Hundredfold Men

A Practical Guide to Completing The Command of World Evangelism

Assigned reading:

The Challenge of Missions The Master Plan of Evangelism The Key to the Missionary Problem

Questions and discussions are welcomed, encouraged, and enjoyed!

My goal in this course is not to give you a lot of information or have you memorize a lot of material. Real education is not giving you the material but teaching you how to find the material. Real education is not knowledge based but action based. If you know how to but never do then the education was a joke. Most educate for information or knowledge which only puffs up. My desire is to teach and motivate you so that you will get out of your chair and go do a work for God.

What Does it Take to Finish the Task of World Evangelism in our Generation?

- Men—Bible Colleges, Bible Institutes, Discipleship, Mentoring
- Materials—All that is used on the Media approach. Books, Sunday School Material, Discipleship materials
- Media—the air attack. Getting to the masses. Radio, Television, Internet, Films, Cassettes, Printed page

See the Task that He has given us.

Accept the challenge and the command as being relevant to you and your ministry.

Put Bible methods into effect.

Place the responsibility where it belongs—on the local church and then men that God will call out and train in and through the local church.

"A vision without a task makes a visionary; a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision with a task makes a missionary." George Deakin from the book Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill

Leonard Ravenhill goes on to say that Isaiah's vision could be summed up as; WOE, a word of confession; LO, a word of cleansing; GO, a word of Commission.

We must realize that it can be done. We must get our heads out of the sand. Too long we have said that it can't be done. They are hard people, not interested, and we have made a thousand other excuses. The facts are we need men and women of vision who will work to get the job done.

811.5 million Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians soon?

In 1900, some 900,000 people were considered members of Pentecostal and Charismatic churches. This number grew to 72 million in 1970, which was around 6.4% of all Christians. (These figures are taken from Dr. David Barrett's newest publication, The World Christian Encyclopedia.) In the year 2000, the number had grown to 523.7 million, or 27.7% of all Christians. Barrett estimates that if the growth continues, their number will reach 811.5 million in 2025 at which point they will constitute 32.5% of all Christians. The largest contributions to the figures are from Latin America (141.43 million), Asia (134.9 million) and Africa (126 million). Europe has 37.6 million Pentecostal and Charismatic Christians. Source: World Christian Encyclopedia, Second Edition, Oxford, 2000

- People who say it can't be done are usually passed up by people who are doing
- Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all vourself.
- "There is nothing in the world or the Church, except the church's disobedience, to render the evangelization of the world in this generation impossibility. -- Robert Speer, leader in Student Volunteer

In his book, A Concise History of the Christian World Mission, J. Herbert Kane states, "Some timid souls are afraid that we are about to witness the demise of the missionary enterprise, but such is not the case. The Lord of the harvest has promised to be with His missionary servants to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20). Dictators come and go; kingdoms rise and fall; civilizations wax and wane; but the world mission of the church will continue to the end of the age in spite of the vicissitudes of human history. Problems will doubtless increase, difficulties will abound, costs will soar, but the mission will go on. The mandate will never be rescinded nor will the mission be aborted......"

In another place Kane states, "In the past the national churches were happy to receive missionaries with a meager education; they were better trained than most national pastors. Besides, they represented something for nothing; consequently the churches were glad to have them. But that day is gone. Today church leaders are more interested in quality than quantity."

Day One: The Bible Command

The Reason for World Evangelism

1. The Task

The Great Commission

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." -- Hudson Taylor

"Christ's last command should be our first concern."

"If you found a cure for cancer, wouldn't it be inconceivable to hide it from the rest of mankind? How much more inconceivable to keep silent the cure from the eternal wages of death."-- Dave Davidson

- Mark 16:15. We are to take the gospel to **Every Creature**. That means that we will have to reach more than 6,300,000,000 people with the gospel message.
- ii. Luke 24:46-49. We are to take the gospel (repentance and remission of sins in His name) to All Nations. Nations refers to people groups and not entire countries. We have the Cherokee nation in the nation of the USA. There are approximately 12,862 peoples groups according to Avery T. Willis, Jr. in his article "The Unfinished Task" found in Missiology, An Introduction to the Foundations, History, and Strategies of World Missions.
- iii. Matthew 28:19-20. **Teaching** all nations. Since we already have the command to go to all nations, let us consider this word teach, baptize, teaching. The word teach or teaching means (according to Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary Unabridged Second Addition, 1976) to show how to do something, to give instructions to, to train, give lessons to (a student or pupil), to guide the study of, to instruct, to hold classes in, to provide with knowledge, and insight. Synonyms: impart, direct, instruct, informer, counsel, admonish, educate, inculcate, enlighten, advise, indoctrinate, and train. The word "teach" makes it clear that I must disciple or train **all nations**. It is not enough to get them to pray a prayer. They must be taught enough to be saved, then baptized, then trained to live the gospel.
- iv. Acts 1:8. Gives us the **geographical context**. We are to go to the uttermost. Every country needs to hear the gospel.
- v. John 20:21. We are **sent** as He was sent. This is the **incarnation**. This is becoming one of them to reach them in the context of where they live and the language they speak.
- vi. Avery T. Willis, Jr. sums it up in the following manner: "The unfinished task is to evangelize all individuals, to proclaim the

gospel to all peoples in all the geographical regions of the world and to disciple them."

b. The Great Concern

"And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives... and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."-- Nate Saint

- i. They are **condemned already**. John 3:18
 - 1. The **Creation** leaves them without excuse because it shows them that God does exist. Romans 1:20
 - Their Conscience shows them that they need this God. Romans 2:15
 - 3. The Church fulfilling its Great **Commission** will show them how to get to know this God. II Corinthians 5:18-20.
 - a. hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation
 - b. hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation
- c. Our **conviction** that we are **responsible** before God to get the gospel to all the world.
 - i. Ezekiel 33:6. The blood of the uninformed is required at the hand of the watchmen. Bloody Hands.
 - ii. Acts 20:26. Paul felt that responsibility because he said that he was free from the blood of all men.
 - iii. I Corinthians 15:34. It is our **shame** if there is someone in the world that doesn't have the knowledge of God.
 - iv. Revelation 21:4. **Tears** will be wiped away after having seen the horrible Great White Throne judgment.
 - 1. I Thessalonians 4:17
 - 2. Luke 22:61-62
- d. The **continual sorrow** that we should feel
 - i. Romans 10:1-3

- ii. Romans 9:1-3
- The horrible condition of man
 - The Great White Throne; Revelation 20:11-15
 - ii. Deceived by religion; Matthew 7:21-23
 - iii. Dead in Sin; Ephesians 2:1
 - iv. A literal burning eternal hell; Luke 16:19-31
 - v. Blinded and deafened
- The compassion of God
 - John 3:16
 - ii. Romans 5:8
 - iii. II Peter 3:9
 - iv. I Timothy 2:3-6
 - v. Hebrews 2:9
 - vi. I John 2:2
 - vii. John 10:11-18
- g. The Call of God
 - "'Not called!' did you say? 'Not heard the call,' I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father's house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face -- whose mercy you have professed to obey -and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world." -- William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army
 - Jim Elliot once said, "We do not need a call to get involved in world missions – we need a good swift kick in the pants."

