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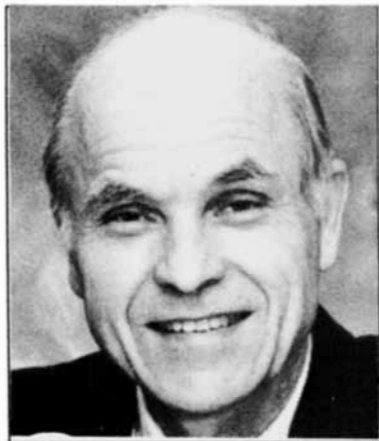
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Editorial

August, 1986



Dear Friends,

Is 1986 going to be a worldwide THRESHOLD year highlighting a groundswell of advance toward the year 2,000?

I think so. Two issues back, I actually listed on two pages 110 key events leading right down to the year 2,000. Since then, many have told me it is a mind and heart expanding list. (If you missed it, write me for a copy.)

Yes, I think we are nearing the End of History, and that this is a unique THRESHOLD YEAR, just like 1886 was. Note these key meetings:)

1. In Sept., some 400 executives of the two largest mission associations in the world will meet at the Navigator headquarters in Colorado Springs: the IFMA on the 15th-18th and the EFMA, the 22-25th.
2. Sandwiched between (on the 19th) will be a "huddle" of key leaders discussing "how to define goals for the year 2,000!"
3. Then Oct. 6th will be the momentous Fourth Triennial Convention of the Asia Missions Association, held both on our campus (and at the City Convention Center here in Pasadena) bringing non-western mission executives from Africa and Latin America as well as Asia. An historic first. What a profoundly significant force is this group of godly men!
4. I just got back a week ago from a key conference at the site of D. L. Moody's birth in Western Massachusetts (see story across the page). Amazing! That is the very place where an earlier THRESHOLD event took place a hundred years ago, ushering into being the greatest single push forward in worldwide outreach that has ever occurred. Three other conferences this year have already celebrated the initial thrust back in 1886 of what became the Student Volunteer Movement.

This year, 1986, is not "culminating" anything special. We are simply at the doorstep—THE THRESHOLD—of great new strides forward, this time in every part of the globe. We are just awakening. Wheaton College has never had so large a Sunday night mission prayer meeting (300 to 500 students). In cautious New England, Congress '87 next January now has one entire "track" on the subject of missions—this is the huge annual meeting of evangelical forces in the New England area. In previous issues we have described the explosive new, specifically MISSIONS interest among Christians all down through Latin America.

On and on. What will it take to awaken you, dear reader, to the fact that we are nearing the End of History, and we had better be busy about our Father's business, not ours? "Look up, for your redemption draws nigh (Luke 21:28)."

Warmly yours,

Ralph D. Winter

P.S. Do pray about our new "Last \$1000" campaign AND our dire, immediate need for Oct. 1st. We are way behind!



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Groundswell Toward A.D. 2000

—Ralph D. Winter

The Students are Coming!

Tragically, very few ordinary Bible-believing Christians have had the chance to become aware of the fact that the world is coming to an end, right before our eyes. This year, 1986, is a THRESHOLD year! Here are some of the evidences. (Watch the students!)

A few days ago (August 27-Sept 1) the *fourth* conference this year was held commemorating a crucial turning point in student life exactly 100 years earlier—the Student Volunteer Movement.

In a rare convergence, the speakers at Mt. Hermon, Massachusetts were the heads of the three largest nationwide student organizations: Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (Gordon MacDonald), Campus Crusade (Bill Bright), and the Navigators (Jerry White). What an awesome thing to stand where D. L. Moody stood 100 years earlier!

Besides White, Bright, and MacDonald, student mission activists from all over the country were also present. Here are some of their amazing activities:

Caleb Project is coordinating three teams of students "on their way to the field" who will criss-cross the country in the coming academic year in three vans. They expect to hold over 300 meetings and present their message to 30,000.

Nine Annual "Regionals" in the next academic year will bring possibly 5,000 students together in area-wide mission conferences.

"Perspectives" Courses in 84 locations will offer mission vision to over 2,000 students—occupying about 200 hours of time per student, and making a permanent, life-changing impression. (See page 16 for locations.)

Amsterdam—Again!

Christianity Today, September 5th, gives cover-story attention to the phenomenal Amsterdam '86 gathering (see *Mission Frontiers*, July cover).

CT's Ron Lee does a good job. The article covers many aspects of the world situation with regard to national workers—not only evangelists, but missionaries as well! Extensive discussions with key nationals make Lee's story sparkle.

What a meeting! What a world movement—the cause of Christ!

Missions and Silicon Valley

We may often assume that the world is always ahead of Christians in technical areas. Not right now!

What? Missionaries getting out ahead of "the world's" technology? It's true! Some of the things happening right here on our campus are at the very forefront (even ahead of) everyone else in the science of computer mapping.

We have sometimes boasted that our cinema group possesses the world's most sophisticated film dubbing laboratory *owned by Christians*. But that claim still acknowledges the existence of other, more elaborate labs owned by non-Christians.

Right now, however, nothing in the world tops the breakthroughs resulting from the fertile collaboration here between the USCWM's Computer Center, the Dataserve technical staff (and their compatriots up in Silicon Valley), and the hard-driving bunch clustered around Bob Waymire, a global missionary statesman/diplomat carrying the ball for his remarkable Global Mapping Project.

Talk About "Collaboration"!

It's beautiful. These folks also work with MARC/World Vision, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Gospel Recordings (most detailed files of all), Patrick Johnstone in London, David Barrett of *World Christian Encyclopedia* fame, as well as with some 40 other autonomous corporations located right here on this relatively small (35-acre) college campus.

So? It is none too soon. **THE STUDENTS ARE COMING.** All these facts and figures are being brought together to pierce the darkness with a blaze of light revealing the details of the unfinished task—just in time so that thousands of young people worldwide who are just now before our eyes rising like a massive groundswell can GET THERE, and do the right thing!

75 Million Hear of the Unreached?

The *Global Prayer Digest* is now being read over the air many times each day on each of 130 radio stations. We are told that the potential listening audience of these stations is 75 million. The stations do not charge us for this wonderful service, but it does cost us something to send out the recordings each month. Even if the actual listenership is only 1 per 1,000, it still means an amazing 75,000 people are hearing the *Global Prayer Digest* each day!

Why Research, Anyway?

