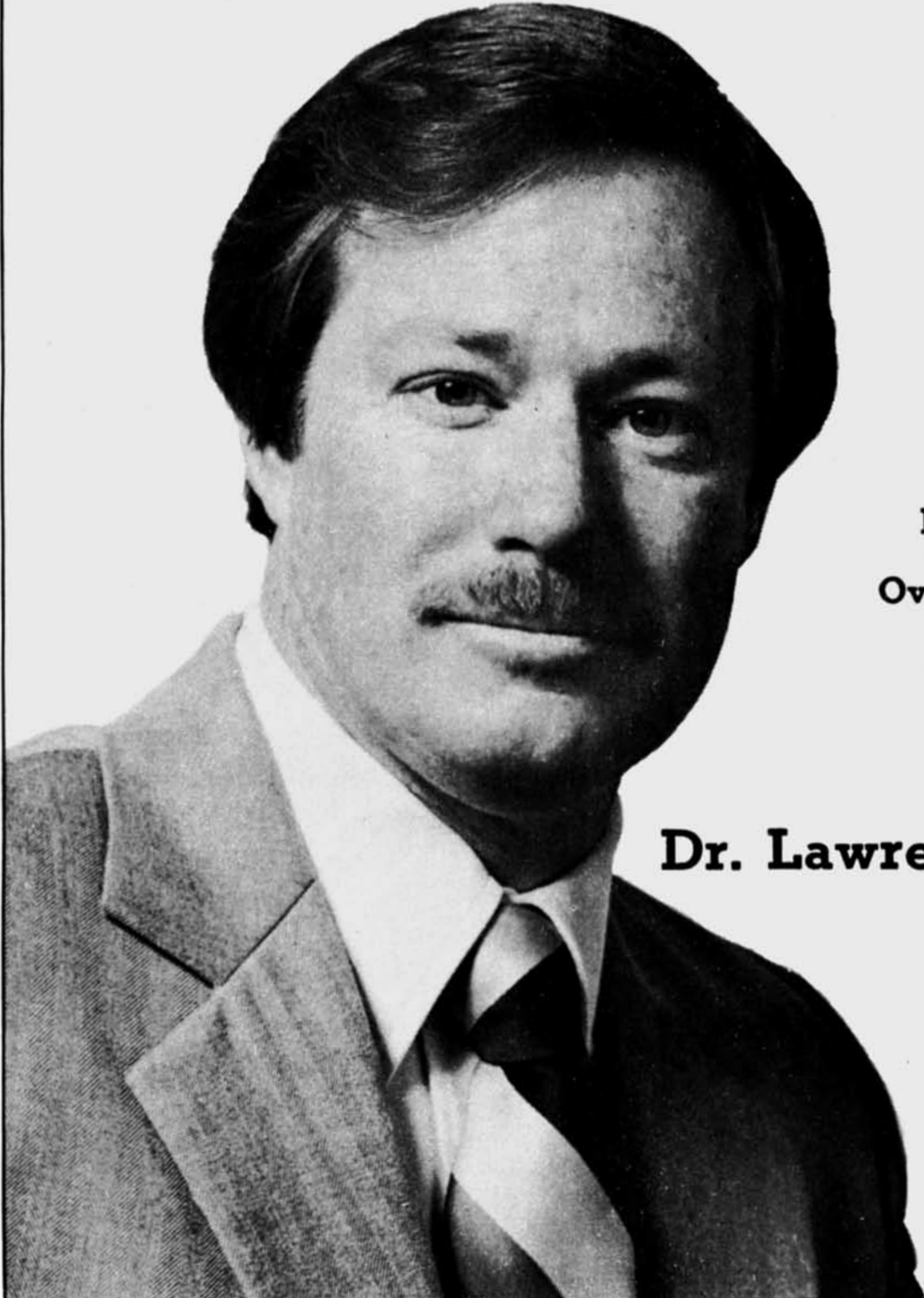


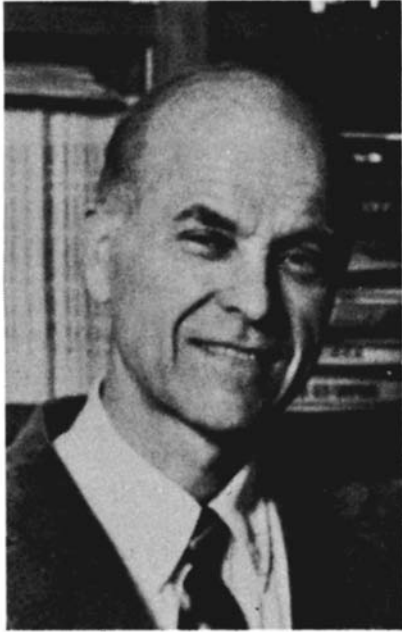


# MISSION FRONTIERS



**Third World  
Missions Expert  
Chosen to Head  
Overseas Crusades**

**Dr. Lawrence Keyes**



## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

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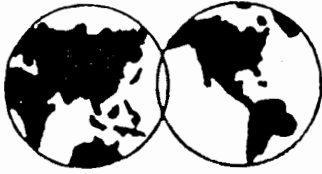
Now and then God wants us to feel helpless. Perhaps we can most easily recognize His Hand when our hands are not strong enough. One leader said, "We ought to be ashamed if we ask God to do what is within our power to do."

Well, this is now clearly beyond our power! If you glance at our financial update on page 5 you may, like Peter, wonder if it is possible to walk on water. But Peter should have known--and we do also know--that God has been faithful in the past with many miracles.

OK, we know of no human way of meeting this payment. But we believe that the call of the frontiers is now strong enough, and that there are enough leaders who want to see the Frontier Fellowship--and this place--succeed, so that by God's Spirit alone He can turn the hearts of the leaders to the frontiers and to the Frontier Fellowship as a movement. That will be a miracle. It seems to me it is His kind of miracle. Perhaps it is true that if we merely seek to save this campus we will lose it, but that if we are willing to seek a million people praying daily for the frontiers, we will at the same time save the campus. How is your faith on this?

Yours faithfully,

*Ralph D. Winter*  
Ralph D. Winter



Keen people from 64 mission agencies work together at the U. S. Center for World Mission to foster the growth of a "frontier missions" movement among Christians and churches in this country.

There are three major components of this movement:

First, there are the mission agencies which are willing to make the penetration of new people groups with the Gospel their highest priority.

Then, there are the students--the missionary volunteers of the new era of missionary outreach to frontier peoples.

