



## Resources for World Mission

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Barrs, Jerram. "Seek Justice: Encourage the Oppressed."

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Gray, Rick. "The Voice of Truth."

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Jennings, Nelson. "The Gospel for All Nations: The Kindness and Severity of God" (Rom. 11:11–24).

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### Sermons and Lectures

Collins, Jack. "A Mission-Minded Church" (Romans 15).

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Dalbey, Mark. "The Multicultural Sending Church" (Acts 13:1–3).

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\_\_\_\_\_. "The Great Samaritan" (Luke 10:25–37).

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\_\_\_\_\_. "Pauline Supernationalism: Knowing Jesus" (Philippians 3:7–11).

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Johnson, Greg. "The God of Personal Peace and Affluence? Questions Raised by the Global Growth of Evangelicalism."

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#### 2005 World Mission Week

**Speaker: Daniel Oh**

1. "First Key to Mobilization of the Church: Old Testament Perspective on God's Passion"

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3. "Third Key to Mobilization of the Church: New Testament Perspective on God's Passion"

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#### 2004 World Mission Week

**Speaker: Oliver Claassen**

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2. "Prayer: The Neglected Means of Grace?" (Ephesians 6:18–20)  
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3. "The Second Adam's Mandate" (Luke 4)  
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**Speaker: Alonzo Ramirez**

1. "Ephesians 3"  
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2. "Day of Prayer"  
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3. "Matthew 28"  
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### 2002 World Mission Week

**Speaker: Zac Niringiye**

1. "Power Bases" (Acts 8)  
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2. "Transforming Mission" (Acts 10)  
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3. "New Community" (Acts 16)  
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### 2001 World Mission Week

**Speaker: Frank Barker**

1. "Our Universal Obligation"  
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2. "Missions to the Glory of God"  
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3. "God's Call for Volunteers" (Isaiah 6)  
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### 2000 World Mission Week

**Speaker: Dr. Nelson Jennings**

1. "Our Father in Heaven"  
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2. "Hallowed Be Your Name . . . Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"  
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3. "Forgive Us Our Debts . . . Deliver Us From Evil . . . Amen"  
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4. "Q&A Session from 2000 World Mission Week"  
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## Books

### Critical Analyses

Allen, Roland. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1962. First published in 1912. A critique of certain missionary methods made at the height of Western imperialism. While not heeded in its day, this classic has had a wider impact since World War II up until today.

Bonk, Jonathan J. *Mi\$\$ion\$ and Money: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem.* Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991. A thought-provoking and discussion-stirring exploration of issues associated with the disparity between the living standards of Western missionaries and of many among whom they minister.

Engel, James F. and Dyrness, William A. *Changing the Mind of Missions: Where Have We Gone Wrong?* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000. A challenge to so-called "Managerial Missiology" to stop relying on strategies and computers and instead work in Spirit-led partnerships. Has caused some spirited debate in mission circles.

Hesselgrave, David J. *Paradigms in Conflict: 10 Key Questions in Christian Missions Today.* Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2005. An important recent study by a North American evangelical mission statesman.

Muller-Fahrenheit, Geiko. *America's Battle for God: A European Christian Looks at Civil Religion.*

Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007. A perceptive analysis of the challenge facing American Christians seeking to navigate the morass of idolatrous pulls of post-9/11 nationalism.

Orchard, R.K. *Missions in a Time of Testing: Thought and Practice in Contemporary Missions*. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1964. An insightful assessment of the world mission enterprise from the previous generation.

### Cultural Studies

Althen, Gary. *American Ways: A Guide for Foreigners in the United States*. Yarmouth, ME: Intercultural Press, Inc., 1988. Written for international students coming to the United States. Extremely helpful for Americans in coming to understand themselves in their cultural particularity.

Lingenfelter, Sherwood. *Transforming Culture: A Challenge for Christian Mission*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1992. Helps us to understand culture not just in a traditional “romantic” way, but to factor into “culture” socio-political-economic structural relationships as well.

### Histories

Irvin, Dale T. *Christian Histories, Christian Traditioning: Rendering Accounts*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1998. A helpful attempt to create an intellectual framework for embracing different trajectories (e.g., Nestorian, Orthodox, Western) within an overarching, worldwide Christian history.