—John Holzmann—

Bob Waymire, author of this month's cover feature, says, "an effective means for gathering, managing and communicating information is a *pre-requisite to finishing the task*!" Yet hearing about a massive Global Mapping Project with Global Research Databases and Global Research Networks leaves me—and, I imagine, many other people—out in the cold.

We have a difficult time getting excited about "standardization of information storage procedures" and about "master indexes" and "software." We're tempted to throw our hands up in disgust and shoot back as many big words as we can in reply:

"So what if you are now able to use PCs and minicomputers to produce maps and graphs that show the 'status' and 'dynamic' of 'harvest fields and forces' the world over? What *difference* does it make?"

But once we've waded past the jargon, is there something of value to mission research?

I had the privilege not so long ago to spend almost three hours with Mr. Waymire. I asked him some of these questions.

"In my experience," he said, "on a denominational or regional basis, the church is very seldom reaching its full potential for making new disciples. The problem is, it doesn't know itself and it doesn't know its context.

"You don't dig potatoes with a combine. Certain types of farm machinery are more useful when reaping different types of crops. So, too, with the church. Certain parts of the church have more effective ministries within certain parts of the harvest field.

"The church needs to have an accurate picture of itself. It needs to know what kind of 'machine' it is. Sadly, too often it doesn't."

Waymire said mission research is designed to help churches and mission agencies discover who they are, what

they are, and how they can be most effective where they are.

Besides the agricultural analogy, Waymire suggested mission research is similar to military intelligence. "In the military, you need to identify your enemy," he said. "You need to know who he is, where his strengths are, what his plans are, what his successes and weaknesses are"

"Suppose we know there's a 'national' church somewhere. It's one thing to say there's a church in the people, but who are the people in the church?"

"You also have to know yourself. You need to know your identity—why you exist, what makes you distinctive, what makes you worth fighting for; and you need to know your status, your condition—how many tanks, soldiers, weapons, supply lines, etc. you have, and where they are.

"Mission researchers are trying to do something similar for the church. We're trying to get an accurate picture of the "armed forces" so that we can show the church where the needs are.

"And then—realizing that the resources for the battle are in the churches at home (they're the ones who are providing the personnel and the ammunition and all of the resources for the war)—we pay just as much attention to our resources as we do to our direct ministries.

"So, besides studying the harvest

fields and the front-line harvest forces, we're also trying to get an accurate picture of the churches 'back home' to know what the potential resources are and where they're located."

Mission researchers are asking questions and are helping churches, mission agencies, and missionaries to ask similar questions of themselves.

Some of the questions: Where are the people groups? What identifies them as a people group? What are their distinctives? What tools can we use to help preach the Gospel among them? What are some of the redemptive analogies (like Richardson's "Peace Child") we might use?

And concerning the churches and missions: Who are they? Where are they? Are their ministries growing? Declining? Standing still? How does their growth compare with that of others in similar circumstances? How does it compare with growth at other times? What factors contribute to the similarities and differences?

Barbara Brown of the Institute of Tribal Studies recently remarked, "Most of the listings of unreached peoples in the *Unreached Peoples* series put out by MARC (Missions Advanced Research and Communication, a division of World Vision International) have a validity factor of '1.' That means, basically, all we know is the name of the group and where they are supposed to be located. You can't make plans to send missionaries into an area based solely on that kind of information."

Waymire put it more forcefully. "Suppose we know there's a 'national' church somewhere. Who are the nationals in the church? Upper class? Lower class? Middle class? Which working class is it? Which tribes? Which languages? What's their religious heritage? Who are you reaching in that society?"

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AGENCIES

High-Tech Research for Missions

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If it is to be most effective and realize its full potential, every segment and organism of the Body of Christ needs to have accurate, up-to-date, relevant information pertinent to its area of ministry.

Without this kind of information:

—the church will fail to go into some harvest fields, and will come empty-handed out of others.

—we will not be able to correctly identify people groups, or understand them well enough to effectively evangelize them.

—we won't be able to evaluate the true effectiveness—or lack of effectiveness—of our methodologies.

—the "people in the pew" of the local churches won't have a realistic picture of what's going on in the world, and therefore won't be able to respond in the most meaningful way.

—we won't be able to adequately train workers, or know what languages to learn, or where the needs are, or how best to fill those needs.

—we won't design the innovative methods we need to reach the current and future generations. The list is almost endless.

Without the right information, in the right form, at the right place, at the right time, our goals and objectives won't be realistic, our plans and methodologies won't be effective, our allocation of resources won't be wise or adequate, and nor will our evaluations be timely and accurate.

Having an effective means for gathering, managing and communicating information is a prerequisite to "finishing the task."

This is exactly what Ralph Winter had in mind when he established the U.S. Center for World Mission. He wanted a place where several research institutes would congregate, where education and training would take place and be made more relevant in view not only of the overseas experience of the teachers, but in view of their context here among all the research institutes. Winter's idea was that organizations would come and share commonly-needed information with one another, and function in the synergistic manner in which the Lord designed for His Body. The Global Mapping Project (GMP) is one part of the plan. It doesn't have a corner on the information market. It can't do the job alone. But the things it is working on are essential to the completion of the task of world evangelization.

The Global Mapping Project, or GMP, has been located on the USCWM campus for a little over three years now. Its purpose is to bring into operation a worldwide information gathering, processing, and communication system so that the Body of Christ around the world can have the most accurate, up-to-date and understandable picture possible—of itself (the "harvest force"), and of the world's countries, peoples and societies (the "harvest fields").

We are developing four major items toward this end:

1. A computerized mapping system we call "GLOBE." GLOBE consists of computer software and hardware that will allow us to take hold of almost any type of information—about the world as a whole, or about any small part of

it—and display that information in a graphical form. We expect that the production version of GLOBE will be in place by the end of the year. We hope to be able to deliver smaller systems for use on personal computers before mid-1987.

2. Besides GLOBE, we are also developing the Global Research Database (GRDB), a comprehensive library of information that identifies the harvest fields and harvest forces of the world and describes their current status. We have been entering data for some time now, and by the end of the year we hope to have it "on-line," available for use by the people who need it.

3. Next, we are developing several tools and products that will help missionaries, mission agencies, churches—whoever has access to the information we need or who needs the information we have—to manage and communicate that information effectively.

One of the biggest problems we face is how to standardize the way information is stored and communicated in order that it can be shared. Since we're wanting to share this information with Christians worldwide, you can imagine how difficult that is!

The PeoplesFile Index is just one of the information management tools we are developing. It's a master index that shows the "reached" status of many people groups, and is scheduled for publication next month (October).