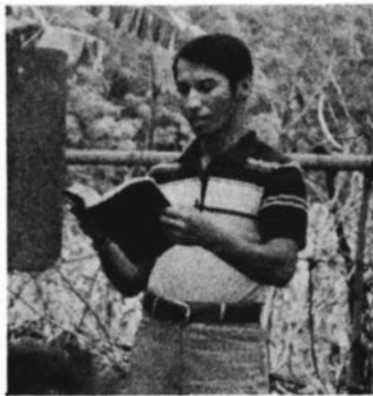
Finally, there are the churches who make the establishment of churches in groups of people where the church has not existed their highest priority in prayer, in giving and in sharing this vision for the frontiers with others.



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# 1982 Review

## WHAT DID YOU SEE IN 1982?

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1982, about 40 of our staff gathered for an hour and a half to ask God to remind us of the things He had done. Here's what we came up with. You can help us add other things you feel were outstanding evidences of His hand in history.

--We were absolutely required to catch up on our payments by Dec. 31st, 1981. God helped us to do so through many generous and sacrificial people.

--The 864 page book finally came out: Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. By mid-year it already had to be reprinted. At about the same time a companion Study Guide came out, 170 pages, 8½x11. Ten thousand of these books are in print now, used in many seminaries and colleges as well as in our own Institute of International Studies.

--The Student Missions Coalition was formed and by now has helped coordinate prayer meetings on approximately 100 campuses. The Caleb Project is also working effectively on 40 campuses. We thank God for these two organizations.

--The annual meeting of the German Association of Evangelical Missions took as its theme "Hidden Peoples" (in English!).

--Today's Mission magazine resumed publication (now in 1983 to be called the World Christian magazine). It is a superb, four-color popular magazine covering the whole world of missions--the only such magazine in the world today.

--The largest "Urbana Onward," which was held on the campus of the USCWM, merged with our annual SCOWE (Student Conference on World Evangelization).

--The IFMA's new Frontier Peoples Committee had its first meeting.

--Efraim Rios Montt became the new President of Guatemala--the most outspokenly evangelical head

of state in the world. Pray for him.

--A Reach-A-People confab, organized by the Lausanne Committee, met and simplified terminology: "Unreached Peoples" are now defined the way "Hidden" and "Frontier Peoples" have been. We can all get together on this now.

--A "Future of the Missionary Enterprise" meeting was held in Ventnor: the swan song of those mainly liberal and ecumenical agencies that cannot see the Unreached Peoples beyond the boundaries of the existing national churches. No young people present. Depressing!

--The Asia Missions Association (its Third Triennial Meeting) met in great style in Korea. This meeting was all but overlooked by even Christian news media, but its Seoul '82 Declaration is a ringing declaration of hope and determination.

--In September the annual IFMA and EFMA meetings--the largest associations of mission executives in the world--both focused on frontier and unreached peoples.

--Without our solicitation both Malone College (Ohio) and Northwestern College (Iowa) indicated their interest in backing the Perspectives course on secular campuses in their states. Now in 1983 Grand Canyon College (Arizona) may also. Many others are considering doing the same.

--Keith Green went to the mission field and came back sold out to missions. His next few weeks were to be his last, but he was faithful to the heavenly vision, and now his entire constituency is a missions tinderbox.

--The World Christian Encyclopedia came off the press. Its statistics show that the world Christian movement is more extensive than anyone could have believed--a monument to the impact of the gospel across the centuries, especially in the twentieth century. Time Magazine gave two pages to this subject.

--"Chariots of Fire" emblazoned in the sky once for all that America wants clean, high-minded, even missionary theme films. Since Christian investors have been slow to believe this fact, maybe the financial success of the non-Christians who made the movie will en-

courage others to finance such films.

--New organizations linked up with the Frontier Fellowship: Bible Translations on Tape, Episcopal Church Missions Committee, Evangelical Free Church of America, Gordon Conwell Seminary, RBMU International, Send International, United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, and the World Evangelical Fellowship. Several others which we cannot mention have given us strong hints that they may join. Response to a letter in November brought positive replies from 25 more organizations while will send representatives to a February 6-8 meeting here.

--North Africa Mission tries out an audacious new experiment: It has conceived and established a semi-autonomous younger division. Greg Livingstone, heading this up, hopes it can be characterized by young people getting to the field far earlier and yet continuing their education much longer.

--The Escuela Misiológica Latinoamericano looms into view, paralleling in part the Peruvian Escuela Misiológica. This new emphasis spells nationals getting into cross-cultural missions in Latin America.

--Time Magazine gives its Christmas cover story to the cause of missions!

--The State of California completed its examination of our large M.A. program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Then a few weeks later it was official--this degree now has the highest certification the State offers.

--In December, Mission '83 brought together for the second time 8,000 European students--for a missions conference. Something is happening in our world!

--In December we were quieted (shall I say slightly paralyzed?) by the enormous debt that had accumulated. We had no spectacular, scary foreclosure warning as we had the previous year. Yet, in a two week period over \$200,000 came in. Now the March 1st deadline for another payment is upon us. Then only one more, June 1st, and after that the biggest challenge of all--the 6 million dollar balloon payment September 1st! Who is sufficient for these things?

# CAMPUS FINANCIAL UPDATE

MORE DETAILS THAN EVER

1. Rejoice with us. God has been very good to us in the last few days. He encouraged 242 of you, our readers, to respond very generously --as you see to the right.

