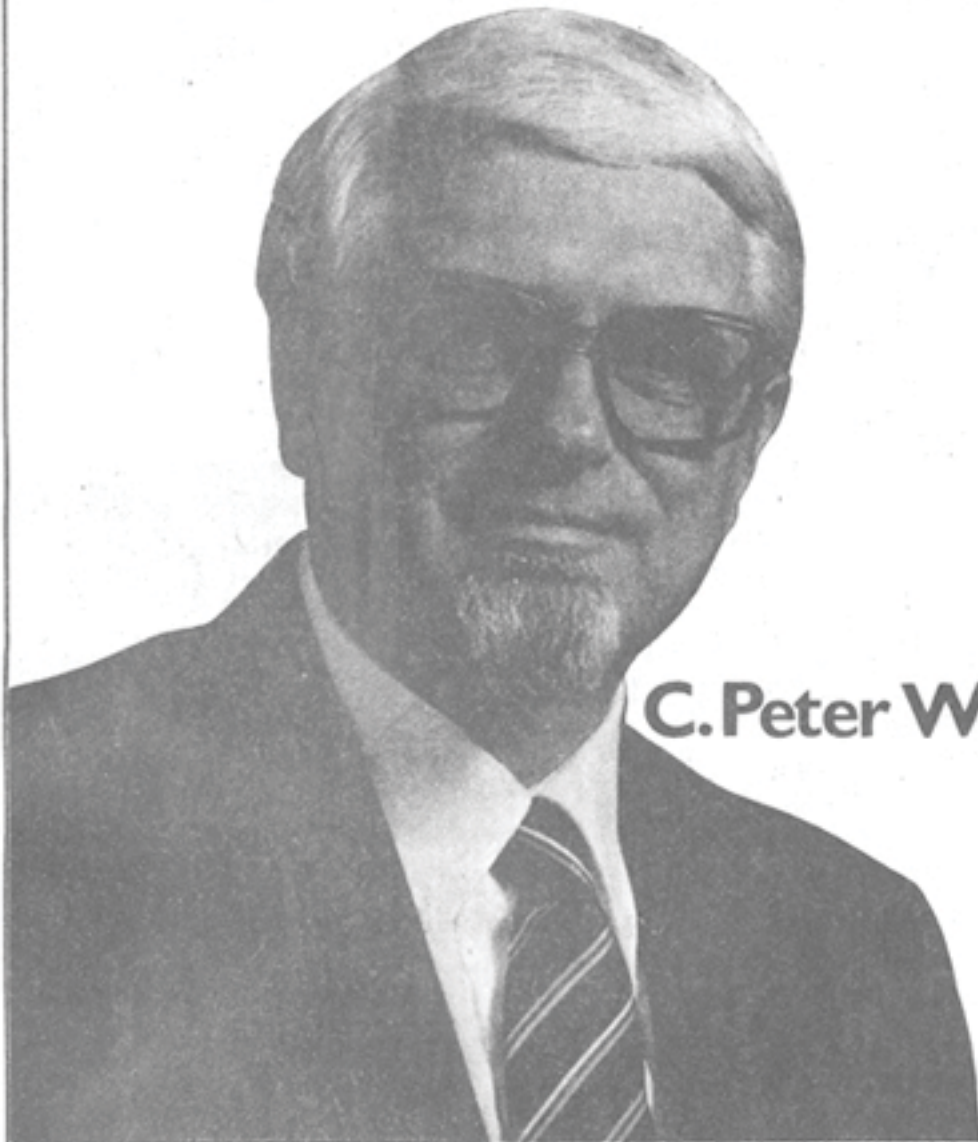




MISSION FRONTIERS



C. Peter Wagner

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THE USCWM:

Out of the frying pan,
into the fire. (But fire
purifies!) We asked for
\$6 million; God's plans
were less and more!
What do we do now?
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THE STATE OF THE NATION

Who is looking at God's
global energy?
How can we "touch"
a million people with
this hope? (see pp. 6-9)

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- Wheaton '83--the World Evangelical Fellowship at work
- Amsterdam '83--Billy Graham's greatest meeting yet
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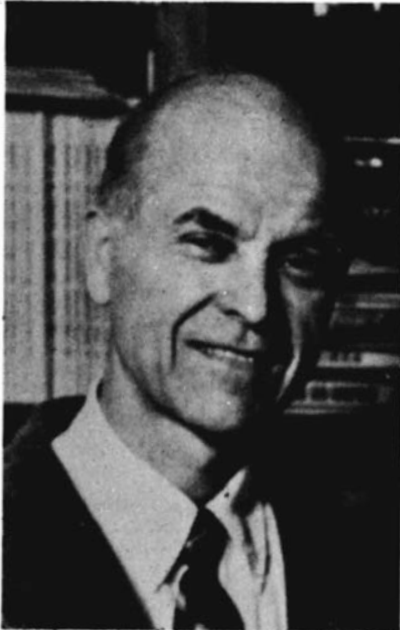
**LOOK AT WHAT
GOD'S DOING!**

(See reprint of this entire chapter of a new book, p. 21)

- is anyone looking?

IF PEOPLE ARE NOT LOOKING,
WILL THE DISEASE BE FATAL?

Dear Friends,



Wagner's stunning new book is alert to "WHAT GOD'S DOING" all over the world.

But most people are not looking. (Are you?) Tell me, could there be any more malignant a disease than when people stop looking at what God is doing and allow their lives to be distracted and disabled by a creeping hopelessness which allows them to start focusing their attention on themselves? When our personal needs, our own fancies, our little private goals crowd out the large canvas, then anyone who stands in our way--wife, husband, child, friend--has got to go!

However, "doing something" about the increasing family breakdowns, even delving into family interpersonal conflicts, is desperately superficial if our overall life goals and, yes, our true heart-beat is not consumed by the glory of God and His mighty acts today. HOPELESSNESS leading to self-salvation is a fatal disease!

When Jesus looked out at Jerusalem and wept, it was because the vast majority of the people there "did not know the time of their Visitation." They had failed to perceive what the mighty acts of God among them looked like.

Don't you miss out! Note the special reprint in this issue. Read with openness of heart the chapter from Peter Wagner's new book On the Crest of the Wave: Becoming a World Christian. (See pages 21-28.) Wagner is one person who is looking constantly (like Simeon in the temple in Luke 2) for the mighty works of God leading to "the redemption of all peoples." Note the very special half-price postpaid cost for the entire book (p. 28). This can be medicine for an otherwise fatal disease.

Meanwhile, "back at the ranch," we at the U. S. Center are beginning to realize that by sharing HOPE across the country, we are like a disease control center. In our Touch-Ten Campaign, it is as though we are not quite midway in a massive attempt to take the temperature of America. We are attempting to invite 1,200,000 Americans to become Founders of this Center. What will happen? We'll know soon. Will the 1.2 million we are trying to touch be too busy, too unbelieving BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT LOOKING FOR ALL GOD IS DOING? If so, we sink, and perhaps so does America. The thermometer will reveal a fatal disease. Symptoms? Hopelessness and distraction. That's right. Evangelicals don't have syphilis or drug addiction. They frequently suffer from HOPELESSNESS AND FEVERISH PREOCCUPATION with themselves. Will it be fatal? For us? For America? We'll see. (More about this massive effort on page 5)

Faithfully yours,

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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Answers To Important Questions

1. Q: What kind of a salary does your General Director receive?

A: Like other mission agencies, he receives exactly the same salary as the newest, youngest staff member.

2. Q: You talk about people becoming "Founders" with a single \$15 gift. Why then do you ask for \$15.95?

A: The 95 cents pays for the materials we send back to the donor. None of the \$15.95 is used for operations, nor for promotion.

3. Q: How can you say you never ask for more than one \$15.95 gift? I gave my \$15.95 a year ago and ever since I have received a deluge of mail asking for money.

A: Not from us. However, we wish we knew how to prevent people from interpreting our monthly reports of God's progress in this place as requests for money. But since our policy is so unusual, we are almost inevitably misunderstood. In any case, our consistent plea is not for more money from those who have already given. We do not ask previous donors to dig down, but rather to reach out and share the vision with people who lack interest in frontier missions. We also ask our donors to pray for us and to follow things carefully so they can intelligently tell others about the great need and opportunity here.

4. Q: But, don't you accept second and third gifts and gifts larger than \$15.95?

A: Yes, we do. However, we certainly do not encourage people to give a second time or more than \$15.95, risky though that may seem. (The risk to the entire mission cause is much greater if we fail to arouse a million believers to the final frontiers.) Many wonderful friends have given us large gifts, sometimes in the thousands of dollars and sometimes several times. We freely admit that without these gifts we would have gone under. But like Hudson Taylor, who never asked for any money at all but accepted whatever was offered him, we ask only for a one-time, small gift, and instead urge people to spread the hope further.

5. Q: Just how do you expect people to help you pay for the campus and spread the hope further?

A: You can "give" \$50 to \$150 simply by getting a Touch-Ten packet (see pp. 6 & 32) and mailing out ten of our Founders Invitations to ten people on your Christmas

card list. You can give \$500 to \$1500 in addition if you invite 10 people over to your house to do the same. Through your hospitality they can not only share about the frontier challenge, but also become small one-time-gift contributors. In order to help you in such a house party, we can send you an audio or video cassette, a slide set, or other materials to enable you to present the challenge.

6. Q: What really is the special urgency beyond your property needs of "touching" a million people?

A: We estimate that 25,000 missionaries (now receiving \$700 million per year) will retire or return in the next ten years. With them will retire most of their donors. In other words, this massive donor base will shrivel up, and at the present rate only about 5,000 new missionaries will be going out. This is the greatest risk to the cause of Christ, not our property.

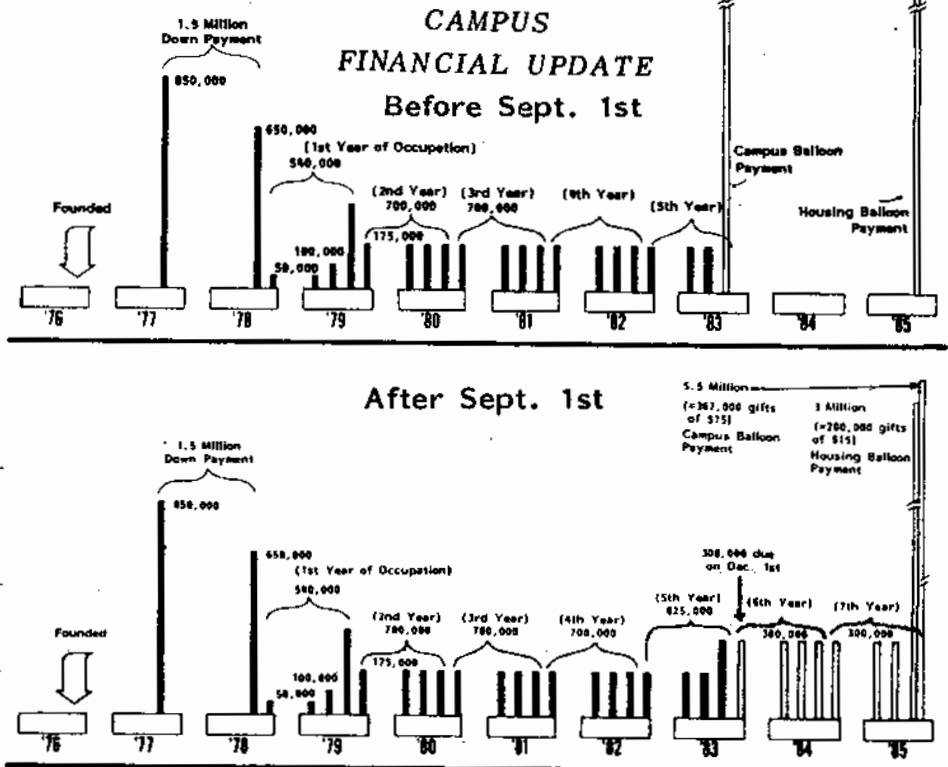
7. Q: What happens now that you could not pay the \$6 million on September 1st?

A: We have entered automatically into an extremely more difficult interest rate and a series of larger payments. If our Touch Ten effort receives God's gracious blessing, we may be able to pay off the campus in the next 30 to 60 days, depending on the number of churches and individuals who volunteer to help,

and the rate of return of the invitations. But it now becomes much more urgent to do so, due to the higher interest rate (not known at this writing).

8. Q: Why don't you go on TV with a telethon and raise the money you need in a few hours?

A: No doubt Pat Robertson and other TV personalities can from time to time raise money in a few hours from their own audiences, to whom they are well known. We don't have such a TV audience. Periodically various other Christian organizations not normally on TV put on a telethon. In such a case, they do so knowing that the money they raise will barely cover their costs. But for them it is worth doing because the new donors they find will through the years continue to give, often on a regular basis. For us, this pattern will not work because first of all we do not have the hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for TV time, and secondly, we do not operate on the basis of soliciting repeat gifts, as we have explained above.



WHAT HAPPENED SEPTEMBER 1st?

On Sept. 1st, the final \$6 million "balloon" payment on the USCWM campus came due. Since paying \$1.5 million as a down payment in 1977 and 1978, we have paid \$175,000 every quarter for the last five years at the low interest rate of 8%. The entire balance, however, came due on September 1st. Despite careful and effective plans to enlist the \$6 million necessary, all we had on that day was \$300,000. As a result, our contract with the former owners shifted us to a much higher interest rate which we had long dreaded. Also the quarterly payments almost doubled.

In a phrase, we are now "out of the frying pan and into the fire!" But the Bible says that fire purifies! We believe that God is purifying us. Perhaps He saw that had He given us the \$6 million right away, we might have relaxed in our efforts to awaken a million Christians to the cause of the unreached peoples in the world. One thing is clear: God graciously gave us the absolute minimum we needed and thereby left us under the obligation to seek out and give vision!

THIS IS OUR SITUATION

- 1) Once more God has saved us from foreclosure. In California alone 26 bankruptcies take place every day due to balloon payments! God has protected us from that, for which we are indeed thankful!
- 2) Yet obviously the doubled payment schedule and the increased interest rate has built a fire under us that is hotter than ever. (We still do not know what the new interest will be. But the former owners do deserve a higher interest rate.)
- 3) Therefore, we believe God surely wants us to hurry forward with our TOUCH TEN Campaign, which has the dual purpose of paying our debt and involving a million people in frontier mission concerns.

WE HAVE 90 DAYS

Only 90 days? Why?

If we are well along toward making the \$6 million, the next \$300,000 will be simple. It's not the quarterly payments we fear now but the high interest each day brings. We feel God wants us urgently to pay the entire amount as soon as possible.

The response in these last six weeks indicates that people are willing to help and eager to get new hope about the world. We believe God wants us to push forward even harder with our campaign of hope.

We also believe that the sooner we touch a million people with vision, the sooner God will help us complete our balloon payment. The sooner we complete it, the less interest we will have to pay.

Unfortunately, if we simply postpone this \$6 million balloon payment for the two years which this new period allows, it will then pile on top of the \$3 million we owe for the off-campus housing in September of 1985! Obviously it would be very difficult to handle a \$9 million payment, even in 1985.