- What the call is not
 - a vision
 - just feeling sorry for the other guy
 - a delicious feeling running up and down the spine
 - a bolt of lightning
 - a yearn to travel
 - the urge to be a hero
 - a voice from heaven
 - but the call is God's revelation to you of his will that all men hear the gospel. So, maybe you should stop worrying about the call and start working on the answer? From a book "Mission Possible World Missions" by Marian Schindler and Robert Schindler by **Sudan Interior Missions**

CHECKLIST

TO SEE IF I AM CALLED AND READY TO GO TO THE MISSION FIELD!

- Can you give a clear, confident testimony of your salvation based on the written Word of God?
- Can you express clearly and confidently your call to the ministry?
- Can others see the hand of God on your life and the proof of your calling?
- Has God made it clear to you where it is that He wants you to serve Him?
- Are you faithful to your local church (this means all regular services and also any special services)?
- Do you participate in the soul-winning ministry of your church?
- Have you ever led anyone to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?
- In your local church, what ministries do you participate in?
- Have you ever built a Sunday School class so that your pastor and church can see you exercising your gifts and calling?
- Have you ever discipled anyone to the point that they came from nothing and nowhere spiritually to maturity in Christ?
- Can you stand alone spiritually or do you need to be pumped up and propped up spiritually?
- Have you had a problem finishing what you start?
- Have you finished your studies, Bible College, etc.?
- Can you explain how you determine the will of God for your life?
- How much pulpit experience have you had?
- What is your attitude about living around or working with other races of people?
- Are you in debt?
- How does your family make major decisions? Who has the final word in family decisions?
- Can you explain and defend your basic doctrinal beliefs?

Did God call you?

1. Did you have an intense all consuming desire for the work of God?

This is a true saving. If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. I Timothy 3:1.

It is not natural to want to be a missionary. The thought may cross many peoples' minds but the truth is that it is only a fleeting thought quickly and easily dismissed by most. It is God who has worked in us both to will (or to put a desire in us that is not natural to us) and do his good pleasure. God placed something in our hearts that we could not get away from.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

Many of us were afraid. Many of us doubted, but He did something in us. Don't you dare doubt that when the trouble comes. Don't you doubt in the night what God gave you in the light. This desire was so great we couldn't get it out of our hearts and minds.

Did God place a "necessity" on you? Did you feel the "woe"?

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! I Corinthians 9:16.

I don't know what happens, but it seems that one day we are happy in our lives and churches and then something just happens. It may have started with a message from our pastor or a Sunday School lesson. It could have started in a mission's conference or by reading a book. It may have been something that someone said, but it happened. It doesn't happen to most folks, but it did to you. All of a sudden you felt like you couldn't get away. It may have started as only a passing thought. It was kind of romantic. It was neat to think about but it didn't go away. Almost everyone has thought about being a missionary, but they get over it. You didn't because you are different. You are called of God.

Did your "heart stir you up"?

And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: Exodus 36:2.

No one can explain it. It is different with everyone, but something happened. You knew it then and even in the worst of times you will need to remember it. When it gets tough and the Devil is on your back, you are going to need to remember this. You didn't choose it. He chose you. He put the unnatural but spiritual desire in your heart. He put a "necessity on you." He put the "woe on you." He "stirred up your heart." Don't let anyone or anything rob you of that. Don't let yourself, a "friend", or the Devil try to explain it away. It is the most precious gift we have in our personal ministry and walk with God. He called me!

Others can see the hand of God on my life and ministry.

He put the burden on me, but He also has helped me live a life that met the requirements of the ministry. He gave me the ability. I went before my pastor, and he

could see that in me. A group of Godly men have examined me, and they can see it. Not only do I think that God called me but others recognize it in me. God has placed His hand on me. I feel very humble when I think about it but the God of Heaven has counted me worthy and put me in His ministry. One of the wonderful things about it is that I am not the only one who thinks so. You wouldn't be here today unless God had impressed on others that you have been called of God. You had to prove your call. You had to let others see it and they did.

I believe God has called me or I wouldn't be sitting here right now.

Now you will travel all around the country while literally thousands more evaluate your call. You will have to believe it or you can't keep telling people over and over. God called me. God called me. Don't forget it when it gets rough. Never make a major decision during times of discouragement and problems.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

God has confirmed or will be confirming His call in you.

He opened doors for you in your church, at the mission, in other churches, and in the work. He called you. Never ever forget it. Hold on. He that called you will see you through.

God's call is what holds me when I get down.

I often think of quitting. I often get tired, but then I remember. I am not in Peru because I want to be. I am not going as a missionary because I am a good guy. I am not there because I like it. I didn't choose to go; He called me. I would be afraid to do anything less. When I get down I just remember (I try to forget) but it is still there. I came here under orders. I do not want to embarrass my God, my Calling, my Church, my Mission Board. I will stay. I will not allow myself to think of other things. I will not try to rationalize it. I will not try to figure a way out of it. I will get a hold of God. He sent me; He has to help me stay. For 30 years now He has not failed me and He won't fail you. He has a job for you to do, and He will give you more grace and help if you will just allow Him to do so

- i. God's plan for my life is based on the following:
 - 1. My relationship to God
 - 2. My motivation which should be my relationship to God
 - 3. The gifts and abilities that He has given me

- 4. As I do God's will each day in my life where I am then God will show me where He wants me to be.
- 5. I need not be worried about knowing the where until I really know the who, the what, and the how.
- 6. As I prepare myself, God will open the doors.
- 7. My part is to do all I know to do based on what the Word of God says until God makes it clear to me all the other details.
- ii. God chose to call us. God has allowed us to preach the Gospel. God has entrusted His Word to us. He shed His blood and has entrusted His Holy Word to us. I Thessalonians 2:1-4
 - 1. Acts 15:7
 - 2. Hebrews 5:4
 - 3. Philippians 2:13
 - 4. Ephesians 3:7-8
 - 5. I Timothy 1:12
 - 6. Matthew 16:19
- iii. The Gospel was committed to us
 - 1. II Corinthians 5:18-20
 - 2. I Corinthians 4:1-10
- iv. The Great Challenge The whole world in one lifetime.
- v. Let God Do It -Colossians 1:29, I Corinthians 15:10, Philippians 1:6
- vi. He Called, He Will; Philippians 1:6
- 2. The Truth about the world.
 - The world has been evangelized before Colossians 1:5-6, 23, I Corinthians 15:34