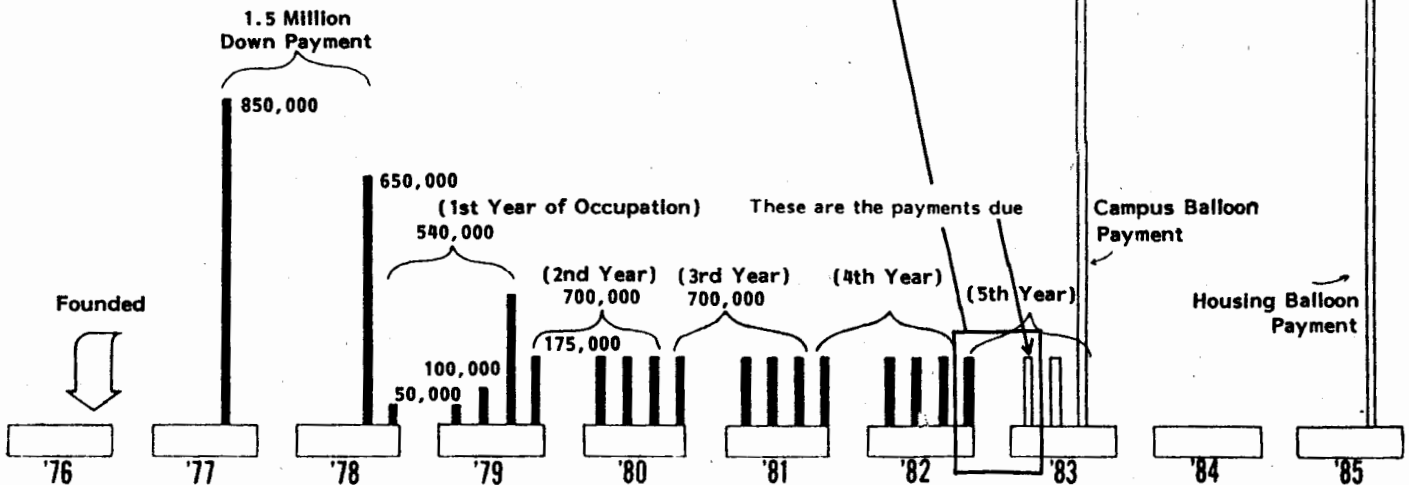
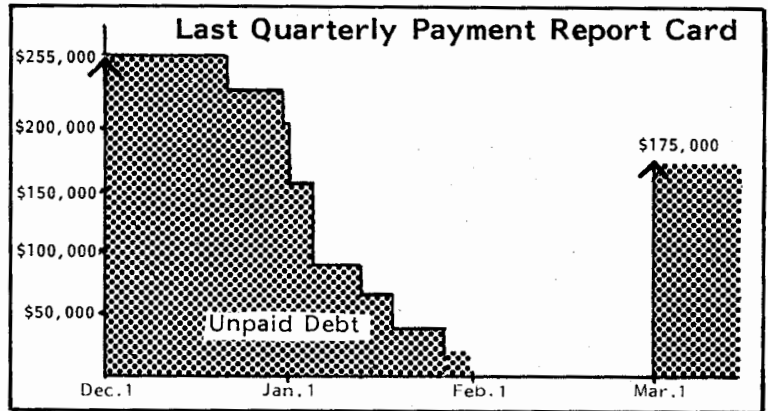
2. Students and missionaries give heavily. As always, gifts from students and missionaries are a quite disproportionately large part of the total. The largest gift (\$63,000) was from a missionary. Only three churches are among the top 16 gifts.

3. Give the money back eventually? To the churches, yes. To individuals we will send a letter asking where they would like us to re-assign their gift (beyond their first \$15). In both cases this will happen when enough \$15 gifts come in.

4. Will enough small gifts ever come in? One hundred and eighty days from March 1st, the 6 million dollar payment you see below is due. We would have to get in over \$30,000 per day for this entire 180 day period in order to be able to pay that 6 million dollars!

So what do we do? Our hope is in the Lord. We believe He is the One leading us away from conventional fund raising--we simply must not compete with the agencies we were founded to help. Rather, we feel He has led us into a prayer campaign that will incidentally generate one hundred million dollars per year. We are busy inviting agencies, churches, schools, congregations, Christian organizations of all kinds into this campaign. Only a small part of the \$100 million (and even that just during the first year) will come to us. For further comments on this, see my editorial on page 10.

Number of People	Size of Gift	Total Amount
1	\$10,001 - above	\$63,000
2	\$ 5,001 - 10,000	20,000
31	\$ 1,001 - 5,000	47,379
29	\$ 501 - 1,000	16,076
74	\$101 - 500	17,557
105	\$100	10,500
485	\$1 - 99	14,189
727	TOTALS	188,701



## Ralph Winter's Mission Center Forges Ahead; Money Still Tight

*His 'unreached people' strategy seems to be taking hold among other missions.*

The U.S. Center for World Mission faced imminent foreclosure last year (cf, Sept. 18, 1981, p. 46). Indeed, founder Ralph Winter's missions push toward the frontiers seemed destined to die at the loan desk.

But last minute funds rolled in, much as they had in several previous crises, and past-due payments on the center's campus were made. The Pasadena, California, missions complex remains very much alive, and its priority on frontier missions is increasingly being embraced in evangelical circles:

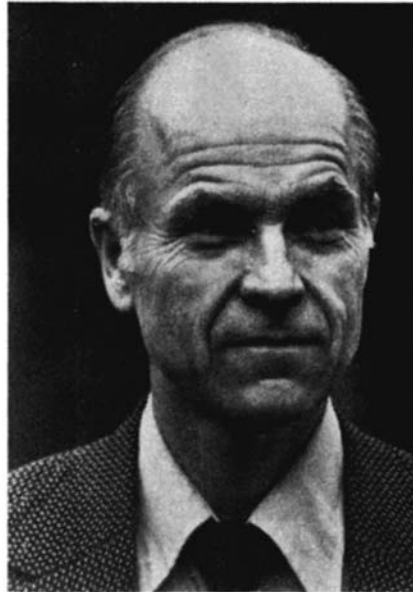
- The Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA) made "Penetrating Frontiers" the theme of its annual meeting in September. In a declaration there, the IFMA's 85 member agencies confessed to "staying too long in established ministries" and made evangelization of the world's unreached peoples its "chief and irreplaceable duty."

- Among denominations, the Evangelical Free church recently named a staff person to work full-time promoting frontier missions in its local churches. The International Church of the Four-square Gospel has set a goal of contacting 100 unreached people groups by 1990.

- Missions agency officials report an increasing number of young people who make as a criteria for their candidacy whether the mission is involved in the frontiers.

- Influential spokesmen such as author Don Richardson (*Peace Child*) and missiologist Donald McGavran are sounding the call. Wrote McGavran (U.S. Center board chairman) recently: "So long as the contemporary delusion persists that the best missionary work today is helping the young denominations, so long will these unreached peoples of earth remain unevangelized."

Of course, talk won't pay the U.S. Center's next financial obstacle: a \$6 million balloon payment due in September 1983. But Winter, 57, believes that if enough evangelicals catch his vision



Ralph Winter

for frontier missions, the money will come in.

Specifically, he and others are counting on the success of the Frontier Fellowship. This U.S. Center-related group is promoting to mission agencies and denominations a daily prayer and giving discipline, which seeks to involve one million people by December 1983.

With each person giving his daily loose change to frontier missions (about 28¢), the plan would generate \$100 per year per person, or roughly \$100 million each year. Donors are asked to designate the first \$15 for the U.S. Center, thereby eliminating the remaining \$10 million or so owed on the campus. All the rest would go solely to frontier missions programs of the various agencies.

