lead me in this direction.

I don't know exactly what my next step will be, but I know I want to continue to prepare myself by learning more about the Bible, Muslims, and world evangelization as I also share my vision for the world with other students. The job of reaching the whole world for Christ is too big for the few who are presently committed to it. It seems to me that more people need to gain a new perspective on what it means to "obey Christ."

Perhaps you, fellow students, would be able to take advantage of an internship from your school, either

secular or Christian, to come to Pasadena to the USCWM. Maybe you, too, could learn the things that only first-hand experience can teach you.

If you would like a challenging, eye-opening encouraging and academically profitable exposure as part of your education, begin to pray about it. Ask God if He would work out the details. Talk to your advisor and see if a professional experience can fit in with your curriculum. There's room for many more hands here at the USCWM in areas like human services, computers, graphics, international development, community development, writing and research and personnel to name just a few. Maybe you, too, can earn college credit for valuable, first-hand educational experience! Give it a try. I'm sure glad I did!

Sound interesting? Do you know of someone who could benefit from such an experience? For more information about an internship like Sue's—or in another area of your interest, check the appropriate box on the back of this magazine.



The Institute of International Studies (IIS) will be offering *two* summer sessions this year instead of one! Session I will run from June 14 through July 16, and Session II is now scheduled from August 2 through August 27.

Past courses have included top mission leaders such as Ralph Winter, Don Richardson, Virgil Olson, Tom and Betty Brewster, and Lloyd Kwast to teach in the morning classes. Evening case studies and cross-cultural field experiences are planned as well in what IIS leaders feel will be one of their best programs ever. The basic text for the course will be the new *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader*. Don't miss this opportunity.

Missions conference? On my campus?



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA STUDENTS IGNITED FOR FRONTIER MISSIONS

by Koleen Matsuda

THE HISTORY OF AN EXCITING TREND

"How can we share a vision for the world with college students like ourselves?" A few students were returning to Southern California after completing the 1974 Summer Institute of International Studies (a six-week missions conference that evolved into the Institute of International Studies, IIS). Out of prayer, a bold new idea was born: why not plan and host a missions conference especially for college students, challenging them with the same awesome privilege and responsibility given to the 12 disciples.

The vision was daring. Students forming the core planning group faced a grueling academic schedule at the California Institute of Technology. Could they get fellow students to join the effort, given the tremendous time pressure everyone faced? Irresistably, the vision caught on. With help from local missions resource people and Inter-Varsity staff, the first STUDENT

CONFERENCE OF WORLD EVANGELIZATION ("SCOWE") drew 350 students to Caltech's Beckman Auditorium in January, 1975.

SCOWE II and III continued in the tradition of SCOWE I, giving students invaluable experience in working closely with mission personnel and in motivating many local college fellowships to incorporate a global vision into their campus ministries. From SCOWE III and IV, a special directory of mission organizations with offices in Southern California was published, called *A WORLD TO REACH*. It was designed to appeal to the particular interests of college students and encouraging students to get involved with established mission groups.

SCOWE IV, V, VI, and this year's VII have been held on campus at the U.S. Center for World Mission. Because of its relation to the U.S. Center and Inter-Varsity, SCOWE has traditionally had some of the nation's key missions spokesmen, including David Bryant, David Howard, Sam Kamaleson, Don McCurry, Larry Poland, Don Richardson, Ralph Winter, and others.

As a missions conference, SCOWE is unique in several ways. Its evolution reflects unique trends developing in the student world:

1) The vision for SCOWE came from students themselves. In this way, SCOWE is an expression of a "grass roots" interest on the part of students; not only do they want to know about the world and their role in reaching it for Christ; they also desire to share that vision with their peers.

2) Pure attendance trends at the conference indicate a burgeoning concern among the students of Southern California. This year's SCOWE VII, held February 19-20, actually turned away last-minute registrants; campus facilities were creatively stretched to accommodate the 500 plus participants gently pressing its limits.

3) The nature of the delegates who come to SCOWE is evolving. Originally, SCOWE was a sort of "missions conversion" conference where students who knew little or nothing about missions came to discover the wide range of activity and need in world evangelization.