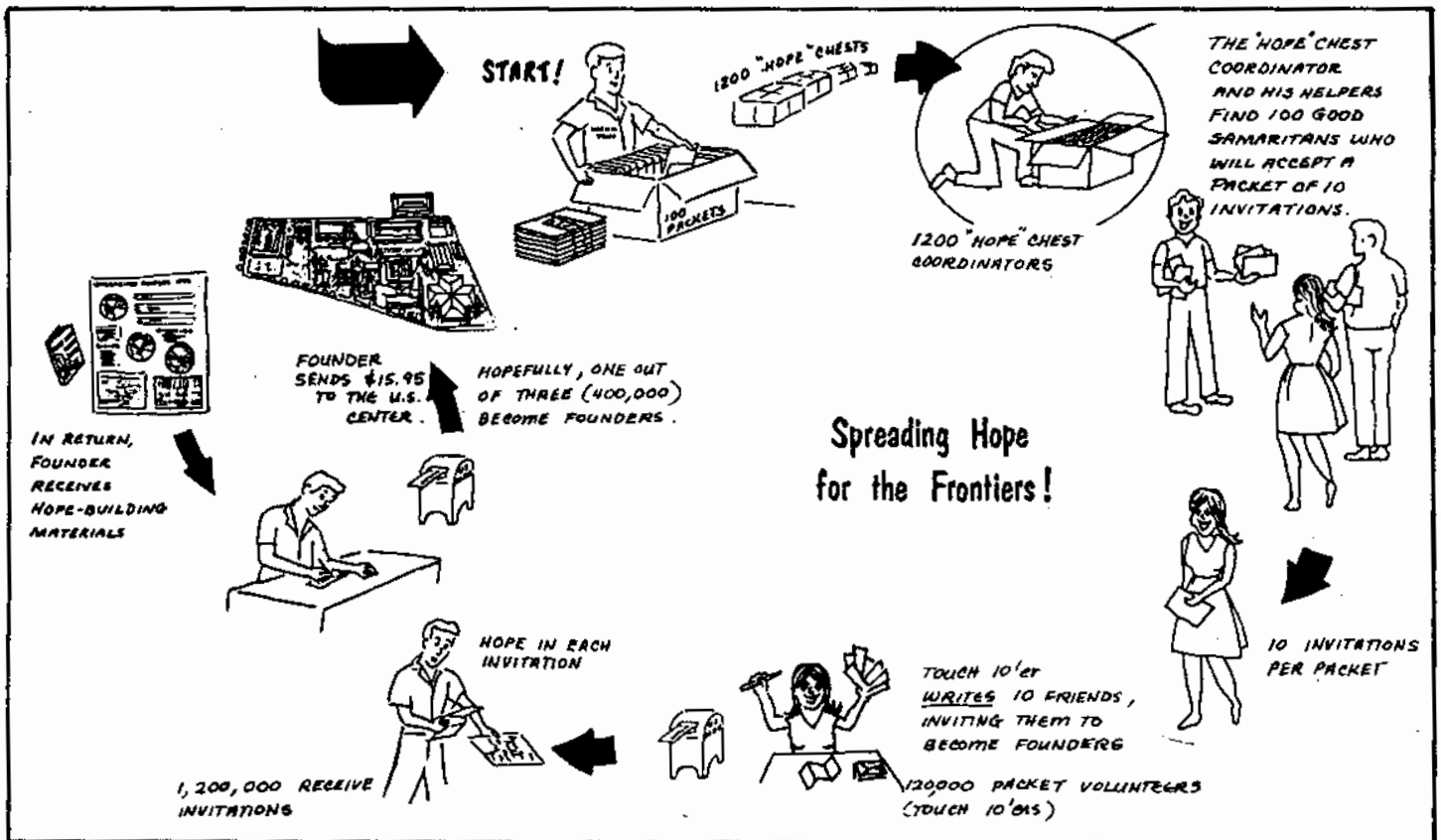
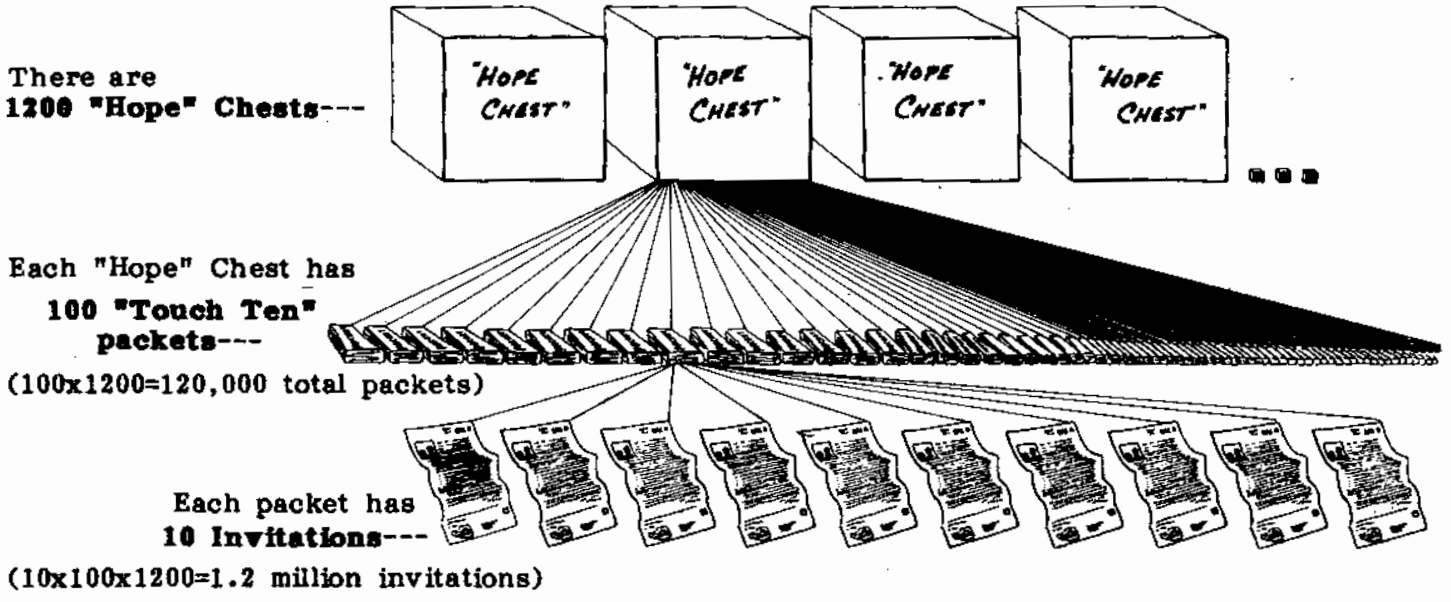
Therefore, NOW is the time to press forward. We have just begun to fight. May God help you as you touch your ten and encourage others to do likewise. May He give you the great joy of seeing new vision born in them. After all, passing on new vision is more important than money! But DON'T FORGET TO PRAY!

Overview of the... "I'll Touch 10" Campaign

of the U.S. Center for World Mission!

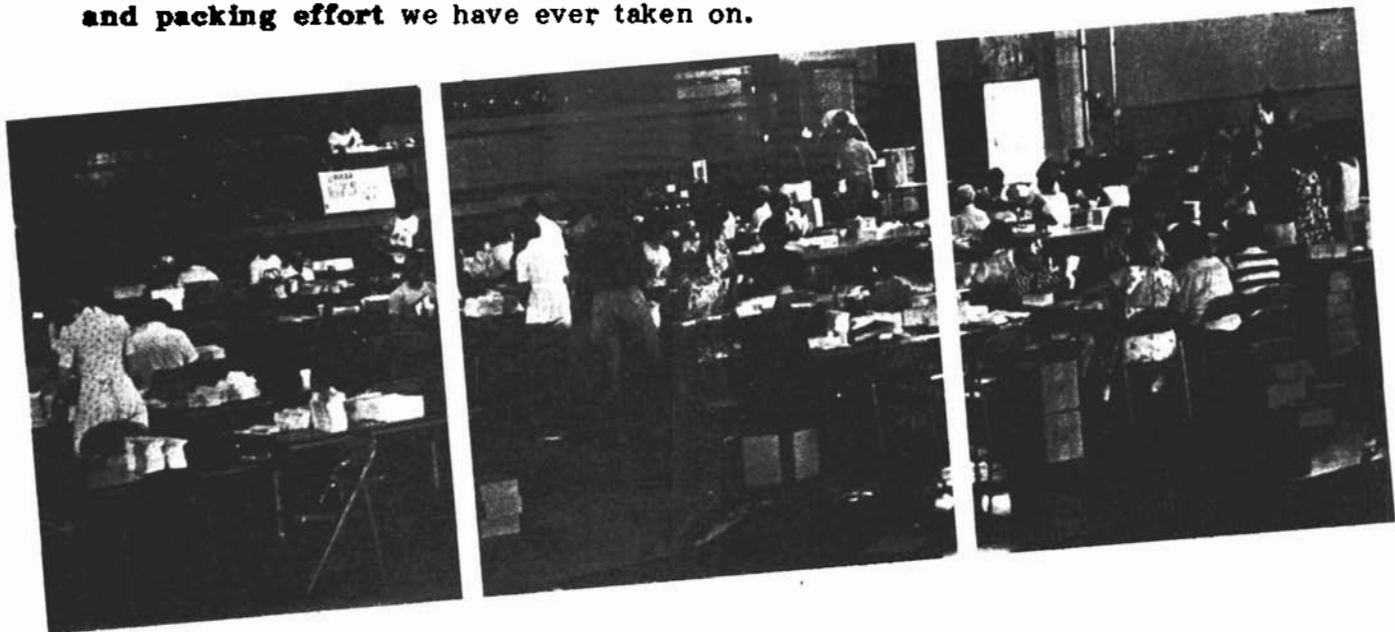
Since we mailed a first class letter to you on July 25, many things have been happening! This campaign to spread vision and hope to 400,000 people as well as to save the campus from foreclosure has moved into full swing.

As you may know, in the plan to help spread this vision . . .



"I'll Touch 10"**August Activities!**

These photos show that we really had 1200 "Hope" Chests stacked up here a few days ago. With 100 packets in each Chest, that equals 120,000 packets!! Since each packet has 10 invitations in it, that equals 1,200,000 invitations. **WOW!** That's a big job; in fact, it is the **largest printing and packing effort** we have ever taken on.



Even as we completed the "front end" of the "I'll Touch Ten" campaign in early August, individuals, congregations, and mission agencies were agreeing to serve as "Hope" Chest coordinators. Local congregations led the way in the countdown to September 1. . .

*****Lake Avenue Congregational Church** in Pasadena conducted a push on Sunday, August 14. Some 600 "Touch Ten" packets were distributed in morning worship services and adult classes.

*****The small San Dieguito Bible Church** (36 active members) ordered a half box (50 packets!!) early in August. They, with others, will be stretched to fulfill their commitment.

*****Grace Community Church** in Sun Valley, California gave a two-week push to the campaign August 14 and 21. Outreach pastor Monnie Brewer made an announcement during both morning services. Each Sunday there were "Touch Ten" packets available. Also, the Outreach Department and the Board of Elders, including pastor/teacher John MacArthur, decided to send a letter to the 7,500 pastors and church leaders they know, challenging them to become involved in this campaign.



*****The pastor of a church of four families in Oregon** took a box. Recently he called, informing us that he has distributed 34 packets! He asked us to help him continue in his work, but he's on the way!!!

*****Another church in southern California, the Church on the Way,** distributed almost 250 packets on Wednesday evening, August 10. Pastor Jack Hayford is also writing to the local Foursquare churches, asking them to join the "Touch Ten" campaign.

"I'll Touch 10"

Current Tally of "Hope Chest" Coordinators

Please call our 24hr. number, (213) 797-1111, today and become one of the almost 800 "Hope" Chest coordinators still needed. Or, if you would like to help a "Hope" Chest coordinator in your area, please call him or her at one of the numbers listed below.

* These represent some of the many who took half-boxes.

NORTHEAST

- Massachusetts Have 10, need 15 more
01505 Dr/Mrs Lundgran 412-256-0679
01848 Tom/Sharyl Hill 617-883-9118
01848 Kim Gell 617-883-6538
01906 John Washburn 617-887-8050
01915 M/M Will Sawyer 617-822-4930
01938 Mike Dowling 617-448-7330
02141 Ivan Chow 617-292-0387
02143 Craig Soderberg 617-423-1400
02169 Anne Harper 617-282-3153
02181 Lawrence Gonnell 617-335-8676
Maine Have 4, need 1 more
02011 Mary Henriquez 207-829-5840
04081 Jeff Hagan 207-892-5131
04270 Tom N. Freve 207-539-4069
04281 Mark Hatfield 207-743-5424
Maryland Have 4. Great work!
02015 Bill Grossman 301-735-4118
02016 Doug Perkins 301-854-1282
02104 Mark Hary 301-821-5092
02120 Rev Edwin Stube 301-727-2825
02121 Earl Walter 302-425-4293
New Hampshire Have 3, need 1 more
03079 Gary Clark 603-898-2467
03265 Ovedon Lull 603-733-5455
New Jersey Have 4, need 14 more
07522 John Holtsman 201-942-7971
08319 Rev. Ed Wiker 609-451-6959
08529 Rev. D. Morgan 609-789-8841
08848 Howard Claycombe
08758 Rev. Wm. Rava
Delaware Have 1, need 1
02015 Bill Grossman 301-735-4118
New York Have 6, need 23 more
02027 Glenn Spears 212-865-4792
02028 Trudi Gates 212-410-8227
02028 Richard Hears 212-843-0751
02121 Pastor Lee Fox
04456 M/M George Hall 516-781-1283
04624 George Evans 716-247-8471
Pennsylvania Have 36, need 25 more
01106 Mike Grosso 412-276-2504
01543 Rev. S. Boehmig 412-741-8200
01522 William Smith 412-471-3436
01528 Duncan Brown 412-941-0611
01541 Rev. R. Coleley 412-831-3884
01543 Dr Al Ackenholz 412-561-0889
01627 Paul/Anne Winn 412-458-6287
01642 Rev. J. Blewitt 412-946-3348
01637 Gary Russell 814-789-4066
01707 "Glenn Glander 717-949-3479
01707 Rev. B. Farrell 717-866-7048
01728 Rev Lynn Thrush 717-782-5426
01742 Steve Alquist 717-537-1063
01743 Pastor Blessing 717-792-4253
01744 Nadine Sterner 717-792-1826
01746 Mrs. LaRose 717-755-9246
01758 Leroy Whitman 215-393-8217
01752 Dave Delosier 717-853-8254
01759 Mrs. Jan Rohrer 717-786-1874
01762 Cliff Miller 717-837-1063
01804 Clyde Michik 215-393-5623
01924 Tom Telford
01926 Jack Manley
01946 Sue Andrus 215-576-0892
01982 Rev. Wm. Sael 215-844-3494
02023 Pastor Sheldon 215-789-2486
02027 "Tim Graybill
02094 Ralph Miller 215-874-8751
02128 "Frances Becker 215-483-1043
02141 Stan Vias 215-455-4751
02194 Mark Dion 215-342-2075
02361 Rev. H. Thompson 215-644-8198
02365 Rev. R. Bremer 215-857-2168
02440 Joanne Carlton 215-822-7831
02454 "George Dotts 215-899-4331
02454 A. G. Shelly 215-987-3874
Rhode Island Have 0, need 2
Connecticut Have 1, need 6 more
06712 Eunice Schaff 203-758-3930
Vermont Have 1, need 1 more
05001 Brian Berg 802-293-3901

SOUTH

- D.C. Have 1, need 3
02015 Bill Grossman 301-735-4118
Florida Have 2, need 23 more
03089 Mrs. Art Clark 804-428-5371
03088 Lloyd A. Cooke 305-620-2601
03104 Betty Crisland 813-747-7612
Georgia Have 2, need 14 more
03083 Annette North 404-881-8065
03086 "Geo. Lauderdale
Arkansas Have 3, need 5 more
02118 Steve Wilkes 501-851-4180
02104 M/M Mark Olson 501-227-6499
02701 Alan Davis 501-442-5312
Alabama Have 1, need 6 more
05213 Norman Pless 205-879-1872
West Virginia Have 1, need 8
04701 Joy Gulick 304-329-3300

- Virginia Have 13, need 3 more
02103 Jim Giddens 703-334-6925
02180 Raj Edwards 703-938-5138
02204 Betty Griffo 301-340-1941
02211 "Wayne Lawhorn
02225 J. Smuszewicz 804-372-6729
02227 "Kathy Rowlett
02462 Gerald Cooper 804-481-9137
02464 Michael Orisk 804-424-8881
02305 Julie Tressal 804-423-8842
02305 Bob Walker 804-423-8286
02468 Rev Dick Dreyer 804-638-4449
Kentucky Have 3, need 3 more
02050 Eric Serrin 606-934-4850
02051 Fran Blanchard 606-744-4532
02431 Mark Masterson 502-825-3038
Louisiana Have 1, need 3
02104 M/M Olson 501-227-7499
Wisconsin Have 2, need 4 more
03689 Don Minshaw 401-781-2173
03689 Brad Cunningham 601-922-4998
N. Carolina Have 6, need 11 more
02713 Dennis Gill 919-288-2820
02707 Irene Sears 919-787-8842
02705 "MAK Phibrok 919-286-2525
02702 Eugene Davant 704-386-4348
02738 "Rev. Henderson 704-692-3211
02731 Robert Peurfoy 704-478-8697
02805 Frances Wilka 704-298-4268
N. Carolina Have 9, need 7 more
02713 "Rev. Plunkett
02972 Joe Novenson 803-339-9501
02923 Anthony Piczuli 803-765-1889
02920 Bob Harlan 803-781-3302
02959 Cody Nelson 803-378-4843
02965 "Roger Johnson 803-277-8053
02965 Rev. S. Read 803-298-1722
02970 David Robinson 803-374-0329
Tennessee Have 5, need 12 more
02732 Margaret McCord 615-435-2591
02722 Vernon Holstad 615-693-0235
02713 Dave Johnson 901-795-7113
03138 Mrs. Leah Curtis 901-755-6095
03501 Leeba Chaffin 901-423-4530