It sounds a bit complicated, but Winter simplifies it this way: "Our [the U.S. Center's] problem is not fund raising. Our problem is in getting a number of organizations to join in a nationwide prayer campaign for the frontiers.

"If that campaign succeeds, our financial problems will go away. If it doesn't, our financial problems might as well not be solved. In other words, the

prayer campaign is a much more important goal than the center itself."

The idea for the Frontier Fellowship came from Burmese pastor Kawl Vuta, who told Winter how families in his Presbyterian denomination support missions by setting aside a handful of rice at every meal.

This reminds them to pray for their missionaries, and the pooled handfuls of rice are sold for missions. Vuta said Burmese Presbyterians raised more than \$5,600 by this method last year.

When Winter heard Vuta's story, "the thing that just hit me right between the eyes was, 'You cannot do less—this is the way for the frontier vision to be kept alive.'"

A staff member quipped, "Well, what are we going to do? Ask people to save french fries?" Someone else suggested saving loose change, and the idea stuck. Later, Winter and others decided a devotional booklet was needed to give the biblical and historical basis for frontier missions.

So far, the campaign has attracted 20,000 subscribers to the Frontier Fellowship's Daily Prayer Guide. Fifteen organizations are members of the fellowship—including the Africa Inland Mission, the World Evangelical Fellowship, and a United Presbyterian group.

Winter's focus on frontier missions dates back to 1974, when he and wife Roberta prepared a plenary paper for the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization. They were astonished to find that roughly 2.4 billion people, or 84 percent of the world's non-Christians, were beyond the reach of existing missions and national churches.

Despite that, less than 10 percent of the world's missionary force was working to evangelize these unreached people.

With charts, graphs, and statistics, the Winters described this imbalance. However, they left feeling "we probably hadn't clearly convinced anybody; it was so technical," Winter said.

But he had convinced himself—enough so that in 1976 he left the faculty of the Fuller School of World Mission and established the U.S. Center. Its two major activities continue to be locating and determining how to reach the world's hidden peoples, and mobilizing the Christian community through information about them.



## NEWS

(The terms, hidden, unreached, and frontier have synonymously come to mean those 16,750 people groups in the world that still do not have a strong indigenous evangelical church.)

The U.S. Center is a cooperative missions base, where 42 agencies are involved. Among the staff are 67 missionaries, representing experience in 64 agencies and 40 different countries. While the center itself is a mission agency, its role is as a catalyst and in assisting other agencies toward work in frontier missions.

One can't chalk up the center's late bill payments on extravagance. It relies heavily on volunteer workers (even Ralph Winter's father, a retired engineer, volunteers his Thursdays). Staff receive missionary salaries based on need, so that Winter receives no more than the newest staff member. He's usually seen wearing the same blue sport coat and driving to work in a 1965 station wagon on its third 100,000-mile cycle.

Should Winter have the opportunity again, he would probably still buy the 35-acre, 100-building Pasadena campus of a former Nazarene college on which his center is located. Property and buildings cost roughly \$15 million, but the property now is worth about \$20 million, he says.

Once the center is paid off, it will be

self-sustaining, largely because most of the personnel are on loan from various mission agencies.

His original plan was paying the \$15 million through one million, one-time, gifts of \$15. This way, no money would be diverted away from churches or missions agencies, and a large number of people would be involved in frontier missions.

That vision remains, but Winter admitted that if it had not been for large money gifts from individuals and organizations, the center would have folded. Still, Winter said, the center intends to reassign to other agencies any individual gift over \$15. Gifts from churches and organizations are considered as loans, and will be paid back as soon as enough \$15 gifts come in through the Frontier Fellowship plan.

Would the center accept if someone, say a Bunker Hunt, offered to cover remaining payments with one check?

"In our weaker moments, we'd thought of the possibility that someone would walk into the office and offer \$11 million," Winter said. "We decided we would accept it, but with the same plan of returning all but the first \$15 once enough other small gifts came in."

Former missionary to Japan, Phil Foxwell, told Winter the center's financial status had sounded "insane." But he was sold enough on the center's work

that he came out of retirement to work there, and he said, "It's amazing how God has provided funds to meet the payments."

Staff member and former school teacher Vernon Dueck said he, too, had been skeptical about the U.S. Center. But after talking with Winter, he found that "Dr. Winter's been saying [about missions] what I'd been thinking all these years." Dueck's task was convincing his own denomination, the Baptist General Conference, to join the Frontier Fellowship campaign.

Unfortunately, some observers feel, the center's funding troubles may have obscured the center's vital purpose and present services.

But there's a method behind Winter's seeming madness in having to pay off the debt in a crisis atmosphere.

Many Christians will become concerned about saving a \$20 million piece of property, but not about the hidden peoples, who "are not dramatic enough, not on our consciences enough," he said.

"We run into a lot of people who don't have the time to listen to us, except that they know that if sufficient funds don't come in, the center will go down. . . . So that I believe that God is using our plight to dramatize the urgency of the hidden peoples."

JOHN MAUST in Pasadena, California

## MEET/GREET/CONGRATULATE LARRY KEYES!

by Ralph D. Winter

Bang, bang, bang!

1. Richard Chase left the presidency of Biola University to become Wheaton's sixth president.

2. Biola called on Clyde Cook, who was then president of Overseas Crusades, to be Biola's new president.

3. No problem! Overseas Crusades then simply reached down to Brazil to bring their field director, Larry Keyes, to be the new president of Overseas Crusades. Indeed, they have a lot of people who could have ably filled the gap.

And, don't worry. Brazil won't suffer. OC is simply loaded with talent. So are most mission agencies. That's right, the world of missions is loaded with leaders. Although the only ones I can think of off-hand, Biola, Columbia, Nyack and our own WCIU don't have to be the only colleges with former mission leaders as presidents. (Please tell us of others you know about!) Take another look. There are enough competent, highly trained missionaries out there to head up all U. S. colleges now run by Christians. Plus a few more besides.

Due to the progressive outlook of mission leaders and thanks to the traditional furlough system often spent

in advanced education, missionaries in general over the years tend to become more highly educated than other fulltime Christian workers. And Dr. Larry Keyes is a good example. His mission, as the following interview reveals, is an especially progressive example.

