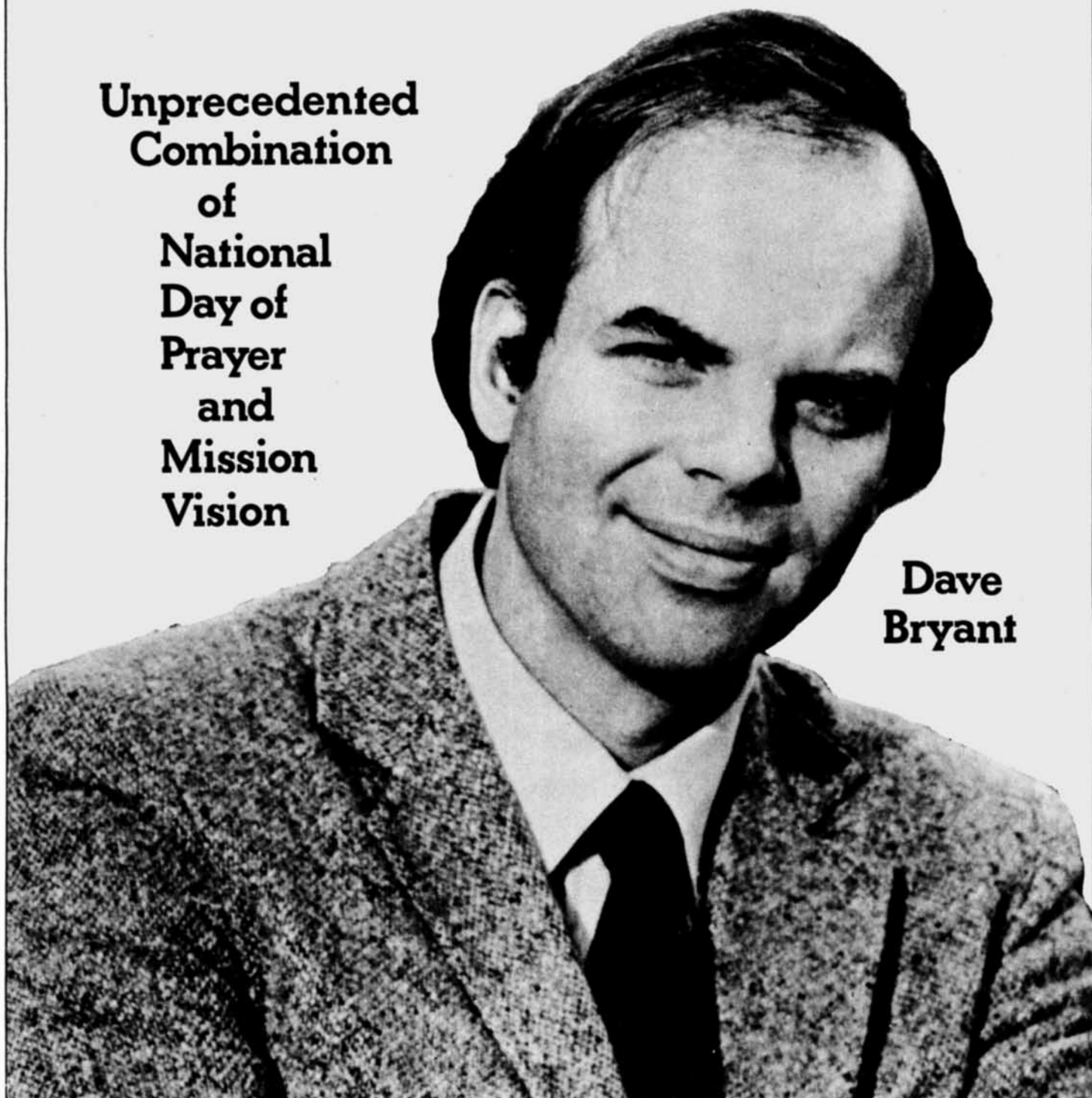


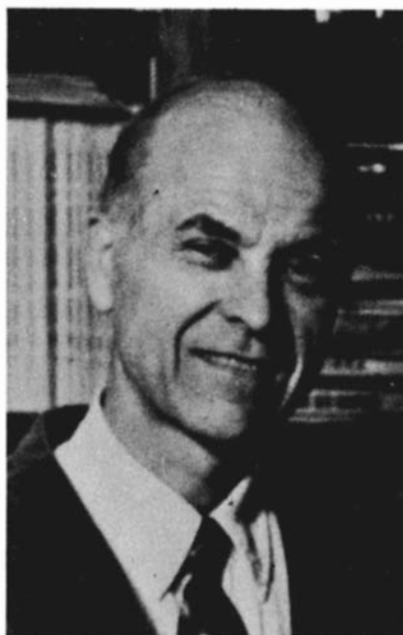


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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Friends,

This issue of Mission Frontiers throbs with the new, exciting pulse of a prayer emphasis which is now sweeping the country.

We thank God--and we thank David Bryant (along with others)--for a brand new element that has been added, "Concerts of Prayer" or concentrated prayer gatherings.

Never before has a National Day of Prayer been planned emphasizing not only prayer for our nation, but also for frontier missions outreach. See the many articles on prayer in this issue.

Both those of you who have followed us for some time--and we ourselves--now face the greatest test of our faith and our faithfulness. On page four you will see some of the helpful suggestions that some of you have offered. Obviously we cannot follow all of them. We do need the Lord's guidance.

Dear reader, how we thank you for your faithfulness in prayer for us across the months and years. We do depend on that prayer right now (see the back cover).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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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# AN OPEN LETTER

Dear People,

As we get nearer that payment, friends are more than ever besieging us with all kinds of earnest advice, which we appreciate.

1. "Don't scare people. They won't support you if they think you are going down."

We are doing nothing we know of that is intended to scare. But we must be honest, open and straight-forward.

2. "Renew your emphasis on lots of one-time \$15 gifts. If everyone on your list of 27,000 would find 15 others to give those gifts, that would make \$6 million. But we have nothing to pass out."

That's right. We are right now rejuvenating our "grapevine letter" approach, whereby you people will be able to pass on a prepared letter or brochure to your friends. We realize that the world's most reliable and powerful means of communication is still the word-of-mouth process. In three weeks, Lord willing, the next issue of this bulletin will be in your hands. In it you will find a brochure to give. Look at it. Pass it on. Get more copies of it.

3. "People still don't know what the Center is. They don't know whether to try to help or not."

Well, what do you think a group of missionaries would do if they got complete control of a modest 35-acre college campus? They would certainly not waste their opportunities by starting another Christian college. There are plenty of those already. Wouldn't you expect them to throw it open for the use of all evangelical mission agencies to come together to pray and give toward an overall campaign to reach the final frontiers? That's it in a nutshell! Now over 300 full-time people work here, coming from over 60 mission agencies. These people are busy scouring the face of the earth for "missing peoples" overlooked until now, drawing maps, charts, writing both scholarly and popular articles, spearheading a whole new wave of awareness in U.S. churches and college campuses, offering a specialized graduate school, and even pioneering a pilot project of a new type of undergraduate curriculum which we hope other schools will be able to follow.

4. "The Frontier Fellowship is a great idea, but it will never in the world bring in \$6 million by Sept. 1."

You are probably right, but as a prayer method and as an educational and inspiration-building enterprise, it really is more important than merely a money-raising activity. Furthermore, new organizations are joining the movement all the time. It is not unlikely that by September 1st enough "participating organizations (congregations, classes, denominations, mission agencies, periodicals, theological seminaries) will have joined so that at least their goals for the number of people involved in prayer and loose change giving will amount to 445,000 people.