- b. The church has all the resources and power that it had before and more so the world can be reached again. I believe He wants to do it again. Habakkuk 1:5, Acts 13:40-41
- c. Breakdown of statistics to show the need of the world
 - i. There are over 6,300,000,000 people in the world today and it is growing at an alarming rate.
 - ii. Thirty-five percent of the world claim some form of Christianity
 - iii. Maybe 10% max is really saved. Don't forget that Roman Catholicism is considered a Christian religion. My personal estimates are more like 3 to 5%.
 - iv. Only 5% of the world lives in the USA, but the great majority of our recourses and workers are in the USA. Pastors lament the condition of our country and should, but they forget that the world is in far worse condition.
 - v. Over 25% of the world doesn't even have any real access to the word of God. (Maybe we should consider short-wave radio and mass media)
 - vi. There are 31,557,600 seconds in a year. That means that to spend one second with everyone in China, you would need just less than 42 years because there are 1,325,419,200 seconds in 42 years. That is if we could stop the population exactly where it is now with no deaths or births for the next 42 years.
 - vii. Now take that same statistic and give yourself one hour with each person, and you would need approximately 151,200 years if you could work day and night. That is approximately 2160 lifetimes at 24 hours a day and 7 days a week for 70 years.
 - viii. If we stopped the birth and death rate in China, it would take a Pentecost every day for 1,000 years to reach all the people in China for Christ.
 - ix. India will be the largest country in the world in approximately 5 years; double that and you are still only talking about 2 countries.
 - x. There are approximately 237 countries in the world today. It's hard to get an exact amount due to definition. Also dependencies must be considered such as Puerto Rico - a country and a dependency of the US.

- xi. Though it seems an impossible task, there is a way to reach the world: through the use of discipleship and the preparation of leaders.
- xii. We must get over our prejudice against the media also. If we are to reach the masses we must get to them and do it quickly. The charismatics have taken over the "world" with the media.
- d. Approximately 101 people die a minute and over 90 of them go to hell. Probably 60 never heard a clear presentation of the gospel.
- e. World population arrived at 1 billion in the year 1804. That means that it took about 5,800 years from the creation and then the flood to get to the first billion. Then 126 years later in 1930, the world arrived at the two billion mark. Then only 30 years later in 1960, the world arrived at a population of three billion. The next billion only needed 15 years to get here because by 1975 we reached four billion. Twelve years later in 1987 we arrived at five billion. Then the next 12 years took us to 6 billion by the year 1999.
- f. Every second 5 people are born somewhere in this world and 2 die leaving a net gain of 3 people per second. That means that the world grows at a rate of 10,800 an hour.
- g. So that you can understand the magnitude of 1,000,000,000 people, it would require 40,000 trips around the world to equal one billion miles.
- h. There are 80,000 to 100,000 missionaries of all types and denominations around the world today while there are 500,000 Avon representatives in the USA alone. There are 1,300,000 Avon representatives around the world or nearly 10 times more Avon representatives than missionaries in the world.
- i. If you were to line up the population of China with one foot between each person, the line would be 272,000 miles long.
- j. If you placed the population of India and China side by side the line would circle the globe 18 times and the line grows by 20 miles every day. Out of those millions in China and India 99% have never heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. The world knows more about Coca Cola than Jesus Christ and we have the "Real Thing".
- k. If you would just take one person and disciple them so they could be another you with an all out heart felt desire to reach the world and then both of you would repeat the same in the next year and every year after,

the world could or would be reached in much less than 33 years time. If the chain didn't break, in 33 years there would be 17,179,869,184 disciples. This does not take into account the number of people that would be saved by "accident" as each person so full of God and the Holy Ghost would live their daily lives. Just one finding one and investing everything in the other. "Life on life discipleship" will be discussed later in this material. The problem has been that we teach for knowledge and not for action. We like the academics and the "puffing up" that comes with knowing, but the doing is a hassle.

- 1. The problem isn't the numbers or the barriers; it is the desire, dedication, and strategy.
- m. "The reason some folks don't believe in missions is that the brand of religion they have isn't worth propagating."
- n. "The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." -- Carl F. H. Henry
- o. World's Population by Continents

Asia 3,737,000,000

Africa 823,000,000

Europe 729,000,000

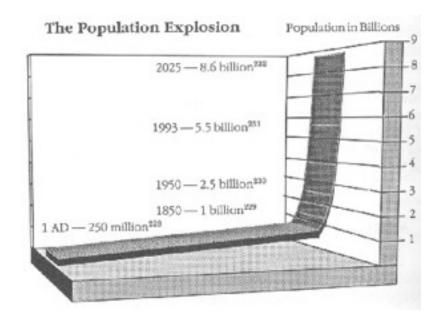
North America 486,000,000

South America 351,000,000

Oceania (incl. Australia) 31,000,000

Antarctica no permanent population

Source: The World Almanac and Book of Facts, ©2002.



The surge in population is both a cause of the changed relationship and one of the clearest illustrations of how startling the change has been, especially when viewed in a historical context. According to scientists, from the emergence of modern humans 200,000 years ago until Julius Caesar's time, fewer than 250 million people walked on the face of the earth. When Christopher Columbus set sail for the New World 1,500 years later, there were approximately 500 million people on earth. By the time Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776, the number had doubled again, to nearly 1 billion. By midway through this century, at the end of World War II, the number had risen to just above 2 billion people.

In other words, from the beginning of humanity's appearance on earth to 1945, it took more than ten thousand generations to reach a world population of 2 billion people. Now, in the course of one human lifetime – mine – the world population will increase from 2 to more than 9 billion, and it is already more than halfway there. Source: http://www.earthgreen.org/overpopulation.htm

World Birth/Death Rates (2002 est.)

Birth Rate:

21 births/1,000 population 129.3 million births per year 354,261 births per day 14,760 births each hour 246 births each minute

4.1 births each second of every day

Death Rate:

9 deaths/1,000 population 55.4 million souls die each year 151,826 souls die each day 6326 souls die each hour 105 souls die each minute almost 2 (1.8) souls die each second

Average Life Expectancy at Birth is 64 years

At the current average life expectancy the world dies every 64 years

Age Structure of World's Population

1.82 billion people under age 15 years (29%) 3.97 billion people age 15-64 years (64%) 441 million people are 65 years and over (7%)

Sources: The World Factbook 2002 http://www.wholesomewords.org/missions/greatc.html

r. Religions:

Christians 32.79% (of which Roman Catholics 17.33%, Protestants 5.62%, Orthodox 3.51%, Anglicans 1.31%), Muslims 19.6%, Hindus 13.31%, Buddhists 5.88%, Sikhs 0.38%, Jews 0.24%, other religions 12.83%, non-religious 12.53%, atheists 2.44% (2001 est.)

s. Languages:

Chinese, Mandarin 14.37%, Hindi 6.02%, English 5.61%, Spanish 5.59%, Bengali 3.4%, Portuguese 2.63%, Russian 2.75%, Japanese 2.06%, German, Standard 1.64%, Korean 1.28%,

French 1.27% (2000 est.)

note: percents are for "first language" speakers only Literacy: definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 77%

male: 83%

female: 71% (1995 est.)