4. The fourth major project we are involved in is assisting church and mission associations in various countries to establish their own, permanent, national-

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The PeoplesFile II Index: Some First Fruits of Inter-Agency Collaboration

The PeoplesFile II Index a 300-plus page publication (of which a few snippets are reproduced here) will be the first published output from the Global Mapping Project's Global Research Database. It represents a new level of research cooperation between agencies.

To be published this fall, the PeoplesFile is a carefully cross-referenced index to the three most comprehensive listings of peoples and languages in use by mission strategists today: Wycliffe Bible Translators' *Ethnologue*; World Vision's Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center's *Unreached Peoples* files; and Gospel Recordings' *Recorded Language and Dialect* lists.

The exciting stories of the missionaries and researchers who penetrated deserts and jungles, cities and villages, and who traveled vast distances to search out the 8,500 groups, 12,000 primary languages, and 52,000 primary and alternate name listings would fill volumes.

But there is another kind of story behind the compilation of all this research—a story of patient, behind-the-scenes work, of high-technology, of painstaking hand checking of data, and of people and organizations giving up narrow, self-interest in the face of the compelling

challenge of identifying the world's peoples in order that all might be reached.

There is the story of Joe and Barbara Grimes of Wycliffe who have been patiently collecting and comparing information on the languages of the earth in order to be as certain as humanly possible that no group on earth will lack Scriptures in a language they can

There is the story of Bob Waymire who moved his family to Pasadena to found the Global Mapping Project. He has worked patiently behind the scenes for years developing the relationships of trust between mission researchers that permit them to confidently share their hard-won findings.

There are the stories of Ed Dayton,

Sam Wilson, and all of the staff at MARC who have travelled the earth studying the lines along which the peoples of the earth distinguish themselves from one another.

There is the story of Hal Lindstrom and Art Nicolaysen of Data-serve who have burned the midnight oil, puzzling through database architectures, query formulations, and page

definition languages to produce the precise and readable output you see.

These are stories you might hear if you were around the U.S. Center for World Mission for a while and weren't too involved in your own behind-the-scenes work. There are many more such stories—stories of behind-the-scenes workers, and of sending churches, supporters, donors, and prayer warriors who make their work possible. We will never know the half of it this side of heaven. Are you playing a part? ■

—Bill Dickson, *Dataserve*

Ethnologue			
Recordings			
Unreached			
BURMA			
Distinct Groups			90
Dialects			94
Unreached Peoples			43
Languages with:			
- Gospel Recordings			45
- Bible or Portion			12
- Need for Translation & Recordings			42
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understand.

There is the story of Allan Starling and his patient language experts at Gospel Recordings who have hand-checked 52,000 entries in order to pair alternate names with their primary language and group names.

There is the story of John Raymond and the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, who cooperated with the U.S. Center for World Mission's Computer Center to purchase the database computers which allow the data to be quickly searched, cross-checked, and compared.

ABA see AVA in BRAZIL
 ABAB - INDONESIA
 ABAB see PANJABI, EASTERN in INDIA
 ABACA see ILONGOT in PHILIPPINES
 ABACAMA see BACHAMA in NIGERIA
 ABACHA see BASSA-KWOMU in NIGERIA
 ABADEKH see ADYGEY in USSR
 ABADI see AWADHI in INDIA
 ABADI see KAMBARI, KAKIHM-IBETO-SALKA in NIGERIA
 ABADZEX see ADYGEY in USSR
 ABAGA - P.N.G.
 ABAI SUNGAI - MALAYSIA
 ABAKA see ILONGOT in PHILIPPINES
 ABAKAN see KPAN in NIGERIA
 ABAKAN TATAR see KHAKAS in USSR
 ABAKAY SPANISH see
 DAWAWENO ZAMBOANGUENO in PHILIPPINES
 ABAKNON see SAMA, ABAKNON in PHILIPPINES
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 ABAKQUM see KWAKUM in CAMEROON
 ABAKPA see EJAGHAM in NIGERIA
 ABAKWARIGA see HAUSA in NIGERIA
 ABALETTI see YELE in P.N.G.
 ABANLIKU see OBANLIKU in NIGERIA
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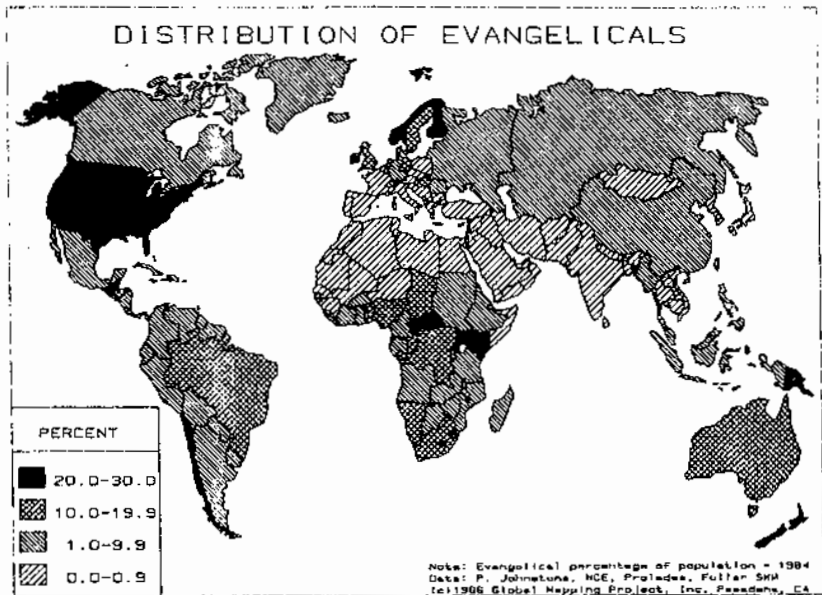
level research structures and programs. We are already involved with several countries; most notable are India, Nigeria, Singapore, Indonesia, and South Africa.

We recently made a proposal that solicited the cooperation of several organizations to assist us in seeing that these strategic research functions are established the world over. We've had an excellent response.

Successful world evangelization will only be accomplished by a Body ministry—the Body of Christ functioning as intended. One fundamental way for the Body to work together is by holding and working towards common goals. This, in turn, requires having common information. We can have unity in diversity if we are functioning from the same knowledge base—a knowledge base that includes the Word of God and the “world” God has created.

Facts are objective and bring us into accountability. This is what the Church needs today, especially in the West where it is so complacent, materialistic and secularized: it needs to become responsible and accountable. But it needs the facts—clear and simple.