But beginning in 1981, SCOWE became a two-level conference to accommodate the growing number of students who have grasped a global vision, have made a basic commitment to involvement with world evangelization, but need more specific guidance as to their next step. At SCOWE VII, 55 per cent of the delegates came with some missions background and a basic level of commitment. They attended the "Obey the Vision" conference because either they had been to an Urbana or to some other missions convention, or had been in a missions prayer and study group and needed practical tools to enable them to obey the vision they had grasped. The other delegates attended "Catch the Vision," a conference patterned after the very early SCOWE's.

4) Since its inception, SCOWE has always focused on the need for missionaries to the Hidden Peoples of the world. Students have been challenged with nothing less than a radical commitment to frontier involvement—either going themselves, or implementing a simple lifestyle in order to enable others to go. In fact, it is this radical challenge which draws

students. This is not surprising: college students still have the major decisions of their lives ahead of them. They have historically been the group of people most open to having their motivations challenged, their future plans redirected.

GOD HAS MIRACULOUSLY GUIDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOWE

Throughout recent history, God has used students to effect significant leaps in world evangelization. C. T. Studd and "The Cambridge Seven," Samuel Mills and "The Haystack Five," and John R. Mott and the Student Volunteer Movement are but a few of the many examples. Similarly, God has provided for the development of SCOWE in miraculous ways. Some of these have been:

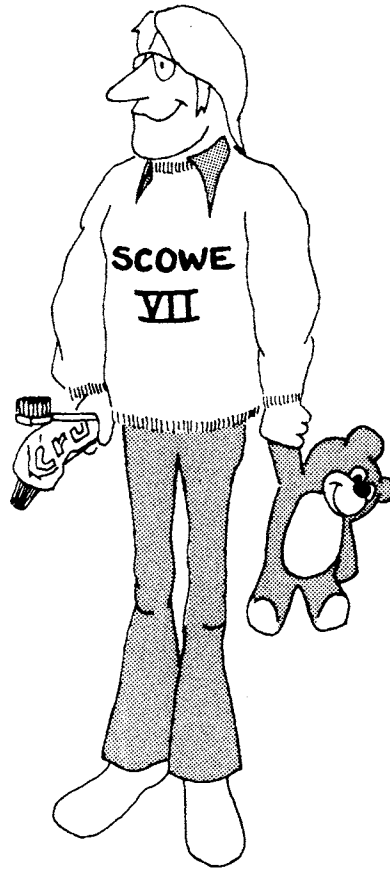
FINANCIAL SOLVENCY. In the early years of SCOWE when it was held at Caltech, financial solvency was always difficult because of the high cost of renting a secular college facility. One early SCOWE ran up a debt of a few hundred dollars, without foreseeable resources to cover the loss and provide seed money for the next year. Unexpectedly, a very mission-minded local church, Lake Avenue Congregational, generously picked up the slack; SCOWE was able to pay its bills! God has continued to provide in abundance for ensuring SCOWE's continuation.

PROVISION FOR PERSONNEL. With the high turnover rate in the student world, SCOWE was a questionable event for each of the first 4 years. Its execution depended upon the existence of a core of committed students willing to spend almost all their free time away from students working on conference organization. In 1978 there was no SCOWE because not enough students were able to make a commitment. But despite the lack of involved undergraduates in 1979, God still intended SCOWE to occur. For the first time, two graduate students played key roles in the administration of the conference. At SCOWE IV, the base for SCOWE operations moved to the USCWM, with files established for conference organization and a stabilized address. No longer is SCOWE a "maybe, maybe not" event.

WHAT IS SCOWE LIKE TODAY?

As a two-day weekend conference, SCOWE is like a "missions retreat." Plenary talks Friday night, Saturday morning, and Saturday night typically cover topics such as the Biblical basis for missions, the progress of Christian missions so far and the task still remaining, and practical ways to build a vision for missions in local churches or schools.