MIDWEST

- Ohio Have 15, need 27 more
04305 Tom Mackey 614-388-1201
04301 Bruce Erickson 614-294-5193
04312 Gordon McRoate 614-486-0713
Cleveland Have 11, need 17 more
04410 Carrie Romanin 216-283-0514
04420 Wilbur Ellsworth 216-678-9019
04439 Rev. B. Powell 216-644-8121
04446 Mike Edgins 216-833-3820
04483 Jeff Menden 216-454-3921
04451 Todd Froehlich 419-929-1176
04507 Tom Tumblin 513-793-4206
04526 Jerry Burg 513-984-4746
04520 William Boyd 513-582-1845
04515 Don Taylor 513-936-9816
West of Ok Have 1, need 1 more
04013 Jeff Menden 216-454-3921
Illinois Have 18, need 33 more
00018 Wayne Weld 312-296-6070
06031 M/M Jud Gambel 312-356-8637
06062 M/M L. Shudak 312-498-5869
06093 James Hadas 312-565-8344
06187 Rich Adams 312-653-8036
06213 Jeff Menden 216-454-3921
06209 "Rev. Thomas Suk 312-328-2218
06141 Pastor Ron Shaw 312-755-3408
06462 Hop Rodgers 312-429-7090
06540 "Larry Saul 312-353-9063
06558 Mily Nordstrom 312-246-1840
06801 "G. Dickelman 312-870-9137
06819 Rev. Chas. Hicks 312-873-7720
06823 Rev. Williamson
06834 Pastor J Howard
06831 Steve Robertstad 312-631-1240
61520 Wade Demott 309-647-5919
61801 Birmingham 217-344-0641
Indiana Have 7, need 15 more
08013 Jan Newbold 317-649-6673
08140 Jean Steiner 317-462-2982
08254 Pamela DeBoard 317-298-4036
08274 Jim Bollier 219-427-2955
08408 M/M P. Steiner 219-426-1543
08702 Gerald Denny 317-235-6531
08706 Isabelle Hunt 317-463-3760
Iowa Have 4, need 8 more
53011 Pat Blewitt 515-277-0752
53014 Willard Punt 712-737-8503
52241 Michael Kronhub 319-354-8043
Kansas Have 11, need 6 more
02083 Dale Meffer 313-945-8293
68206 "Steve Doerr 913-381-4122
91311 Hal Lindhart 913-631-1100
68801 Bob Nance 316-243-1805
67203 Bryan McBride 316-942-4524
67206 Larry Cowie 316-264-2040
67208 Tom Utter 316-889-8349
67212 Mark Gray 316-722-8020
67213 Richard Foster 316-729-6253

- Michigan Have 5, need 11 more
08080 Mrs. D. Morinty 313-672-7434
08124 "Clarence Voa 313-336-3124
08110 Lew Anderson 313-453-9137
08203 Pastor F. Nunham 517-627-1112
08284 Phil Jackson 517-348-2789
08912 Jerry Dehart 517-372-2297
09665 Pastor B. Brown 616-743-2343
Minnesota Have 16, need 36 more
Minnesota Have 12, need 14 more
55008 Rev Delmar Dahl 612-689-1173
55104 Rev Frank Doten 612-844-4011
55203 Joseph Abeler 612-427-7499
55203 Don Strand 612-421-0433
55243 Darlene Hokanson 612-938-9633
55344 Jan Hill 612-941-9080
55404 Lila Troutan 612-866-7395
55417 Janelle Evoldal 612-722-6239
55418 Ed Zobrist 612-781-5757
55420 Gwen Knight 612-853-4118
55423 Mary Cairns 612-869-5111
55432 Shirley Zatroch 612-574-7445
Wisconsin Have 4, need 22 more
55926 Rev. Bredfeldt 507-584-6751
56238 Pastor Bob Fox 612-889-7159
56240 Caroline Pinke 612-573-2968
56401 Rev. Hardy 218-829-6391
Illinois Have 3, need 9 more
53703 Bob Fenn 314-727-1240
93105 Joe Schuberger 314-432-6717
61331 Carolyn Carson 314-997-1149
Wisconsin Have 8, need 7 more
53223 Pam McNeil 414-354-6620
53711 Dan Bailey 608-255-8444
53711 Hilary Hopkins 608-251-2371
53713 Bill Tiffin
54246 Rev. Jim Warren 414-947-2162
54248 Rev. F. Jackson 414-494-4280
54449 Penny Deery 715-384-5010
54601 John Kirkeeng 608-288-3909
54656 "Paul Larson 715-765-4596
54995 Mary J. Carlson 414-725-0252
North Dakota Have 1, need 2 more
58201 Bruce Dahlman 701-746-7680
South Dakota Have 1, need 2 more
57103 Roy Tinkenberg 605-334-3030

MOUNTAIN

- Wyoming Have 1, need 2 more
02301 Rev Victor Berg 307-324-3902
Utah Have 1, need 1 more
04670 M/M David Sand 801-571-8298
Montana Have 3, Great work!
59714 Tom, McCoistie 408-388-6399
59714 Rev. Keith Woodard 408-586-8194
Nebraska Have 1, need 5
02118 Steve Wilkes 501-851-4180
Nebraska Have 2, Great work!
02107 George Perazzo 702-648-6834
89512 M/M Dan Lemaire 702-322-7646
Colorado Have 6, need 14 more
02072 Rev. Mark Moore 303-364-7271
80277 Rev. Don Parker 303-986-5511
80537 "Marj Larson 303-663-3291
81230 New Song 303-641-2754
81230 "Doug Stewart 303-641-0081
81230 Wm. Carter Group 303-641-1310
81611 Rev. Bekkedahl 303-925-5994
Idaho Have 1, need 4 more
83704 Tom Brunny 208-375-3565
83861 Michael Jostrom 208-245-3390

SOUTHWEST

- Arizona Have 3, need 11 more
85710 John Heine 502-886-6143
85716 "Beth Wees 602-623-3661
85719 Carl Mohrbacher 602-327-4608
Texas Have 9, need 28 more
New Texas Have 7, need 10 more
75042 "Pete Pagan 214-495-6315
75137 Wayne Morris 214-296-4282
75205 Walter Shepard 214-349-0954
75220 Joshua Thompson 214-351-5404
75660 Chuck Madden 214-588-2173
76109 Kirk Newlin 817-923-2392
76111 M/M Lynn Howard 817-0925-3517
76117 Rebecca Dewell
West Texas Have 4, need 16 more
77454 Dwight Nordstrom 712-798-1556
77074 Alan Nelson 713-440-4422
77848 Lou Dick 407-696-1544
78759 Dave Sneller 407-346-2078
New Mexico Have 1, need 4
87107 "Rebecca Laguna 505-831-2402
Oklahoma Have 7, need 2 more
73059 Max Barnett 405-321-2810
91412 Jim Alday 918-258-1123
74066 Rev. Ken Lyons 918-224-3250
74657 Mark. Robertson 405-743-6955
74122 "Ray Hill
West Texas Have 1, need 4 more
74122 John M. Miller 918-446-5563

- 74135 Mrs. B. Chappell 918-664-0959
74150 Dr. Chas. Farah 918-597-2400

PACIFIC

- Alaska Have 1, need 2
02184 Paul Martinson 907-423-4367
Calif. Have 159, need 233 more
Los Angeles Have 8, need 22 more
90019 Shirley Labat 714-594-6702
90022 Brian Peterson 213-228-4850
90022 Irene Vasquez 213-287-1598
90023 Glenn Taylor 213-287-0844
90024 Steve Hughes 213-208-5422
90039 Warren Lee 213-641-6947
90053 Eric Yue 213-222-4716
90071 M/M H. Mitchell 213-484-5823
Inglewood Have 3, need 11 more
90247 Susan Sowa 213-384-2011
90249 Greg Carlson 213-324-8780
King Beach Have 5, need 23 more
90501 Mike Johnson 213-328-5020
90503 Brenda Ficus 213-316-4885
90601 Ron Herband 917-035-3428
90605 Dickie Procida 213-743-6018
90701 Shu Loo 213-865-7406
Pasadena Area Have 6, need 25 more
91001 Rev/Mrs Jacobs 213-798-6818
91002 Ann Griswold 213-694-3838
91006 Bob Verburg 213-871-8120
91011 "Mark Ekstrand 213-959-1921
91024 Bill Ashe 213-355-1164
91101 Cris Pfozzer 213-282-0159
91101 Rev. J. Raymond 213-793-7231
91103 Linda Gashin 213-793-1899
91103 Carol Yuko 213-793-1899
Esp. #1184 Have 53, Great work!
91104 Aldersgate 213-799-8877
91104 All Nations 213-791-7044
91104 Betty Barnett 213-791-1010
91104 Len Bartolotti 213-794-4447
91104 Dr. Bennett 213-797-1129
91104 Kevin Bersaley 213-791-3996
91104 Phil Bogosman 213-791-9414
91104 Bob Bouslog 213-797-1675
91104 Robby Butler 213-791-2995
91104 Jim/Jean Cab 213-798-3555
91104 Karen Chaifant 213-797-3491
91104 John Cochran 213-795-4341
91104 Bill Dickson 213-797-1200
91104 Darrell Dorr 213-794-9084
91104 Daphne Drescher 213-798-8877
91104 David Fincher 213-577-2812
91104 Frontiers 213-791-1324
91104 Bruce Graham 213-791-1334
91104 Peter Gaver 213-798-1030
91104 Jim Grasley 213-791-0623
91104 Greg Grove 213-794-6438
91104 Ernie Hembach 213-794-7834
91104 Steve Hinesy 213-797-2812
91104 Rev Al Houghton 214-524-7511
91104 E. Hinkensell 213-797-1512
91104 Bill McCandless 213-797-1111
91104 Mike McGinnis 213-797-1111
91104 Wade Mergenthal 213-791-0623
91104 Don Mowry 213-794-6438
91104 OCS 213-797-1513
91104 Greg Parsons 213-356-9798
91104 John Parazzo 213-791-3491
91104 Susan Richard 213-797-2986
91104 Bob Schaff 213-791-4983
91104 B. X. Schroeder 213-797-1111
91104 Rhonda Sherwin 213-797-1111
91104 Laurie Street 213-797-1111
91104 M/M Tenkberry 213-798-4835
91104 John Turner 213-596-3677
91104 Theresa Valencia 213-577-2812
91104 WorkParty
91104 Morris Watkins 213-791-7044
91104 M/M R.D. Winter 213-799-3939
91104 WYAM 213-696-2755
91104 Jim Zivogel 213-798-9151
Pasadena Have 2, need 15 more
91107 Pastor Glesser 213-577-2812
91107 Pat LaPointe 213-577-2812
Glendale Have 3, need 14 more
91202 Joy Corby 313-243-8004
91205 Chris Steedes 213-247-1573
91214 Vernon Dueck 213-248-9724
Van Nuys Have 1, need 20 more
91305 Julie Ketter 213-845-7448
Alhambra Have 5, need 33 more
91506 Jerry Bacon 213-914-2209
91740 Steve Krmannell 213-914-2209
91754 Ed Yee 213-572-0459
91775 Chris Hagerman 213-265-0672
91803 M/M C. Barnes 213-289-8946
San Diego Have 11, need 15 more
92024 "Rev. Humphries 619-753-9520
92024 "Rev. Richter 619-689-4239
92074 P. Kellenberger 619-755-6896

- 92107 M/M Mike Voytek 619-254-1767
92110 Gail Higgins 619-276-4288
92110 Forest Miller 619-286-4041
92130 "Dave Moore 619-582-4777
92139 Eugene Heath 618-475-7517
San Bernardino Have 10, need 17 more
92201 James Spencer 619-347-2575
92362 Joe Woods 714-671-5902
92370 Bill Baker 714-657-4360
92399 First Baptist 714-790-1071
92399 Wes Hartly 714-794-1127
92405 Steve Parker 714-896-7588
92503 Rich/Sue Bragg 714-757-5491
92504 Dave Dougherty 714-783-3286
92504 Susan Haffron 714-359-3142
92505 "Wm. Lanterson
92507 "Tony Anderson 714-788-1112
92507 Bob Rasey 714-787-3706
Orange Have 9, need 22 more
92625 Rev. Bruce Camp 714-870-4235
92653 Mrs. Wm. Runyon 714-886-0342
92653 Rick Warren 714-581-5883
92653 Greg Taylor 714-648-4037
92667 Paul Howetter 714-971-4028
92704 Sherri Bearan 714-439-1187
92708 Vic Marquis 714-903-1645
92708 Diane Tolama 714-968-6806
Santa Barbara Have 11, need 11 more
93003 George King 805-644-0050
93030 Tim McDonald 805-487-2886
93041 Lance Ralston 805-984-3491
93101 Casey Roberts 805-682-8046
93108 Lisa Sidenberg 805-989-5051
93117 Steve Cory 805-688-2204
93117 Jim McHenry 805-985-7745
93258 Terri Pipes 805-765-5464
93272 Brian Prosser 209-234-7812
93278 Pastor Meier 209-625-3622
San Luis Obispo Have 3, need 4 more
93436 Jean Finis 805-736-2311
93460 Melanie Weld 805-688-3925
93524 Marvin Ross 805-942-5013
Fresno Have 1, need 12
93616 "Mary Thorun 209-484-2248
San Francisco Have 8, need 7 more
94022 Rev. Kent Neads 415-949-4361
94044 "Highlands Church
94061 Janet Ellis 415-368-7888
94061 Wayne Stowell 415-365-3532
94087 Ed Long 408-725-1077
94116 Ralph Leong 415-753-6523
94121 Ronald Fong 415-266-0779
Oakland Have 3, need 13 more
94523 Keith Coupage 415-947-1053
94539 Tom Poole 408-255-0900
94598 Richard Chau 510-876-7204
94947 Rev Greg Eucher 415-977-3462
San Jose Have 5, need 10 more
95014 Bob Hildspong 408-927-0340
95030 Norma 408-241-9793
95060 Paul Etkov 408-423-9377
95130 Mike Schenblich 408-370-2680
95369 Mrs. D. Foulks 209-599-3787
Stockton Have 2, need 8 more
95207 "Roger Peterson 209-537-3519
95366 Mrs. D. Foulks 209-599-3787
95370 Jonathan Parker 208-523-3330
95501 "Art Tyler 707-442-0878
95521 Lesley Multry 707-872-9133
Sacramento Have 5, need 11 more
95616 Doug Hoek 916-756-3205
95688 Zelta Deuch 916-446-8762
95814 Ed Thorpe 916-666-3187
95816 Keith Morehead 916-682-2551
95991 Leonard Stuart 916-671-0651
Hawaii Have 5, need 7 more
96030 R. Ishihara 808-323-2518
96041 Rev Hoover Wong 801-521-8973
96818 M/M Ho Wooley 808-422-7288
96922 John Lou 808-947-5307
Grand Junction Have 7, need 34 more
97031 Susan Westby 503-633-2308
97210 John Patterson 503-222-2468
97231 "Harmon Gardner
97229 Laura Dickman 503-645-1240
97420 Rev. Gary Nise 503-899-8233
97477 Jim Dearborn 503-746-2106
97477 Kathy Wilson 503-746-8166
Washington Have 12, need 28 more
98021 Dr/Mrs S. Iloke 206-823-0512
98033 Arthur Boite 206-828-5607
98036 Victor Lipsey 206-714-3069
98036 M/M Peterson 206-548-7422
98103 Ken Sahlstrom 206-527-0816
98105 Jim Dearborn 206-524-2106
98118 Frank Elavsky 206-938-1625
98133 J. Davenport 206-546-6187
98226 M/M Kevin Buck 206-676-0589
98226 Alan/Chris Elzea 206-724-2522
98607 Evelyn Varney 206-834-6552
98613 Rich Scheuerman 509-278-3057
98927 E. Baungartner 509-497-2786
99262 Rolie Smith 509-529-3275

"I'll Touch 10" How You Can Help

You Have Already Received

... a letter requesting your help as a "Hope Chest" coordinator for the "I'll Touch Ten" campaign.

We're sorry that some of you missed the exciting adventure of sharing vision with others because you were on vacation, or didn't have time to help during August, or thought you couldn't take a whole "Hope Chest." Now there is . . .

...Good News

By God's grace, it is possible to continue our campaign of VISION and HOPE. You can still receive a "Hope Chest," just as other friends did during August, OR you can simply request a smaller quantity of packets (as many as you can use) to distribute.

If you were unable to help during August, or if you who participated would like to continue in this adventure of VISION and HOPE, YOU CAN TOUCH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE TODAY!

You Can "Touch Ten"

In summary, here are some options available to you:

- OPTION I:** Call the "Hope Chest" coordinator(s) nearest you (listed on the opposite page) for packets of "invitations to hope."
- OPTION II:** If no coordinator is yet working in your area, call us* for packets of "invitations to hope."
- OPTION III:** Call us* to become one of the 725 "Hope Chest" coordinators still needed.

* Below is a list of USCWM staff who give part-time supervision to the "Touch Ten" activity in various states or regions. If you are calling to help in the "Touch Ten" campaign, ask for your USCWM assistant and tell the receptionist you are calling concerning "Touch Ten." Call (213) 797-1111 or (213) 797-0526, collect.