Patrick Johnstone with his *Operation World*, MARC with its *Unreached Peoples* volumes, Joe and



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Barbara Grimes with their *Ethnologue*, David Barrett with his *World Christian Encyclopedia*, and many others—they are all in the business of getting the facts out in front of Christian people and organizations with the purpose in mind that they will be acted upon to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

All of these publications are helpful instruments. Global Mapping is pulling them all together in the Global Research Database, synthesizing the information, and bringing in other contemporary information from a wide variety of sources. Finally, we are making it possible to get a graphic view—of either the details or a summary—using computerized mapping and graphics.

Information from the Global Research Database will be available for access by telephone lines and modem. It will be available on floppy disk, magnetic tape, and in printed reports. Though we are not yet into the production mode—that should come early next year—we are already producing a limited number of multi-colored maps on paper and on overhead transparency materials. When we get going, maps will also be transferred over the phone or using floppy disks or

What's Unique About the GMP?

Several agencies, groups, and individuals are involved in mission research.

So what does the Global Mapping Project add that these other groups do not already have?

—A unified database (an information bank with data from many sources) that can be updated on an on-going basis. The information you want will always be the latest available.

—Instant accessibility. No matter

where you are in the world, the data can be at your fingertips in a moment.

—The ability, through networking, to share data back and forth rapidly and efficiently. If information is not already in the Global Database, it may be obtainable directly from the research organization closest to the source.

—Technical assistance for those who are starting their own research organizations.

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tapes. We have only a development-level staff at this point. However, when all the systems get fully operational, most of the information will be available with minimum manpower requirements on our part.

One of our primary means for communication in the not-so-distant future is what we are calling the Global Research Network (GRN). Many organizations already share information with others. This process will be improved when the GRN is fully operational. At that time our Global Research Database will be one among many significant databases all linked together and accessible to Network members.

Frank Gray of FEBC Manila and Coordinator of LCWE's Radio Church Planting Committee, is steward over a global Christian radio database. Youth for Christ International has embarked on

a global research effort on youth. This will be a very significant database. Youth With A Mission (YWAM) has a global research project, "Project 223." Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), has a global aviation database. Joe and Barbara Grimes of Wycliffe/Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) are continually updating the Ethnologue.

With appropriate security precautions applied, we would like to see these and other databases all networked together. It is through this kind of networking that the information from the national research organizations will flow most easily into the other databases and vice versa. Networking plays a key role in all that we are doing.

Something we find ourselves always needing to reemphasize and clarify is that *one of our primary objectives is to make our tools available to others so*

that they then can produce the materials and products they need on their own.

Our emphasis is on equipping the nationals. We want to enable them to use the information they have to its fullest potential—whether the information is their own, or whether it has been obtained from the Global Research Database, or from other databases in the network.

Everything we are designing and producing is being designed and produced with national churches, mission agencies, missionaries and local churches in mind. That means we actually have two groups in mind—people with micro or personal computers, and people with mainframes and minis.

The Global Database brings together the entire global picture. When you're dealing with that quantity of information you are talking about using mini-computers and mainframes.

The heart of world evangelization, however, is at the local and national levels; that is where the information exists and that is where it needs to be applied. Therefore, we feel it is important for us to help the people at these levels to be able to take advantage of the same powerful tools available to people with larger computers. That is why we are developing the same tools for use on PCs as well as larger systems. The PCs will be able to do the same things the bigger computers can do, only on a smaller scale; they won't be able to handle as much data at the same time.

In a nutshell, then, it is all the Body of Christ worldwide that potentially benefits from our work. The information that is gathered on the local level will be funneled to all the other levels—regional, continental, global, whoever needs it—in order to provide as detailed or as broad a picture as needed by those who are involved in planning or working out strategies and ministries. ■

How the GMP Will Make Mission Research More Understandable

Bob Waymire says that information collected by mission researchers will become more understandable once the Mapping Project is fully functional because, "besides merely having columns of numbers, now people will be able to see those numbers in graphic form." As manufacturers of digital watches are now discovering, most human beings think analogically (visually), not digitally (conceptually). We respond much better to pictures than we do to numbers. We "understand" pictures better.

"Rather than looking at a piece of paper and seeing columns of figures: how many churches they have this year, how many churches they had last year, and how many they had five years ago; now they will have it all graphed

out—in forms where it's very, very easy to make associations and comparisons—much easier than with mere columns of figures.

"And not only will they be able to see themselves by themselves, but they will be able to see themselves in the context of the rest of the body of Christ in that nation, or the rest of the body of Christ in the world. They'll be able to compare their current growth rate with their growth rate at other times, or with the growth rate of other groups in other harvests."

The advantage of having all of this information on computer, of course, is that any number of these comparisons, maps, charts and graphs can be created almost instantaneously.

—John Holzmann

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Mission Frontiers asked Waymire what needs Global Mapping Project has at the current time. He said, "Very seriously, our primary need is prayer—prayer to defeat the Enemy who has attacked us in every phase and aspect of the project. We also solicit prayer that we will have the Lord's wisdom on a continuous basis in these crucial days. It seems that the final period of 'gestation' and the period of birth are the hardest.

"I feel a very deep need for prayer—for myself, for each of the staff and their families, others that are working on the project at other locations, such as the men in Silicon Valley that have been developing GLOBE, the mapping system; also for the members of our Board of Directors, and for Dataserve here at the Center, the ones who are doing the programming for the Global Research Database.

"Another great need is for personnel. We are beginning to make the transition in several areas from development to production, and we need to have several new staff. (See list at right.)

"Then we need finances. We are totally dependent upon gifts and donations for our general and personal support. We have no source of guaranteed income but the promise of our Lord that He will meet all our needs. I would like to add, that God has miraculously met all of our needs to date, for which we give Him praise.

"At the same time, several members of our staff have personal support needs right now, and we are currently in need of funds to purchase three pieces of production mapping and database equipment, that will cost close to \$17,000. Besides these things, we are also in need of funds for our general budget."

Global Mapping Project, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible.



The Global Mapping Project currently combines the skills of personnel in the Pasadena home office (pictured), along with programmers from Dataserve, another USCWM member agency, and independent computer consultants in northern California. Many more technical staff members are being sought.

Global Mapping Project Personnel Needs

1) An experienced programmer who can work on the mapping system and database. He (or she) will work with a 68000 based system, and with PC's in "C," Unix, and MS-DOS. May need to travel overseas at times.