Seminars offered on Saturday afternoon allow students to interact



more personally with missionaries from particular fields, asking questions about the special challenges peculiar to their situations. Mission booths encourage students to explore the possibilities of short-term or long-term service with a mission agency.

Invariably, SCOWE participants leave the conference with a desire to move on in their missions involvement. Some SCOWE participants go on to apply for short-terms overseas. Others continue their missions education and expansion of personal vision through courses such as the Institute of International Studies.

YOUR SCHOOL AND/OR CHURCH CAN SPONSOR A SCOWE!

A growing burden to reach the world's lost is not a vision meant to remain regional. SCOWE-type experiences can be a catalyst for missions involvement anywhere—and they can be organized by any group of praying, interested people committed to seeing a frontier vision sweep today's student world. What is needed?

- 1) A core group of conference planners. Depending on the projected size of the conference, a core group can be anywhere from 3-8 people, none of whom have to be working on SCOWE full-time.
- 2) Backing of a local church, campus, or other facility where the conference can be held. To keep registration costs down, it is best to find a location sympathetic to the cause.
- 3) Contacts with local churches and schools. Focused on the student world, the desirable constituency is college students and college/career fellowships of local churches.
- 4) If we at the U.S. Center for World Mission can be of any assistance to the development of a SCOWE in your area, please contact us at the address below.

What about it? Is a SCOWE possible near you? When a half-dozen full-time, inexperienced undergraduates at Caltech thought about hosting a several-hundred person conference, they, too, were overwhelmed. But "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong," (1 Cor 1:27).

Do you feel excited but a little scared by the possibility of a SCOWE in your home town, at your church or school? Perhaps, then, you are the best person to round up a group of SCOWE organizers. For more information, contact: SCOWE Office, c/o Kileen Matsuda, 1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, CA 91104 or call (213) 797-1111.

NATIONAL STUDENT MISSION COALITION:



a progress report

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THE TIDE BEGINS TO TURN...

A 1980 editorial in *Missiology* asked the question, "where are student activists today?" The editor was concerned about the apparent complacency of our generation.

There has been an undeniable lull in student leadership over the past decades, but those days are now history. During January 1-3, 1982, seventy-five students and student leaders, representing thirty-nine fellowships, gathered to discuss how they might unify their efforts in calling their peers to commitment to taking the Gospel to the Frontiers. The "Frontiers" were defined as those people groups that currently have no indigenous church. This gathering was initiated thoroughly from the student level and points to a coming tide of mission fervor that has long been prayed for.

The impetus for the National Student Mission Consultation (NSMC), which later became the National Student Mission Coalition, is best traced back to the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions (ISCFM) held in Edinburgh, Scotland November of 1980. This ten day gathering brought 150 students from forty-seven countries with the same goal as the NSMC. During this consultation, an International Frontier Pledge was formulated which reads as follows:

THE PLEDGE

By the grace of God and for His glory,
I commit my entire life to obeying His commission or Matthew 28:18-20 whenever and however He leads me, giving priority to the peoples currently beyond the reach of the gospel (Romans 15:20-21). I will also endeavor to impart this vision to others.

The NSMC was called around this pledge. Many Frontier fellowships and Frontier organizations have been

formed since the ISCFM; for example, the Theological Students for Frontier Missions and the Biola Frontier Fellowship.

The first day of the NSMC included speeches by David Howard on "The History of Student Missions" and J.R. McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College of "The Need for Laborers." John Kyle, Director of InterVarsity Missions, gave his assessment of where students are today and representatives of Campus Crusade for Christ, Navigators, International Students, Inc., and the U.S. Center for World Mission gave their assessments. Kyle threw the question to the students: "Why aren't your peers doing the job?" He described youth as being willing to go but not planning to. Students' insightful responses included:

- We make the challenge too easy;
- Our generation suffers from lack of commitment;
- We're bombarded with too many choices;
- Decisions for missions are sometimes made from group

pressure and therefore may not be solid;