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Muslim Population Statistics

Demographic considerations with regard to Muslim populations may prove to be of vital concern in the next millennium. When a large percentage of the population is older, this can affect the socio-political structure of a country. Likewise, when a large percentage of the population is young, that too will affect the socio-political structure of a country.

Here are some population statistics from the early 1900s as well as projected figures for the year 2025 of the total overall number of Muslims across the globe.

Comparative chart - number of Muslims to Christians:

	Christian	Muslim
1900 world population	26.9%	12.4%
1980 world population	30%	16.5%
2000 world population	29.9%	19.2%
2025 world population	25%	30%
(PROJECTED)		

Estimates of the total number of Muslims in the world vary greatly:

0.700 billion or more, Barnes & Noble Encyclopedia (1993)

0.817 billion, The Universal Almanac (1996)

0.951 billion. The Cambridge Factfinder (1993)

1.100 billion, The World Almanac (1997)

1.200 billion, CAIR (Council on American-Islamic relations) (1999)

At a level of 1.2 billion, Muslims represent between 19.2% and 22% of the world's population. It has become the second largest religion in the world. Christianity has slightly less than 30%.

Islam is growing about 2.9% per year, which is faster than the total world population which increases at about 2.3% annually. It is thus attracting a progressively larger percentage of the world's population.

Source: Canadian Society of Muslims http://muslim-canada.org/muslimstats.html

- -The Christianity referred to in these statistics includes Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, etc.
 - u. Missionary numbers and their growth compared to the world population growth

Southern Baptist Statistics that are not included in the following list of missionaries.

Continent	1995	2003	Gain/loss
Africa	875	845	-30
Asia	954	1904	+950
Europe	329	549	+220
Latin America	1198	1264	+66
Total Gain			+1206

Europe

Summary Europe is as follows: The continent is made up of 43 countries with a total population of 728,000,000. There has been a net loss of 1,300,000 in population since 1995. During this same time period, there has been a net gain of 119 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

Albania 1,000,000 radios (2001)	700,000 TVs	12,000 internet
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	0	2
Calvary International	1	2
Baptist International Missions	0	1
Baptist World Mission	0	4
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	2
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	2
Population:	3,521,000	3,526,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		12
Growth of the Country:		5,000
		3,700,000
Austria 6,080,000 radios (1997)	4,250,000 TVs	internet
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	0	2
Baptist International Missions	2	2
Baptist Mid-Missions	5	3
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	18	13
Gospel Missionary Union	4	14
Macedonia World Baptist Missions	2	0
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	4	0
TOTAL	: 35	34
Population:	7,479,000	8,162,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth of the Country:		683,000

Bulgaria	4,510,000 radios (1997)		3,310,000 TVs	585,000 internet
Mission Board	d:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fo	ellowship		() 1
Baptist Genera	al Conference		() 2
		Total:	C	3
Population:			9,036,000	7,588,000
Growth of the	Mission Boards:			3
Growth of the	Country:			-1,448,000

Belgium 8,075,000 radios (1997)		3,760,000 internet
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	4	9
Baptist International Missions	2	1
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	9	10
Crossover Communications Intl.	2	0
Gospel Missionary Union	10	9
Pilgrim Fellowship, Inc	2	2
Total:	29	31
Population:	9,980,000	10,330,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		350,000

		2,690,000 internet
Czechoslovakia 3,159,134 radios (2000)	3,405,834 TVs	(2001)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Missionary Association	1	1
Liberty Baptist Mission	2	0
American Baptist Churches USA	0	6
Baptist International Missions	2	1
Baptist Missionary Association	1	1
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	4
Total	6	13
Population:	10,391,000	10,251,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		7
Growth of the Country:		-140,000

		3.37 million
Republic of Denmark 6.02 million radios	3.12 million TVs	internet
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	2
Total:	0	2

Population:	5,121,000	5,394,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		273,000

Finland 7.7 million radios (1997)	3.2 million TVs	2.69 million internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Mid-Missions	2	2
Baptist International Mission	0	2
Total:	2	4
Population:	5,030,000	5,204,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		174,000

		16.97 million
France 55.3 million radios (1997)	34.8 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
American Baptist Association	1	1
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	10	10
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	3	10
Baptist General Conf Missions	7	7 6
Baptist International Missions	9	9 4
Baptist Mid-Missions	30	25
Baptist World Mission	6	20
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	20	20
Evangelical Baptist Missions	31	26
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc	13	8
Gospel Missionary Union	9	15
International Bd Jewish Msns	2	2 0
Liberty Baptist Mission	2	2 0
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc	3	8
Society for Europe's Evangelization	7	7 5
World Baptist Fellowship	6	3
TOTAL	.: 169	160
Population:	57,188,000	60,180,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-9
Growth of the Country:		3,008,000

	51.4 million TVs	32.1 million
Germany 77.8 million radios (1997)	(1998)	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
All Peoples Baptist Mission		2 0
American Baptist Association		1 1
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism		7 12

	2,398,000	
		-22
	80,000,000	82,398,000
Total:	111	89
	4	4
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	2	2
	10	8
	10	6
	21	26
	20	5
	32	25
	Total:	20 21 10 10 2 2 2 4 Total: 111

Greece 5.02 million radios (1997)	2.54 million TVs	1.4 million internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	1	0
Gospel Missionary Union	1	6
Baptist Bible Fellowship	C	2
Total:	2	8
Population:	10,124,000	10,625,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		8
Growth of the Country:		501,000

			1.2 million
Hungary 7.01 million radios (1997)		4.42 million TVs	internet (2001)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		,	12
Baptist International Mission		2	2
Baptist World Mission		2	2 4
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		2	2 11
	Total:	8	29
Population:		10,509,000	10,057,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			21
Growth of the Country:			-452,000

Iceland 260,000 radios (1997)	98,00 TVs	220,000 internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	2	2
Baptists Missions to Forgotten	0	2
Total:	2	4

Population:	264,000	280,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		16,000

Ireland 2.55 million radios	1.82 million TVs	1.31 million internet
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	4	5
Baptist International Missions	10	6
Baptist Mid-Missions	6	5
Baptist World Mission	2	20
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	2	5
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	2	4
Total:	26	45
Population:	3,900,000	3,924,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		19
Growth of the Country:		24,000