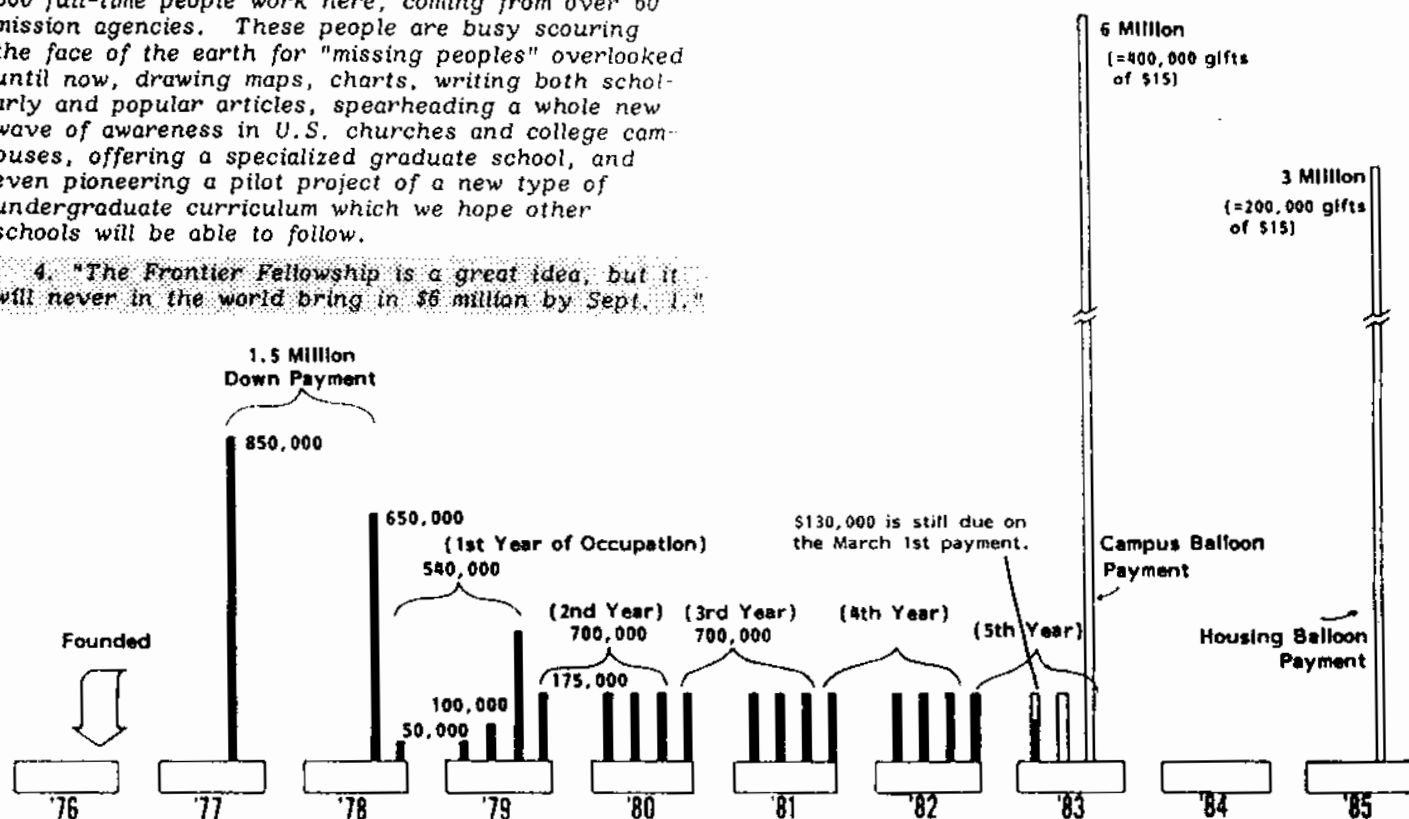
5. "Why all this commotion about your \$6 million balloon payment? Can't you 'refinance' and deal with it over a period of time?"

Yes, but our contract allows that for only two more years, at a much higher interest rate, and then payments almost double in size. This will clearly prolong the agony and further prevent us from really doing the job God has called us to. Worse still, it will merge the balloon payment on the campus with the balloon payment on the off-campus housing in 1985. We honestly hope this will not be necessary.

6. "Simple; just ask people to join a 'committee of 1,200.' Each of them will give or advance \$5,000 against your need. That's \$6 million right there."

This would be a last resort. In no event would we ask such funds as outright gifts, however. We would still expect to "return or reassign" the money once the required number of \$15 gifts came in.

Never have I known so many wonderful people who are personally so concerned to see us make this payment. We thank the Lord for each one of you. Obviously we need your earnest prayers that God will guide us. His way is not always obvious. Quite often it is untraditional. But always it is right. So pray with us.



# **An Unprecedented Series of Events Ties the National Day of Prayer with Mission Vision**

"Unprecedented" is the word for it. Here's why. . .

- (1) This year not only was the proclamation of the "Year of the Bible" made, but the National Day of Prayer was established three months ahead of time - giving leaders unparalleled preparation time.
- (2) God sovereignly placed several key mission-minded leaders on the planning committee for this event.
- (3) Never before has the National Day of Prayer been tied with global concern.

The Result?

- (1) May 5th will be a National Day of Prayer for spiritual awakening and world outreach.
- (2) The National Day of Prayer will also be a launching pad for local "Concerts of Prayer" (gatherings of concentrated prayer, see page 6). These will continue beyond May 5th. Some of them have already begun.

On May 5th, stop and pray for five minutes at 12. There may be other events you can partake in on that day. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TIE IN LOCALLY TO EVENTS SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER ON MAY 5TH, CALL IMMEDIATELY 1-714-882-9932. They have a list of area coordinators as well as other materials that could be of help to you and your church.

The purpose of the National Day of Prayer, as stated by the National Committee, is:

- (1) To focus the united prayers of tens of millions of Americans on spiritual and other needs of the nation.
- (2) To heighten the nation's awareness of our dependence upon God and of the importance of prayer.
- (3) To encourage healing through united prayer among all Americans.

Beyond this they note, "The National Day of Prayer also offers a tremendous opportunity to further Christ's commission to "go. . .make disciples of all nations." As a result, the focus of this one day goes much further than five minutes at lunch time.

# Concerts of Prayer: Waking Up For A New Missions Thrust

by David Bryant

This month, Mission Frontiers examines the foundation of this new thrust in the mind and heart of one of the members of the National Day of Prayer committee, David Bryant. David ministers with Inter-Varsity Missions. He wrote *In The Gap* and has led seminars in missions and recently in "Concerts of Prayer." He was involved in prayer for the U.S. Center for World Mission during the early days of its establishment.

## A Paralysis Of Faith: Somebody's Napping

"Recently I was in Haiti and I took a walk through a market in a very poor section. It was a shanty town and shanty towns don't have sewers. The stench was unbearable. Food was being sold. The crowd was so dense I could hardly move. Some of the kids had red hair, and black kids usually don't have red hair unless they're starving....Now I'd seen all that before. A lot of times. But this time I couldn't stand it. I went home and took a nap.

"Sometimes I'd like to take a nap for the rest of my life. Not that I'm suicidal. But I'd like to shut the truth out, somehow. It's too costly. And that, of course, is the problem. The problem isn't evil people....The problem is that almost everyone is taking a nap."

In his December 1981 editorial for *The Other Side*, John F. Alexander gets right to the heart of what lies between us and a new missionary thrust: napping Christians. Or, as I like to call it: *the paralysis of faith*. Whichever -napping or paralysis- we're talking about the inability of the church to get up and get on with it!

From those I have talked with, I have concluded that the response to missions can be marked two ways. First, there's an openness towards missions- even innocence- that is the most encouraging we've seen for a decade, at least. But secondly, there's also a paralysis of faith.

This paralysis is understandable for at least three reasons. The immensity of the task (billions to be reached) and the complexity of the task (thou-

sands of culture groups to be penetrated) is enough to stun anyone. The third reason is just as immobilizing for them: the uncertainties of the task (so many risks to face, so many options to choose from in over 700 Protestant mission agencies).

Somebody's napping. There's paralysis in the camp.

"But we're so biblical, so . . . well evangelical. What makes us so immovable?" Here are a few observations.

(1) It's our nature. Further into his editorial, Alexander continues: "...In short, the problem is selfishness, not lack of information. If we want to wake people up, we have to address the selfishness rather than the ignorance."

(2) I believe we also do lack the facts. Many desperately need a clearer vision of Christ's global cause if they're to do something about it.

(3) Paralysis comes as well from inadequate, even erroneous, discipling in our churches- "compartmentalization" ("missions" is one of 15 major but unrelated issues in a Christian life). Or, "smorgasborditis" (we pick and choose what meets our needs from a vast menu of blessing, in which "missions" is only one possible entree).

(4) Our fragmentation and over-indulgence have brought with them *psychological fatigue*. We're simply super-extended and bushed. Then, along comes the annual missions conference crying for our free evenings to challenge us to take on the whole rest of the world! No wonder we go back to sleep!

(5) A direct part of the fatigue is the *invisibility* of corporate prayer, our one major recourse for vitality and spiritual vigor. As I travel, I discover congregations and student groups fermenting exciting ideas and projects, laying dynamic plans, expanding programs and facilities. But I don't see a united ministry of intercession.

(6) Clearly, we suffer from a *poverty of models*: We see so few who evidence unselfish obedience to a clearly integrated vision; who do so in a quiet, relentless movement of prayer; and who, as a result,



bring the rest of us with them.