Jenkins, Philip. *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. The single most influential book in spreading awareness, on a semi-popular level, of the fact that Christianity is now more of a worldwide faith than ever before.

Kaplan, Steven, ed. *Indigenous Responses to Western Christianity*. New York: New York University Press, 1995. An enlightening study—by some Jewish scholars, no less—of various modern non-Westerners’ encounters with Western Christianity.

Latourette, Kenneth Scott. *A History of the Expansion of Christianity*. 7 vols. New York: Harper, 1937–45. A classic account of the entirety of Christian history. A former missionary to China, the Yale scholar used the important framework of advancing and receding waves.

Moffett, Samuel Hugh. *A History of Christianity in Asia*, vol. I: *Beginnings to 1500*. 2<sup>nd</sup> rev. ed. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1998 (cf. vol II: 1500–1900, pub. in 2005). The standard in scholarly English-language surveys of Christianity in Asia. Scott Sunquist of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will produce volume III.

Walls, Andrew F. *The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission and Appropriation of Faith*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2002. A stimulating collection of essays from this generation’s premier mission historian. See also his *The Missionary Movement in Christian History: Studies in the Transmission of Faith* (Maryknoll, 1996)

### Missiology (General)

Bavinck, J.H. *An Introduction to the Science of Missions*. Trans. by David H. Freeman. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1960. A standard Reformed missiology, with theological and historical emphases.

Bevans, Stephen B., and Roger P. Schroeder. *Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004. A comprehensive study by two leading U.S. Roman Catholic missiologists that demonstrates

how mission studies often effectively cross over traditional ecclesiastical boundaries.

Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991. This magnum opus of a widely respected South African missiologist explores many different understandings of what “mission” is throughout the Bible and Christian history.

Shenk, Wilbert R. *Changing Frontiers of Mission*. American Society of Missiology Series, No.28. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999. One of the best analyses of the historical whys and wherefores of today’s transition from Western-centered missions to becoming a global Christian community.

Taylor, William D., ed. *Global Missiology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Iguassu Dialogue*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2000. Contains significant essays by missiologists from around the world, especially those by such non-Western leaders as Samuel Escobar and Ajith Fernando.

Tippett, Alan R. *Introduction to Missiology*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1987. A seminal North American explanation of the academic discipline called missiology, oriented towards the social sciences.

Verkuyyl, J. *Contemporary Missiology: an Introduction*. Trans. and ed. by Dale Cooper. Grand Rapids, MI: W. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1978. A comprehensive and surprisingly up-to-date analysis of missiology as a theological academic discipline.

### Missiology (Particular Examples, Topics)

Conn, Harvie M. *Eternal Word and Changing Worlds: Theology, Anthropology, and Mission in Dialogue*. Grand Rapids, MI: Academie Books, 1984. One of many important books by a recent, influential, and pacesetter Reformed missiologist. Wrestles with many important

issues, e.g., Kraft’s new (at the time) “dynamic equivalence.”

Hawthorne, Steven C., and Winter, Ralph D., eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1999. This influential course material taught around the world examines biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic factors in missions, all for the purpose of reaching unreached peoples.

Johnstone, Patrick. *The Church is Bigger Than You Think: The Unfinished Work of World Evangelisation*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1998. An interesting book full of all sorts of information: history, graphs, etc. The main point is that mission structures are just as much a part of “the Church” as are church congregations.

Moreau, Scott A., gen. ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Baker Reference Library Series. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2000. A thorough Evangelical reference work that covers most any missions-related topic, person, or movement.

Piper, John. *Let the Nations be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Mission*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1993. A widely read work that focuses Christians’ attention on God in carrying out missions.

Pocock, Michael, Van Rheenen, Gailyn, and McConnell, Douglas. *The Changing Face of World Missions: Engaging Contemporary Issues and Trends*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2005. An up-to-date, practical, and insightful examination of missions’ global, missional, and strategic contexts.

Ramachandra, Vinoth. *The Recovery of Mission: Beyond the Pluralist Paradigm*. Grand Rapids, MI: W. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1997. A great example of a world-class examination of Eastern pluralist theologians that has worldwide and concrete implications for Christian living.