		19.25 million
Italy 50.5 million radios (1997)	30.3 million TVs	internet (2001)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism	10	14
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	2	0
Baptist International Missions	6	1
Baptist Mid-Missions	6	2
Baptist World Mission	2	6
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	25	18
Evangelical Baptist Missions	4	4
Gospel Missionary Union	3	4
Independent Faith Mission	7	5
Spiritual Growth Resources	2	3
Total:	67	57
Population:	57,592,000	57,998,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-10
Growth of the Country:		406,000

Lithuania 1.9 million radios (1997)	1.7 million	341,000 internet (2001)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	2	4
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	10	3

Total	12	7
Population:	3,840,000	3,592,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-5
Growth of the Country:		-248,000

Malta 255,000 radios (1997)	280,000 TVs	59,000 internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	4	2
Total:	4	2
Population:	360,000	400,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		40,000

		8.1 millions TVs	9.73 million
Netherlands 15.3 million radio (1996)		(1997)	internet (2002)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl			2
Baptist Mid-Missions		8	6
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		4	4 3
Baptist World Mission		(2
	Total:	14	13
Population:		15,312,000	16,223,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-1
Growth of the Country:			911,000

Netherlands Antilles 217,000 radios			2,000 internet
(1997)		69,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
World Baptist Foreign Msn		2	0
	Total:	2	0
Population:		185,000	216,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-2
Growth of the Country:			31,000

		2.68 million
Norway 4.03 million radios (1997)	2.03 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	8	8
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	2	0

Baptist International Missions	3	1
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2
Total:	15	11
Population:	4,271,000	4,555,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-4
Growth of the Country:		284,000

		6.4 million
Poland 20.2 million radios (1997)	13.05 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	2	1
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	5	15
Baptist Mid Missions	0	2
Baptist World Missions	0	1
Total	7	19
Population:	39,365,000	38,622,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		12
Growth of the Country:		743,000

			4.4 million
Portugal 20.2 million radios (1997)		3.31 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism		32	28
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		2	2 6
Baptist World Mission		2	2
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		6	6
То	tal:	42	42
Population:		10,429,000	10,102,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			0
Growth of the Country:			-327,000

Romania 7.2 million radios (1997)	5.25 million TVs	1 million internet (2002)
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Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Fellowship Intl	8	0
Baptist International Missions	8	8
Baptist World Mission	2	8
Calvary Commission, Inc	3	16
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	3	12
Evangelical Baptist Missions	4	4
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	0	10
Total	28	62
Population:	23,816,000	22,380,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		34
Growth of the Country:		1,436,000

0	460	7.89 million
Spain 13.1 million radios (1997)	16.2 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	2	11
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	17	18
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	16	16
Baptist International Missions	15	0
Baptist Mid-Missions	8	6
Baptist World Mission	4	. 9
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	6	11
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc	13	9
Gospel Missionary Union	21	23
International Bd Jewish Msns	2	0
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2
Pilgrim Fellowship, Inc	2	2
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	4	4
Total	: 112	111
Population:	40,060,000	40,217,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth of the Country:		157,000

		6.02 million
Sweden 8.25 million radios (1997)	4.6 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Evangelical Baptist Missions	4	4
Tota	l: 4	4
Population:	8,326,000	8,970,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:	644,000	
Switzerland	_	
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	2	0
Tota	2	0
Population:	6,552,000	7,408,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		856,000

Ukraine 45.05 million radios (1997)	18.05 million TVs	750,000 internet (2001)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
International Bd Jewish Msns	2	0
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	0	14
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	2
Baptist International Missions	0	9

Baptist Missions to Forgotten People	0	2
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	12
Total:	2	39
Population:	53,770,000	48,055,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		37
Growth of the Country:		-5,715,000

United Kingdom 84.5 million radios		34.3 million
(1997)	30.5 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	12	17
Baptists Bible Fellowship Intl	36	50
Baptist International Missions	22	18
Baptist Mid-Missions	24	. 22
Baptist World Mission	12	10
Gospel Missionary Union	8	6
Helps International Mins	6	4
Independent Faith Mission	2	2
Maranatha Baptist Mission	11	11
PRM International	1	0
Reformed Baptist Mission	2	2
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	2	0
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	4
Evangelical Baptist Missions	0	6
Reformed Baptist Mission	0	3
Tota	l: 138	155
Population:	58,210,000	60,094,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		17
Growth of the Country:		1,884,000

South America

Summary South America is as follows: The continent is made up of 12 countries with a total population of 518,000,000. There has been a net gain of 41,000,000 in population. During this same time period there has been a net gain of 116 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

		3.88 million
Argentina 24.3 million radios (1997)	7.95 million TVs	internet (2001)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Assoc. Baptists for World Evangelism	17	15
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	24	31
Baptist General Conf. Missions	14	14
Baptist International Missions	4	10
Baptist Mid Missions	4	5
Baptist World Missions	4	4
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	28	13

Maranatha Baptist Mission		4	4
	TOTAL:	99	96
Population:		34,264,000	38,740,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-3
Growth of the Country:			4,476,000

		78,000 internet
Bolivia 5.25 million radios (1997)	900,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA	2	2
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	6	6
Baptist International Missions	4	10
Gospel Missionary Union	24	53
Maranatha Baptist Mission	8	8
Baptist Missionary Association	0	3
TOTAL:	44	82
Population:	8,421,000	8,162,000
Growth of Mission Boards:		38
Growth of the Country:		-259,000

		13.98 million
Brazil 71 million radio (1997)	36.5 million TVs	internet
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	113	103
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	42	38
Baptist Faith Missions	11	18
Baptist General Conf Missions	10	8
Baptist International Missions	46	43
Baptist Mid-Missions	183	155
Baptist Missionary Association	2	2
Baptist World Mission	13	22
Berean Mission, Inc	8	9
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	53	31
Free Will Baptists, Natl. Assoc	22	20
Gospel Missionary Union	29	29
International Bd Jewish Msns	2	0
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	16	14
Pilgrim Fellowship, Inc	8	8
TOTAL:	558	500
Population:	165,083,000	182,032,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-58
Growth of the Country:		16,949,000

		3.1 million
Chile 5.18 million radios (1997)	3.15 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	31	32
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	20	11
Gospel Mission of South America	4	40

Maranatha Baptist Mission		4	4
RBMU International		2	0
Spanish World Gospel Mission		0	2
Baptist International Missions		0	2
Baptist Mid Missions		0	8
	TOTAL:	61	99
Population:		14,237,000	15,665,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			38
Growth of the Country:			1,428,000

		1.15 million
Colombia 21 million radios (1997)	4.59 million TVs	internet (2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
American Baptist Association	1	1
Assoc Baptists for World Evang	18	16
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	4	4
Baptist International Missions	2	2
Gospel Missionary Union	6	5
Maranatha Baptist Mission	4	4
Reformed Baptist Mission	2	3
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	4	4
Baptist International Missions	2	2
Baptists Missions to Forgotten People	0	2
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	6	8
American Baptist Association	1	1
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	18	16
TOTAL:	68	68
Population:	34,939,000	41,662,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:		6,723,000