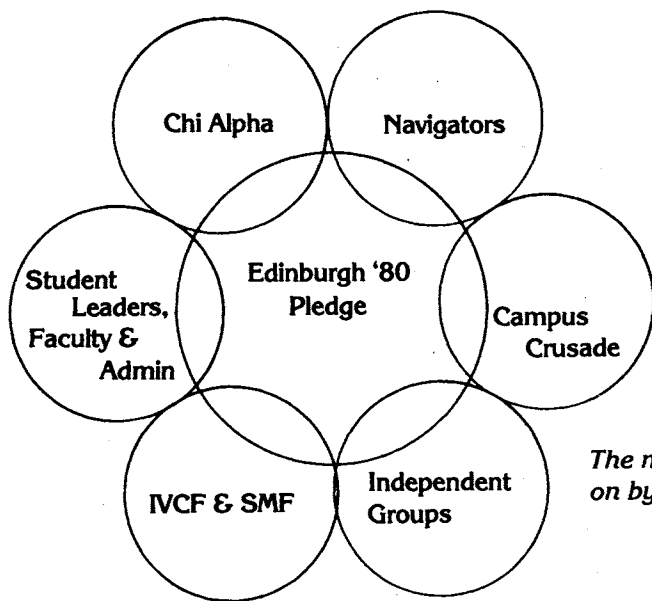
- We have too small a view of God;
- There's a differentiation between the Christian career and the cause of Christ;
- Buttonholing God's will to preplanned vocations;
- Foggy leadership—not a strong enough call to commitment nor creative, innovative thinking.

Kyle said he believes the call to missions is being watered down by leaders who need to have the stance that, "you ought to plan to go as a missionary unless *specifically* otherwise directed."

David Bryant, a well-known mission activist, challenged the students with his conviction that any movement of students aimed at the Frontiers needs to be grounded in a disciplined lifestyle of prayer and meditation on the Word. Bryant shared from the passage in Isaiah 62 where the watchmen on the tower were expressing that they would take no rest, nor would they give rest to God until He made Jerusalem the praise of the earth—until His glory would be known throughout the world.



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The model finally agreed on by the delegates.

This talk by Bryant resulted in the students adopting the phrase "Take no rest, give no rest" as a prayer watchword.

Throughout the next two days task forces met to discuss specific areas of concern. These subjects included:

- Student and Missions Board Relationships,
- Keys to Student Involvement,
- New Approaches to Missions,
- Student and Local Church Relationships,
- Student and College Leadership Relationships

A planning committee was selected to articulate the overall purpose of the intended Coalition and to propose a basic structure on the national scale that could meet that purpose. It was decided that the Coalition should not appear as some new organization that was duplicating present efforts and thus simply taking members away from other groups, but that its members would have the task of infiltrating the Frontier vision inside their own groups.

Thus the coalition would, "Provide stimulus in the raising up of sufficient laborers who will go out to finish the task of reaching every tribe, tongue, people, and nation with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." It was also decided to adopt the Edinburgh '80 pledge and the Lausanne Covenant as the doctrinal stance. The planning committee was unable to suggest one specific structure the Coalition should

take so the floor was left with that decision. The name, *National Student Mission Coalition* was adopted.

Three of the representatives were given the responsibility of ensuring that the coalition does *serve* the individual and group initiatives and fan the fires of frontier vision wherever possible. Those selected were Rob Larkin (Trinity Seminary), Robert Nachtigall (Wheaton College), and Cindy Smith. Direct correspondence to "National Student Mission Coalition", P.O. Box 96, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

NSCSC EMERGES

The Student Mission Coalition of Southern California was formalized February 10, 1982 in Pasadena, CA with 50 people in attendance. It was decided to have a membership concept whereby people could identify with the Coalition. It was also affirmed very strongly that this Southern California Coalition will work through its members to spread frontier vision in the respective fellowships and organizations rather than replace present groups and organizational initiatives.

Six membership criterion were set: 1) signing of the Edinburgh '80 pledge; 2) daily prayer for the frontier cause; 3) pursuing ongoing mission education with a plan to complete a frontier oriented mission course of approximately 150 study hours; 4) accepting a work assignment, coordinated by the coalition, aimed at spreading the vision; 5) reporting monthly to some other coalition member on progress of assignment and personal obedience to Christ's commission and 6) resolving, within two years of having become a member, to take definitive steps either towards *going* to the frontiers or significantly *sending* to the frontiers.