Not only is the "mission field" loaded with missionaries in the process of becoming unusually gifted leaders, mission field churches as well are teeming with extraordinary leaders today. In view of this fact, Overseas Crusades has for years performed a friendly, helping, very strategic role overseas. As a mission it has not started new work but has aided all other missions in the development of national leadership, especially along the lines of evangelism and church growth. OC has been a "service mission" rather than a church planting mission as such. In some cases, as in the Philippines, OC missionaries have helped to develop breathtaking nationwide strategies. See the book by OC's Jim Montgomery, The Discipling of a Whole Nation.

However, as you read this interview you will be stunned by the extreme import of this particular missionary heading up this particular agency. Can OC now give greater attention to helping in the development of Third World mission agencies (not just evangelistic efforts)? Truly, we are reading a continuing story! Be prepared to see a time bomb go off as hundreds and thousands of additional Third World leaders move into true mission outreach.

## GETTING THE WHOLE STORY

### Researcher Releases Comprehensive Survey of Third World Missions Today



David Dougherty, managing editor, conducted this special Mission Frontier interview with Dr. Larry Keyes.

Dr. Larry Keyes is a man of many talents--scholar, researcher, missiologist, teacher, discipler, strategist, author, administrator and dedicated family man.

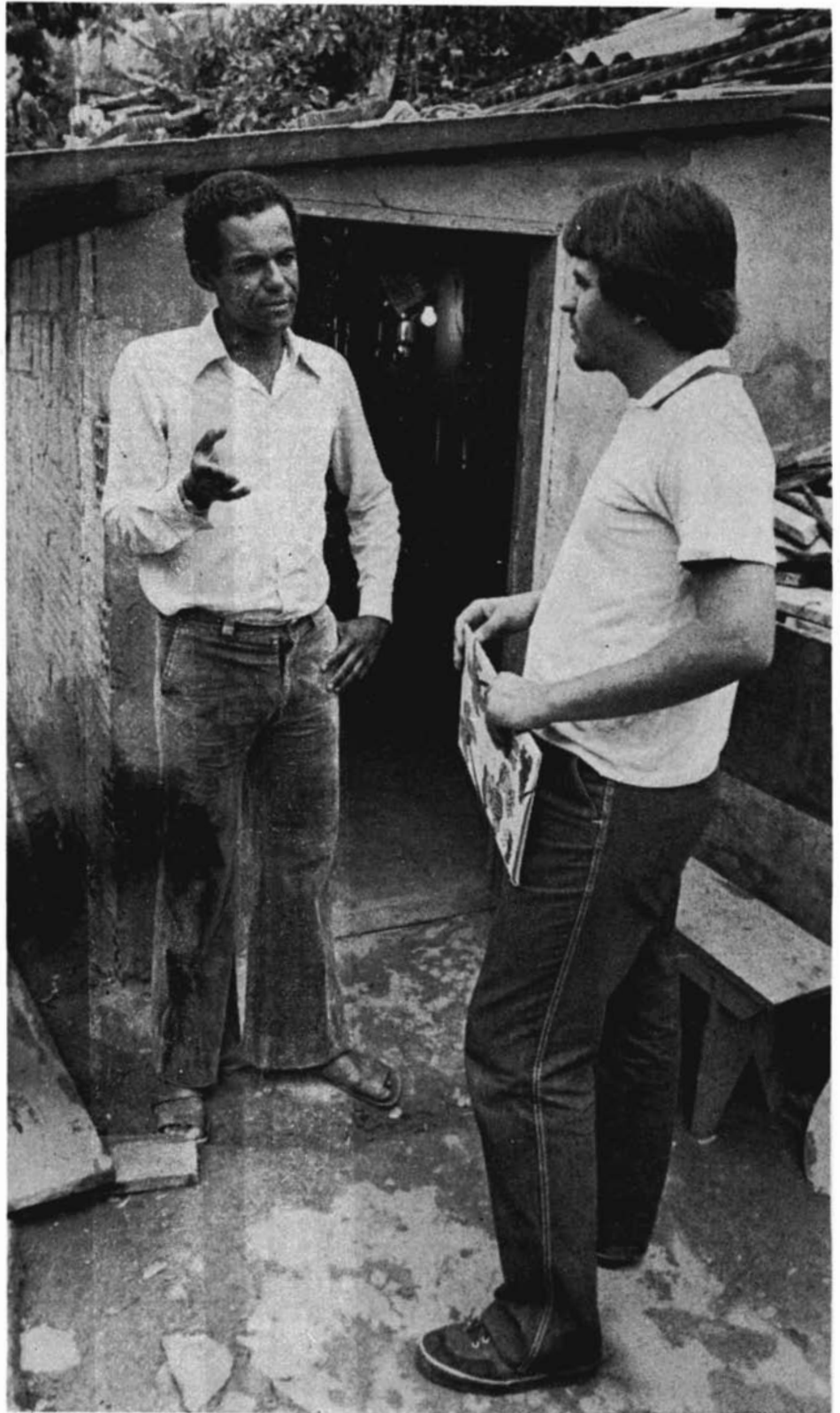
In the providence of God, the publication of Dr. Keyes' chief work, The Last Age of Missions, coincides with his assumption of the presidency of Overseas Crusades, a mission dedicated to completing the task of world evangelization throughout a number of the world's countries.

It is doubtful that any other mission agency in the world has been as thoroughly saturated with the ideas and teaching of Dr. Donald McGavran concerning the growth of the Body of Christ as Overseas Crusades. The mission routinely sends key personnel to study at the Fuller School of World Mission, and has made "church growth strategy" and "people group evangelism" integral to all missionary operations.

Dr. Keyes has labored with Overseas Crusades in Brazil for several terms, helping the Brazilian church reach out across cultural and linguistic barriers to groups without previous missionary work. During his tenure as a student at the School of World Mission, he was challenged to do research in the area of Third World missions. He saw that challenge as a natural outgrowth of his interest while in Brazil.

Keyes said, "I have always been interested in seeing the Brazilian church send out Brazilians, either to other tribes in Brazil itself or to people groups outside the country. But I noticed that there were many problems connected with such an enterprise. It was Professor Peter Wagner who encouraged me to study this area in greater depth. That was the beginning of what has become an international research project, and now a book."

Keyes grew up in Southern California and attended Biola College (now Biola University) and Talbot Theological Seminary. While still





in school, he was challenged by Dr. Dick Hillis to become a missionary to South America. God used the challenge (and a number of other factors) to initiate contact with Overseas Crusades concerning a ministry in Brazil.

As head of the Overseas Crusades team ministering in South America's largest and most populous country, Keyes oversaw the ministry of eight families, all committed to the stimulation of the national church to the evangelism of the country of Brazil. Keyes personally developed a ministry known as "Cresca," which has been involved in training Brazilian church leaders in "balanced church growth."