		328,000 internet
Ecuador 5 million radios (2001)	2.5 million TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	14	12
Baptist International Missions	2	8
Baptist Mid-Missions	12	26
Gospel Missionary Union	47	57
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	14	14
Macedonia World Baptist Missions	0	2
TOTAL:	89	119
Population:	12,314,000	13,710,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		30
Growth of the Country:		1,396,000

		95,000 internet
Guyana 420,000 radios (1997)	46,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Baptist International Mission	2	4
Baptist Mid-Missions	6	4
TOTAL:	8	8
Population:	754,000	702,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:		-52,000

	990,000 TVs	20,000
Paraguay 925,000 radios (1997)	(2001)	internet (2000)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	21	18
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	6	4
TOTAL:	27	22
Population:	5,893,000	6,036,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-5
Growth of the Country:		143,000

		3 million internet
Peru 6.65 million radios (1997)	3.06 million TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism	43	54
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	11	11
Baptist Faith Missions	3	2
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	2	12
Baptist Mid-Missions	30	38
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2
RBMU International	11	0
Baptist International Outreach	0	6
Baptist International Missions	0	14
Baptist World Missions	0	2
TOTAL:	102	141
Population:	25,123,000	28,409,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		39
Growth of the Country:		3286

		14,500 internet
Suriname 300,000 radios (1997)	63,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Independent Faith Mission	21	17
TOTAL:	21	17
Population:	435,000	435,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-4
Growth of the Country:		0

		400,000 internet
Uruguay 1.97 million radios (1997)	782,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	2	2
Baptist General Conf Missions	4	2
Baptist Missionary Association	1	1
Baptist World Mission	5	9
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc	9	7
Gospel Mission of So America	4	12
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	2
TOTAL	.: 25	35
Population:	3,246,000	3,413,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		10
Growth of the Country:		167,000

				1.3 million
Venezuela: 10.75 million radios (1997)		4.1 million TVs		internet (2002)
Mission Boards:		1995		2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl			4	6
Baptist International Missions			4	17
Baptist Mid-Missions			3	7
Maranatha Baptist-Mission			7	7
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board			0	12
TOT	AL:		18	49
Population:		22,213,0	00	24,654,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:				31
Growth of the Country:				2,441,000

14,000

Oceania

Growth Rate of the Country:

Summary Oceania is as follows: The continent is made up of 14 countries with a total population of 31,090,000. There has been a net gain of 1,090,000 in population. During this same time period there has been a net gain of 29 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

American Samoa 174,849 radios			3,000
(1997)		8,634 TVs (1999)	internet (2002)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
American Baptist Association		2	2
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.		2	0
TO	DTAL:	4	. 2
Population:		43,000	57,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			-2

10.63 million **Australia** 25.5 million radios (1997) 10.15 million TVs internet (2002)

Mission Boards:		1995	2003
American Baptist Association		1	1
Assoc. Baptists for World Evangelism		15	12
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.		36	31
Baptist International Missions		22	30
Baptist Mid-Missions		26	28
Baptist World Missions		10	4
Biblical Ministries Worldwide		2	2
	TOTAL:	112	108
Population:		17,690,000	19,731,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			-4
Growth Rate of the Country:			2,041,000

15,000 internet **Fiji** 541,218 radios (1999) 88,110 TVs (2002)Mission Boards: 2003 1995 Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl 0 Baptist International Missions TOTAL: 10 Population: 794,000 868,000 **Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:** Growth Rate of the Country: 74,000

Guam 221,000 radios (1997)		106,000 TVs	5,000 internet (2000)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
Baptist Mid-Missions		2	
Macedonia World Baptist Msn		2	
	TOTAL:	4	
Population:		150,000	163,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:		100,000	-4
Growth Rate of the Country:			13,000
			.,
		2 000 TV-	2.000
Micronesia 9,400 radios (1996)		2,800 TVs	2,000
		(1999)	internet (2000)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
Independent Faith Mission Baptist World Missions		2	
baptist world wissions	TOTAL:	2	
Population:	IOIAL.	118,000	
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:		110,000	108,000
			40.000
Growth Rate of the Country:			-10,000
New Caledonia 107,000 radios (1997)		52,000 TVs	24,000 internet (2001)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
Baptist International Missions		C	2
	TOTAL:	0	2
Population:		178,00	210,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			2
Growth Rate of the Country:			32,000
New Zealand 3.75 million radios (1997)		1.93 million TVs	2.06 million internet (2202)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		14	
Baptist International Missions		2	
Baptist Mid-Missions		8	7
Baptist World Mission		3	
World Baptist Fellowship Msn		4	
·	TOTAL:	31	
Population:		3,507,000	3,951,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	17
Growth Rate of the Country:			444,000

59,841 TVs

1995

(1999)

135,000 internet

2003

(2001)

Papua New Guinea 410,000 radios

(1997)

Mission Boards:

Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism		25	23
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		16	16
Baptist International Missions		14	17
Baptist World Mission		2	2
Maranatha Baptist Mission		4	4
	TOTAL:	61	62
Population:		4,553,000	5,295,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			1
Growth Rate of the Country:			742,000

Solomon Islands 57,000 radios			8,400 internet
(1997)		3,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Boards:		1995	2003
American Baptist Association		1	1
Maranatha Baptist Mission		2	2
	TOTAL:	3	3
Population:		389,000	509,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			0
Growth Rate of the Country:			120,000

		3,000 internet
Vanuatu 67,000 radios (1997)	2,300 TVs(1999)	(2000)
Mission Boards:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	0	2
TOTAL	.: 0	2
Population:	191,000	199,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth Rate of the Country:		8,000

North America

Summary North America is as follows: The continent is made up of 23 countries with a total population of 481,212,000. There has been a net loss of 888,000 in population. During this same time period there has been a net loss of 46 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

		5,000 internet
Antigua 36,000 radios (1997)	31,000 TVs	(2001)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	12	0
Southern Baptist Foreign Missions	2	0
Total:	14	0

Population:	93,000	67,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-14
Growth of the Country:		-26,000

		919 internet
Anguilla 3,000 radios (1997)	1,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	2	0
Total	2	0
Population:	7,400	12,700
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		5,300

		16,900 internet
Bahamas 215,000 radios (1997)	67,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	2	0
Baptist International Missions	11	0
Gospel Missionary Union	15	0
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	4	0
Southern Baptist Foreign Msn	2	0
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	2
National Baptist Convention	0	2
Total	34	4
Population:	278,000	297,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-30
Growth of the Country:		19,000

		6,000 internet
Barbados 237,000 radios (1997)	76,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Mid-Missions	2	0
National Baptist Conv USA	3	5
Southern Baptist Foreign Msn	8	0
Total	: 13	5
Population:	272,000	277,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-8
Growth of the Country:		5,000