My point in this is that a new missions thrust may fail to emerge, not because God's people are unwilling, but because we are unable to perform it. Even with churches which show positive reactions to the more creative approaches in missions thinking, I have this growing fear that missions remains at arms length, not much more than a "hobby" (albeit, far more meaningful than some have known it to be for a long time). Many still seem unable to make the crucial leap from missions-as-a-hobby to missions-as-a-cause.

The great barrier we face in world evangelization is not an external one of culture or nationalism, but the internal paralysis of our faith.

*What can set us free? What can raise us up?*

The answer seems obvious: We need a new work from God - renewal, revival and awakening.

## A Pulsation Of Faith: Somebody's Waking Up

I believe we are on the verge of a new global awakening. I'm not alone. This past summer I gathered at Oxford University with Christians from various countries, including historians and missionaries, for the Oxford Conference on Research in Revival. It was like a consultation of "sismologists," come to map out how spiritual earthquakes occurred in the church in the past, where tremors of revival could be seen today, and to determine, if possible, whether we might expect another major "shaking" in this generation. Our conclusion was unanimous: "Yes, we may!"

What is awakening? The Spirit quickens the church with new pulsations of vision and faith. Awakening comes as God gives us new eyes to see the gospel all over again, or to see dimensions of that gospel that have become fuzzy for us. Often this means waking up not only to what Christ has done for and in us, but beyond that, to what He wants to do through us. Awakening is God re-introducing us to Jesus. We come to see Him in new ways. That leads us to trust Him in new ways, that leads us to love and obey Him in new ways, that leads us to move with Him in new ways to fulfill His global cause. We're alerted to the full implications of Christ's lordship. God engages us with the fundamental questions: Is He Lord? . . . of heaven and earth? of history? in this generation? of His church? through His church? Aroused with renewed vision that says "Yes, He is!" Christians begin to live anew the bold confession that says: "He is also Lord of my life and through my life, without limits, even to the ends of the earth." All of that is awakening! And it has to lead, ultimately, to new missions thrusts.

But why should we expect such a global awakening in our generation? I can give you three good reasons:

(1) It is the divine pattern in Scripture. God revives a new generation to carry His purposes forward in the earth. Usually He does it in three phases: a movement of prayer, the revitalization of present ministries and, finally, the expansion of God's saving work where it has not come before.

(2) There are signs of dramatic preparations for such a revival: the strength of the evangelical movement worldwide; world-level consultations to lay strategies for total world outreach; the rise of Third World missionaries; the upswing of interest in world missions among collegians.

(3) We face a desperate necessity for awakening: The world rests on the brink of moral bankruptcy, nuclear holocaust and international famine, and there are still 2.5 billion people currently beyond the reach of the gospel. There is no church among them to witness to them within their culture and or language.

"What we are feeling for, imagining, longing for, really praying for, is a worldwide awakening in the power of the Holy Spirit. This alone would be enough to meet our needs, to use our resources, and to incorporate our little personal stores of faith in a movement greater than anything the world has ever seen." So wrote Sam Shoemaker over a decade ago. So it stands today.

But where is the pulsation of faith to come from?

## The Pioneers Of Faith: Somebody's Out In Front

Let me introduce a key answer by asking for another historical flashback: How did God's redemptive mission become the longest sustained human endeavor of all time? How did the church come to be 83 million times larger than when it began? How is it that the Gospel has directly or indirectly altered for good the life of most nations of earth? One undeniable trend can be seen throughout: consistently, there have been pioneers of faith banded together in movements of prayer. Sometimes these movements have been called "Concerts of Prayer."

Earlier I mentioned a threefold development in God's pattern of awakening: prayer movements, revitalization, expansion. In every case, the starting point was what I call "pioneering" faith. Such pioneers were God's gift to the body of Christ. We must have them again. We need to pray for them to emerge - and be willing to become one ourselves - if we're to see a new missions thrust.

Pioneers of faith aren't necessarily more "spiritual" than other Christians, but they are more full of faith than many. Facing the immensity, complexity and uncertainty of the task, they don't boast all the answers, but they do boast in knowing God.

To use another term, we need pacesetters of God's promises, promises of all He wants to do through His people. It's not that pacesetters entertain a mighty resolve to believe, as much as they sense a God-given mandate to lead out in faith, so that others can see their model and follow. Prayer is their hallmark. They are a humble cadre of seekers who, with their hearts, spearhead renewed momentum for missions by a faith that grows through united prayer.

Basically, pioneers of faith are models. There are Biblical examples of this (like the Levites with Israel and Isaiah as a "watchman"). Surely today God wants to give us such models. We need them if we're to see billions reached for Christ. Even more, I believe the evangelical church in North America is longing for such models. I think we may be

rounding a corner, searching less for spiritual celebrities to mirror experience, and looking more for models to mirror excellence in faith that compels one to pursue purposes bigger than themselves.

Take for example the phenomenal attention gained by the U.S. Center for World Mission. The whole operation in Pasadena slugs along primarily on the backs of young adults, barely making it from one financial crisis to the next. So, how do you explain its growing impact on churches and mission agencies alike, here and around the world? There's more to it than just the creative genius of its director. From what I sense in many quarters, the Center's great appeal lies in the models of pioneering faith it has rallied to itself (Winter being one of them), whose zeal for the glory of God renews the faith of many (including myself) in what God can and will do through His people for Christ's global cause. In this atmosphere of fleshed-out faith, we can tolerate the demanding task to which the Center calls us.

I could give scores of other examples. The fact is: pioneers are needed, wanted, and emerging. Now the question is: How are they to mobilize for maximum impact in their pioneering ministry for the Body of Christ?

## Pioneers In Concert: Somebody's Praying

Any new missions thrust must begin and grow through aggressive intercession. Like a battalion, pioneers of faith must first band together to set the pace - primarily through intercession.

Such a movement of prayer will retain key characteristics. First, it will be marked by a visible union. J. Edwin Orr comments, "Student missionary uprisings, like college revivals, when traced to their sources, are shown to have started invariably in a group of students associated for prayer." We might call these Concerts of Prayers.

Secondly, a movement of prayer will also be marked by a threefold pace. Each pace builds on the other. The pioneer of faith will be patient as he learns how to minister in increasingly aggressive depth of intercession:

(1) **Solidarity** -- Here we tell God, based on the great sweeps of His purposes in Scripture: "I want what You want." We align our will and desires with His.

(2) **Advocacy** -- Here we tell God, based on the great longings of the church and world: "They need what You have promised."

(3) **Pursuit** -- Here we tell God, based on the utter unacceptableness of things as they stand in the expansion of His worldwide purposes: "This must become all you intend it to be."

Finally, Concerts of Prayer will be marked by a two-fold agenda based on the two great biblical sweeps of God's heart: The revival of God's people and the advancement of His kingdom throughout the nations. For Him, and for us, extraordinary prayer is not determined so much by how long one prays or how often, but rather that we do pray, that we do so "in concert," and that we pray for those things which God has clearly shown us He is ready and wanting to do, revival and advancement.

In any prayer movement, dynamic tension must al-

ways be maintained between church renewal and world evangelization. Each thrives on the other and drives us to the other, if kept in proper balance. Renewal prevents "burn-out" in the task of missions. And missions challenges "cop-out" on the fruits of renewal. If we maintain this tension, the ministry of intercession will be our most effective step in pioneering faith for Christ's global cause.

I often find two kinds of prayer groups going on in churches and campuses, usually unaware of each other. Some are praying for revival. Other are praying for missions. If we could get both groups together and integrate their individual agendas, we would have a most explosive mix!

I call these two great agendas fullness and fulfillment. We need to seek the fullness of Christ in His global church for the fulfillment of His global cause. We should seek this for both local and international needs.