Sanneh, Lamin. *Translating the Message: The Missionary Impact on Culture*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1989. A seminal consideration of the vast implications of Christianity's (especially the Bible's) translatability. Widely referenced (directly and indirectly) by missiologists worldwide.

### Non-Western Authors

(also listed in other categories)

Bediako, Kwame. *Jesus in Africa: The Christian Gospel in African History and Experience*. Theological Reflections from the South Series. Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana: Regnum Africa, 2000. As with this influential Ghanaian theologian's several other works, this is a stimulating setting forth of worldwide implications of the astounding growth of Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa. [Ghana]

Kitamori, Kazoh. *Theology of the Pain of God*. Trans. of *Kami no Itami no Shingaku*. Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1965. Hailed by many as the first authentically Japanese Christian theology, this work had a wide effect upon being translated into several Western languages. [Japan]

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Tiplady, Richard, ed. *One World or Many? The Impact of Globalisation on Mission*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003. A compendium of wide-ranging essays by younger scholars related to the implications of globalization. [Various]

### Practical Models

Beals, Art. *When the Saints Go Marching Out: Mobilizing the Church for Mission*. Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, 2001. Encourages local churches from the scriptures, examples, and sound pastoral advice on concrete worldwide missions involvement.

Rickett, Daniel. *Building Strategic Relationships: A Practical Guide to Partnering With Non-Western Missions*. San Jose, CA: Partners International, 2003. A thorough description of a centerpiece of contemporary U.S. missions efforts by one of the most recognized experts on the subject.

### Sociological Essays

Tiplady, Richard, ed. *One World or Many? The Impact of Globalisation on Mission*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003. A compendium of wide-ranging essays by younger scholars related to the implications of globalization.

### Statistical Data

Barrett, David B., Johnson, Todd M., and Kurian, George M. *World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Study of Churches and Religions in the Modern World*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. The most comprehensive compilation of data there is on Christianity among the nations of the world. Quite expensive for an individual but also quite useful for a congregation or any school library.

Myers, Bryant L. *Exploring World Mission: Context and Challenges*. Monrovia, CA: World Vision International, 2003. A helpful booklet of graphics depicting global issues and world missions concerns.

### Theological Explorations

Bediako, Kwame. *Jesus in Africa: The Christian Gospel in African History and Experience*. Theological Reflections from the South Series. Akropong-Akuapem, Ghana: Regnum Africa, 2000. As with this influential Ghanaian theologian's several other works, this is a stimulating setting forth of worldwide implications of the astounding growth of Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa.

Breckenridge, James and Lillian. *What Color Is Your God? Multicultural Education in the Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1995. Brings close to home the reality of multiple cultures by examining how Christian education in a local church is affected by different sorts of people being involved.

Clowney, Edmund P. *The Church*. Contours of Christian Theology Series, gen. ed., Gerald Bray. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press,

1995. A rich ecclesiological study that incorporates inter-national, worldwide traits of the Church.

Kitamori, Kazoh. *Theology of the Pain of God*. Trans. of *Kami no Itami no Shingaku*. Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1965. Hailed by many as the first authentically Japanese Christian theology, this work had a wide effect upon being translated into several Western languages.

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## Top 10 Recommended Resources for World Mission

### Books

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### Audio

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Niringiye, Zac. "Transforming Mission." Messages from Covenant Seminary's Student Mission Fellowship Mission Week 2002.

Oh, Daniel. "The Key to Mobilization of the Church." Messages from Covenant Seminary's Student Mission Fellowship Mission Week 2005.

### Other Resources

#### World News Web Sites:

- **Worldpress.org:** [www.worldpress.org](http://www.worldpress.org)
- **BBC News:** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/default.stm>
- **Aljazeera.net:** <http://english.aljazeera.net>
- **Fox News:** [www.foxnews.com/](http://www.foxnews.com/)

#### Operation World daily prayer Web site:

[www.gmi.org/ow/](http://www.gmi.org/ow/)

#### Mission Frontiers journal:

[www.missionfrontiers.org/front.htm](http://www.missionfrontiers.org/front.htm)

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