		18,000 internet
Belize 133,000 radios (1997)	41,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	6	6
Conservative Baptist Home Mission Board	2	0
Total:	8	6
Population:	201,000	266,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2

Growth of the Country:	55,000
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Cayman Islands 36,000 radios		
(1997)	7,000 TVs	NA
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	6	0
Southern Baptist Foreign Msn	2	0
Total	8	0
Population:	28,000	41,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-8
Growth of the Country:		13,000

			384,000 internet
Costa Rica 980,000 radios (1997)		525,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
American Baptist Association		3	3
American Baptist Churches USA		2	3
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		15	13
Baptist International Missions		6	14
Baptist Missionary Association		2	2
Association of Baptist for World Evangelism		0	4
To	otal:	28	39
Population:		3,374,000	3,896,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			11
Growth of the Country:			522,000

		120,000 internet
Cuba 3.9 million radios (1997)	2.64 million TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	0	4
American Baptist Churches USA	0	1
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	4
Baptist World Mission	0	4
Total:	0	14
Population:	10,788,000	11,268,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		14
Growth of the Country:		480,000

		2,000 internet
Dominica 46,000 radios (1997)	6,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Berean Mission, Inc	5	0
Southern Baptist Foreign Msn	4	0
Total	9	0
Population:	87,000	69,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-9

G	rowth of the Country	y:	-18,000

Dominican Republic			186,000 internet
1.44 million radios (1997)		770,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:		1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA		2	6
Baptist International Missions		3	0
Baptist Mid Missions		2	0
Baptist World Mission		2	0
Conservative Baptist Home Mission Board		2	0
Baptist Bible Fellowship		0	4
	Total:	11	10
Population:		7,915,000	8,715,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-1
Growth of the Country:			800,000

	600,000 TVs	40,000 internet
El Salvador 2.75 million radios (1997)	(1990)	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
All Peoples Baptist Mission	2	0
American Baptist Churches USA	0	2
Missions to the Americas	0	1
Total:	2	3
Population:	5,943,000	6,470,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		1
Growth of the Country:		527,000

		5,200 internet
Grenada 57,000 radios (1997)	33,000 TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	4	0
Berean Mission, Inc.	2	2
Macedonia World Baptist Msn	2	2
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2
Baptist Missions to Forgotten People	0	6
Total:	10	12
Population:	110,000	89,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		-21,000

		200,000 internet
Guatemala 835,000 radios (1997)	1.33 million TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	6	7
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	2	0

	11	6
	3	3
	2	2
	2	4
Total:	26	22
	10,621,000	13,909,000
		-4
		3,288,000
		30,000 internet
	38,000 TVs	(2002)
	1995	2003
	18	9
	3	4
	4	0
	21	6
	4	2
	8	2
	0	2
	0	25
Total:	48	50
	7,148,000	7,527,000
		2
		379,000
		38,000 TVs 1995 18 3 4 21 4 8 0 Total: 48

Honduras 2.45 million radios (1997)	570,000 TVs	40,000 (2000)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA	2	0
Baptist International Missions	12	10
Baptist Mid-Missions	6	9
Baptist Missionary Association	4	4
Conservative Baptist Home Mission Board	3	0
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	3
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	6	8
Total:	33	34
Population:	5,968,000	6,669,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		1
Growth of the Country:		701,000

Jamaica 1.22 million radios (1997)	460,000 TVs	100,000 internet (2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	4	10
Baptist International Missions	8	0
Baptist Mid-Missions	2	1
General Baptist Foreign Msn	2	0
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	4	6
Total:	20	17
Population:	2,706,000	2,695,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-3

Growth of the Country: -11.00	Growth of the Country:	-11,000
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		3.5 million internet
Mexico 31 million radios (1997)	26 million TVs	(2002)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
All Peoples Baptist Mission	6	0
American Baptist Churches USA	6	8
AMG International	4	3
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	2	4
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	66	72
Baptist General Conf Missions	19	7
Baptist International Missions	40	63
Baptist Mid-Missions	20	18
Baptist Missionary Association	5	5
Baptist World Mission	13	12
Conservative Baptist Home Mission Board	10	0
Evangelical Baptist Mission	2	0
Gospel Missionary Union	13	0
Independent Faith Mission	4	2
International Discipleship Msn	2	2
Liberty Baptist Mission	2	0
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	6	10
Trinity International Bapt Msn	2	0
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	25	26
The Master's Mission	0	2
Baptist's Missions to Forgotten People	0	2
Total:	247	236
Population:	97,967,000	103,718,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-11
Growth of the Country:		5,751,000

Netherlands Antilles				
Mission Board:	1995	2003		
World Baptist Foreign Msn	2	0		
Total:	2	0		
Population:	185,000	216,000		
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2		
Growth of the Country:		31,000		

		20,000 internet
Nicaragua 1.24 million radios (1997)	320,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA	7	6
Baptist International Missions	2	5
National Baptist Conv	1	2
Association Baptists for World Evangelism	0	4
Baptist Medical & Dental	0	7

То	al:	10	24
Population:		4,540,000	5,128,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			14
Growth of the Country:			588,000

		45,000 internet
Panama 815,000 radios (1997)	510,000 TVs	(2000)
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	8	10
Baptist International Missions	4	2
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc	4	8
Gospel Missionary Union	9	4
National Baptist Convention	0	4
Total:	29	28
Population:	2,659,000	2,960,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth of the Country:		301,000

St. Lucia		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Grace Baptist Missions	0	2
Macedonia Baptist Missions	0	2
Total:	0	4
Population:	164,000	162,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		4
Growth of the Country:		-2,000

St. Vincent		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Mid Mission	7	9
Total:	7	9
Population:	120,000	116,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		-4,000

Trinidad & Tobago		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Fundamental Baptist Mission	0	2
Baptist International Missions	4	0
Total	4	2
Population:	1,451,000	1,104,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		347,000

Asia

Summary Asia is as follows: The continent is made up of 47 countries with a total population of 3,701,000,000. There has been a net gain of 263,000,000 in population. During this same time period there has been a net gain 176 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

Bahrain			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Reformed Baptist Mission Services		0	3
	Total:	0	3
Population:		601,000	667,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			3
Growth of the Country:			66,000

Bangladesh			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Mid-Missions		7	5
Association of Baptist for World Evangelism		55	63
American Baptist Churches USA		0	1
	Total:	62	69
Population:		132,219,000	138,448,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			7
Growth of the Country:			6,229,000

Burma (Myanmar)		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist World Missions	2	2
Baptist International Missions	2	0
Total:	4	2
Population:	46,275,000	42,510,537
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		3,765,000