Alabama-Daphne Drescher
Arizona-Randy Wallace
Arkansas-Daphne Drescher
California

900-901-Cynthia Cox
902-908-Steve Holloway
905-908-Randy Brunt
910-911-Roberta Winter
91104-Laurie Streett
912-Vernon Dueck
913-914-Kevin Berasley
915-919-Don Mowry
920-921-Kris Storey
922-925-Bob Williamson
926-927-Sharyn Settem
930-933-Art McCleary
934-935-Kris Storey
936-939-Bill McCandless
940-944-Carol Yuke

945-949-Bill Dickson
950-952-Daphne Drescher
953-955-Brad Cronbaugh
956-959-Brad Cronbaugh
Colorado-Charles Newcombe
Connecticut-Bob Schaff
Delaware-Mertie Heimbach
D.C.-Jay Randall
Florida-Jim Cail
Georgia-Paula Hegle
Hawaii-Laurie Streett
Idaho-Charles Newcombe
Illinois-Len Bartlotti
Indiana-Shirley Lawson
Iowa-Carol Reeve
Kansas-Rhonda Sherwin
Kentucky-Ralph Winter
Maine-Bob Schaff
Maryland-Jay Randall

Massachusetts-Bruce Graham
Michigan-Don Mowry
Minnesota
550-554-Elaine McCleary
555-565-Barbara Overgaard
Mississippi-Paula Hegle
Missouri-Carol Reeve
Montana-Grace Patton
Nebraska-Phil Foxwell
Nevada-John Perazzo
New Hampshire-Darrell Dorr
New Jersey-Elsie Purnell
New Mexico-Paula Hegle
New York-Robin Schaff
North Carolina-Lee Purgason
North Dakota-Grace Patton
Ohio
430-445-Grace Patton
446-455-John Shindeldecker

456-458-Grace Patton
Oklahoma-Jim Cail
Oregon-Janice Pederson
Pennsylvania-Sue Richard
Rhode Island-Bob Schaff
South Carolina-Jane Foxwell
Tennessee-Lou Cordova
Texas
751-769-Greg Parsons
770-790-Mike McGinnis
Vermont-Mertie Heimbach
Virginia-Phil Bogosian
Washington-Robby Butler
West Virginia-Kevin Berasley
Wisconsin-Betty Barnett

These next 4 pages are the text of the Founder's Invitation which you and your friends can help us mail to 1,000,000 people.

About Us

August 1983

Dear Friend of a Friend,

This is Roberta writing. (My husband has the last say on the other side!) You are one of ten special people whom your friend who sent you this letter prayerfully chose as most likely to understand and appreciate this invitation and hope-filled report. I'll plunge right in!

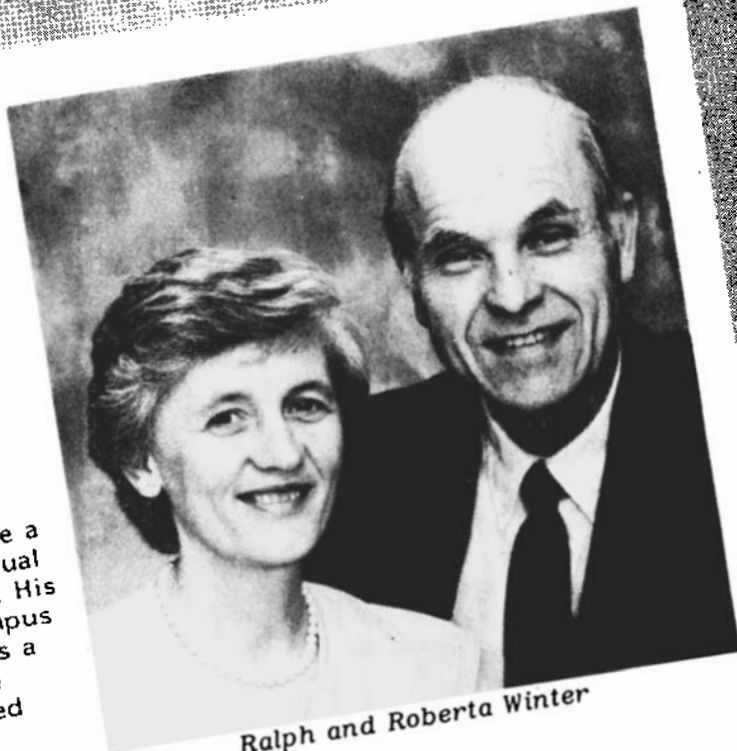
Ours is a strange story of miracle after miracle that God has done, apparently because a few missionaries determined to follow an unusual commission they felt God had given them. At His bidding we have claimed a former college campus (see picture below) to be used exclusively as a center where mission agencies can cooperate together to finish evangelizing the unreached peoples of our world.

At first we had no backing. (Some friends wondered if we were out of our minds!) We had no money, no mailing lists, no staff and no fund-raising expertise. What's more, after God miraculously provided our first \$850,000 payment, we were convinced He wanted us to fund the entire campus through one-time "Founders" gifts of \$15.95. Friends told us this plan was suicide!

Yet we knew God did not want us to compete for funds with the very mission agencies we were here to serve. Because we have tried to obey, not only have sufficient funds come in as needed, but hundreds of mission agencies are now our closest friends.

Today, after seven years of miracle after miracle, we still face a final balloon payment of \$6 million on a campus worth \$20 million. Why do we need a campus? Here are a few of the many things that we are doing here:

- 1) Researching the unreached peoples of the world: 300 full time staff, including missionaries from 64 mission agencies, work together, sharing their expertise and knowledge, reaching out to link with Christian leaders in other countries.
- 2) Launching a global mapping project, involving 7 computer scientists on staff.
- 3) Dubbing the Jesus film into 32 languages and producing the Narnia cartoons.
- 4) Publishing Perspectives, the most widely used missions textbook.
- 5) Providing the only missions course with credit transferable to secular schools.
- 6) Producing World Christian, the only popular magazine on missions in the U.S.A.
- 7) As of now, offering the only graduate degree program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) taught by Christians. Its graduates work in 30 countries composed mainly of unreached peoples.
- 8) Writing the Daily Prayer Guide for the 17,000 Frontier Fellowship participants.
- 9) Monitoring the preparation and involvement of thousands of potential candidates.
- 10) Providing the home base for various strategic mission organizations directed by such people as Ruth Siemens (Overseas Counseling Service), Don McCurry (Samuel Zwemer Institute), Greg Livingstone (Frontiers, formerly NAM Associates) and Don Richardson, author of Peace Child.



Ralph and Roberta Winter

HOW DO CHRISTIAN LEADERS FEEL ABOUT THE U.S. CENTER FOR WORLD MISSION?

From the very beginning Billy Graham has been behind us. In a recent personal letter to Ralph he said, "You are often in my thoughts and prayers. There is no one whose ministry I have admired more!" And there are others: Bill Bright, Jack Hayford, David Howard, Chuck Smith, Donald McGavran, Don Gill, Gordon McDonald, Robertson McQuilkin. They all know us and are behind us. Ask them!

Or take Dr. Jack Frizen, head of the oldest association of mission agencies, the IFMA. After visiting our campus, he said, "I had no idea of all you are doing. The Lord won't let you lose this campus; it is just too important to the cause of missions!" Why did your friend send you this invitation? No doubt for the same reason we have: to ask for your help (my side of this paper), and to offer you hope (my husband's side). Even though we accept whatever God sends us as from His loving Hand, we do not ask for more than \$15.95 from anyone. The 95¢ pays for the things we send you (see over). The rest--the entire \$15-- goes toward the final \$6 million campus payment.

September 1st is almost here. To make our payment we need 400,000 new friends. Is that possible? Yes. Is \$15.95 from each one enough? Yes. But it will be another miracle from God. Is it worth \$15.95 to you to see this important mission center survive? "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9). Join us in God's miracle!

Yours, in His loving care,

Robert L. Winter

The most precious thing we can give you is a whole new perspective on the very same world which our daily papers describe as angry and hopeless. Here we can only give a few clues--and tell you how to find out more. You've heard about the "Ugly American" who flits in and out of foreign countries and mainly serves his own purposes. Now you can hear from the missionaries! (Isn't it odd so large a group--about 80,000 from the U. S. alone--is seldom heard from?

We're missionaries. We're biased. We've lived at the grass roots, even in tiny villages, all over the world. We've learned the local languages, and the names of dozens and dozens of real people. We've been there for years and years.

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About You

Dear Believing Friend,

A stone's throw from my office at this very modest second-hand campus you'll find a whole lot of missionaries. They are eager, joyful, really neat people, with backgrounds of extended experience (averaging over 20 years) in 40 countries and 64 different mission agencies.

Can you imagine what happens when these missionaries compare notes? Boy, do we get a breathtaking picture! God is constantly improving our vision of what He has

done through the missionary movement. That perspective gives us unbelievable HOPE-- hope we want to give to you. Just think, even though 16,750 peoples (sub-nations) are still to be reached with the gospel, there is every reason to believe that this can be done, if our Lord tarries, by the year 2000. Here are some of our reasons for hope:

This little understood movement has spawned 85% of all the schools in Africa. Six hundred hospitals in India. Half of all of India's nurses (even though only 3% of the total population is Christian). The largest agricultural experimental station in Asia. The largest women's university in the world. Twice as many Presbyterians in Indonesia (that "solidly" Muslim country) as in the U.S. The same in South Korea. Three times as many Baptists in India as in England. On and on.

Few realize the true force of the gospel in today's world. For example, there are 1,000 churches born weekly in Africa and Asia alone. Even in Russia (the Communists gloomily admit), 97 million (that's 36% of the people doggedly profess Christian faith against all kinds of handicaps. In China the staggering truth is clearer every day: despite intense opposition during the Communist regime, Christians have grown from one or two million to easily 50 million. How embarrassing to the government! That's over ten times the rate of growth of the general population.

MY PAPER IS RUNNING OUT

But look, I can't pour the entire story on this one page. This can only be an invitation. A two-part invitation: 1) We have already invited you (urgently) to assist us with your one-time-only Founder's gift of \$15. (That's the only gift we'll ever ask of you.) 2) We want also to invite you to send an additional 95¢ to cover the bare costs of printing and mailing three things that can usher you and your family into a new life of HOPE.

Cordially, in His bonds,

Ralph D. Winter
Ralph D. Winter



Roberta has already hinted that we are in the biggest crisis of our lives. No matter what we do, humanly speaking, it now seems simply too little and too late. Yet we have done our best.

We can cautiously rejoice. Time and time again in scripture God deliberately led His people into situations so difficult that only He could be their salvation. Isn't that where we are right now? We can then rejoice because God will get all the glory for what happens. It will be one miracle if we can pay the \$6 million from the \$15 responses to this letter in your hands. That in turn depends upon His touching your heart and the hearts of 399,999 others! Do you see the breathtaking scope of a second miracle there?

In other words, if 400,000 new people overnight become concerned about a missions project, that will indicate right there the second miracle for which we have been earnestly praying--something even more important than saving this project. That response will indicate a great groundswell of new belief and hope that God is moving upon the nations, a groundswell of renewal in vision apart from which the U.S. Center for World Mission has no meaning or purpose. It may as well fail.

But we possess striking evidence that this groundswell toward final outreach at the very end of history is beginning to happen. All the signs are there. How can we be so sure? How can we explain? We'll try.

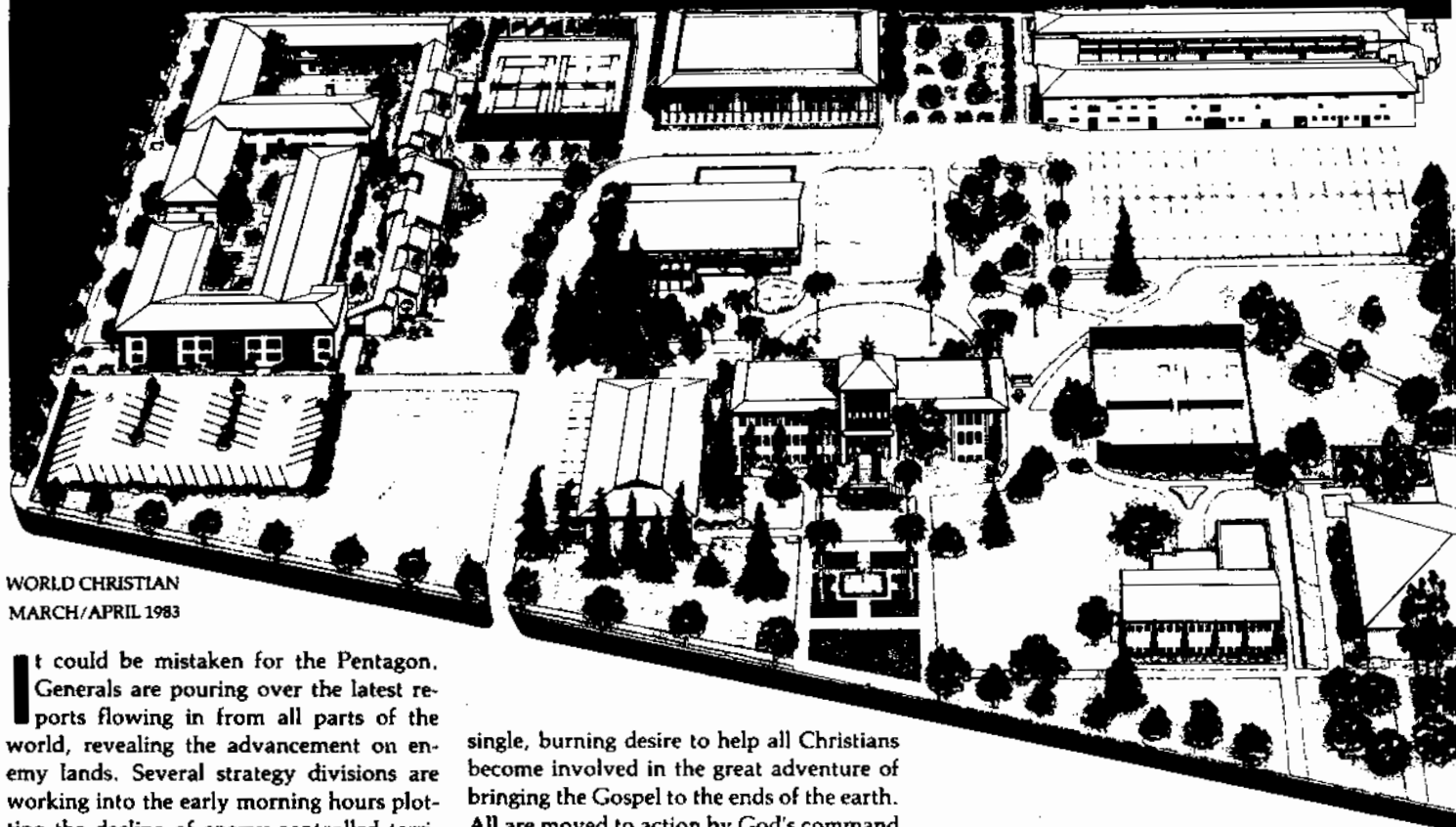
Here's what your 95¢ will cover:

- 1) A beautiful 12" x 18" three-color poster packed with diagrams and tables, giving a comprehensive picture of the whole world, showing the impact of Jesus Christ upon it as well as the precise, remaining task.
- 2) A PEOPLES OF THE WORLD catalog--a whole new world of exciting information not normally available. Everything from books and pamphlets to slides, videotapes, audio cassettes, etc., at discounted prices.
- 3) Most exciting of all is the book displayed below. It is the suspenseful, dramatic actual story of how this world's largest mission nerve center ever came into being in the first place.

In addition we'll send you: a) a complete, detailed update of how this invitational campaign is working and how much it is costing. Right to the penny. I don't blame you if you are curious; b) a much more detailed record (than the chart below) of the financial facts and forces we are dealing with, plus answers to questions people ask which you deserve to know; and c) a more complete record of who we are, who runs this center, etc. Also what 64 organizations already have their people here, plus a few detailed statements from well known people who really believe in us.

Feature

United States Center for World Mission



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It could be mistaken for the Pentagon. Generals are pouring over the latest reports flowing in from all parts of the world, revealing the advancement on enemy lands. Several strategy divisions are working into the early morning hours plotting the decline of enemy-controlled territories, while hundreds are being trained with the necessary skills and tasks to advance swiftly and decisively on the enemy's strongholds. And the building is overrun with people who, although itching to get to the front lines, have decided to stay home temporarily to recruit hundreds of thousands more front-liners to go with them.

But this is not the Pentagon. This is the United States Center for World Mission.

The battlefield is the over 17,000 distinct people groups that are still completely separated from the Gospel. Over three billion people—over half the world's population are found in these groups. This battle is being fought, not to take away lands or win political allegiances, but rather to set people free, to wrest them from Satan's hand and give them life.

Love for Christ and for those who don't know Him is what compels the more than 300 workers from 64 mission agencies, student organizations, and denominations to band together on this 35 acre base of operations. They are unified in purpose: a

single, burning desire to help all Christians become involved in the great adventure of bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth. All are moved to action by God's command that He be made known in every tribe, tongue and nation.

In 1976, Ralph and Roberta Winter, former missionaries to Guatemala, together with a few no-name seminary students jumped to the opportunity: a college campus in Pasadena, California, was for sale. They believed this would be the ideal base of operation to bring together men and women with the purpose of reaching the unreached.

The cost: \$15 million. They had \$100 between them.

These people believed God would supply the funds to buy this campus. The plan was—and still is—to find one million Christians to give \$15.00 each. The gift was to be received only after the donors signed a document stating that they understood the vision of the Center. In this manner, not only would the campus be purchased, but a million Christians would gain an education in frontier missions. The United States Center for World Mission (USCWM) was born.