"In balanced church growth, we are interested in seeing a church grow numerically," Keyes explained, "but also in fellowship with the Lord and with other believers in the church."

Leadership training for pastors, Sunday School administrators, teachers, deacons, etc. is carried out through classes, seminars, conferences and personal discipling relationships. Overseas Crusades emphasizes the discipling of each country by working to equip and train leaders in the existing national church.

Mission Frontiers was able to interview Dr. Keyes shortly after he had been asked by the board of Overseas Crusades to assume the presidency of that organization--a position which had been vacated by Dr. Clyde Cook when he assumed the presidency of Biola University.

**MF: DR. KEYES, HOW WILL YOUR SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF OVERSEAS CRUSADES AFFECT YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE AREA OF THIRD WORLD MISSIONS RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION?**

**KEYES:** I feel very humbled by the invitation of the OC Board to accept this new position, and I'm quite challenged by their invitation to begin my responsibilities on the first of February.

Of course, this new position will require that high priority be given to the overall ministry of the Overseas Crusades organization, but parallel to that will be my continuing research into Third World missions.

The international office of our Third World missions information bulletin, "Bridges," will continue to be in São Paulo, Brazil. There is a team of trained personnel willing to continue with that. From Santa Clara, California (headquarters of Overseas Crusades) I will maintain editorship of this bulletin.

In addition, as I travel for Overseas Crusades, I trust I will be able to extend my relationships with Third World mission leaders, and I hope to be able to continue my correspondence with many of them.

Although this new position entails both a change in geography and a major shift in job responsibilities, I sincerely desire to maintain an emphasis on Third World missionary research.

**MF: DR. KEYES, YOU BEGAN YOUR RESEARCH INTO THIRD WORLD MISSIONS OUT OF A BACKGROUND OF ELEVEN YEARS OF MINISTRY IN BRAZIL. WHAT WAS THERE ABOUT THAT CHURCH WHICH SPARKED YOUR INTEREST?**

**KEYES:** The church in Brazil is a growing church. It is a young church. By and large, it is an urban church. As in many other countries, Brazilians are leaving the rural areas to live in large cities, and the church is growing where this is happening.

On the whole, I'm sorry to say, the church in Brazil has high denominational barriers. One of our goals has been to try to break some of these barriers down, and one of the ways we have tried to do that is to encourage the Brazilian churches to work together in world evangelization.

**MF: WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT INTO THIRD WORLD MISSIONS?**



KEYES: As I pointed out in the preface to the book, ever since my participation in the Congress on World Evangelism in Berlin in 1966, my hope for a substantial cooperative witness has grown significantly.

*"...data can help provide a foundation (for) sharing and partnership."*

With limited funds for outreach, the need for cooperation and sharing information and resources becomes greater. I trust that the data collected during my year-long information search can help provide a foundation upon which much greater sharing and partnership can be built.

Simply, we sought to locate and verify the existence and number of missionary-sending agencies located in the Third World.

MF: WHAT WERE THE OVERALL RESULTS OF YOUR RESEARCH?

KEYES: I am very pleased to report that today we know of at least 15,000 Third World missionaries working cross-culturally, proclaiming the clear message of Jesus Christ, trying to win the yet unreached.

We located a total of 368 active mission-sending agencies located in the Third World. This is an increase of 81.28% over the 203 agencies found by "researchers" in 1972.

MF: DOES THIS MEAN THE FORMATION OF 81 PERCENT MORE NEW AGENCIES--OR JUST THAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE ADDITIONAL AGENCIES?

KEYES: I think in the general sense we have to say "they have been there and we are just discovering them," since our research

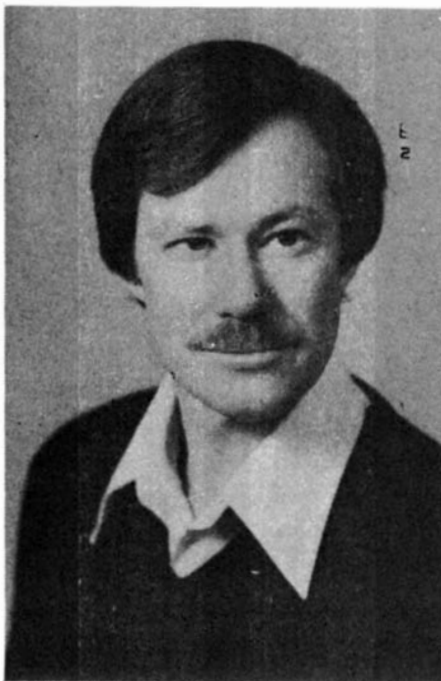
shows that many of these Third World societies were formed back in the 1800's. It's not a new movement, but it is a movement that is growing rapidly, approximately five times as fast as the growth rate among North American missionary societies.

We really praise the Lord for this increase in what He is doing among Third World believers and in Third World churches.

MF: WHAT WERE SOME OF THE OBSTACLES YOU HAD TO OVERCOME IN COLLECTING THE DATA FOR YOUR SURVEY?

KEYES: One barrier was linguistic. Any complete survey must deal with the nations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania. There is no "international language" of Third World missions.

Another barrier was financial. In this kind of international project you have to make choices between relatively solid data collected by personal travel and research, which is expensive, and information collected by correspondence and



Dr. Lawrence Keyes

questionnaires, which is much less expensive but may also be less reliable.

One of the problems affecting reliability is the degree of missiologic understanding. Some of the people completing our questionnaires were relatively unschooled in missiology and Western terminology. A number of individuals had difficulty distinguishing an evangelist who reaches out to others in his own culture from a missionary who is sent out cross-culturally to an unreached tribe or nation.

It was also difficult for some of the Third World mission leaders to understand terms like "evangelical," "charismatic" and "ecumenical."

MF: IS THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THIRD WORLD MISSIONS A NATURAL THING OR SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CULTURED AND NURTURED BY MISSIONARIES?

KEYES: This is an issue that greatly concerns me. I have to agree with Dr. Ralph Winter that one of the great problems of mission history is that after an individual responds personally to the missionary call and arrives in a "foreign" country to begin his missionary endeavor, it is often the case that he forgets to share his missionary vision. He receives it and acknowledges it, obeys it, and then for some reason forgets to continue the cycle and share it with others.