For information write: SMSC, P.O. Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

A growing number of young adults and students are making radical decisions to push forward with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the thousands of people groups that presently have no church. About 17,000 such groups are estimated to exist, accounting for about 2.5 billion people. The commitments being made are clear:

We will die so that others can live!

The common commitment is being forged in the Edinburgh '80 pledge. The groups listed below are committed to this pledge and vision. If you belong to such a group send your name and address to the editorial address of *Today's Mission* magazine for inclusion in their next issue. Frontier groups already exist in the following institutions:

Westminster Theological Seminary, Western Evangelical Theological Seminary, Fuller Theological Seminary, Talbot Theological Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Theological Seminary of the Norwegian Covenant Mission, King's College, Columbia Bible College, Princeton Theological Seminary, Rutgers University, University of Massachusetts, University of California at Davis, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Youth With a Mission of Southern California, Biola University, Emmaus Bible School, Westmont College, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Toccoa Falls College, William Carey International University, Penn State University, Briercrest Bible Institute, Wheaton College, Gordon College, Drew Theological School, University of Colorado.



NEWSBRIEFS

THIRD WORLD MISSIONS: ON THE RISE. Evangelical resurgence is evident around the world, according to Dr. Wade Coggins, general secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship. Among the encouraging developments he cited was the increase in the number of missionaries sent out from Third World churches. That number, he said, was estimated to be 3,000 in 1970 while a more detailed study revealed 13,000 last year.

World Evangelization commitment, he maintained, was a barometer of a church's vitality. "If the conviction that people are in a lost condition without Jesus Christ is lost," he stated, "then there is not the same kind of impetus to cause the churches to send people out."

PHILIPPINE BAPTISTS SET EVANGELIZATION GOAL. The Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines has announced the goal of doubling its membership by 1985. A gathering of 3,700 Conservative Baptists meeting in Manila late last year heard the announcement of the drive to increase membership from 10,000 to 20,000 in a *Harvest 20,000* program.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ESTABLISH URBAN CENTER. A bold new thrust in mission strategy has been undertaken by a consortium of Southern Baptist agencies with the establishment of the Center for Urban Church Studies in Nashville.

According to Dr. Larry Rose, Executive Director of the Center, the function is to undertake a demographic analysis of each of the world's 500 cities expected to have a population of one million or more by the year 2000, and to suggest

strategies for penetrating frontier people groups within those cities.

Other urban specialists have pointed out that in 1900, 87 per cent of the world's people lived in rural situations, but that by 2000, it is expected that over 80 per cent of the world's people will live in urban centers (over 25,000 inhabitants).

CONGRESS ON THE BIBLE DRAWS LEADERS. Over 2,000 North American Christian leaders gathered March 4-6 in San Diego, California at the *Congress on the Bible*, sponsored by the International Consultation on Biblical Inerrancy. Congress delegates heard over 100 of the country's top evangelical leaders lead daily sessions on trusting, understanding and applying God's Word.

Dr. Ralph Winter delivered the seminars on missions in sessions presented each day of the Congress. Dr. Winter reported that the sessions were extremely well attended by enthusiastic Christian leaders and laypeople.

WHEATON COLLEGE ASKS PRAYER FOR MISSIONS THRUST. In a unique approach to concerted prayer support for Wheaton College's annual Missions emphasis week, organizers are seeking people who will pray in 15-minute segments of time during the entire time of the conference, for the Lord's blessing on the conference.

Historically, Wheaton College has an impressive record of developing and sending missionaries to the mission fields of the world. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will thrust out laborers from this school to penetrate the least-reached, hidden peoples of the world, with the gospel.

The April 19-22 meetings will feature Dr. Walt Baker, professor of Missions

as Dallas Seminary, as keynote speaker, as well as representatives from sixty mission agencies.