2) Two research associates who can help coordinate and carry forth research in several categories and areas of the world. Perhaps one or both of these could be missionaries with field experience that could be loaned or seconded by their agency(ies).

3) Another cartographer,

preferably one who has computer cartographic experience or who is at least computer literate.

4) Data processing personnel. (Two, minimum.)

5) A database manager.

6) An administrative person to work in the areas of personnel recruiting and fund raising.

7) A computer hardware person, for computer maintenance. Prefer someone who can do minimal programming, and who is willing to travel (to assist setting up systems in other countries/ areas).

Moving Forward

THE "LAST \$1000" PLAN

Responses from Last Month

I was horrified that only 100 of us pledged [in June] to send in the last \$1000—so this is to the 8000 Squirrels who say they want USCWM to float. As Chief Squirrel at my house (I'm a widow), I figured God doesn't think I need anything til I've used what I have squirreled away. Then I am sure he will do his part to give me what I have need of. I also like II Cor. 9:8. (I also believe it.)

... Enclosed: my pledge from last month.

—Clearlake, CA

My wife and I are very excited about this idea of the "Last \$1000." We worked at the Center for 3 months, with the MMAP program . . . This experience has had a big influence in our lives. We are enclosing our check, and encouraging friends to consider joining with us.

—Everett, WA

The May edition of *Mission Frontiers*, which I received in late June, contained details of the "Last Thousand Dollars" Plan, which is quite similar to what I would have suggested, but far more creative than what I would have been able to conceive. As apparently do many of your supporters, I believe it is time to put the indebtedness behind you, burn the mortgage, and get on with the true work of your organization, rather than being bogged down with the quarterly scramble for funds. Accordingly, I will be an enthusiastic supporter of your campaign.

—Guilford, IN

Thank you for your commitment to this ministry. For some time the Lord has been gently nudging at me in the area of my commitment, especially with regards to giving. After reading the "open letter" in the last MF, the Lord seemed to confirm that He wanted us to be involved in the "Last Thousand Dollar" campaign as well. It's a step of faith and a step of obedience . . . Starting from July and giving to November we will be giving \$200/month to reach

\$1000 . . . It's exciting . . . As we made the decision, God began to provide and has already more than made up the difference for July. Praise Him!

—Pasadena, CA

God sent exactly \$1000 my way unexpectedly. So, I'm delighted to send it as one of the "Last \$1000" for the Center. My prayers accompany it.

—Cambridge, MN

God has laid on our hearts to use \$1000 of our savings to invest through you for eternity. May God greatly glorify Himself and the Great Commission be accelerated in its completion because of your work.

—Eau Claire, WI

We concur that God has and is directing the procurement of the Pasadena facility for His final (?) thrust to reach His world. Although we are in full-time work with InterVarsity and live on faith pledges of others, God has never left or forsaken us financially (or otherwise). We believe He will not do so now either. We've decided to take this amount at the beginning of the month (the only time we ever have so much!) and trust God for His care. Actually there seems no risk—we have seen this repeatedly in our personal lives and know the history of USCWM is our story (HIS story) writ large. We affirm your ministry, emulate your commitment, and share your love of Him, and His people, especially those who don't know their loving and precious Father yet.

—University City, MO

I think this plan is the most likely to succeed. It has a strong appeal. So much so that when I recommended to our Missions Committee that we send \$4,000, they increased it to \$8,000 and the Session approved without a dissenting vote.

We pray that the response will enable you to pay off the campus and get on with the mission. I think God has put you through the fiery trials long enough.

—Glendale, CA

THE "LAST \$1000" PLAN

Dear Friends of the "Last \$1000" Campaign,
 Aren't the responses we've gotten *encouraging*?

We do want to sincerely thank those who have responded in these past few months, helping us to get the campaign off the ground. The future of the "Last \$1000" campaign really looks bright. Next month in *Mission Frontiers* we plan to *officially* launch the campaign, having set policies, opened our escrow account (and our own P.O. Box), and gotten some much-needed help from our new campaign manager, Alan Bergstedt, who was (for ten years) the Vice President of Finance for World Vision. We're very privileged to have him!

SO, next month we'll introduce you to Alan, catch you up on the current status of \$1000 pledges and gifts, review for you all of the wonderful things the Lord has done with the Center since its founding, and show you some of our dreams and hopes for the future—*once the property is paid off*.

Until then, THANK YOU and KEEP PRAYING.

The USCWM Staff

The staff member receiving the call responded: "A thousand dollars is a lot of money! Would you give \$1000?"

There was a long pause on the other end of the line. Finally the caller said, "I don't have a lot of money. But even I would give \$1000—if it were the *last* \$1000 and I knew it would complete your payment. I'd gladly do that! I'll bet you could find thousands of people to pledge the last \$1000 . . ."

A thousand dollars *is* a lot of money. But it's also within the range for many people—IF they are sure the property will *finally* be paid off.

So, we're seeking 8,000 pledges of \$1000 each. Some donors have pledged several units at one time while others have banded together with a Bible study or Sunday school class to pledge one unit. Several churches are considering \$5000 pledges in their budgets.

What do you think? If you KNEW that the Center lacked only \$1000 to finish paying for the campus, would you, your church or Bible study be willing to give that \$1000? If you KNEW that it would be returned should we fail to reach our goal, would you be willing to give such a gift by the end of this year?

Please pray about joining the growing group of World Christians who have made their pledges. Let us know of your commitment. Return this response form or call our prayer line any time, day or night, 7 days a week, at (818) 797-1111.

The "Last \$1000" Plan:
 A Summary

One day a friend of the Center called and said: "Why not try to find 8,000 gifts of \$1000 each, and be *done with your property payments*?"

I'd like to participate in the "Last \$1000" Campaign!

Enclosed, please find my check for ____ "Last \$1000" units to *finish paying for the campus*.

I will give ____ "Last \$1000" units by _____.

I will try to find ____ "Last \$1000" units.

I will talk to my church leadership about my church's participation.

I will keep this campaign in my prayers.

Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: H (____) _____ W (____) _____

Send to: "Last \$1000" Campaign, PO Box 51000, Pasadena, CA 91105.

Money sent toward the "Last \$1000" campaign will be placed in a special escrow account, to be used only when the full amount needed to pay off the campus comes in. If we fail to acquire all the necessary funds, you will receive your money back.

CHURCHES

Achieving a Mission Mind-Set

GRACE CHAPEL, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

—Paul Borthwick—

Since Grace Chapel was formed 30 years ago, missionary outreach has been one of its top priorities. In the earliest days, seminary students from Gordon Divinity School (now Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary) were involved in leadership and brought with them a vision for missions. The founding laity were also very mission-minded.