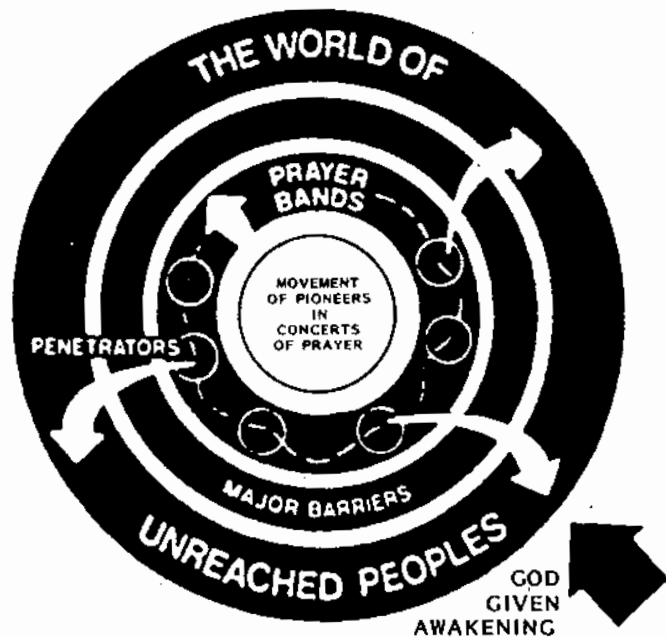
Speaking to a joint retreat of the IFMA EFMA in 1979, George Peters, professor emeritus at Dallas Theological Seminary, declared: "We have become so wrapped up in technology and methodology that we have forgotten that missions is number one, the releasing of divine dynamics...reaching the unreached will, first of all, mean for us, not only to lay hold of it in faith, but to develop thousands and thousands of prayer cells in America and elsewhere that will commit themselves wholeheartedly to prayer until the victory will be won."

I believe this can happen two ways:

(1) We must integrate the twofold agendas into all existing natural groupings - Bible study groups, Sunday School, worship services, prayer meetings.

(2) We can also establish special times in our calendars where pioneers can gather for extended "extraordinary" prayer - for Concerts of Prayer.

What if such concerts - as an environment for faith and a foundation for obedience to the global cause - were to be multiplied world wide, or even just within your own denomination, your city, your mission society? What might be the implications for a new missions thrust? (See Diagram)





# Spawning A Movement Of Prayer: Recommendations

I would like to now make the following recommendations to help move us, and the church at large, closer toward an awakening for a new missions thrust:

(1) *Be sure we grasp the whole Gospel.* We must awaken again to the grace of God, what Christ has done for us, what He's doing in us, and all He wants to do through us.

(2) *Be willing to repent.* "We must create holy dissatisfaction within a church and society that callously tolerates widespread injustice and quietly forgets two billion people who have never heard of Christ," writes Ron Sider. Awakening will come as we repent of preoccupations, self-serving interests and unbelief. We must face up to our nagging emptiness from lack of follow-through on Christ's clear command to lose our lives for His sake and the Gospel's. There's a vitality of walk with Christ that could make Him known through His church among all peoples in this generation...and we know it!

(3) *Be free to rejoice.* Springing from repentance, truly dissatisfied Christians will eagerly take hold of God's promises for His mission to the world. We must open up to a sense of expectancy and holy anticipation that God could very well plant churches for every people-group by the year 2000. May we rejoice in hope.

(4) *Become pioneers ourselves.* Naturally, we'll summon them as they gravitate toward our own model

of pacesetting. But there also come times when we must identify for someone else that God is equipping them to serve the body in this unique way. Pioneers should be summoned first of all from within our own ranks of missionary personnel. May I recommend that we summon them into a "relational partnership" with missionaries in prayer. Many students are ready right now to join a team in a common mandate to model renewal of faith for a new missions thrust.

(5) *Launch concerts of prayer.* This is the environment in which "relational partnership" between pioneers develops best. There must be more than private prayer in a closet, or moments of prayer during occasional encounters. Eventually, we must see a movement of prayer - united, sustained, intentional, targeted on revival and world evangelization. We must get the pioneers praying together on a regular basis, and praying about the right things.

At this point, I'd like to focus specifically on what campus movements, churches and mission agencies might do together. This is my most concrete recommendation. Proposal: Let's draw together our praying, pacesetting constituents on a once-a-month basis, within selected geographical regions, to unite in prayer for "fullness" and "fulfillment."

I am looking for committed bands in city after city, made up of students, lay people, pastors, and missionaries, who will be willing to commit one night every month for, in Jonathan Edwards words, "explicit agreement and visible union (concerts) in extraordinary prayer for the revival of the religion (fullness) and the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth (fulfillment)."

Anybody out there want to start something?

## Dear Ministry Team

(The following is Dave and Robyne Bryant's prayer letter dated March 27, 1983. In it we see how God has been shaping events to accomplish great things through the development of "Concerts of Prayer.")

There was Richard Halverson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, holding a golf ball-sized replica of the globe in the palm of his large hand, leading the 15 of us in three verses of "He's got the whole world in His hands." We had just completed two hours of prayer together for the following day's event, The Presidential Prayer Breakfast on February 4. We were full of a great sense of all God was preparing to do at the breakfast and in the weeks and months that lay ahead.

Where were we? David joined other members of the National Prayer Committee meetings regarding events for the National Day of Prayer, May 5. It was during that week in D.C. that President Reagan signed two significant proclamations, one declaring the "Year of the Bible" (the first time any national leader has made such a

proclamation) and the second, "National Day of Prayer", which was signed three months in advance, not three days as usual, allowing 90 days preparation and nationwide prayer mobilization. (See below.) The next day at the Prayer Breakfast the Spirit of God came on the gathering throng in a way that, we believe, was a foretaste of what God is preparing to do in an unprecedented way throughout the land...and ultimately among the nations.

### SOME BACKGROUND:

Many today believe that the Church world-wide is on the verge of another great spiritual awakening. God gives awakening. It begins first in His Church. But it spreads to the unbelieving world until finally whole segments of earth's unreached peoples are penetrated with the Gospel in

the hands of a revived Church. Biblically and historically there is a divine pattern in God-given awakening. God brings believers together to intercede for revival and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among the nations, including their own. These prayer movements--known over the past 250 years as concerts of prayer--are not only the prelude to awakening but also the foundation for its impact! It deeply transforms the Church's zeal for Christ's global cause. It issues a new in-gathering of the converted. It dramatically permeates society--at large with godliness, and it causes many committed Christians to be thrust forth in spreading the Gospel among those currently beyond its reach.

Therefore, in our own nation, the greatest challenge before us is to mobilize ourselves locally and nationally into a movement of pray-

er under God for spiritual awakening and world evangelization. Further, the greatest single contribution any of us could ever make for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in our own nation and throughout the earth, is to be banded together in prayer, united around such a magnificent agenda as concerts of prayer.

Well, in point of fact, this is precisely what many are watching emerge at this very hour, a mighty movement of prayer. It is a gift of God, just as faith is His to give. It is our desire to be a part of it. That is why we are involved in a concert of prayer here in Madison. We sense for the immediate future that God is calling David to help Christians define and explore the Biblical, historical and contemporary patterns of prayer movements for spiritual awakening and world evangelization. But, along with that, he feels strongly he must also help open up for us practical hints and insights for mobilizing, organizing and sustaining concerts of prayer within key communities. Communities where such concerts can bring together on a regular basis praying people from campus fellowships, local churches and mission-sending organizations.

#### TAKING SHAPE IN SPECIFIC WAYS

What has this meant for our ministry schedule the past three months? For one thing, you'll remember the CHICAGO CONSULTATION ON A MOVEMENT OF PRAYER which we asked you to pray for in January; well, it happened, and it was a miracle the way it happened! On January 31, 45 Christian leaders gathered at the O'Hare Airport to explore a cooperative effort in mobilizing Christians into concerts of prayer. Sponsored by IVCF Missions Department, the consultation was unique in a number of ways. First of all, it was one of the first times that leaders from all three major spheres--churches, missions, campuses--have gathered to discuss cooperative prayer mobilization for awakening and world evangelization. Formulated and guided by David himself, the six hour meeting allowed for valuable sharing from leaders representing a large segment of North American Protestant missionaries, all the national interdenominational campus movements and prayer/mission thrusts in over 40 denominations. [Ed. note: both the USCWM and the Frontier Fellow-

ship were represented there.] As one who came, Richard Lovelace, professor of church history, observed for all of us that it was an historic gathering of many of the primary sources for revival. At the conclusion, the leaders gave enthusiastic endorsement of the proposal before us and called on David to give leadership in mobilizing concerts of prayer in some of the major population centers of our country. We thought in terms of 15 cities over the next two years.