TWENTYONEHUNDRED PRODUCTIONS, the multi-media ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, has developed a series of four new films which spotlight the Hidden Peoples. Since their Urbana '81 debut, the films have been released on a rental basis.

The series, *To Every People*, introduces the four cultural blocs which represent the vast majority of people groups within which there is not yet a culturally relevant witness. Separate films highlight the needs of Chinese, Hindu, Muslim and tribal worlds. The films are well documented, and include interviews with specialists in each of the cultural megaspheres.

For more information, contact your local IVCF representative, or write IVCF, 233 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703.

OPERATION WORLD, the Easter Conference sponsored by Operation Mobilization (OM) will be held in Tampa, Florida, April 8-10. Those dates coincide with the arrival of the *Doulos* (ship ministry of OM) in St. Petersburg.

The conference is slated to be inspirational and educational, with a special emphasis on Hidden People groups: Hindu, Chinese, and Muslim. Activities will include sessions with George Sweeting, David Adeney, George Miley and Greg Livingstone; as well as times of intercessory prayer, media presentations, and small group meetings.

For more information contact OPERATION WORLD EASTER CONFERENCE, P.O. BOX 10923, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733.

Mission Frontiers Book Service

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement, A Reader, edited by Ralph Winter and Steven Hawthorne. A multi-faceted collection of readings focused on the Biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions of the task of world evangelization. Over 70 authors have contributed to this 800+ page volume which provides laymen and college students with an introduction to the history and potential of the World Christian Movement. Retail \$24.95 (hardback) and \$15.95 (kivar). Your price, \$16 (hb) and \$13 (k).

The Flying Scotsman, a biography, by Sally Magnusson. The companion book to "Chariots of Fire", the award-winning movie about Eric Liddell. Read more about the life of this missionary who gave his life for Christ in China. Retail \$5.95; your price, \$4.50

Unreached Peoples '82, edited by Dayton, Wagner, Wilson. Special emphasis on urban peoples; includes cumulative hidden people listings. Retail \$8.95. Your price \$8.50

FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE. Please send me the May Prayer Guide. Enclosed is \$.50. Ten or more to same address, \$.40 each.

I'd like to receive the *Daily Prayer Guides* all year long! Enclosed is \$5.50 for a year's subscription. Bulk subscription (10 or more to one address): \$4.50 each.

PLEASE SEND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:

- Institute of International Studies
- Career Foundations Program
- Staff positions at the USCWM
- Internship at the Center or WCICU
- I'd like to have a SCOWE in my area. Please contact me.

I'm not yet a FOUNDER, but I'd like to become one! Enclosed, find \$15.95 as a one-time gift from each member of my family who wants to help establish the Center. Send my free copy of *Once More Around Jericho*, Hidden Peoples wall chart, and other vision-expanding materials.

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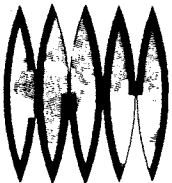
HOUR OF DECISION. Two 15-minute sessions broadcast over the "Hour of Decision" at the request of Billy Graham. Your price, \$3.

SPARKLING INTERVIEW with the General Director of the U.S. Center for World Mission, Dr. Ralph D. Winter on the various exciting new dimensions in the world on missions today. Aired on the Moody Radio Network. 60-minute tape. Your price \$3.

THE ABRAHAM CONNECTION. 30-minute video cassette featuring Dr. Ralph Winter and Roger Nelson ("The Man From Aldersgate") has been released by Frontier Media, a ministry of the United States Center for World Mission.

This presentation highlights God's concern for all the world's people groups using a unique "connection" in which Dr. Winter interviews the patriarch Abraham, portrayed by Roger Nelson. This special cassette was produced by Jay Gary of the Institute of International Studies and Pierce Barnes of International Films. The tape is suitable for home Bible study groups, Sunday School classes, or special missionary meetings. Ends with a graphic presentation of the challenge of the final frontiers. Rental price: \$35 for 3/4" U-Matic; \$25 for 1/2" (specify VHS or Beta format).

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