Now, several pastors, new buildings, and staff members later, Grace Chapel's mission mind-set continues unabated. The church has over 800 members, a mission budget in excess of \$600,000 (about one-third of the church's total) and a missionary family that includes over 100 people in thirty countries.

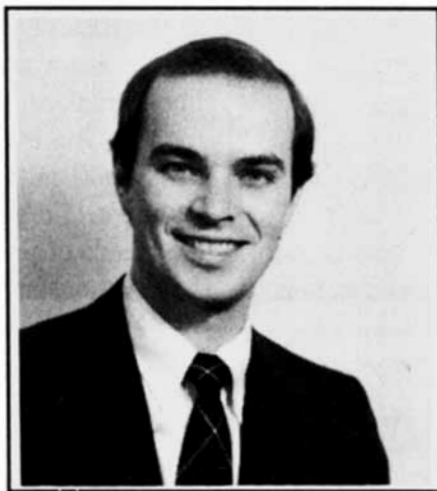
Paul Borthwick, former youth director and recently-appointed minister of missions, assesses the situation.

People ask me what has helped to maintain the church's ongoing mission emphasis. I'd say, first and foremost, our lay people have 'owned' missions.

It has not been a matter of a few "mission-minded" staff members or the senior pastor only. It has been a vision that grew out of people's concern and convictions. Giving and participating in missions has come much easier as a result.

Secondly, we are seeking to "grow our own" missionaries. Other churches like Briarwood Presbyterian (see *Mission Frontiers*, January 1986, p. 18) and Los Gatos Christian have convinced us that we need to be more aggressive in sending our own people.

Since 1978, over 400 young people and adults have gotten first-hand exposure to cross-cultural ministry through one- to three-week work teams. Another 20 or more have gone out on short-term assignments, and five people from our congregation have been sent out to Europe, Asia, and Africa. With 22 people responding to the missionary call at a recent conference and another dozen or more who are presently preparing to



Paul Borthwick, Minister of Missions,
Grace Chapel

serve, we are excited about this "home-grown" emphasis.

A third item that has greatly benefited our missions program is *integration*. *Mission involvement is not reserved for those few who are thinking about people "over there," but for everyone.*

Our Christian Education director, Steve Macchia, for example, has pushed us to provide better and better programs for mission education. The result is a mission-aware Sunday school, from children to adults.

Mary Ann Michener, who directs our urban ministries, has given people great experience in the mission work at our doorstep. Involvement there has helped people grow in their cross-cultural awareness as well as personal participation.

Finally, we have always been aware of Jesus' statement "from him to whom much has been given will much be required." *We realize that God has entrusted us with great resources—especially in comparison to our brothers and sisters in other urban areas around the world. As a result, we see it as our job to utilize these resources—people, possessions, and finances—to the maximum benefit of others as well as ourselves.*

Thus, we devote monies and people to encourage churches and ministries in New England, in the urban setting of Boston, and around the world.

Since 1983, the Summer Teams that we coordinate have included adults and youth. This summer, over 100 people will go out—one junior high team, five high school teams, a college team, and three adult groups. A highlight this summer was a special partnership team planned with a predominantly black church with which we have a growing "sister" relationship. Eight young people from Twelfth Baptist Church in Boston, plus five from Grace went to Haiti to build two schoolhouses for a ministry there.

Our mission ministry is far from perfect. There are many areas where we are really falling short, with the greatest being the dissemination of information to our people. The bigger the church becomes and the bigger the missions program is, the more difficult it is to get the information to parishioners on how they can give, pray, and be involved.

We also need to work on our financial and pastoral support of our missionary family. Our home-grown missionaries are dependent on us for a large percentage of their support, and we are always trying to increase this. In addition, pastoral support for our missions family—letters, gifts, hospitality when they are home—has pockets of success stories, but it is much too sporadic. Our missionaries need church support that they can count on for encouragement and prayer.

The international community of Boston, with over 30,000 resettled Haitians, 14,000 international students, and a host of other ethnic groups, is another great concern. I'm thrilled at our people's desire to reach out, but we must work harder to give them the training they need to be effective cross-cultural missionaries in their own communities, based out of their own homes. ■

Keeping Close to Your Missionaries

GRACE CHAPEL, LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Missionaries who have been overseas say that mail comes regularly for the first six months or so but then begins to drop off dramatically. This lapse is not only discouraging, it causes many to wonder about their prayer support.

Grace Chapel has an effective program to encourage its members to get to know and to write to their missionaries . . .

—Dorothy Klinefelter—

In the back of Grace Chapel, several brightly-colored paper folders are spread out on a table. Each one has a missionary's or missionary family's name printed in bold type across the cover.

The folder I have is for Ernie and Mary Hickman in Spain. A pocket on the inside of the cover contains recent letters the Hickmans have sent. On the right, a plastic-jacketed sheet of black paper sets off pictures of the Hickmans as well as an information sheet with their address, birthdays, and a brief summary of their ministry.

Turn the page and the back side gives a more detailed account of the Hickman's ministry as well as some quotes, something of the history of their mission in that location, development of the ministry so far, background information, as well as plans for the future.

A second plastic-jacketed sheet has a

(hand-drawn) map of Spain, basic statistics (area, population, peoples, religions, etc.—information found in Johnstone's *Operation World*), and a series of prayer requests for the country.

The back of the sheet has a day-by-day prayer guide. Prayer suggestions include spiritual, physical, and emotional needs as well as praise items.

In the back pocket there is a pre-addressed aerogram letter all ready to go. All it needs is something in it. A letter. Something from you or me . . . or from whoever will take the few minutes it takes to let the Hickmans know we're thinking of them.

Want to write but don't know how? There are even some suggestions on how to write your letter. It doesn't have to be fancy. Missionaries even like to hear about such mundane things as the weather back home. —It's nice to know there is a home!

"Please return this package upon your arrival at Grace Chapel next

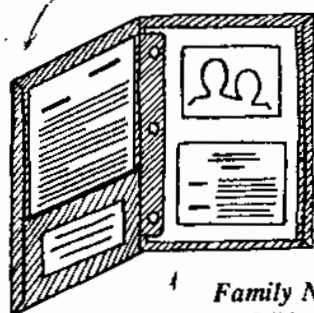
Sunday morning," the instructions conclude. And "remember to pick up a different package before you leave on the same morning."

A 3-by-5 card, much like a standard library card has space for the date, and the name and phone number of the person who has checked out the folder.

