

- What will it be like when you see Jesus, face to face? When He says to you, “Well done my good and faithful servant. You invested what I gave you. You were faithful. You obeyed my Word.”
- What will it be like when you are in heaven and you look around and there are thousands with you from the tribe and people you devoted your life to reach?
- What will it be like when one day tens of thousands of Jesus followers have joined together to pray for their nation? When instead of corruption and violence, godly men and women are honoring God and serving their communities with truth and integrity? This is why we continue to serve and to do the hard and messy work of making disciples.

Look for ways to remind people of their *why* and to cast a vision for the transformation of individuals and communities.

This issue of *Mission Frontiers* is about crisis response in fostering movements. God works through times of crisis and often releases new wine and new wineskins. When a crisis is happening in our lives or our nation, we are more open to changing our mindsets and beliefs. The crisis demands it. It forces us to consider

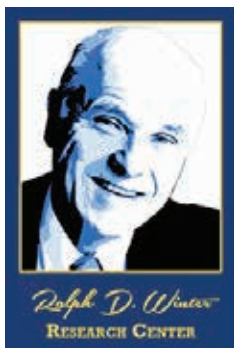
new ways of working and new ways of thinking about our work. We are forced to change and innovate.

When the crisis subsides, it is easy to shift back to old methods and means. We see this with the pandemic. Many churches were unable to meet in buildings or sanctuaries. The church became a church without walls. People met in small groups or online. A major pivot took place for many. After the pandemic, have we retained the lessons learned or continued to utilize the new wineskins? The pull to return to the old is strong within us, especially if only our methods changed but our mindsets remained the same.

Identity and beliefs must change to release and sustain movements.

Interested to consider these mindsets further? I'd love to share a copy of my new book with you. Grab a copy at [www.multipliersmindset.com](http://www.multipliersmindset.com) today, or download a free sample chapter at [www.dmmfrontiermissions.com/multipliers-mindset-sample-chapter](http://www.dmmfrontiermissions.com/multipliers-mindset-sample-chapter).

God has great things ahead for us as we continue to allow His Spirit to shift our thinking. Our identity in Christ comes into alignment and then our actions and outcomes will shift as well. 📖



## Welcome to the Ralph D. Winter Research Center Website

By GREG H. PARSONS

The Ralph D. Winter Research Center has just launched a new website! Check it out at: [rdwrc.wciu.edu](http://rdwrc.wciu.edu). The website is specifically designed for two things:

**First**, we will be a source of *current missiological reflection* to serve both the newest globally interested believers, as well as mission leaders and engaged practitioners around the world.

We are working hard to find or create cutting-edge, frontier-focused reflections to advance the Gospel globally. We also are curating materials posted or published by others. We are excited to point to great resources deemed helpful for mission at the edges



of the Gospel. We are encouraging others to write for our blog or post book briefs, or full book reviews. You can sign up at the website to be notified when we add new posts.

In the process of exploring and seeing how God is working today, we also want to:

**Second**, keep in sight the *lessons the mission movement learned in the past*.

One way the new website does this is through posting a range of ideas and reflections from key mission leaders in the past, such as those by Ralph D. Winter and Donald A. McGavran.

This is an outgrowth of my own experience. I was interested in missions and was helping mobilize at my church while in college back in the 1970s. I had a copy of *Operation World* from 1976 when it was only 208 pages (it is almost 1,000 now!). Later that year, I first heard Ralph Winter speak at a student mobilization event and I was shocked by the information he shared about peoples and places without any Gospel witness!

A few years later, after seminary, I joined the USCWM (now Frontier Ventures). That was 41 years ago. Until his death in 2009, Ralph was part of my daily routine. Most of us on staff saw, and usually heard from him, Monday through Friday in our Bible study and prayer times. When he asked me to become the Director in March 1990, my time with him increased.

But the thing that most staff remember were our weekly meetings, especially the ones each Thursday evening, when Winter would “wrap-up” after missionary speakers would share from a certain part of the world or a particular kind of ministry. His sharing usually did not last more than 10 minutes, but was very insightful. Over the coming months, we are planning on posting as many of those as we can. Right now, you can listen to one of those “wrap-ups,” an audio recording of Ralph’s now-famous plenary address from the Lausanne Congress in 1974 or a video recording of his reflections on Isaiah 49...just to mention a few.

Ralph carefully kept records of his writings, letters, events he attended, and organizations he was tracking. After his death, we found additional materials from the time he and Roberta served in Guatemala. This includes audio recordings from the 1960s. We also were given Donald A. McGavran’s library and the archives from later in his life.

In 2009, with all this information in hand, it was only natural to establish the **Ralph D. Winter Research Center**. It was started to encourage a *creative approach to solving problems with the global spread of the whole Gospel*. That was his focus.

The Research Center includes materials that illustrate and document the thinking that captured a generation of mission leaders. We are regularly adding digitized documents and audio and video recordings to the new website. We have a treasure trove of materials, including:

- Ralph Winter’s archives (165 Bankers Boxes) and 8,500 volume library.
- A portion of Donald A McGavran’s archives (58 Bankers Boxes) and library—about 2,000 books.<sup>1</sup>
- A unique, focused South Asian collection (8,000 volumes) on Christianity and other faiths in that region.
- A specialized missions collection (10,000 volumes).
- Already, we have had researchers visit from the University of Notre Dame, Cambridge University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and from India, Korea, and the U.S.



### Ways you can get involved:

- Visit the site at: [rdwrc.wcu.edu](http://rdwrc.wcu.edu)
- **Sign up** so you can download materials and engage in the discussion on new posts.
- You can **search** all four book collections here: <https://latourette.on.worldcat.org/discovery>.
- **Researchers** can come to see specific books and archives at the Research Center. Write to us through the website to see if your research focus is a fit for us.
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<sup>1</sup> The earlier McGavran materials are at the Wheaton College Archives.