But God was not finished! The initiative and desire of the Chicago Consultation were carried to meetings later that same week in D.C. by members of the National Prayer Committee who were at O'Hare including David. Those meetings, following the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, were designed specifically to study prayer mobilization in the context of the National Day of Prayer on May 5. Throughout our deliberations there, it became increasingly obvious to all of us that through the National Day of Prayer we had the potential launching pad for a movement of prayer nationwide, in over 250 cities, by the end of this spring. Suddenly our dream had jumped from 15 cities in two years, to 250 cities in four months! We wish you could have been in on that meeting, and the other planning meetings that David has attended since. You would then know how sovereignly God is pulling all of this together far beyond human ingenuity and resource. Among other things that will happen is prayer coordinators from over 200 cities, plus 150 denominational leaders, will be invited to D.C. to share in the May 5 events. During that special day these prayer leaders will actually participate in a concert of prayer in the morning and later in the evening at Constitution Hall. But, they will also receive training on how to mobilize and conduct a concert of prayer which David will lead. They will also receive a training tool from the National Prayer Committee called Concerts of Prayer, with ten, one-hour teaching tapes and a leader's guide with a student outline, to take back to train prayer leaders in their cities to carry on the momentum of united prayer spawned by local prayer on May 5. David is over-seeing the preparation of those materials right now.

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prayer on May 5. (David is over-seeing the preparation of those materials right now.)

There's no space to go into this in more detail. But, if you would like a 6-page report on the Chicago and Washington meetings, please write us [IVM, 233 Langdon, Madison, WI 53703] and we'll gladly send it to you free. We think you'll be tremendously blessed reading about how God has been answering your prayers over the past few months in this very unique turn of events!

#### NONE OF THIS IS IN A VACUUM

Already, just through our efforts alone (and there are many across our land working on this vital effort of prayer mobilization) we've seen concerts of prayer emerging, riding on the backs of trained prayer leaders in various cities. In Madison our two-year old concert has now given birth to a second concert involving primarily Christian leaders from town, gown and the world-around. Following David's seminars in Chicago, Greensboro, Dallas, East Lansing, Jackson (Miss.), Pittsburgh and Cleveland we've seen various forms of Prayer Concerts established, often involving students from different campuses but always linking them with church leaders and missionaries. His seminars have been co-sponsored by a variety of campus fellowships, mission agencies, denominational groups, and other organizations in the locale where it is held. In every case, David is training people in prayer for both awakening and world evangelization. In every case, he is seeing many come out of the seminars more committed than ever to becoming World Christians and to personal involvement in reaching the unreached.

Take Cleveland for example--the second weekend of March there were over 700 people in attendance from 50-60 churches and 20-25 campuses, all within a 100 mile radius. Over 35 committed themselves to give long-term leadership to a prayer movement in northeast Ohio by serving on a northeast Ohio coordinating committee. Since the seminar literally dozens of prayer concerts have begun to take form. Christian radio in Cleveland is committed to helping in daily follow-up of prayer groups via their own daily programming. This is just the beginning!!!

Also, David challenged over 500 students at the Student Conference on World Evangelization in Pasadena [Ed. note: This was at the USCWM] in February to return to campuses to mobilize concerts of prayer. Already we've received reports of that very thing having happened.

#### WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

It tells you very little about us actually, and "tons" about who God is and all that He is doing. He is calling His church back to Christ--back to wholehearted devotion to Christ that expresses itself first of all in four things: holy anticipation (about all God wants to do through His Son among the nations through His Church); holy desperation (as the Church admits its desperate need for a new outpouring of the Spirit that saturates us with the love and power of Christ); holy cooperation (as the Church deepens its fellowship with Christ and one another--by our love for one another they will know God has sent His Son. Cooperation in prayer is the first step toward this--cooperation across denominational, institutional, social and other barriers as we become "con-

certed" in prayer for the great concerns on the heart of God); and holy ambition (our willingness to pray fervently and faithfully for the concerns most on God's heart: (1) an awakening of His people to a new vision of, faith in, love for and obedience to His son (2) to the end that we might move with Christ together in the fulfillment of His global cause).

But, this letter/report also tells you some about us--about God's calling to us to labor together in any way possible to make a significant contribution to what God is already doing in "growing" a movement of united prayer. What is He calling on us to do?

- 1) Train leadership for Concerts of Prayer.
- 2) Strengthen existing models of such Concerts.
- 3) Team up with others who are working in the same direction.
- 4) Facilitate cooperation between Christian organizations and fellowships in concerts of prayer.
- 5) Develop training materials.

- 6) In it all, help Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship fulfill its primary objective in missions: to mobilize 5,000 new missionaries overseas by 1986 and 15,000 trained graduates to enter effectively into leadership within the missions programs of local churches. Prayer mobilization will secure missions mobilization! Without it nothing else really will, nothing else.

David has been asked to join the Intercessory Advisory Group of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization. Our first assignment: to help develop an International Prayer Assembly in Korea in June of 1984, when prayer leaders from many nations will gather to see the prayer-life of the Korean Church, to be trained in mobilizing movements of prayer, to spend hours interceding for spiritual awakening and world evangelization, and to return to their various countries to form "national prayer committees" to foster concerted prayer within the Body of Christ worldwide. Frankly...it's awesome. But it's all of God.

## How do you get from a Day of Prayer to Days of Prayer?

According to Dave Bryant one of the keys to the success of "Concerts of Prayer" will be the nurture of visions between concentrated prayer gatherings and daily prayer.

As a practical way to maintain vision between crucial, periodic prayer gatherings, we encourage you commit yourself to daily prayer using the Daily Prayer Guide.

Here are a few steps you can take as a result of this series on prayer in order to help your involvement.

- Take five minutes at 12 noon on May 5th to pray.
- Participate in other events on the National Day of Prayer. You can call 1-714-882-9932, they can help you tie in on May 5th AS WELL AS AFTERWORDS.
- Order your own subscriptions to the Frontier Fellowship Daily Prayer Guide (see page 19 for details), or write the National Office of the Frontier Fellowship for bulk orders for churches or other groups.

We have seen that God is moving in new ways. through prayer. Find a new step of commitment you can take to be more involved in the prayer He desires.



# FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

On February 6-8 a mission executives "huddle" drew 35 mission leaders representing 28 agencies to the U. S. Center for World Mission campus in Pasadena, California. The purpose was to discuss the Frontier Fellowship campaign and other practical resources for frontier mission work and mobilization.

Large interdenominational agencies like Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Campus Crusade, Africa Inland Mission, and The Evangelical Alliance Mission were represented, along with a number of other missions. The "huddle" was hosted by Greg Livingstone, head of North Africa Mission Associates and Director of Mission Agency Relations for the USCWM.

The leaders considered the dimensions of the frontier challenge and priorities in strategic mission

research. A panel discussion on the issue of "Church Growth Where There Is No Church" featured Dr. Jack Frizen (Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association) and Southern California missions experts Drs. Donald McGavran and Paul Pierson (Fuller School of World Mission), Don McCurry (Samuel Zwemer Institute), Dr. Sam Wilson (MARC), and Dr. Ralph Winter (USCWM).

Resources available to agencies through the Center's 40 on-campus organizations were also highlighted, including DataServe's computer services and the specialized training programs of the William Carey International University. The nature, purposes and future of this cooperative mission "nerve center" were discussed.

In the face of growing agency commitment to reaching the yet unreached peoples, many execs

Satan must be wary of spiritual chain reactions, which pick up speed as they go. The Gospel is such a reaction. Russia and China can't stop it. How can a prayer movement for the frontiers be stopped?

expressed concern over the lack of frontier mission education, prayer, and awareness at the grass-roots level.

The Frontier Fellowship concept and Daily Prayer Guide were evaluated as strategic resources for awakening new missionary consciousness, prayer, and giving in local churches and on campuses. Most participants indicated a strong desire for their agencies to collaborate with the 15 groups already promoting the Frontier Fellowship devotional discipline and national prayer movement.

Pray for these key men as they discuss this possibility with their staff and Boards. What awesome potential to add new "throw weight" behind the Frontier Fellowship movement!

Other executive "huddles" are envisioned for the future so that additional mission leaders may have the opportunity to visit the U.S. Center, discuss the frontier mission movement, and learn about the Frontier Fellowship.



Dr. Ralph Winter addresses mission leaders at "Huddle" to discuss Frontier Fellowship campaign.



# Things To Do With A Daily Prayer Guide:

Since the Frontier Fellowship began publishing a monthly Daily Prayer Guide one year ago, more than 20,000 readers have been informed, inspired, and delighted by its challenging contents.

But readers of the prayer guide have discovered this amazing little tool can be creatively used to share frontier missionary vision with others, as well as to build their own vision. Some ideas for using and sharing the prayer guide are listed below:

**1** You can read a selected page each week as a "minute for missions" in your congregational worship service.

**2** You can share a daily selection with your Sunday School class, home Bible study group or other Christian gathering.