So far the Lord has supplied miraculously. The final balloon payment to purchase the entire campus is due this September. The amount is 6 million. No new fund-raising strategy has been employed. In Winter's words, "If God wants to use this campus, He will pay for it."^{*}

Today the USCWM is a beehive of energy, forging links between three major segments of the Body of Christ: the mission agencies, the churches, and the students. Each segment has a vital part to play: the Center hopes to encourage and strengthen them in their parts.

If these forces in the Body can be linked together in unity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, Center leaders claim that the task of world evangelization is within our grasp, even by the year 2000.

Helping Mission Agencies

Mission agencies today are often seeing unprecedented harvests resulting from past labors. Everywhere they turn, the Gospel is advancing.

^{*}This statement has not prevented us from rolling up our sleeves to do everything within our power to invite the one-time \$15 Founder's Gift.

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400 Thousand People with New Vision

6 Million Dollars to Save the Campus

castes and tribes of India, while the concern of the Institute of Tribal Studies spans the globe to help identify the small, often endangered tribes without the Gospel.

Helping Churches

The fact that only 2% of the 300,000 churches in the United States have mission committees is cited by USCWM leaders as testimony to the difficulty of the challenge of mobilizing churches to mission action.

A number of the groups on the USCWM campus are busy trying to lift the hidden, unreached peoples into view for the churches. They are helping churches become an integral part of God's global plans. The campus boasts organizations like the United Presbyterian Center for Mission Studies, the Episcopal Church Missionary Community, and Lutherans for World Evangelization.

These groups all work together as well. Each is helping to introduce their denomination to a *Daily Prayer Guide* for the Unreached Peoples, produced by the Frontier Fellowship office on the campus. By providing a tool with which a pastor can help his people pray each day for the unreached world, these mobilization groups desire to gradually, day by day, foster a knowledge of and a love for the unreached people. The hope is to see one million evangelicals joined together each day in believing prayer for the unreached.

The ultimate goal: that at least 17,000 churches will each "adopt" one of the 17,000 unreached people groups, providing resources, people, and prayers until the people group has a vital, healthy, growing daughter church!

Helping Students

Center leaders feel that ultimately, the success of the mission movement hinges on its challenge to students. Young people, deciding now on the direction of their lives, hold the key to the success or failure of world evangelization for this generation. They claim that over 200,000 new missionaries, with millions more equally dedicated

people backing them, are needed to deal seriously and faithfully with the unfinished task. With this in mind, some groups at the USCWM offer an impressive array of resources designed to help students discover how their talents can contribute specifically and significantly to world evangelization.

Graduate studies are offered and intertwined into a wide range of research opportunities designed to lay the foundation for work among an unreached people group.

For those still in school, the Center offers a credit transferable course throughout the year, "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement." This allows the student to explore the world as he lays plans for his life.

And for those who believe God wants them to stay in this country, there is a group on campus that offers a radical plan to participate deeply in the task of world evangelization. The Order for World Evangelization points out that if every family decided to live *as if they were missionaries*, i.e., at a level which missionaries from their own church would be living on in their city, then literally billions of dollars from salaries above that level would be freed up for massive new mission efforts.

Center staff believe (and are backing up that belief) that every Christian on earth could become a vital part of the ongoing, exciting activity of finishing the task Christians were given: introducing ALL nations to God's wonder and beauty.

The United States Center for World Mission has been variously described as a collection of fanatics, a cooperative consortium, an endangered species (with \$6 million due in a few months), a visionary university, a soapbox for the unreached peoples, a research force, an Ezekiel to the churches, an iron rod by which students may measure their lives and future plans.

InterVarsity's Missions Specialist, David Bryant, has compared it to the town, Rivendale, in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*: the place where visions can be born, where fragile dreams can become reality, where battle plans can be laid for great battles ahead, and faith renewed in ultimate, inevitable success.

Gordon Aeschliman

The natural result of these great successes is that agencies have their hands full, caring for the training, nurturing, discipling needs of young churches on every continent. Center leaders believe these agencies need to be served by special research and strategy groups in order to find the people still unreached and develop strategies for reaching them.

Several of the groups located on the campus of the USCWM help in this way. The Institute of Chinese Studies tracks the mosaic of the Chinese world, searching both for resources for evangelization and for the peoples still out of linguistic or cultural range of the Gospel. The Samuel Zwemer Institute studies the complex Muslim world similarly, working at new strategies for presenting the Gospel. In the same way, the Institute of Hindu Studies seeks to define the estimated 2,900 still unpenetrated

Three World Level Meetings

WORLD EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP...

WORLD COUNCIL

WHEATON, JUNE 20-JULY 1

An international gathering of Christian leaders is always exciting, and even more so when such leaders gather from widely different traditions. Wheaton '83, June 20-July 1, was no exception. About 325 people from 55 nations met around the theme: I will Build My Church. Each delegate was assigned to one of three tracks: I the nature and mission of the church in the local setting, II the nature and mission of the church in new frontiers, and III the nature and mission of the church in response to human need.

Tracks I and III took off furiously and were able to assemble timely, first-class papers on their discussions. In an age when the church is sometimes accused of being only a western movement and insensitive to human need, these tracks were able to resolutely state and demonstrate the opposite: God's church is global and is concerned with taking the whole gospel to the whole person.

Participants in Track II (on frontiers) shared in common not so

much a knowledge of frontier missions as simply their great desire to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. During the conference, then, these leaders eagerly studied statistics and the strategic Biblical concept of a "nation" or "people group." All finally agreed in a written statement that the task of the church is to complete the job of making Christ the Lord of all nations (or peoples).

Gordon Aeschliman
World Christian Inc.

[Editor's note: USCWM people were exceedingly interested in this consultation, especially Track II on frontiers. We count it significant that three of the original five members of the steering committee for Track II were previously delegates to the 1980 Edinburgh Consultation on Frontier Missions. Your editor was asked to give one of the Track II plenary papers. Note, however, that the final 5-page "letter to the churches," a composite from the three tracks, gave only nine lines to the Track II consultation on frontiers!

WORLD CHRISTIAN VIDEOTAPES

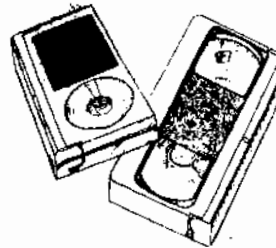
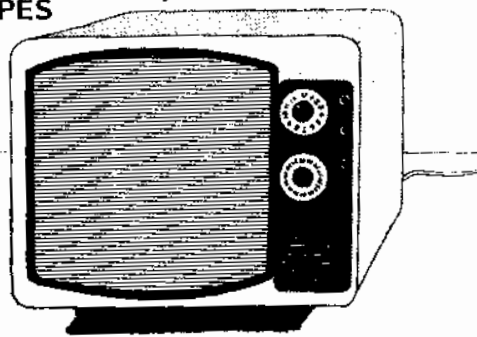
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VANCOUVER,

JULY 24-AUGUST 10

Reports on the activities of the World Council of Churches (WCC) do not normally come up in this bulletin. However, the editor happened to be teaching for a week at Regent College in Vancouver, just a few hundred feet from this large meeting (less than 700 voting delegates but close to 3,000 observers, visitors, press, etc.). Here are some of his reflections:

Despite my heavy teaching schedule, I was able to get away one evening to hear the evangelical Anglican bishop, Festo Kivengeri, who has roots in the East African revival, paired off on the platform with Allan Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. After Kivengeri spoke, emphasizing both the spiritual and physical needs of the world, Boesak got up and in a fiery message talked as though Kivengeri had not mentioned any physical needs at all, claiming that the gospel must not be "just words hanging in the air."

Festo's brief, mild reply at the end was simply that food and clothing do not prevent people from committing suicide nor allow them to go to their deaths smiling. The major difference between the two was probably their backgrounds; while Boesak's background in South Africa prompted him to focus on oppression by whites, Kivengeri's background in Uganda under oppression by blacks suggested that the problem is not racial so much as spiritual.

Mixed in with the total number of participants—whether delegates or visitors or whatever—were actually a fairly large number of key evangelicals. Meeting together, they felt that this assembly of the World Council "marked significant progress over the last two assemblies (Uppsala 1968 and Nairobi 1975)." Altogether it had more emphasis on Biblical and spiritual dimensions.

OF CHURCHES...

BILLY GRAHAM...

A group of about 40 of these evangelicals gathered together and decided to draft a statement. As it turned out, Arthur Glasser of Fuller Seminary was the principal drafter assisted by several others, ranging from Paul Schotenboer of the Reformed Evangelical Synod to Peter Kuzmíc, an international Pentecostal leader from Yugoslavia, Robert Youngblood of the World Evangelical Fellowship and Richard Lovelace, who is a one-man force for evangelical renewal within U.S. mainline denominations. A copy of this document is available for 50 cents on the order form on page 32. The statement appreciates certain improvements in tone and meaning but noted that "no plenary address made reference even to the WCC's own statement on mission and evangelism."

As editor of Mission Frontiers, my own comments would be to put all this in context. Almost all scholars agree that the greatest impetus to unity (of which the World Council boasts) was produced by the wide ranging fellowship back in 1910 around the challenge to mission frontiers that was the theme of the World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh. That was a meeting of mission executives rather than non-missionary church leaders. Even the World Council's "Commission on Mission and Evangelism," which last met at Melbourne in 1980, failed to properly highlight the mission structures of Christendom, whether denominational or interdenominational.

My own detailed analysis of the differences between, say, the Melbourne 1980 meeting just mentioned and the Edinburgh 1980 meeting, which deliberately restaged the focus and structure of the 1910 meeting, is found as an article in the International Journal on Frontier Missions (see p. 29). That article also comments extensively on the structural characteristics of the Wheaton '83 meeting mentioned on p. 16.

AMSTERDAM, JULY 12-21

In striking contrast to the sophisticated leaders who gathered in Vancouver, 3,871 relatively poor "itinerant evangelists" from all over the globe gathered July 12 to 21 in Amsterdam, at the invitation of Billy Graham, for the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists.

Never before in history has there appeared in any one place such a rich and authentic display of the true vitality at the grass roots-level of the world church.

It was not just another meeting. A long-time friend of mine who has been to many world-level gatherings summarized, "I have never in my life been to a conference with greater spiritual impact."

No one at Amsterdam corresponded to the Russian archbishop at the Vancouver meeting who had to rent an armored car in which his bejeweled vestments could be kept safely. In fact, an archbishop from the Protestant Church of South India landed at the Amsterdam airport with only \$4 in hand and no place to sleep!

Thus, there have been many world-level gatherings of church leaders, **but by any account the meeting in Amsterdam was certainly unprecedented.** Never before had local evangelists convened on the world level (over 90% of the 3,871 attending had never been to a world-level conference). Day after day profound spiritual experiences gripped the delegates as their very specific practical and spiritual tasks were considered in the light of God's word and in reference to the power of His Spirit.

Billy Graham himself declared that he had never before been in a gathering like this. Who knows what the future holds for a world movement which at the very grass roots is as vital as the evidences the world saw at Amsterdam?

However, as editor of Mission Frontiers, I have one very specific observation: This conference was a truly great event and reassures us mightily about the validity of past mission work. But it may possibly have little contribution toward the evangelization of those who are not part of the same "peoples" among whom these wonderful evangelists now minister.

Even before the meeting, it was evident that this was to be a conference of what could be called "local" evangelists. They also qualify as "itinerant" workers. In almost all cases that means that while they do indeed circulate around, their ministry is almost totally among their own people.

I wrote to Billy Graham before the meeting and enclosed a photocopy of a paragraph from his own landmark opening address at the 1974 Lausanne International Congress on World Evangelization:

While some people can be evangelized by their neighbors, others and greater multitudes are cut off from their Christian neighbors by deep linguistic, political, and cultural chasms. They will never be reached by "near neighbor" evangelism. To build our evangelistic policies on "near neighbor" evangelism alone is to shut out at least a billion from any possibility of knowing the Savior.

Clearly, 16,750 people groups will remain unreached if workers are not sent beyond their own peoples. Soon before the conference began, Billy Graham wrote back to me, assuring me that this concern would continue to be voiced, and it was several times voiced at Amsterdam, although press releases made no reference to it. In other words, the very concept of cross-cultural missions or even "Third World" missions was almost total missing from reports to the public. Nevertheless, we can rejoice in what God accomplished at this conference, and we can pray that a growing concern for **evangelism** will be accompanied by new efforts in cross-cultural **missions**.

Supporting Missions In An Age Of Change

1983 acmc national conference

by Greg H. Parsons

How can churches continue to support missionaries when the average cost is \$30,000-40,000 for a family of four?

How does a church start a missions committee?

What are some alternative methods for fielding and funding missionaries?

What percentage of a church's budget goes to missions?

What role does prayer have in our support of missions?

These were the kinds of practical questions considered at the annual national conference sponsored by the Association of Church Missions Committees (ACMC) July 21-24 in Wheaton, Illinois. During these three days, pastors, missions committee members, mission agency repre-

Age of Change," was considered from many different angles. The scriptural basis for missions was reexamined to help delegates to discern God's perspective on missions support. In addition, plenary speakers and workshop leaders explored other facets of this issue.

The U.S. Center for World Mission was represented by people from the central staff as well as by staff from a number of member organizations and cooperating agencies. Programs and materials produced by UCSWM affiliates were repeatedly promoted among conference delegates. **Overseas Counseling Service** gave one copy of their "Global Opportunities" bulletin to each church or group represented. This bulletin included not only the usual listing of overseas jobs by occupation but also a listing of jobs by country. **World Christian, Inc.** offered a copy of the latest issue of their magazine, *World Christian*, to each person at the conference.

Frontier Fellowship National Coordinator Len Bartlotti led a workshop on how to be a World Christian. During the plenary session Len also shared about the Frontier Fellowship. Each person was given a copy of the August edition of the *Daily Prayer Guide* as well as a copy of the new Frontier Fellowship church bulletin insert, "FrontierScan" (see pgs. 19-20). Conference participants also received a copy of a new brochure describing the ministry of the Frontier Fellowship.

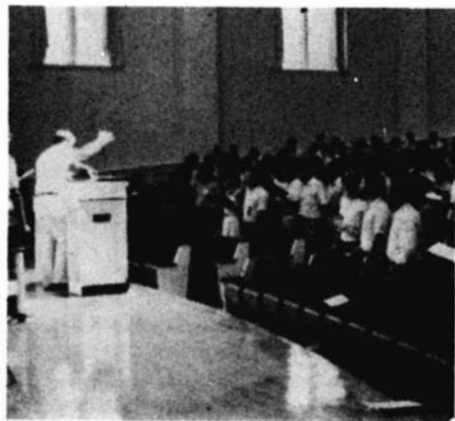
The U.S. Center for World Mission central staff promoted the new "I'll Touch Ten" campaign (see pgs. 6-9). Staff also responded to numerous private questions about the Center's ministry prompted by frequent public declarations of the Center's impact. During one of the main sessions, one speaker

said that frontier missions was becoming a focus of many churches and mission agencies because "Dr. Ralph Winter and U.S. Center for World Mission have been yelling loud enough and long enough that some of us are beginning to listen."



Certainly this conference was a superb time for all! Next year's ACMC conference, "Discipling the Nations: What Strategies for the Local Church?", will actually be two conferences, held at two locations on two different occasions for the traveling convenience of participants. Plenary speakers will be the same for the two conferences. The first conference will be held on the west coast, July 12-15, at the University of Santa Clara in Santa Clara, California. The second will be two weeks later, July 26-29, on the east coast, at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Speakers include Dave Bryant, Don Richardson, George Verwer, Theodore Williams and Mary Lou Wilson.

Why not plan ahead to be sure someone from your church attends the conference next year?



sentatives and others compared notes on how to help local congregations fulfill their responsibilities in world evangelization. Almost 700 people came to Wheaton College from over 216 churches and almost 100 mission agencies.

ACMC plans its annual conferences around a five-year rotation of five emphases: Leadership, Strategy, Stimulation, Sending, and Support. This year's focus on support, illustrated by the theme "Supporting World Missions In an

New Frontier Fellowship Materials

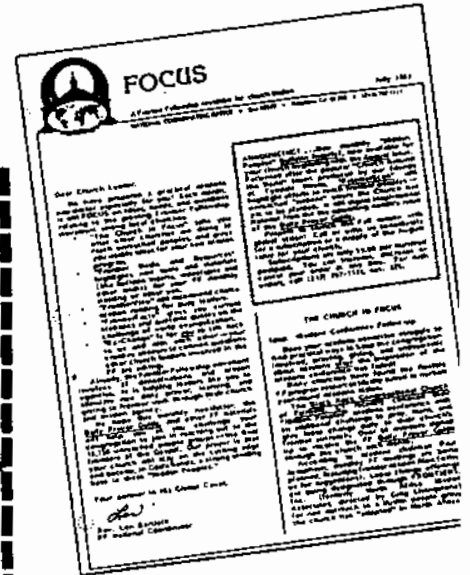
FrontierScan: MONTHLY BULLETIN INSERTS

FrontierScan, a new monthly Hidden Peoples bulletin insert, is now available for your church! Patterned after the popular Church Around the World insert produced by our friends at Tynedale House, FrontierScan will

highlight exciting efforts to reach frontier peoples, unreached nations where the church has yet to be planted. It will digest inspirational material from the up-

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FOCUS: MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS



September 1983

FRONTIERSCAN

The Gospel and the Unreached Peoples of the World

BIHARIS of INDIA

Sitars twang merrily as Bihari Hindus parade down the main streets of Patna, India. Wreaths of flowers strewn everywhere are a colorful reminder of a Hindu military victory from thousands of years ago. Bihar state, in east India near Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, is mostly Hindu, with significant Muslim and Animistic minorities. Only 1% of the 70 million Biharis professes Christianity. Most Bihari church members belong to minority tribes in the south. But among the 50 million non-tribal Biharis in the north, there are perhaps 50 believers.