My concern as I work with Third World missionaries is to call this oversight to their attention. I did this in Brazil just a few weeks ago. I was speaking to about 35 missionary candidates in a training center, and I specifically prayed with them that as they went out, they would not forget to challenge those they would work with to become personally involved in the missionary vision.

MF: THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THE CYCLE OF "BEING BLESSED AND THEN BEING A BLESSING" CAN SPREAD FROM PEOPLE

GROUP TO PEOPLE GROUP AS GOD INTENDED.

KEYES: That is so true; we must never neglect that. The great commission is for every people in every generation. We must see this ever-expanding cycle continue until the Lord comes.

MF: DR. KEYES, I'M CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THIRD WORLD CHURCHES SEND THEIR MISSIONARIES. DO THEY START BY FORMING AN AGENCY, OR IS THERE SOME OTHER PATTERN?

KEYES: Third World churches have as many ways of sending out new missionaries as we do in the Western churches. Sometimes an individual will join a traditional denominational or interdenominational mission structure and be sent to work in another people group.

Others are sent out by their own local churches. They do not join another organization, but the church itself becomes a mission-sending body.

Still others go out as "tent-making" missionaries.

Finally, one of the more creative approaches involves partnership between two mission agencies. An individual from India, for instance,

MF: WHAT PART DOES THE "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF WESTERN AGENCIES--LIKE OVERSEAS CRUSADES, OMF, LATIN AMERICA MISSION AND OTHERS--PLAY IN THIS?

KEYES: From the Western perspective, accepting Third World members into Western missions is very significant. It means that we are willing to accept the Third World church on an equal basis into the business of world evangelization.

From Third World perspective, there is some natural apprehension about working in a situation dominated by Westerners. The years of colonialism, imperialism, and Western attitudes of superiority affected relationships, consciously or subconsciously. Yet, in spite of this, both Third World missionaries and Third World agencies are surprisingly open and anxious for this kind of partnership to grow and develop.

MF: WHAT LIES AHEAD IN THE AREA OF THIRD WORLD MISSIONS RESEARCH?

KEYES: I believe we are just beginning--just scratching the surface. The missions are growing so fast that the data in my book--just being released--is already in some cases outdated. I receive letters

strategies for the advance of God's kingdom worldwide.

MF: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SOME CONFERENCE LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION ON FRONTIER MISSIONS IN 1980 AT EDINBURGH COULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THIS KIND OF STRUCTURE? I UNDERSTAND THAT MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE DELEGATES THERE WERE FROM THIRD WORLD AGENCIES.

KEYES: I was very pleased with the Edinburgh meeting. I had the opportunity to assist in selecting some of the Third World participants for that meeting, just as I am doing for the Wheaton '83 conference.

I attended the Asia Missiological Association Convention in Seoul last June, and there we discussed this matter quite openly and freely. My concern is to see the network formed. My own personal involvement is a secondary concern to me.

I think it might take more time to see this network really come together--maybe four or five years. But such a network is really urgent because it would give Third World missiologists a platform for information exchange and dialogue.

MF: DR. KEYES, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. WE BELIEVE IT IS ESPECIALLY PROVIDENTIAL THAT SOMEONE WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE AND INTEREST IN THE AREA OF THIRD WORLD MISSIONS SHOULD BE SELECTED TO HEAD A MISSION AGENCY SO COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIRD WORLD CHURCHES.

KEYES: I am looking forward to continuing encouragement and challenge from Dr. Ralph Winter in this new responsibility. He has been a source of tremendous encouragement to me, especially in the area of research, as have others from MARC, the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization and the Missions Commission of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

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*"...One of the great problems is that the (missionary) forgets to share his missionary vision... to continue the cycle."*

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might be sent to Africa, where he would work with a Western agency to minister to Africans. There are many possibilities for these "partnership relationships," which have begun to develop in Western missions and are now also developing in the Third World.

every day from Third World countries and mission leaders.

I would like to see formed a network of Third World missiologists who would update this information on a constant basis. Only thus can we work together to devise better

# This Church Grows Missionaries!

Ben Sawatsky interviews Bruce Camp

The First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California is one of Southern California's best-known evangelical churches. At the heart of this outstanding congregation is a hearty and healthy program of cross-cultural ministry.

Rev. Bruce Camp is the pastor for missions and outreach at the church. He outlined a number of areas in which the church is active in promoting and supporting ministry to peoples without the gospel.

"We want to develop a team relationship for ministry with our missionaries," he said. "We support 64 missionary 'units' (either a couple, a family or a single adult), and that's a lot to keep track of. We try to correspond with them monthly, to help them feel a part of what's happening here in Fullerton. Then we want to hear from them regularly to know what they are doing."

Church missionaries on furlough in the area are encouraged to get acquainted with members of the church in informal settings whenever possible. "We like to send a missionary family on each of our church's weekend conferences," Camp explained. "We don't expect them to preach or speak--just to be there and get acquainted with our people."

February is the church's "Missions Emphasis" month. This year Rev. Don Richardson of the USCWM's Institute of Tribal Studies will be a featured speaker during this special time.

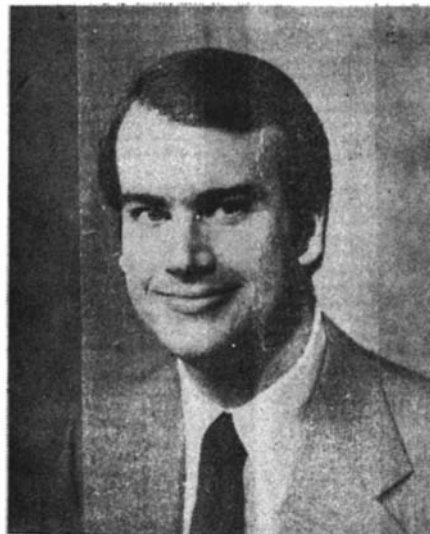
Camp is undertaking an evaluation of the church's entire missions program. "We've invited Dr. Ralph Winter to meet with our mission board in March, just to get some added input and ideas," he said. "One thing we want to take a careful look at is how our cross-cultural ministry relates to the penetration of the final frontiers of the gospel."

One of the most unique features of Fullerton Free's missionary program is the Potential Missionary Fellowship which Camp explains in this interview with Rev. Ben Sawatsky, candidate and orientation director of the Overseas Ministry Board, Evangelical Free Church of America:

**BEN SAWATSKY:** Bruce, both of us believe that the local church is the institution that God has ordained to grow missionaries. What are you doing at Fullerton to grow missionaries?