**3** You can read the daily selection for your family devotional time at home.

**4** You can use a daily "Bible" section as seed-thoughts for a devotional meditation or Bible study you would lead.

**5** You can clip or copy a series of "Bible" selections for use in preaching or teaching a book or theme of the Bible (to emphasize God's heart and concern for the final frontiers as a theme throughout Scripture).

**6** You can begin a file of the "people group" descriptions to inform and challenge others about peoples around the world. These descriptions add life and interest to the raw data tabulations published by other Christian missions and organizations.

**7** You can give the "people group" descriptions to your chil-

dren to use as the basis for school reports and projects.

**8** You can use "people group" reports in prayer meetings to expand your circle of concern beyond your immediate group.

**9** You can clip or copy a "pioneers" selection for your pastor to use as a sermon illustration.

**10** You can gather and file a series of "pioneers" selections to form a "mini-biography" of a Christian missionary pioneer of a previous age.

**11** You can use the "pioneers" to enthral and challenge your own children with the vision of investing their lives to penetrate the frontiers.

**12** You can use the "pioneers" section as the basis for school reports on great individuals of previous eras.

**13** You can get a large world map, and place descriptions of people groups on the map in areas where they live to get a picture of the world as a mosaic of peoples, rather than just individuals or political countries.

**14** You can use the "pioneers" selections in week-day Bible clubs, Sunday Schools or Vacation Bible Schools as the missionary feature each day or week.

**15** You can clip or copy a series of "pioneers" selections, mount them on construction paper, fold the paper to the size of a greeting card, add a personal word, and use them to send special greetings or encouraging words to your friends.

**16** Your local Christian radio station may use a page from the

prayer guide as a "missions focus" in their daily format. (Check with the Frontier Fellowship national office for the possibility of getting the prayer guide in a radio format for this kind of use.)

**17** Your church newspaper, or state or national denominational magazine might be interested in using quotes or blurbs from the prayer guide as "end of article" filler material. Copy each quote on a single sheet of paper, double-spaced, not more than two or three sentences. Indicate the source of the quotation as (Organizational Name) Frontier Fellowship Daily Prayer Guide, give the day and month of the quotation, and the address of the publisher--listed on the back of the prayer guide.

**18** You can use the vignettes of the pioneers' lives as a single (or series of) brief playlet(s) for presentation in Sunday evening services or at special missionary functions (conference, banquet, etc.).

**19** You can use several of the "prayer requests" in your church's regular prayer listing--especially those concerning the gaining of missionary vision in churches here at home.

**20** Of course, you can get a Daily Prayer Guide and keep it in your bedroom at home. Then each evening as you prepare to go to bed, when you take your loose change out of your pocket or purse, place it in a jar on your dresser marked "For the Hidden People." Use that activity as a reminder to read that day's selection in the Daily Prayer Guide. Then pray, using the prayer requests, for God's power to be displayed in your life and in your church as you obediently reach out to go, give, send others, and pray to insure that every people group in the world will have a church where its members can believe and obey the gospel.

Of course, you can't do anything with a Daily Prayer Guide if you don't have one. To receive a free single copy or to enter your year's subscription, contact the Frontier Fellowship National Office. See the last page in this magazine.



# IFMA Reflections

Comments by Dr. Edwin (Jack) Frizen during his recent visit to the USCWM

“In most places you representatives know you have to prod the students toward missions. Here at the USCWM the students are so eager, you need to slow them down!”

“I meet so many missionaries who have lost their joy and sense of expectancy. What we need is the 'can do' spirit found here.”



“One of the messages of the USCWM is that we need to take our missionary-challenge messages to our national churches abroad and believe God to see national brethren joining the new wave of missionary effort to the frontiers.”

“Get your retiring missionaries to consider Pasadena...those who still are young in spirit and have so much to share can become part of this USCWM.”

“The USCWM is a member now of IFMA and we believe it will be a great stimulus to all of us through its materials, especially the Frontier Fellowship.”

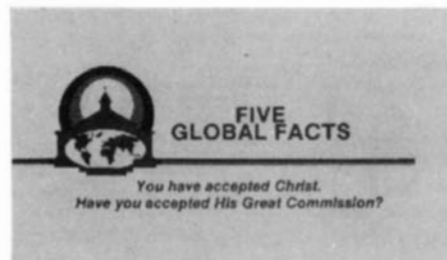
“You should encourage your missionaries on furlough to come here to the USCWM. They should take the IIS course or at least absorb what's going on here for a few weeks. It would be good for them to interact with the young people and absorb how even old ideas are 'differently framed' here.”





# This Month At USCWM

\*The popular "Five Global Facts" booklet, explaining the frontier missions cause in a brief, simple manner, has been reprinted to fill numerous back orders. More printings are planned to meet the growing demand for this helpful tool in missions mobilization.



\*The first issue of the International Journal of Frontier Mission (IJFM) is scheduled to appear in June 1983. To be published quarterly by the International Student Coalition for Frontier Missions, the IJFM will include papers on theory, theology, case studies and history and a news section to keep readers abreast of the activities of groups committed to frontier missions. The IJFM supersedes the "Frontierline" and will be edited by Gordon Aeschliman. Aeschliman was appointed at the 1980 International Student Consultation on Foreign Missions, in Edinburgh, to provide such communication tools.

\*Also to be published this year is a commemorative volume on both the 1980 student consultation and a parallel gathering of mission executives. Part one of the volume will document the joint sessions of

the World Consultation on Frontier Missions and the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions. Parts two and three will document their separate sessions. An appendix will report on the current work of each organization represented at Edinburgh '80.

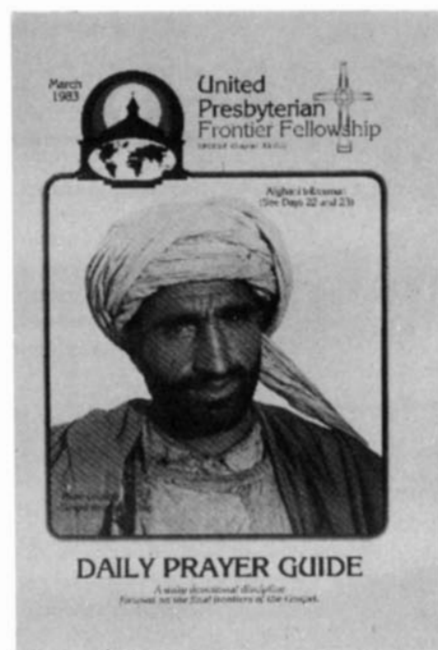
\*Africa Inland Mission has decided to locate their southwest regional office on the USCWM campus. Rev. Al Miller, regional director, will assume AIM operations on campus April 1.

\*Thirty-five executives from 28 mission agencies gathered on the U.S. Center campus February 6-8. Primary topic: the Frontier Fellowship campaign. See page 12 for details.

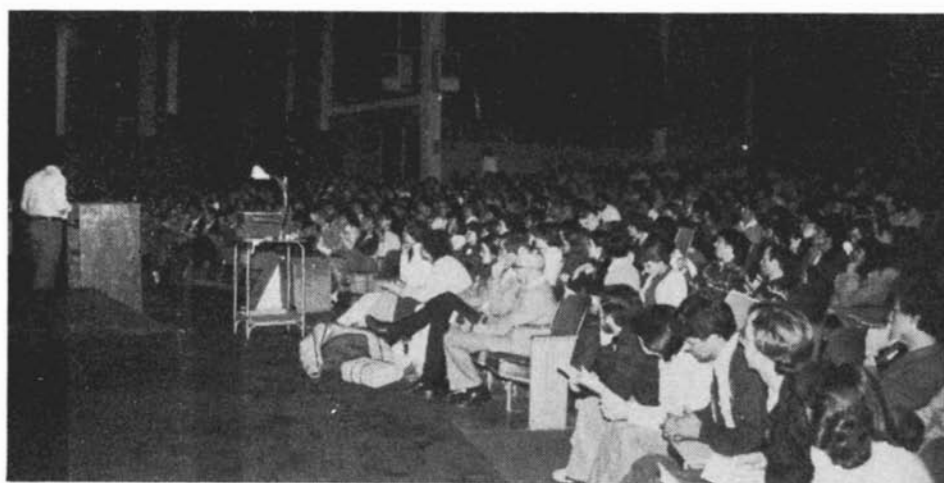
\*Dr. Chris Thomas has accepted an offer to become Director of the Institute of Hindu Studies. Thomas, a graduate of Union Seminary in Yeotmal, India and the recipient of a D.Miss. from the Fuller Seminary School of World Mission, has served as a missionary among Indians and Chinese in Singapore. He plans to begin on-campus duties in June 1983.