North Bihar is one of India's most crowded regions, although it is still largely rural. Farmers grow rice, wheat, maize, sugarcane, and oilseed. Even though their land is rich in untapped mineral resources, most Biharis are very poor.

Concern for the unreached in north Bihar is gaining birth to new action. In October this year, a three-month evangelistic campaign called "GO '83" will be launched in north Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.



Many Indian and foreign mission societies are co-operating in GO '83, including Operation Mobilization, Regions Beyond Missionary Union, Friends' Missionary Prayer Band, and Gospel Recordings. Comprehensive

outreach plans include personal witnessing by 350 short-term workers, distributing literature in 15 languages, new Scripture translations, and hosting seeker's rallies, films, and conventions.

FOCUS is a practical new missions newsletter. It has been prepared by the Frontier Fellowship National Coordinating Office especially for pastors, missions committees, Frontier Fellowship coordinators, and other leaders in the local congregation. Each month the newsletter will FOCUS on ideas, needs and questions relating to the growing Frontier Fellowship movement among local churches.

Here are the themes of each monthly issue:

The Church in Focus discusses what other churches are doing to reach unreached peoples, and gives you usable ideas for your own mission program.

Frontier Media and Resources highlights new tools and materials (like bulletin inserts, videotapes and other media) for your Frontier Fellowship gathering, or other use

FrontierView recommends choice mission reading for busy leaders.

FrontierFacts gives you current statistics and quotable quotes on the challenge of world evangelization.

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coming month's issue of the Frontier Fellowship Daily Prayer Guide.

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Ex-Change is for you to talk back to the Frontier Fellowship national office and to each other--your creative answers to common questions other church leaders involved in the Frontier Fellowship are asking.

We hope this monthly newsletter, as well as other Frontier Fellowship materials, will help you as you challenge others to

join in reaching out to the 16,750 unreached people groups--the final frontiers of the Gospel. Our prayer is that you will stay on the cutting edge and become part of a strong sending base to these "Hidden Peoples."

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Sadhu Sundar Singh

"He will become a great man someday if he does not disgrace us all by going mad," sighed Sundar's father, watching his pensive boy. Sundar Singh was born in Punjab, North India into a powerful Sikh family. Through his mother's influence, he eagerly sought spiritual truth in many faiths. But Sundar came to hate God and Christianity after his mother died in 1903, when he was 13. Within that year, Sundar became desperate. One night, on the verge of suicide, he rushed from his room to tell his astonished father, "I have seen Jesus! I can serve no one but Him!"

At sixteen, Sundar donned the saffron yellow robe of the *sadhu* (Indian holy man) to preach the gospel in Indian terms. His yellow robe won him an audience everywhere, but he was often thrown out as soon as he mentioned the name of Jesus. Doggedly, he traveled all over unevangelized North India, enduring heat, cold, and disease. At age 19 Sundar made his first of many trips into forbidding Tibet.

By 1918, Sadhu Sundar Singh was one of the most famous religious leaders in India. He even visited Europe and America, where he was shocked by the complacency of Western Christians. In 1927, at age 37, Sundar entered Tibet, never to return. The remarkable testimony of his life continues to challenge people worldwide, especially in Asia.

Hidden People Groups

One of the three large Berber minority groups in Arab-dominated North Africa is the 2.1 million Berraber. They pasture their flocks in the Central Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Before the coming of Arab Muslims, many Berrabers were Christian. But over the centuries, most left their own cultural patterns for Arab customs. Recently, some Berrabers have begun to revive their ancient traditions and reconsider their Christian origins. So far only a handful of this Muslim people have come to Christ.

Under Communist Chinese rule, the Yi of southwest China have had to abandon their strict caste structure of nobles, serfs, and slaves. A romanized script now replaces their sacred pictographic script. Many younger Yi have taken on the ways of the majority Han Chinese. Western researchers do not know of any Christians among the 4 million Yi.

Buginese sailors of Sulawesi, central Indonesia seldom complain about year-long separations from their families, a fact of their sea trading lifestyle. Although fishing and rice farming are strictly male tasks, most of the 3 million Buginese gain their family income from the beautiful weaving done by the women. A Buginese Bible, printed in 1900, had little impact on this Muslim people and is now out of print. Buginese traveling to other Indonesian islands may come in contact with Christian believers.

Promising Breakthroughs

Every summer, a performing troupe of Thai Christians presents gospel themes to their countrymen through traditional Thai *lacon*, a mixture of singing, dancing, and acting. Out of 10 villages visited, several expressed interest in having Christians return with literature and further teaching. In Thailand, where less than 0.3% of ethnic Thais are Christians, drama may be a major vehicle for evangelism.

Now, for the first time, the six million Tatars of Russia and the eight million Kazakhs of Turkey and Russia can hear Christian radio broadcasts in their own languages. The Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) has built a powerful new transmitter aimed at Soviet Central Asia. FEBC programs in the languages of Soviet Muslim peoples like the Tatars and Kazakhs are part of their new strategy to reach the 47 million citizens of USSR who speak no Russian at all.

The Binumarinen of Papua New Guinea no longer view themselves as lawless, wild animals in the forest. As they ponder Scriptures now in their own language, they are developing a whole new self-image based on the revelation that they are made in the image of God. Linguists with the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) will distribute the recently printed Binumarinen New Testaments later this year.

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LOOK at WHAT GOD'S DOING!

What follows here is the first chapter in C. Peter Wagner's newest book, *On the Crest of the Wave*. Like a modern-day Simeon (see Luke 2), Wagner is one person who is eagerly seeking and recording the redemptive activity of the living God. These pages superbly highlight the HOPE and VISION the "Touch Ten" campaign seeks to share. See pages 28 and 32 to get the whole book at half price, postpaid!

We are in the springtime of Christian missions.

The last couple of decades of the twentieth century hold forth more promise for the dynamic spread of the Christian faith around the globe than any other period of time since Jesus turned the water into wine.

What a distance we have come from the sixties! That was a wintertime for missions in the United States. The Western powers were retreating from their colonial empires. The Viet Nam war had pushed American morale to an all-time low. Violent struggles for civil rights erupted. College students revolted on their campuses. Young people left their homes, hit the streets, and formed the hippie movement. America was under a dark cloud of confusion, pessimism, and despair.

Inevitably, this social mood influenced the churches. Many denominations which were not firmly committed to biblical, evangelical theology made decisions to demote evangelism and promote social ministries. One of the outcomes was a frightening membership decline in the mainline churches which persists today. Missionary programs were curtailed, sometimes because the sources of funding were drying up. A professor of missions wrote a book entitled *Missionary, Go Home*. Christian leaders began talking about a postmissionary era. Not a few wondered out loud whether the whole missionary movement had failed.

In some circles a residue from the sixties still remains. For example, the mission agencies affiliated with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches were sending out 8,279 missionaries in 1969, but only 4,817 in 1979, a drop of over 40 percent in ten years. But the general trend is the other way. The total number of North American Protestant missionaries sent overseas was 34,460 in 1969 and 53,494 in 1979, an increase of more than 50 percent over the same ten years.

Yes, the ice of the wintertime is thawing and the grass is turning green. The decade of the seventies saw some of the most significant advances in world missions yet recorded. The academic field of missiology came into its own and opened new avenues of theory and practice for Christian mission. New missionary agencies began to spring up in the third world like daffodils in May. New research and receptivity advanced Muslim work to a degree that few could have anticipated. The bamboo curtain lifted in China and revealed that some of the most vigorous church growth in history had been going on all the

while. Many observers have detected a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit "with signs and wonders following" which may be widespread enough to signal a new age of Christian outreach.

Springtime is here, and there is considerable reason for optimism.

Looking Ahead

The momentum begun in the seventies seems to be increasing in the eighties. The number of agencies and societies committed to sending out missionaries will undoubtedly increase through to the end of the century. The *MARC Mission Handbook* lists forty-seven agencies formed between 1975 and 1979. Some new ones will be established within denominational structures, some without. Mission societies will continue to start in the U.S.A. and other Western nations, but in all probability a much greater number proportionately will be formed in the third world. The number of missionaries will increase, but qualifications may change. Missionary budgets will swell, but different priorities may exist for spending the money. Strategy will be better planned. Missionary candidates will be better trained and more efficient. Every year should see more men and women won to Christ and more new Christian churches planted than the previous year.

For the first time in human history, the *World Christian Encyclopedia* reports, the Church is ecumenical in the literal meaning of the word. There are Christians and Christian churches in every inhabited country on earth. Furthermore, these Christians are more active in outreach and evangelism than ever before. David B. Barrett, editor of the *World Christian Encyclopedia*, calculates that each Christian is evangelizing 2.4 times as many non-Christians now than in 1900.

Increasing attention will be given to the cities of the world. The move toward the cities is awesome. When I was in school I was taught that New York and London were the largest cities in the world. Now there are eleven cities larger than New York and by the year 2000 there will be twenty-three larger cities. Raymond J. Bakke, the ranking evangelical urban expert, calculates that every month the world grows by two Chicagos! By the end of the century, Mexico City will have thirty-one million inhabitants. That is more people than live in all of Canada now.

Bible translation has made tremendous progress. There is some Scripture in over 1,763 languages, covering

97 percent of the world's population. But the remaining challenge is twofold. First, the Scriptures need to be translated into the remaining 3,000 languages and dialects. The notion that the dialects will disappear with the modernization of the world is a myth. In many parts of the world minority dialects are becoming more, not less, popular.

The second aspect of the challenge is to revise current translations. Bible translation technology is so advanced that we now recognize that many translations are embarrassingly inaccurate and obsolete. To help meet this challenge, the Fuller School of World Mission has recently teamed with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the first graduate program in Bible translation leading to a Ph.D. Dan Shaw of Papua, New Guinea is directing the program.

A further development which promises to widen the horizons of missionary activity over the rest of the twentieth century is the acceleration of Muslim research and training. The leader in this area is Don M. McCurry, founder of the Samuel Zwemer Institute of Pasadena, California. Probably more research has been done to develop effective missiological approaches to Muslim evangelism in the past six years than in any other similar period of history.

Students for Missions

Student interest in missions is now at a new peak. It last crested in the early part of the century with the Student Volunteer Movement. In the 1920s the SVM recruited over 2,000 missionary candidates a year, but then fell into a rapid decline. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship picked up the slack and, in 1946, began holding triennial student missionary conventions. They are now known as Urbana Conventions because they are held on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Along with many other conferences, the Urbana Convention felt the impact of the anti-missionary mood of the sixties. It came to a climax in Urbana in 1969 when convention director David Howard found himself "embroiled in a prolonged and heated discussion" with new staff members who doubted whether Christian missions should be emphasized that much at all. I myself was invited to address the plenary session on the topic of evangelism. At the time I was a missionary in Bolivia and rather unaware of the student feelings of the day. I was startled by the hostile reception of my stress on soul winning. Speakers who emphasized social revolution were loudly applauded.

But no longer. Inter-Varsity mission leaders such as John Kyle and David Bryant now say that instead of spending time arguing about the validity of missions, they have more than they can do in helping motivated students get involved in missions. The vast majority of the fifteen thousand to seventeen thousand participants in each Urbana Convention go away truly turned on to reaching the world for Jesus Christ. Their Student Training in Missions program has grown over 300 percent in the last six years.

A central focal point of this new student interest in missions is at the U.S. Center for World Mission, an umbrella organization founded by Ralph D. Winter in Pasadena, California in the mid-seventies. Growing out of its ministry was the International Student Consultation on

Frontier Missions held in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1980. Some of the spin-offs from that may well be the seeds of a student movement for missions as large and as influential as the Student Volunteer Movement in its heyday. The Caleb Project, for example, helps college students set goals for frontier missions and shows them how to become involved. At this writing it has groups on thirty-seven American campuses and is mushrooming. The National Student Missions Coalition under Rob Larkin sent traveling teams to visit 100 campuses last fall with the purpose of starting prayer meetings for mission frontiers. Prayer groups were started on all 100 campuses! A group of Westmont College graduates, dedicated to stimulating interest in missions, now publishes a new magazine called *The World Christian Magazine* (formerly *Today's Mission*) that is aimed at the student audience. Parallel to these efforts is a Student Mobilization office designed to promote the Frontier Fellowship in the student world. And all this under one roof!

The U.S. Center for World Mission

The U.S. Center for World Mission is itself a remarkable sign of the times. Founder Ralph Winter resigned from the faculty of the Fuller Seminary School of World Mission in 1976 and struck out by faith to purchase the former campus of Pasadena College, a Nazarene school now at Point Loma, California. The U.S. Center has become a beehive of activity for the promotion of missions. The miracle story of how this happened is told in *Once More Around Jericho*, written by Roberta Winter who along with her husband was the co-founder. The stated purpose of the center is to stimulate a movement for frontier missions throughout the United States. Frontier missions may be defined as the evangelistic activity that focuses on the 16,750 unreached groups of people in the world which do not as yet have a witnessing Christian church in their own culture. They help missions, churches, and students to become meaningfully involved. Divisions of the center include mission strategy, mission mobilization, mission training, and mission services.

In addition to the fact that personnel in the U.S. Center have backgrounds in sixty-four different mission agencies, organizations and activities directly sponsored there include: training English teachers to go to other countries and teach English; the Institute of International Studies for college and university students; the Career Foundations Program providing a year of studies between college and career involvements; the William Carey International University headed up by Virgil Olson; and others. Dozens of cooperating organizations have leased space on the campus and contribute to the center's activities. The Episcopal Church Missionary Community, the Chinese World Mission Center, the Institute of Tribal Studies under Don Richardson of *Peace Child* fame, International Missionary Advance which promotes indigenous missionary movements in third-world countries, and the Fellowship of Artists for Cultural Evangelism are just a few of them.

Perhaps the most far-reaching creation of the U.S. Center for World Mission will prove to be the Frontier Fellowship. The Frontier Fellowship aims to enlist one million Christians for daily prayer and study around the topic of

frontier missions. Inspired by the report of Christians from the Lushai tribe in Burma, who set aside a handful of rice at each meal as a contribution to their mission outreach program, a group led by Ralph and Roberta Winter conceived the idea of encouraging American Christians to empty their pockets and purses of loose change at the end of each day. The change goes into a jar (the Frontier Fellowship provides a colorful label for the jar) and is directed toward mission activity.

The key tool of the Frontier Fellowship is an attractive *Daily Prayer Guide* published every month which gives Bible readings, vignettes of missionary activity, factual information about unreached peoples, and devotional thoughts for each day of the month. It is designed so that the mission agency, church or denomination, student group, or other entity which establishes its own Frontier Fellowship chapter, personalizes its monthly prayer guide on the covers and in a center insert. Organizations such as the Evangelical Free Church, the World Evangelical Fellowship, the Africa Inland Mission, the United Presbyterian Center for Missionary Studies, and dozens more issue the monthly bulletin and distribute it to their own constituencies. The program includes five components:

1. *Reading* daily about the world's hidden peoples in the daily prayer guide
2. *Praying* daily for the gospel to become "at home" among these groups
3. *Saving* loose change daily as a reminder to pray
4. *Gathering* each month in a Frontier Fellowship group
5. *Sharing* the frontier vision regularly with others.

If the Frontier Fellowship accomplishes only a fraction of its goal of raising \$100 million per year for missions, it will prove to be an unprecedented stimulus to the forward thrust of missions in the eighties and beyond.

Missiology in Academia

Despite social conditions which could have militated against them, two significant events took place in the mid-sixties which would prove to influence the course of world missions. One was the founding of the School of World Mission at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in 1965. The other was the World Congress on Evangelism held in Berlin in 1966.

Donald A. McGavran, now recognized as perhaps the most influential missiologist of the twentieth century, had a new vision for missionary education which led to the founding of Fuller School of World Mission in 1965. While some European universities had chairs of missiology previous to that, missiology had not been a recognized field of academic pursuit in the United States. At that time, degrees offered in missiology, schools of mission, and full-time mission professors were hard to come by. Now Fuller offers two master's degrees and three doctorates in the field, guided by a faculty of nine full-time resident professors in the different branches of missiology. At this writing over two thousand Fuller missions alumni are serving on all continents. In 1973 the American Society of Missiology was formed and the journal *Missiology* began to be published. Programs similar to Fuller's are now springing up at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois;

Biola University in La Mirada, California; Dallas Seminary in Texas; Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina.