Total cost for the packet? Less than \$2. Putting them together doesn't have to be difficult. Sunday School classes could help draw the maps, look up statistics, and put the folders together. Information is readily available not only from the missionaries, but from MARC's *Unreached Peoples* books and Patrick Johnstone's *Operation World* (new edition available next month through *Mission Frontiers*—look for it on the back cover).

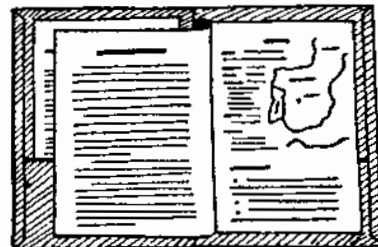
We think this is a wonderful idea for the missionaries who receive the letters and those who get to write them . . . —an inspiration to pray and to enjoy rich friendship. ■

*This couple's
prayer letters*



*Family Names
and Birthdays*

Their ministry explained

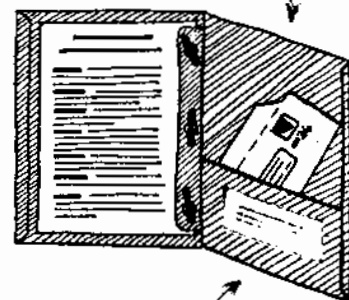


*Map, and facts about their
country (or people group).*

Day-by-day

*Prayer
Suggestions*

Blank, addressed aerogram.



Instructions for letter-writing.

God Calls You to Prayer

Chapter 1 of *Touch the World Through Prayer*

—Wesley Duewel

Can you believe it? Even before it went to press, 70,000 copies of this truly remarkable book were bought by a number of mission agencies (including the USCWM). That dramatically lowered the price. While they last, people will be buying extra copies for friends, especially at this very low price! (See the order page.) Like Andrew Murray, the famous devotional writer of almost a century ago, Wesley Duewel is a missionary statesman. His book is written out of years of first hand experience in intercessory prayer. Taste the first chapter here!

God has a wonderful plan by which you can have world-wide influence. This plan is not just for a chosen few. It is for you. Let me tell you about it.

Through prayer you can stand beside Billy Graham as he preaches in crusades anywhere in the world. You can strengthen him, bless him, lift him up at the very moment he is bringing the Good News to thousands. Through prayer you can stand beside Luis Palau in his Latin American crusades. Through prayer you can stand beside George Beverly Shea as he sings the glorious gospel.

Through prayer you can accompany any missionary to remote reaches of the earth. Through prayer you can walk through crowded bazaars, minister in steaming jungles, feed millions of starving men, women, and children, hungry for bread for their bodies and for the Bread of Life.

Through prayer you can contribute to the ministry of any pastor or evangelist in a church or gospel hall anywhere in the world. Many a time I have felt that through prayer I was at the side of some man or woman of God.

Through prayer you can take a suffering infant in your arms. Through prayer you can touch a fevered brow in any hospital, mediating the healing love of Jesus.

God has given you a way to make your presence count, a way to be a true partner in His kingdom's work, if you really want to be.

True, there have been outstanding praying saints over the centuries. By no means do we forget them or the tremendous history-changing role they played through prayer. Thank God for James, the half-brother of Jesus, who spent the latter years of his life praying for the churches God was raising up. When he died and his body was prepared for burial, it was found that his knees were so calloused from hours and hours of kneeling that they almost resembled the knees of a camel. He became known as "Camel-knees." Thank God for Savonarola in fifteenth-century Italy, who prayed down revival in that corrupt age. Thank God for Brainerd, missionary to the American Indians, and his life of prayer and tears. Thank God for "Praying Hyde," the missionary to India, who was perhaps the greatest prayer warrior of this century.

But God does not depend solely on a few staunch

saints. He has planned for ordinary Christians like you and me to become mighty in prayer for the blessing and salvation of people and the reaping of Christ's harvest among the nations today.

There is no reason in the world why you cannot become so steadfast in your personal prayer life that Christ will count on you to help build His church and advance His kingdom in many parts of the world. Beginning with your family, your church, and your community, you can play a significant part through normal daily prayer that will make a difference, even in distant lands.

Again and again God has used persons like you and me to help Him meet special emergency prayer needs on a particular day or occasion. When He calls on someone for this special and temporary role, He usually selects one of His children who has been praying faithfully and consistently.

You don't have to spend hours each day to qualify for God's prayer army. Thank God for those who can and do pray like that. But He knows the limitations of your own situation, your schedule, your home and employment responsibilities. His plan is intended to add a whole new dimension to your prayer life. Whether you are a business executive or a housewife, a factory worker or a student, a layman or a minister of the gospel—God desires for you to begin a thrillingly new and more effective life of prayer.

I do not claim to have a magic formula to transform you into a spiritual giant overnight. But I do want to point out the possibilities of this simple plan as outlined in the Bible. You can have new power and effectiveness in prayer. You can play a significant part in Christ's plan. You can be the praying person God wants you to be—you can, if you will. Will you try?

God's Wonderful Plan for You

God has great expectations for you and me. He has every right. The average person has more ability to influence others today than ever before. This is especially true for Christians. Billy Graham has said he would rather be alive today than to have lived when Jesus was on earth. I fully agree. The average Christian can have a

greater influence for God than the average Christian of any previous generation.

This is an exciting time in our history. More believers are living today than at any other time. Christ's church has spread into more areas of the world, praises God each week in more languages, and is witnessing to or is in contact with more people than ever before. There are more gospel workers, more local churches, more Bible training institutions, more Christian organizations, and more missionary societies.

Through the tremendous media of radio, television, and literature we have the facilities to speed up God's work beyond anything we have yet known. We can reach the farthest nations more quickly, we can present the gospel in more languages, and we have the means to recruit and guide prayer for the whole world more efficiently. We can reach our world, if we will. The greatest lack today is not people or funds. The greatest need is prayer. Without increasing the number of Christian workers or their financial support, we could see multiplied results if we would only multiply prayer.

Prayer is the greatest resource of the church. It is the

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most effective means of preparing the way of the Lord available to us as Christians today. You yourself can influence more people for God and have a greater role in advancing Christ's cause by prayer than in any other way. It is not the *only* thing you must do, but it is the *greatest* thing you can do. It has often been said,

The Devil trembles when he sees
God's weakest child upon his knees.

If that is true, think what could happen if every Christian really took his prayer role seriously and began to pray regularly and specifically, uniting with thousands or millions of others, all praying for the same priority needs around the world. Are you willing to be a part of such a prayer army?