\*The Board of Directors of Data-serve, a computer services organization, met for the first time February 3. Data-serve offers both hardware purchasing opportunities and software assistance to mission agencies.

\*Some 500 college students and other youth attended the eighth annual Student Conference on World Evangelization (SCOWE), jointly sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the U.S. Center for World Mission. See page 16 to discover what happened!



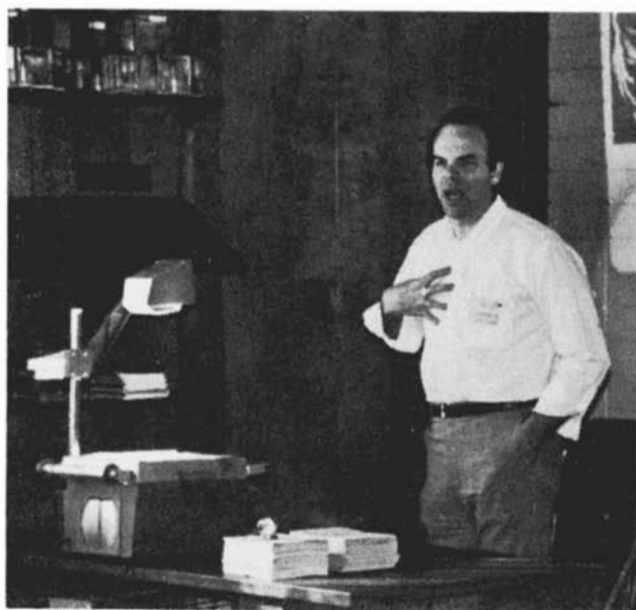
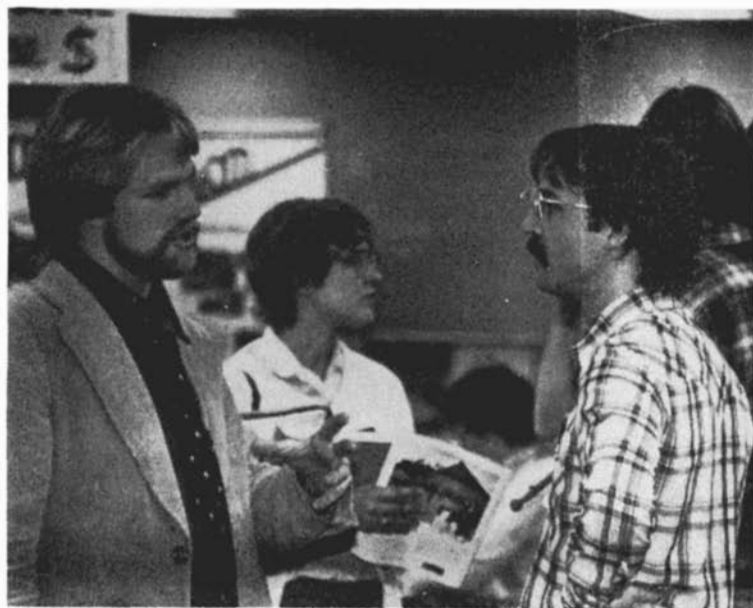
\*Rev. Harold Kurtz and Laura Dickman, Director and Associate Director, respectively, of the fledgling United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (UPFF), visited the Frontier Fellowship National Coordinating Office to discuss plans for the growth of the UPFF. Kurtz and Dickman hope to enroll 100,000 Presbyterians in the Frontier Fellowship movement.



# SCOWE 83



More than 500 students gathered at USCWM in early February for a weekend of mission focus at the 8th SCOWE (Student Conference on World Evangelization). Photographs (clockwise from top right): Students take the challenge of the final frontiers given by Dr. Ralph Winter, Dr. Don McCurry and other mission leaders. "On campus" meals provided opportunity for discussion of the new ideas presented. Dave Bryant of IVCF challenged students to catch and keep the vision. Displays by mission and mobilization agencies provided opportunity to share the frontier vision. Mission representatives led dozens of seminars on the how's and why's of penetrating unreached groups. Kolen Matsuda provided overall direction for the conference.



# An Unreported Side To Guatemala

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By Rev. Robert C. Thorp, Executive Secretary of Presbyterians United For Mission Advance.

Mr. Thorp, who served as a missionary in Guatemala for 34 years, September 1946 to December 1979, has reported on the situation in Guatemala today following a three weeks "homecoming" visit to Guatemala in November, 1982 at the time of the "Centennial Celebrations" in that strife-torn country. He was a member of the official delegation from the United Presbyterian Church which included General Assembly Moderator James H. Costen; Mrs. Costen; Rev. John H. Sinclair, Associate Synod Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies; Rev. Benjamin F. Gutierrez, Liaison with Latin America for the Program Agency; two delegates from United Presbyterian Women (UPW); together with an ecumenical team from the National Council of Churches and delegates from Latin American Presbyterian Churches.

Printed below is a digest of Mr. Thorp's report written expressly for the Presbyterian Layman.

I write as one who lived for 34 years in Guatemala, under rightist, leftist and centrist governments, and know that there was not much difference between them. I knew President Jacobo Arbenz (1950-54) and almost became a victim of his terrorist activities. I object to his being held up as a hero and champion of democracy and of the poor. He was elected to the Presidency in 1950 after engineering the assassination of the leading candidate, Col. Arana. I write as one who does not approve or justify violence, and certainly do not approve of what has happened in Guatemala's past history. But, I urge my fellow-Christians to give Rios Montt a chance to bring about the changes he is trying to make happen.

Never having met Rios Montt, I can speak favorably of him only because I know his pastor, Carlos Ramirez, Colombian by birth; and several of his close associates in his church and in the government. They all speak highly of him and I respect their judgement. I am also inclined to trust a born-again-Christian and wonder, what other kind is there?

I did not pick and choose who I would interview while in Guatemala. I just talked openly with everyone from taxi drivers to business people, from lawyers to university students, from peasants to millionaires. The opinions of 90% were favorable to Rios Montt.

Most "investigative teams" go to Guatemala with preconceived ideas

(although they may not admit it) and most of their contacts are arranged for them. Their time is also limited. Finding confirmation for their point of view, they return and report the same to the media and the church. Evangelicals tend to trust Rios Montt and want to believe that he is sincere and trying to transform the country. That he is restraining the violence and trying to find a solution to the social problems of the country. Non-evangelical Christians, who also tend to lean to the left in their political views, tend to distrust any "born-again-Christian" and any military ruler. And so the struggle for "objectivity" goes on.

Since the "Centennial Celebrations" in Guatemala there have been signs of a slight turn-around in the attitude of the news media. Headlines such as the one in the San Jose Mercury News (December 27, 1982), "Guatemala Tiptoes Towards Democracy," is just one example. More and more people are beginning to take Rios Montt seriously.

The opinions expressed in this report are my own and are not necessarily those of the organization I represent.

Since independence from Spain in 1821, the political history of Central America has been one of almost constant turmoil. During the 400 years since the Spanish-Portuguese conquest of Latin America that continent has known only two basic power structures, the Roman Catholic Church and the military. Neither of these two organizations chooses to be democratic in its practice. The people were taught by the church and the military to obey and not to question authority.

With large portions of the population remaining illiterate until the present, they lived in complete isolation from the world.

Protestant missions, led by Presbyterians, began about 100 years ago. Every local congregation of "believers" became a grassroots school in democracy. Members were taught to think, to express their own ideas and to vote knowing that their vote would be respected. This was considered "revolutionary", even to the point of being "subversive" in a land of dictatorships.

Other concepts of democracy, socialism, marxism, liberation, etc., began to infiltrate into the university and "filter-down" to the high-school level. In the meantime, people could only make their opinions felt by means of mass protest marches, graffiti sprayed on the walls and subversive literature circulated secretly. In extreme cases the general populace, led by university students, would stage a revolution.

People did not trust the electoral system and their voiced protests by

force, these protesters sometimes went "underground" and formed resistance groups, guerrilla bands, "liberation" armies. Several of these subversive groups united into a strong guerrilla movement to overthrow the government of General Romeo Lucas Garcia who had followed a policy of violence to try to wipe out the guerrillas but without too much success.

The presidential elections of early 1982 did not change the picture or offer any hope, so a group of young army officers pulled off a coup and called up from retirement Gen. Efraim Rios Montt as president.

The new leader faced overwhelming, if not impossible, problems: a three-year-old civil war; a ruined economy; an empty national treasury; a poor international image; grave social problems that have afflicted the country for generations; the retraining of an army in the field of battle; establish some kind of workable democratic process that will bring the indian population into the government.