This explosion of missiological knowledge is changing the face of missionary work. It is introducing concepts with names like *contextualization*, *theological education by extension*, and *E-2 evangelism* which have clarified the task considerably. Missiological technology is rapidly being translated into the increased effectiveness of field workers in concrete situations. A common lament of veteran missionaries is, "If I had only known then what I know now . . ."

The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization

The year after Donald McGavran founded his graduate school of missions, Billy Graham gathered some of his friends to convene the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin in 1966. While the emphasis on new mission outreach was not especially prominent there, it was stressed eight years later in the second such effort, the International Congress on World Evangelization held in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1974. More than four thousand persons from virtually every nation of the world gathered at Lausanne to celebrate what God had been doing and to catch a new vision of the remaining task. Two of the presentations at Lausanne, which have subsequently had a considerable impact on world missions, were a plenary session address by Ralph Winter and a research document by Edward R. Dayton.

Ralph Winter, at that time still on the faculty of the Fuller School of World Mission, argued that the highest priority of the total task of world evangelization had to be cross-cultural evangelism. He showed statistically that by far the majority of the non-Christians of the world would not be able to accept Jesus Christ if someone did not leave their own culture and engage in what is classically known as "missionary work."

Edward Dayton, director of the MARC research division of World Vision International, distributed in booklet form the first report on the world's unreached peoples. This was an effort to break down into manageable units the non-Christians who needed cross-cultural evangelism. I will explain more about this later on.

One of the outcomes of the congress was the formation of a fifty-member Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE). I had the privilege of being elected to the executive committee of the LCWE where I still serve at this writing. I was also asked to be the first chairperson of the Strategy Working Group and given the task of expanding the research on unreached peoples. One of my first moves was to form a partnership with Edward Dayton and MARC, a relationship that has continued through the years. In fact, I recently resigned from the Strategy Working Group and was replaced by Dayton himself.

Another outcome of the Lausanne congress is almost too big to describe—the worldwide reverberations of that meeting. At least thirty other congresses, conferences,

and regional or world-level meetings trace a large degree of their impetus to that meeting. By the end of 1982 the remodeling of the perspective of the major forces in missions was virtually a clean sweep, particularly among Protestant evangelicals. The challenge of the unreached peoples of the world and the need to get on with the task optimistically was widely accepted. For example, *Time* magazine's Christmas 1982 cover story said, "The most important change in Protestant missionary strategy in the past 10 years has been to identify and seek to contact some 16,000 tribes and social groups around the world that have been beyond the reach of Christianity."

This focus on reaching the unreached people groups (which I will explain in more detail in a later chapter) was the major theme of the third world-level meeting after Berlin and Lausanne. The Consultation on World Evangelization was convened in Pattaya, Thailand in 1980. The role of the Lausanne movement, and especially the leadership given by Leighton Ford, the chairman, and Gottfried Osei-Mensah, the executive secretary, as well as Bishop Jack Dain, John R. W. Stott, Thomas Zimmerman, Donald Hoke, Saphir Athyal, and many others has been a major factor in moving the Christian world into the springtime of missions.

Seventy-Eight Thousand Christians a Day?

It may be rather hard to believe, but at the present time, according to our best calculations, each day welcomes a net increase of at least seventy-eight thousand Christians on this planet. How do we arrive at that figure?

First of all we take into account the world population explosion. World population back in the days of Abraham and Moses was no doubt far less than 100 million. At the time of Christ it had reached 275 million. When William Carey launched the modern missionary movement around 1800 the world population had grown to about 900 million. It then passed 1 billion in 1850, 2 billion in the 1930s, and 3 billion around 1960, 4 billion in 1975, and reached 4.7 billion in 1983.

According to statistics released by the U.S. Center for World Mission, there were 1,362 million Christians in 1983, or just about 30 percent of the world's population.

The World Christian Encyclopedia calculates that sixty-four thousand new Christians are added each day by natural increase or so-called biological growth. But over and above this, some others are added each day through conversion from the world. No one knows exactly how many of these there would be, but one educated guess says about fourteen thousand. How is that guesstimate made?

It is based on the assumption that all across the world, committed Christians—those who are true members of the Body of Christ and who are dedicated to obeying God in all things including witnessing to non-Christians—will produce an additional 2 percent increase annually as the result of evangelism alone. The U.S. Center estimates the number of true Christians at about 259 million. Adding on 2 percent would mean 5.18 million per year or fourteen thousand per day in round numbers. In graphic form it looks like this:

1. Among nominal Christians:
 biological growth 52,000 net increase

2. Among Committed Christians:
 biological growth 12,000 net increase
 conversion growth 14,000 net increase
 total daily net increase 78,000 Christians

One result is that every week approximately one thousand new churches are established in Asia and Africa alone. Most of them begin as small, struggling groups of believers meeting in a home or under a tree or in a school. But each one constitutes a definite group of believers who are committed to each other to meet regularly to worship God, to help each other grow in the faith, and to reach out in love to the unchurched around them.

Even so, churches are not growing at the same rate around the world. There is little or no growth in the Mongolian Peoples Republic, in Albania, in Libya, or in Afghanistan. Growth comes hard in France and in Bangladesh and in Israel. But in numerous places in the world the gospel is spreading vigorously. And right now a few places such as Korea, Ethiopia, China, Central America, Indonesia and the Philippines are dramatic flash points of growth. For the most part, Christianity is simply growing "out of control!"

Let's look at some of this growth region by region.

Phenomenal Growth in Latin America

In many parts of Latin America the Protestant churches are growing three times the rate of the population. Back in 1900 only fifty thousand Protestants were to be found in Latin America. The number passed 1 million in the 1930s, 2 million in the 1940s, 5 million in the 1950s, 10 million in the 1960s and by 1980 the figure was over 20 million. Some predict that by the end of the century there will be 100 million Protestants in Latin America.

Many denominational groups are seeing good church growth there. But the most spectacular has been among the Pentecostal churches. Around the middle of our century Pentecostals comprised something like 25 percent of all Protestants in Latin America. Now, thirty years later, the figure is in excess of 70 percent. The largest of the Pentecostal denominations is the Assemblies of God in Brazil which claims a constituency of 6 million. Among them, full adult members number 3.8 million. I became so fascinated by the upsurge of the Pentecostal movement in Latin America that I wrote a book called *What Are We Missing?* and attempted to analyze some of the dynamics behind the growth.

Along with Brazil, Chile has seen some of the most explosive growth in Latin America. One of the reasons for this is that Christians there regularly move right into the streets to preach the gospel in plazas and on street corners. In evenings and on weekends you can't walk far around the city of Santiago without running into a group of Pentecostals playing accordions, singing at the top of their lungs, and sharing the testimony of their faith with whoever will listen. A large number of Christians trace their spiritual pilgrimage back to hearing the gospel preached out in the open air.

One of my favorite churches is the Jotabeche Methodist Pentecostal Church of Santiago, pastored by Javier Vasquez. For years I visited them in their old building on Jotabeche Street which accommodated five thousand peo-

ple. But that became entirely inadequate to handle the crowds, so they built a new sanctuary to accommodate sixteen thousand around the corner on Alameda Avenue. A balcony on one side holds the two thousand-member choir and orchestra combined. On a typical Sunday evening, when the main service is held, one thousand instruments—mostly guitars, mandolins, and accordions—will be playing while all two thousand choir members are singing special numbers. While they are singing, some worshippers will begin "dancing in the Spirit" while others shout "glory to God."

But this building is also inadequate because Vasquez's flock numbers between eighty thousand and ninety thousand members twelve years of age and over. Members are allowed to attend the mother church only once a month. The other three Sundays they are participating in the activities of one of the many smaller "classes" located in the different neighborhoods of the city. The classes are like satellite churches. Their membership runs between 800 and three thousand and each is led by one of Javier Vasquez's associate pastors. Many of the classes have their own very substantial church buildings.

But the Jotabeche sanctuary, much larger than anything in the United States, is still not the largest in Latin America. The Brazil for Christ church in Sao Paulo reportedly seats twenty-five thousand. I say reportedly because some have contested that figure, but even if it is slightly off, it is an immense place. I visited it before it was completed. At that time the congregation was still meeting in the narthex which seated five thousand. When I asked how many pews they had, the person who was showing me around said, "I don't know—we ordered a mile and a half!"

Growth is taking place not only in the cities but in the rural areas as well. Until recently the 10 million Quichua people who populate the Andes Mountains from Ecuador to Argentina were not very receptive to the gospel. Missionaries of the Gospel Missionary Union in the Chimborazo province of Ecuador, for example, could count only 300 converts over the twenty-five years from 1945 to 1970. That figures out to be one convert a month. But the harvest began to ripen. During the seventies the Quichua church grew to thirty thousand. That averages 250 converts per month. So far in the eighties the growth has accelerated to over 800 converts per month and the church members well over fifty thousand. Most are peasant farmers who walk for days over bleak mountain trails to share the love of Christ with other Quichuas.

Traditionally, the message of the gospel in Latin America has appealed to the working class. But changes have begun to take place, and many middle- and upper-class people are now opening their hearts to Jesus Christ. Some of this is happening through the Catholic charismatic movement. But evangelical Protestant churches are also beginning to take root among the more wealthy. In Bogota, Colombia the Foursquare Church is multiplying home Bible studies in twelve upper-class neighborhoods. Some of these classes regularly have up to 100 who attend.

A pace-setting center of outreach to the well-to-do is the Lima Encounter with God project coordinated by the

LeTourneau Foundation and the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Two huge sanctuaries have already been built in Lima, Peru in the Lince and Pueblo Libre areas. Another is being built in Miraflores. The Lince church has two thousand members and the Pueblo Libre church is not far behind. Evangelical leaders from many other Latin American cities are studying the Lima method in an attempt to launch similar projects in their areas.

One of the global flash points of growth is Central America. In Guatemala, for example, there were one thousand Protestant believers in 1930, but 1.5 million in 1980. According to a research report by James Montgomery of Overseas Crusades, the nation is now almost 25 percent evangelical, and soon will be much more. The Assemblies of God are currently growing at 44 percent per year. For example, one of their local churches, growing 50 percent per year, increased from twenty-five hundred in 1978 to eighty-five hundred in 1981.

Church growth in Central America seems to be taking place across the board socioeconomically. In the tribal areas, for example, Southern Baptists have seen their churches among the Kekchis grow from 225 members in 1972 to over two thousand in 1980, or 1,400 percent decadal growth rate (DGR). Some of the villages are now from 35 to 50 percent Christian. On the other hand, the wealthy classes are also responding enthusiastically. Some of their churches meet in hotels. An example is the Fraternidad Church, which has grown from thirty members in 1979 to 500 three years later. The Verbo Church has grown to twelve hundred members in just over six years, largely among the middle class. Its most illustrious member is the current president of the Republic, General Efraim Rios Montt, the first committed evangelical to become a Latin American head of state.

Similar accounts could be given of Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. One of Latin America's largest churches, Centro Evangelistico, is in San Salvador. Three crowded services are held each Sunday morning to accommodate the fifteen thousand worshippers. Analysts say that the violence, the political unrest, and the guerilla activity have turned the thoughts of Central Americans toward God, and thousands have found peace through the gospel message of the evangelical churches.

Massive Influx in Africa

If churches are growing rapidly in Latin America, they are growing even more rapidly in Africa. David Barrett says, "For one hundred years now, the most massive influx into the churches in history has been taking place on the African continent." In 1900 there were less than ten million Christians in Africa. Now there are over 200 million, and the projection for the end of the century is just a tad under 400 million. This means that Christians will have grown from 9 percent of the African population to 48 percent in our century.

One of the most remarkable phenomena of church history has been taking place in Africa during the last hundred years. Called the African Independent Church Movement, it has now spread to at least one-third of the tribes in Africa. At least six thousand of these new Christian groups (some more orthodox or biblical than others) have sprung

up and include over eight million persons. Some are small with only a few hundred members, and some go into millions, like the Church of Christ on Earth through Prophet Simon Kimbangu, located in Zaire. They are growing at a rate faster than most people can keep track of. A new African independent denomination forms on the average of one per day.

On a recent visit to Kenya I had the privilege of meeting one of the independent leaders personally. In Kenya, out of a total of 240 Christian denominations, 180 or 75 percent are independent churches. Archbishop Herbert Aloo is one of the top leaders of the Maria Legio Church, but not at the top. Over the church's archbishops are eight cardinals and one person called the Pope. Aloo told me how they split from the Catholic Church back in 1962 because they felt the priests were not living according to the rules of the Bible. They still consider themselves Catholic, but not Roman Catholic. "Everything we do, we do according to the Bible," he affirmed.

Aloo was converted when he was sick. He read in a local newspaper about Baba Simeon, the top leader of the movement, and sought him out. Baba Simeon prayed for him and he was healed. Aloo and the others even call Baba Simeon "Jesus" because through him they were saved not only from disease but from drunkenness, fighting, and a degraded life. (They have no apparent theological problem with an overidentification of their leader with the Messiah.) None of the clergy receives a salary; Aloo must be one of the few archbishops in the world who earns his living as a laborer at the local airport.

But somehow all this must be relevant to East Africans. The little group of ten that began in 1962 has now grown to 150 thousand!

When I attended the Lausanne congress in 1974, I mentioned in one of my workshops the urgency of planting new churches. Afterward a Nigerian came up to me and thanked me. As we talked, I discovered that in the previous five years the Lord has used him to plant no less than 258 new churches, which have a total of thirty-four thousand believers. I calculated that to average one church a week for five years! In the same category is Ezekiel Guti, a Zimbabwean who recently visited our School of World Mission. He has been vigorously planting churches for fifteen years, and now is the leader of a new denomination of eighty-five thousand members and 240 churches. Attendance in the mother church in Salisbury frequently runs between eight and ten thousand. Few if any parallels to these African church planters can be found in the Western world.

The most popular evangelist in Africa now is a German missionary to South Africa named Reinhard Bonnke. He has teamed up with a black South African pastor who has a special gift of healing, and they travel through the black areas with a tent. The tent they had been using until recently accommodated ten thousand but proved to be much too small. So in 1982 they took delivery from an American engineering firm of a new tent which accommodates thirty-four thousand! It is held up with twelve hydraulically operated center poles and transported from place to place in six semi-trailer trucks.

Ethiopia has been a Marxist country since 1975. The

government is doing all it can to restrict the Christian movement. But it is not being successful. Despite persecution, churches are growing vigorously. The Word of Life Churches, fostered in the past by SIM International, are adding a new church almost every week. The Lutheran Mekane Yesus Church which had only thirty thousand members in 1960, grew to 100 thousand by 1978, then spurted from 100 thousand to 500 thousand in the next two years. And all this occurred in the face of severe persecution which saw the imprisonment of the church's general secretary, Gudina Tumsa.

Gathering the Harvest in Asia

Comparatively speaking, the growth of churches in Asia has been slow. But many recent events point to the probability that the proportion of Christians to the whole population will increase in Asia more than any other region of the world. Probably the first Asian nation to become predominantly Christian will be Korea (with the exception of the Philippines which is already about 85 percent nominal Catholic).

One hundred years ago there were no churches in Korea. Now in the city of Seoul alone, there are six thousand. In 1970, 10 percent of South Koreans were Christians. By 1980 there were 20 percent. Many expect 30 percent when they celebrate the Christian centennial in 1984. In the army, the chaplains are doing a remarkable job; 47 percent of the personnel is Christian. Of 200 members of Parliament, at least sixty are born-again believers. At least three mass Christian rallies on Yoido Island in Seoul have attracted more than 1 million. The largest, held in 1980, drew 2.7 million, perhaps the largest single gathering of human beings in world history. Six new churches are started in South Korea every day.

The Methodist church began in England, but now the world's largest Methodist congregation is in Korea—the Kwang Lim Methodist Church of over ten thousand pastored by Kim Sundo. The Presbyterian church began in Scotland, but now the world's largest Presbyterian congregation is in Korea—the Young Nak Presbyterian Church with over fifty thousand members pastored by Park Chu-Choon. The Assemblies of God began in the United States, but now the largest Assembly of God is in Korea—the Full Gospel Central Church with over 270 thousand members pastored by Paul Yonggi Cho.

The Full Gospel Central Church is a phenomenon in itself. The present sanctuary, where I had the privilege of preaching a couple of years ago, seats ten thousand. But the walls are being knocked out and the seating will be expanded to something between twenty-five and thirty-five thousand. When it is finished, they will still have to hold seven services every Sunday as they do now. An auxiliary fifteen-story building next door will have an auditorium to seat three thousand on each floor and the worship service will be transmitted there by closed-circuit television. The church will thus be able to serve the 500 thousand membership projected by Pastor Cho for 1984.

A key secret of Full Gospel Central Church growth has been the establishment of nineteen thousand home cell groups, each with a trained leader who takes the responsibility of the spiritual well-being of ten to fifteen families.