**BRUCE CAMP:** We do two things. We have started what we call our Potential Missionary Fellowship. PMF is a monthly meeting for those interested in missions to come together as a "mutual-support" group and also to learn more about missions. We meet on a Sunday evening for about an hour and a half. There is no pressure for a person to become a missionary. What we are saying is, "Why don't you come and learn about missions and then from that knowledge see if God is directing you on to a career missions path?"

We have a training program that we have developed for potential missionaries. Suppose a person comes



Rev. Bruce Camp

to us and says, "I am interested in missions. What do I do?" We have developed a three-stage training program. The first stage would be for those who say, "I am interested, but I really don't know that much about missions." The second stage would be for those that say, "Yes, I believe God is leading me into missions" and want to train for it. In the third stage, after their training, right before leaving, finding the mission agency and working together with the mission agency, they and the church fine-tune their skills, so they can be as prepared as possible before going overseas.

**BEN:** How many young men and women do you have coming to the Potential Missionary Fellowship?

**BRUCE:** I would guess between 30 and 50. I think we now have 65-70 people on our mailing list who have asked that we keep them informed. However, I would probably say the average is 35-40.

We usually start out with sharing the purpose for the PMF. Then we discuss some papers that we sent to them beforehand to stimulate their thinking, and then someone will talk on a specific issue. It may be Free Church missions, or what it is like to be an MK, or how to prepare for the mission field. We want to know the interests of the people and how we can bring together either people within our church or outside of our church to address the issues. For example, we had Don McCurry come in and speak on reaching the Muslims.

Then we try to spend time at the end praying together in small groups of about 5 or 6 people. We ask for prayer requests and this builds up the support of the group. Occasionally we will bring in a missionary and ask him to share for about 10 minutes on how he knew God was calling him to the mission field and what he specifically is

doing. PMF'ers will be able to see if that is how God is working in their own lives. We are always trying to present models to them of different missionaries and their personalities and their family situations.

BEN: I was interested in your mention of papers that are distributed in advance for their study. Give us an idea of the topics covered in these papers.

BRUCE: The last one I sent out was a paper written by George Peters on how to select a mission board. Before that I had written a paper on the role of the local church in world missions. The whole topic was, "Is the local church central to missions? If it is, what are the implications for us here at Fullerton EFC?" It may be the steps to candidacy within the Free Church. Usually it relates to the topic. We give them something to read and think about because the speaker or one of us will be talking about this.

BEN: Bruce, I was interested in your missionary training program here at First Free. Are all of those who attend the PMF also in the training program?

BRUCE: They will be placed in the training program if they want to be. We have just started this past month and so we haven't put everybody into it. The reason I say this is that at the first step of each level they are supposed to come and talk to me. We try to find out where they are and help pinpoint where they need to be working--in the church--or what activities would best prepare them for service. Not everybody has come to me. Until they come and talk with me, I won't say they are actually in the program.

BEN: What commitment is required to get into the program?

BRUCE: We have delineated objectives for each step. We tell them, "Here are the books that we would like for you to be involved in." If they don't read the books or get involved in those activities, we will leave them in that step until they decide to have time or are able to complete it. We tell them this is what we would like them to do. There is a lot of flexibility. If a person has been going to Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

and majoring in missions, we won't ask him to read a lot of our missions books because he has already had those subjects. We want to look at each person as an individual and help him at his level. We look from his viewpoint, the church's viewpoint and the mission agency's viewpoint.

BEN: What age span is covered in the PMF?

BRUCE: Most of the people would be off college age or young career age, although we have a few people who are older.

BEN: Bruce, I am really glad that you have launched this program to grow missionaries in the local church. I really believe that this is the place and the setting where it should take place. Let me turn our attention to another area for just a moment. There is a great deal of talk now about the Frontier Fellowship and the thrust to reach the bypassed or Hidden Peoples. What are you doing at Fullerton to become part of this movement?

BRUCE: I am very excited about this movement. Right now we are slowly getting involved in it. It was in June of 1982 that we introduced the concept of the "Hidden Peoples" to the PMF. Since then, we have supplied every person in the PMF with a copy of the Daily Prayer Guide, shown them an audio-visual of what we are talking about, and each month when we come together we try to talk about the Hidden Peoples. We want them to be reading, praying and giving towards the Hidden Peoples. We have set up a goal of working on this from June till December of 1982. After that time we will evaluate our approach and see if it is a good program for us and if it would work in other departments of our church.

Our Wednesday night "prayer and share group" is interested in trying it after we evaluate it. Also, I'm interested in trying this with some of our Sunday School classes, but it all depends on how well it is going for us now. If we can get the adequate audio-visuals to help us in presenting missions each time, I think there would be no trouble for us presenting it to many segments within our church. Because we are a larger-size church and we have a strong emphasis on

the Sunday School classes, we are going to go to the Sunday School classes first before we go to the entire church.

BEN: How many adult Sunday School classes do you have and what is their average size?

BRUCE: There are about 16 adult Sunday School classes. They may range from 60 to 300. I would imagine most of them are somewhere in the range of 60 to 100 people. Exceptions are the college class with probably 300 and our career class of 300.

BEN: Bruce, I share with you our goal of the Evangelical Free Church of 200 local church chapters of the Frontier Fellowship and 5,000 subscribers to the Daily Prayer Guide. What are some of the suggestions you have for us that might help us reach that goal?

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BRUCE: I think that is a very worthwhile goal because the need is so great in reaching the Hidden Peoples. I would suggest that there has to be personal contact with pastors or mission board chairmen to encourage them that their church ought to be involved in reaching the Hidden Peoples. You would need to have all your materials designed so that when the church said they would like to try the Hidden Peoples approach for 6 or 12 months, you could supply them with the necessary materials. Perhaps an audio-visual of about 5 to 10 minutes in length for each month about the Hidden Peoples that the Free Church works with. Then at these pastors' meetings you could say, "Here are all the materials. Here is why it is crucial that we reach them with our strategy. This is how we can help you and this is what we are expecting of you."

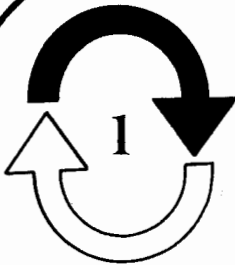
BEN: Thank you, Bruce. May God bless you in your important ministry of promoting missions in the Fullerton Evangelical Free Church.

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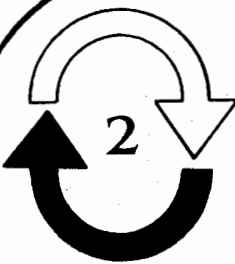
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