## A Turnaround Under Montt

In spite of these overwhelming odds, Rios Montt has performed several "miracles" already. He has brought peace to most of the country; he has brought the indian representatives into the governing process by incorporating ten representatives into the National Advisory Council, (a group of 60 representatives of the political parties, the industrial-commercial sector, the university-professional group, etc.) helping to restructure the political-social and economic scene. He has also restored a large measure of trust and confidence with his strong emphasis on integrity in government.

The level of violence has dropped dramatically. Massacres by the army have all but stopped on strict orders from General Rios Montt. Peasants are learning that they can trust the army and the government. Consequently thousands of them have deserted the guerrilla controlled areas and sought the refuge of army controlled regions.

The "desertion" on the part of the peasants has angered the guerrilla leaders and they are becoming increasingly violent in their treatment of these people. Now the truth is being told about how many peasants were coerced into supporting the subversive movement. Refusal to join them either as combatants, or support them with food and other supplies, brought serious reprisals.

The government of Rios Montt has been accused of committing many massacres of peasants (Opponents of the government prefer to use the term "indian". Some are and some

are not, depending on what part of the country you refer to. The reason for that word choice is to heighten the racial overtones and create greater division than already exists.)

Counter charges by the government claim that the guerrillas are guilty of many of the killings, sometimes disguised as soldiers. Since nobody keeps a record of the atrocities committed by the guerrillas and the millions of dollars of destruction caused by their acts of sabotage, it is hard to know which group has been the most violent. Both are without doubt guilty.

The truth is that as of November 1982, when we were there, the job of pacifying the country was well underway, and we saw few signs of martial law in the central and southern portions of the land. Most of it was concentrated in the northern mountains and jungle area bordering on Mexico.

## The "Centennial Celebrations"

During the month of November 1982 the Protestants in Guatemala celebrated one hundred years of religious freedom in that land. Testimonial marches, open air evangelistic services and tent-meetings, were held everywhere in the country. Every state capitol saw a massive parade of "evangelicals", as they prefer to be called there.

During the first week of the month every local congregation celebrated its own history. During the second week each Presbytery (9 of them) held special sessions and celebrations. The third week was the Synod celebration held in the capital city. Both the Synodical and Synod of Guatemala rejoiced in their 100 year history. Dr. Cecilio Arrastia was the headline speaker. All experienced the freedom and joy that was evident in the hearts and faces of the Guatemalan Presbyterians.

This was in striking contrast to what visiting delegates had expected to find, having been briefed in advance concerning the violence of the army and the callousness of the new government of Rios Montt. (No attempt was made on the part of the visiting delegation to meet General Rios Montt lest an appearance of "approval" be implied.)

The climax of the Centennial celebrations came the last week of November when all of the Protestants celebrated with a massive evangelistic crusade held in the national soccer stadium. Dr. Luis Palau was the speaker for the occasion.

General Rios Montt spoke to the nation and the mass meeting via national radio hookup, and called upon the citizens to submit themselves to the lordship of Christ in order that there may come about a moral renewal in the land, without which God will not be able to bless the people.

Most Guatemalans are hoping and praying that Rios Montt will be given an opportunity to rebuild the country.



# LETTERS

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Winter,

I have just received your most recent statistical printout, "The Final Mission Frontiers 1983" and with a friend have studied the information. It is so very well done.

I will be teaching Freshman students "Introduction to Missions" and am wondering if it would be possible to receive 180 copies of the above mentioned printout for distribution to class members for study. I would also like to order the large poster-size copies. Would you also send me a year's subscription to the Daily Prayer Guide. I am enclosing a cheque as a gift to the building fund.

Thank you very much. May God give you the wisdom and direction needed for the work and vision He has called you to.

Yours truly,  
Betty F.  
Peterborough, Ont.

To whom it may concern,

I recently received a poster in the mail entitled "The Final Mission Frontiers--1983." I have been studying it on and off for a few days and am thrilled to see such a comprehensive study presented in a concise, understandable form!

I understand that I can order more from this address, so I am enclosing enough money for 10 of the poster size (12 1/2 x 16 1/2) on map paper. I want so much for the people around me to understand the tremendous need for laborers among these unreached peoples. Please pray that God would use these posters to inform them and challenge them to seek Him regarding their responsibility to these hidden people groups. Thank you!

Susan M.  
Harrisonburg, VA

Dear brothers & sisters,

I'm so thankful to God our Father for giving me a vision and a cause big enough to invest my whole life in. Our Frontier Fellowship meets every 3 weeks officially, but every Sunday afternoon there will be people meeting together pleading with God to send laborers into the Harvest and to break the churches in Augusta out of small visions. Let's persevere together in prayer.

Your brother in Christ,  
Robert P.

Dear USCWM,

I never cease to be astounded by the statistics of the "Frontiers." In the December edition of Mission Frontiers you enclosed a Chart. Of the major pieces in the pie, the 4 bottom pieces have over 2/3 of the hidden people groups (10,000 of the 16,750!). Yet there are less than 800 Protestant missionaries for this enormous task.

As a Christian deeply moved about missions and world evangelism this disturbs me.

By God's grace I will try to promote the Center better in 1983.

However, your publications stirred me to reach out to Lao Buddhists. Now some have accepted Christ, and a church planting work is springing up.

My prayers are for you all and for the will of God to bear fruit in establishing His Center for World Mission. "They who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength..." Isa. 40:31.

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be yours." Matt. 6:33

A Co-laborer w/you in Christ Jesus,  
Jonathan W.

Dear Ralph Winter,

"How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God." I just graduated from Caltech and I'm feeling very much like a rich man. I plan to give at least \$550 a month to various groups serving God. So, I welcome the opportunity to "invest" in the future of the Center.

This particularly large check (for me, anyway) is for January and February. I'm praying for you. I pray that the message spreads to the thousands more people that are needed to pay for the campus.

In prayer,  
Chris K.  
San Jose, CA

Dear friends at USCWM,

I am enclosing a check to help meet the emergency just now. I read your paper with great interest and excitement as I learn of how the Gospel is penetrating the Unreached People Groups as the many different missions and organizations unite in this advance.

My late husband and I spent many of our early years in medical mission work in India until his health broke down there. It is still my "first love," after 40 years.

Sincerely,  
Alma O.  
Elbow Lake, MN

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

My wife and I are increasingly becoming aware of the challenge facing the church in this era--the hidden and unreached peoples. You dear folks seem to be committed to the task of being His instruments to reach them and for this we say in our hearts, "the Lord bless you and sustain you."

In our own small way we would like to be channels for His resources to you as you carry out this task.

Accept the enclosed check for those purposes.

By His Grace,  
Mike & Laurie  
Buena Park, CA

# Mission Frontiers Book Service

## SPREAD the FAITH

- ☐ NEW revised edition of the "Five Global Facts" booklet. This readable, 16-page little "Four Spiritual Laws"-type booklet concisely outlines God's global plan and the growing Frontier Fellowship movement. (\$.35 each; 10 or more \$.25 each)

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National Coordinating Office  
1605 Elizabeth Street  
Pasadena, CA 91104

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Pearl River, NY 10965

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1605 Elizabeth Street  
Pasadena, CA 91104

RBMU International  
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Minneapolis, MN 55423

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Dear Friends,

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Just now we are like Moses. We have been fighting a difficult battle for 6 years. By no means has it been mainly a financial one. Constantly we are aware of spiritual oppression. New staff members comment that that they have never before been so aware of a spiritual struggle as they are here. Yet God has miraculously protected and cared for us. And He is preserving us as a body who love each other.

But we do need your prayers--so very much just now. We need to know that you are praying for us every day. If the Lord gives you a special verse relating to those prayers, we need to know that. It would be very easy to become discouraged and for our faith to fail, even as happened with the Children of Israel after the report of the spies in Numbers 13 & 14.

Will you please do two things for us during the crucial time of the next 4 months? First, write us and tell us that you are praying for us every day. Second, tell us the verse God has given you for us.

We have a wall at the front of our main building which connects the two wings. It is about 40 feet long and 10 feet high. We hope to cover that wall with the names and verses of hundreds of "prayer partners." You can't imagine the impact on walking by, perhaps a bit discouraged, looking up and starting to read name after name and verse after verse. It will be God's means of strengthening our hands. You will literally be fighting the battle with us. How wonderful that will be!

We'll be waiting to hear, for "We fight not against principalities and powers but against spiritual forces in high places." We are on the winning team, but don't forget to hold up our hands. Please!

Under His Care,

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