Because of this approach, no one in the massive church feels lost or uncared for. Cho has been in such demand to share his insights into church growth with other leaders that he established an organization called Church Growth International with a worldwide ministry. It is likely that he will turn out to be one of the most influential leaders in global Christianity in the latter part of the twentieth century.

Unquestionably, the greatest surprise in world Christianity in recent years was the discovery of church growth in China. When the missionaries were expelled in 1949-1950 and the bamboo curtain fell, hopes were not high. At the time there was a total of about 1 million Chinese believers. The efforts made by the Communist government to extinguish the Church were massive. Pastors were jailed, Bibles were confiscated and burned, church buildings were closed, Bible schools were disbanded, Christian literature was outlawed, both lay leaders and clergy suffered humiliation, imprisonment, and torture, and most outside observers thought the Gang of Four and the Cultural Revolution would be successful in wiping out the Church. But as the bamboo curtain began to lift in the late seventies, and news began to filter out, it became clear that the Holy Spirit had remained behind in China and was doing mighty things. The first word was that the 1 million were still there. Then the estimates continually grew to 3 or 5 million, then 8 or 10 million, and now even conservative estimates range between 30 and 50 million.

Northeast India is a land of tribal peoples. Seventy-five years ago it was populated by 1.5 million headhunters. Then the missionaries arrived with the gospel and a transformation has taken place. Today at least 75 percent are Christian. Of the largest tribes, 67 percent of the Khasis are Christian, 90 percent of the Nagas and 98 percent of the Mizos. A number of leaders from these tribes, whose fathers were literal headhunters, now have graduate degrees from our School of World Mission.

There are many other focal points of growth in Asia. One of the greatest ingatherings into the Kingdom of God in recent years began in Indonesia in 1965. Such a large percentage of the population is now Christian that the government reportedly has withheld the results of the latest religious census because they might be an embarrassment to Muslim political leaders.

In Burma, churches among minority peoples were growing so fast that the missionaries were expelled twenty years ago, but the churches among the tribal peoples have kept growing. In the very north of Burma, the Kachin tribe alone now has 100 thousand Baptist believers. The largest known baptismal service in the world was held at the Kachin Baptist Centennial Convention, in 1977, when six thousand were baptized. The number baptized on the day of Pentecost was doubled!

Missionary work had been very difficult in Cambodia (Kampuchea) through the years. Then the Communist government took over and began a horrible program of genocide. Large numbers of Cambodians fled to the refugee camps across the border of Thailand. There they opened their hearts to the gospel. The Christian and Missionary Alliance reported that twenty-five thousand of them had become believers in one year. This is five times

the total number of converts that the missionaries had seen in over fifty years of evangelistic work.

These stories of God's amazing work in the world in which we live could be multiplied over and over again. But it is time now to take a look at the challenge. Much has been done, but much yet needs to be done.

The Challenge of the Fourth World

When we learn that there are seventy-eight thousand new Christians every day, that a local church in Korea has almost 300 thousand members, that a new denomination is starting in Africa every day, and that God is at work as never before recorded, it would be easy to react the wrong way. It would be easy to say, "Hey, this is great! The job is getting done much faster than I thought. I'm not really needed. I'll turn my attention on something else."

Don't fall into that trap!

In order to get the blessing, we look at the wonderful way God is bringing people to Himself and building His Church. But in order to catch the challenge, we look not at the Christians but at the fourth world.

This expression "fourth world" is one of the handiest new phrases we have. It's so new you won't even find it in the unabridged dictionary. Since I will be repeating it often in this book, let me pause here to explain it.

Words, like clothes, can wear out or go out of style so that one has to replace them with something better. We have had quite a few outdated words in missionary work, and we are trying to get rid of them. Several words that once were useful and that had positive meanings are now disreputable. Missionaries used to go to the "heathen" or to the "savages" or to the "pagans" or to the "natives" or to a "backward people." These expressions, and others like them, are now very degrading. Something new is needed.

For some years now, the term *third world* has been in use. There is still some debate as to its precise meaning, but most people who use it refer to those nations that refuse to align themselves with either the Communist bloc headed by Russia, or the capitalist bloc headed by the United States, and that have decided to be their own masters on the international scene. This world includes, therefore, most of the nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Most of the third world is yellow, black, brown, and red, and most of its people live south of the thirtieth parallel north.

"Fourth world" is not meant to describe some other form of international political alliance or nonalliance, although some attempts have been made to use it to designate the poorest of the poor. My intention is to shift the focus to spiritual things. *By fourth world I mean all those people, no matter where they are found, who have yet to commit themselves to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.* There are fourth-world people in Russia, there are some in Africa, there are some in Chicago, Illinois, and there are some in every other tribe, tongue, and nation.

It is much better to talk of sending missionaries to the fourth world than to the "heathen," although in the final analysis you're saying the same thing.

So much for the definition. Now back to the challenge of the fourth world. God expects us to do our part to reach

them with the gospel message and persuade them to become followers of Jesus. Of them, about 850 million are in a position to hear the gospel from already existing churches. That leaves 2.3 billion, or 73 percent of all non-Christians, who will not even hear the gospel unless someone decides to leave his or her own culture and become a missionary. No wonder Ralph Winter argues that the highest priority of all missionary work is cross-cultural evangelism. I agree.

The Blessing and the Challenge

In summary, most Christians in America today are enjoying great blessing. I cannot think of another time in history when it could have been more exciting to be a Christian than in the latter part of the twentieth century.

I am often amused by Christians who are overly nostalgic. They say, "My, the Christian church is in terrible shape. If we could only go back to the first century, we would know what God really can do through a dedicated church." I don't think we're perfect today by any means, but I disagree with that perspective. I honestly think that if Luke himself could have the choice, he would rather live today than in the first century. When we lift up our eyes to what God is doing worldwide today, that early activity around the eastern Mediterranean seems like a small pilot project compared to what is happening now.

But, as the Bible tells us, to whom much is given, of them much is also required. We must face the challenge realistically. I hope that every person who reads this book will decide to become a world Christian. There has never been a better time to do it.

An increasing number of older people are saying, "Tell me more. I want to be fully informed about Christian mis-

sions." An increasing number of young people are asking, "How can I get involved personally? How can I buy into a piece of the action?" I hope to begin to answer these questions as this book develops.

Do Something Now!

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2. Write the U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth Street, Pasadena, California 91104. Send \$1.00 and ask for a copy of their chart "Unreached Peoples of the World-1983" and for a copy of the *Daily Prayer Guide of the Frontier Fellowship*. Try to establish a Frontier Fellowship chapter in your church, in your school, or in your small group. When the chart arrives, study it carefully and discuss the meaning of it for you and your church.

3. Read one or more of these books:

In the Gap by David Bryant (Inter-Varsity Missions). This is the best all-around tool for becoming a world Christian.

The Christian World Mission by J. Herbert Kane (Baker Book House). This is a textbook which provides a serious introduction to missions from an evangelical perspective.

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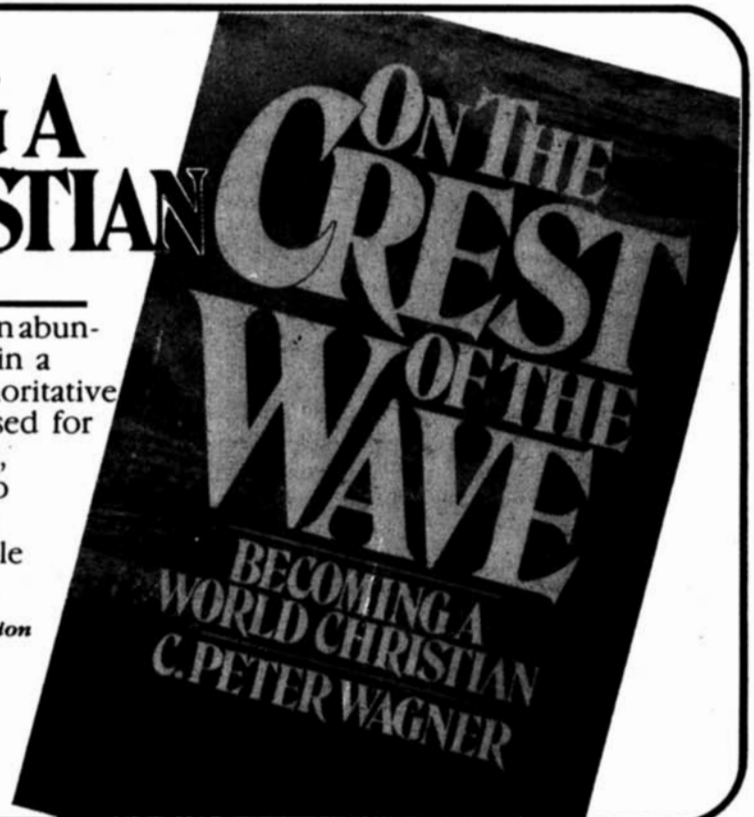
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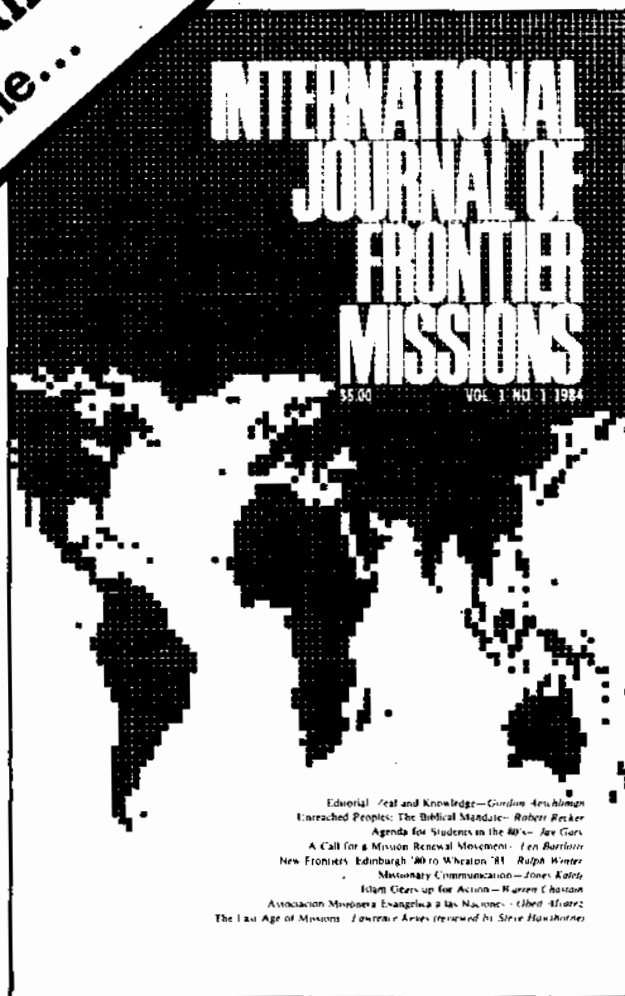
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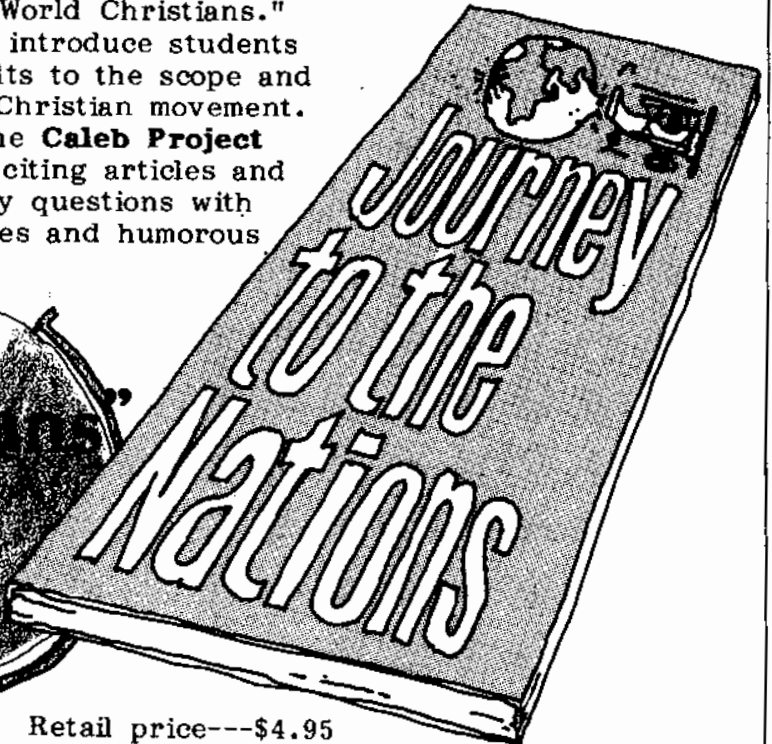


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LETTERS

A few months ago the U.S. Center for World Mission received a letter from Doug and Joanne, who were soon to be married. This engaged couple told us that their wedding invitation, sent to many friends and relatives, was no ordinary one! The invitation read, in part:

"We recognize that gift-giving is a wedding tradition. The primary gift you can give us is your presence at our celebration.

We affirm as well the tradition of giving gifts around which a couple can build their home and marriage. For us, this tradition includes our concern for the world's people who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ. A welcome gift to us would be a donation sent to the U.S. Center for World Mission (a Christian organization seeking to reach the 'hidden' or untouched people groups of the world). Gifts sent on our behalf should be sent to the U.S. Center for World Mission, 1605 Elizabeth St., Pasadena, CA 91104."

By the time we went to press with this issue of *Mission Frontiers*, more than 60 of Doug and Joanne's friends and relatives had combined to contribute over \$1000 to the U.S. Center. We at the Center give a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Doug and Joanne, now married, and to those who gave on their behalf.

August 2, 1983

Dear Mrs. Winter:

I just recently read your book *Once More Around Jericho*. I had to write you and tell you a little

about what your prayers did for me during that time. During 1976 and 1977 I was a part of the cult you shared the campus with, although I wasn't really aware of your presence.

I was so hungry for God and was looking everywhere for him. I had not found him with the cult and was more confused than ever. I felt that my lack of communion with God was because I needed to become more "enlightened," so I persisted and stayed with Summit Lighthouse.

I now realize after reading your book how I came to be liberated from this group. It was the power of daily prayer that must have been "covering" the campus and running "interference" with Satan's plans. Stories that my grandmother told me about Jesus when I was little (I only saw her 3 times in my life before she died), daily began to come into my mind. I compared these with what I was seeing and observing. Disbelief as to the validity of what I was being taught settled in. I left the group suddenly and disappeared from them without telling anyone my plans. I feared for my life - spiritual and physical.

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In His Service,

(The name and mission have been omitted for the protection of this person. Please pray for others still under the "influence" of Summit Lighthouse International.)

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In Pasadena evangelical Christians have now established a really serious academic program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

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You may rent "Dreams and Visions" for \$7.00 (3-4 days) or \$12.00 (5-10 days), postpaid, or you may purchase a videocassette for \$29.00, postpaid. "Dreams and Visions" is available in VHS, Beta, and 3/4"; specify which you prefer in your order.

- World Christian Encyclopedia* (Oxford University Press), edited by David B. Barrett. THE definitive reference volume on the fruits of the 4000-year-old mandate to bless all the families of the earth. 1000 pages, hundreds of photographs, plus tables, charts, and other useful aids. Retail \$125.00; your discount price, while quantities last, is \$37.50 (70% off)! See further description on p. 30.

- International Journal of Frontier Missions*, published quarterly by the International Student Leaders Coalition. The first academic journal focused exclusively on the strategies and mobilization necessary in frontier missions. Add knowledge to your zeal! \$5.00 for single copy, \$15.00 for 4 quarterly issues. See description on p. 29.

- "Perspectives" Video Series, taped this summer at Regent College. Features Dr. Ralph Winter in ten 45-minute sessions on the Biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic dimensions of world evangelization. \$5.00 rental for each session, \$50.00 for the series. See description on p. 16.

- Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* textbook (William Carey Library) and *Understanding the World Christian Movement* study guide with discussion questions. \$30 for both, postpaid.

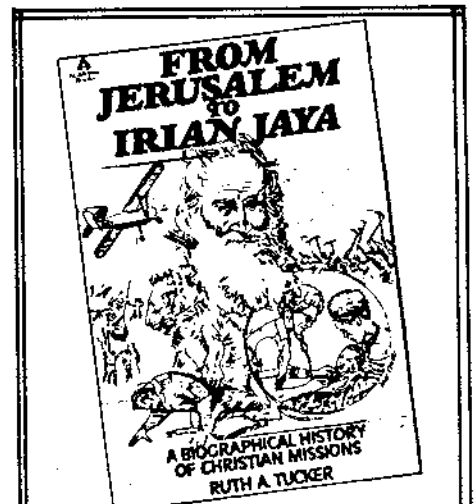
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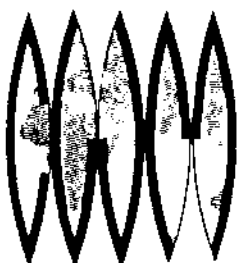
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