The Urgency of Your Prayer Now

God's timetable of the ages may be rapidly nearing the countdown toward Christ's return. God's great plan, for which He created the world and man, has been delayed and frustrated by the long reign of sin and Satan since Adam's fall. But according to the Bible, the delay of Christ's return is not so much because God is patiently waiting for the world to repent as because He is patiently

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waiting for us to lead them to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). This is further emphasized by the fact that, of all the conditions and signs that must precede Christ's coming, perhaps only one remains to be fulfilled: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt. 24:14).

We do not know what in God's view constitutes adequate witness to the comparatively unreached nations, but by means of radio we are today able to beam the gospel message to practically every corner of the earth. Millions unreached by resident missionaries have access to the gospel through missionary radio. Virtually every province and village in China has been covered in this way. Millions of others in Russia, Albania, and the Muslim lands are known to be listening to Christian messages, broadcast in their own language or in one that may be understood in part.

It is always far more effective when people can hear the gospel in their mother tongue. Although it has been reliably estimated that 95 percent of the people of the world now have available to them some portion of the Scripture printed in a language known to them, may God speed the efforts of those giving their lives to completing the task of putting Scripture into *all* remaining dialects and languages. In addition, *Gospel Recordings* reports that Christian music has been recorded in more than 4,362 of these dialects and languages.

Delivering the gospel message to every human being is not enough, however. The crucial factor is assuring that the message will be understood and accepted. Prayer is the answer. The Holy Spirit is given as God's people ask (Luke 11:13). Undoubtedly this is not only true when we ask for ourselves, but also when we ask for others. So the effectiveness of present mission efforts depends on our prayer, enabling the Holy Spirit to work in power.

In other words, the key to world evangelization, thus clearing the way for Christ's return, may be your prayer and mine. If the main delaying factor is lack of prayer, do not be surprised if God makes special provision for prayer to be more effective today than ever before.

Say! Are You Missing Something?

Why would over 100 schools be using this text? And why would the demand flow out into all these special extension sites? What is going on?

What is PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT?

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VCR's Provide New Gospel Outlet in USSR

According to reports from ISSACHAR Frontier Mission Research, the Soviet government recently announced its citizens would, for the first time, be permitted to purchase and own video cassette players.

"At the moment," said ISSACHAR founder and president George K. Otis III, "units are available only in limited quantity, and tend to be rather expensive—but they are now legally available."

Otis went on to say, "Whether or not the government fully calculated the potential ramifications of its move, the fact is that it has opened up a significant new avenue for ministry inside the Soviet Union.

"Most Soviet citizenry in European Russia live in large, communal apartment villages housing hundreds of families. Whenever anyone in the 'neighborhood' acquires anything novel (i.e., new technology), it is common knowledge within 48 hours. The owner, like it or not, will command a great deal of attention for many months. Should he be a believer who decides to use his apartment as a 'home theatre' to show Western video programming (in Russian), especially of a 'forbidden' subject (i.e.,

religion), he is sure to attract steady audiences.

"Following the screening of programs dealing with science and the Bible, or the testimonies of famous

Western personalities, living room discussions are sure to delve into life-changing truths. *Several trial runs of this approach have already yielded outstanding results.*"

Delegation Finds Persecution in Nepal

A delegation of British and U.S. officials said it found ample evidence of outright persecution and torture of Christians during its recent six-day investigation inside Nepal.

The team, which included two members of British Parliament and two representatives of U.S. congressional staff, interviewed individuals who have suffered religious rights abuses, attended worship services, and discussed the situation with Nepalese Christian leaders.

Missionaries contacted by Missionary News Service said the report confirmed what they already knew. According to one source, human rights become less important outside the Kathmandu Valley and away from the sizeable foreign population. Apparently most of the abuses are aimed at tribal groups. If complaints are filed against him, a person who leads others to the Lord can receive a six-year sentence—equivalent to the punishment given for manslaughter. People who are baptized can be jailed for one year.

Sponsored by Christian Response International (CRI), the delegation would like to see Nepalese law conform to the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights. Specifically, they are pressing for tolerance and fairness toward Christians. According to CRI Director Rev. Jeff Collins, "It is urgent that Christians throughout the world come immediately to the aid of the persecuted Nepalese believers." he suggested writing letters to the Nepalese ambassador in Washington and praying for religious

freedom in the Hindu country.

But one missionary feels such action could lead to unfortunate consequences for Nepalese believers. "I have very grave doubts that it is the proper response," she said. "In the Asian way, you corner the government and force them to respond." If they react negatively, she said, the government could lash out at believers or restrict foreign visas. "With this kind of reaction, I feel we can hurt the church."

Christians look at Western pressure on their government with mixed feelings. The Nepalese church would like their government to think of Christians as their best citizens, she said. Christians feel "privileged" to suffer for the Lord. In a worship service someone will say, "I have a trial on such and such a day" and people will pray for them. "Sometimes they say they have been acquitted, and there is great rejoicing."

—Missionary News Service

Window Closes in Kuwait

Bureaucrats—10 percent of Kuwait's population—are under fire for working only 56 minutes in a six-hour day. An efficiency drive on government workers threatens the jobs of foreigners, who make up 60 percent of the people in Kuwait. With the end of the oil boom has come calls for greater "Kuwaitization" of the work force.

Palestinians, Iraqis, Egyptians, Iranians, and Asians may be the first to go. The Kuwait News Agency observed that the number of civil servants in most other countries does not exceed 3 percent of the population. —Pulse

Good News from Africa and Mid-East

■ The Liberian government recently announced that knowledge of the Bible is to be taught in all government schools, beginning this year.

■ Seven thousand New Testaments in the Persian common language have been printed in Iran. The Iranian Bible Society in Tehran has begun distribution.

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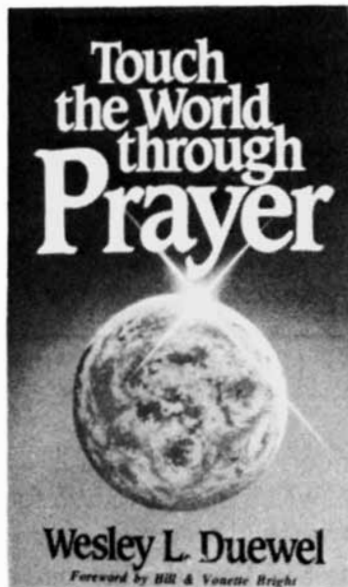
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