Cambodia			
Mission Board:	1995	2003	
Association of Baptist for World Evangelism	0	9	
American Baptist Churches USA	0	2	
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.	0	8	
Baptist International Missions	0	5	
Baptist Mid-Missions	0	2	
Baptist World Mission	0	8	
Total	0	34	
Population:	9,205,000	13,124,000	
Growth of the Mission Boards:		34	
Growth of the Country:		3,919,000	

China		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	7	0
Association of Baptist for World Evangelism	0	6
American Baptist Churches USA	0	3
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	4
Baptist International Outreach	0	4
Macedonia World Baptist Missions	0	6
Total:	7	23
Population:	1,214,221,000	1,286,975,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:		16
Growth Rate of the Country:		72,754,000

Cyprus		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	2	4
Baptist International Missions	2	0
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	2	2
TOTA	_: 6	6
Population:	594,000	771,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:		177,000

Hong Kong		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism	16	16
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	11	7
Baptist Mid-Missions	5	1
Baptist World Missions	0	2
Total	32	26
Population:	6,159,000	7,394,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-6
Growth of the Country:		1,235,000

India			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism		16	16
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		11	7
Baptist Mid-Missions		5	1
Baptist World Missions		0	2
	Total:	32	26
Population:		6,159,000	7,394,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-6
Growth of the Country:			1,235,000
	Total:	6159064	8629046
Population:		904,800,000	1,049,700,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			15
Growth of the Country:			144,900,000

Indonesia			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist International Missions		2	2
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		20	11
RBMU International		23	0
To	otal:	45	23
Population:		195,623,000	234,893,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-22
Growth of the Country:			39,270

Israel		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2
The Master's Mission	2	0
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	0	2
Baptist World Mission	0	2
Total	: 4	6
Population:	5,438,000	6,116,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		678,000

Japan			
Mission Board:	1995	2003	
American Baptist Churches USA	23	11	
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism	22	18	
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	26	26	
Baptist General Conf Missions	16	19	
Baptist International Missions	50	35	
Baptist Mid-Missions	27	28	
Baptist Missionary Association	1	1	
Baptist World Mission	14	16	
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	36	22	
Evangelical Baptist Missions	6	4	
American Baptist Association	1	1	
Free Will Baptists, Natl Assoc.	12	10	
Maranatha Baptist Mission	2	2	
Pilgrim's Fellowship	2	0	
North American Baptist Conf.	11	8	
Total:	249	201	
Population:	126,319,000	127,214,000	
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-48	
Growth of the Country:		895,000	

Jordan		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	8	10

	Total:	8	10
Population:		3,813,000	5,499,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			2
Growth of the Country:			1,686,000

Korea, South		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Faith Missions	1	0
Baptist International Missions	2	0
Baptist World Mission	2	2
Liberty Baptist Mission	6	0
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	2
Baptist Bible Fellowship	28	19
Tota	l: 33	23
Population:	44,851,000	48,289,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-10
Growth of the Country:		3,438,000

Lebanon			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA		0	2
Baptist Bible Fellowship		0	6
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		0	2
То	tal:	0	10
Population:		3,286,00	3,727,000
Growth Rate of the Mission Boards:			10
Growth Rate of the Country:			441,000

Mongolia			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism		0	4
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		0	1
·	Total:	0	5
Population:		2,996,000	2,712,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			5
Growth of the Country:			284,000

Nepal		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	0	2
Total:	0	2
Population:	20,188,000	26,469,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		6,281,000

Pakistan			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		19	10
Baptist Bible Fellowship		0	4
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		0	10
То	tal:	19	24
Population:		141,599,000	150,694,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			5
Growth of the Country:			9,095,000

Philippines		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	2	38
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	56	41
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	55	56
Baptist Faith Missions	3	0
Baptist General Conf Missions	40	20
Baptist International Missions	38	35
Baptist Mid-Missions	4	0
Baptist Missionary Association	5	5
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	79	49
General Baptist Foreign Mission	9	0
North American Baptist Conf	6	6
RBMU International	23	0
American Baptist Churches USA	3	7
Liberty Baptist Mission	2	0
TOTAL:	325	257
Population:	69,922,000	84,619,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-68
Growth of the Country:		14,697,000
Russia		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	4	11
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	18
Baptist Mid Missions	0	7
Baptist Missions to Forgotten People	0	3
Baptist World Mission	0	13
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	0	13
Evangelical Baptist Missions	0	4
Gospel Missionary Union	0	4
American Baptist Churches USA	0	4
Total:	4	77
Population:	153,646,000	144,526,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		73
Growth of the Country:		9,120,000

Singapore		
Mission Board:	1995	2003

		1,772,000
		2
	2,836,000	4,608,000
otal:	20	22
	2	2
	6	2
	2	2
	6	4
	4	6
	0	6
	otal:	0 4 6 2 6 2 7otal: 20 2,836,000

Sri Lanka		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship	2	4
Total:	2	4
Population:	18,320,000	19,742,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		1,422,000

Taiwan		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	2	1
Baptist Mid-Missions	8	2
Baptist Missionary Association	1	1
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	25	14
Macedonia World Baptist Msns	4	. 2
Pilgrim Fellowship, Inc	1	0
Baptist Bible Fellowship	18	14
Tot	al: 39	34
Population:	21,507,000	22,603,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-5
Growth of the Country:		1,096,000

Thailand		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
AMG International	2	2
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	10	8
Baptist General Conf Missions	6	6
Baptist International Missions	4	4
Baptist World Mission	4	2
World Baptist Fellowship Msn	1	1
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism	0	4
Baptist Mid Missions	0	3
To	al: 27	30
Population:	59,605,000	62,265,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		3
Growth of the Country:		2,660,000

Turkey			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
AMG International		1	1
	Total:	1	1
Population:		61,151,000	68,109,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			0
Growth of the Country:			6,958,000

United Arab Emirates		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Macedonia World Baptist Missions	0	2
Total	0	2
Population:	2,176,000	2,484,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		308,000

Uzbekistan		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Macedonia World Baptist Missions	0	2
Total:	0	2
Population:	23,377,000	25,981,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		2,604,000

Africa

Summary Africa is as follows: The continent is made up of 53 countries with a total population of 807,419,000. There has been a net gain of 88,419,000 in population. During this same time period there has been a net gain of 38 missionaries to reach this continent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Included here are all the groups from the MARC book that claimed to be Baptistic in their doctrine.

Benin		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Evangelical Baptist Missions	7	1
Baptist World Mission	0	5
Total:	7	6
Population:	5,573,000	7,041,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth of the Country:		1,468,000

Botswana		
Mission Board:	1995	2003

Baptist International Outreach	0	1
Baptist Mid Missions	0	1
Total	. 0	0
Population:	1,528,000	1,573,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:		45,000

Burkini		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship	0	2
Total:	0	2
Population:	10,382,000	13,228,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		2
Growth of the Country:		2,896,000

Cameroon		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist General Conf Missions	16	6
RBMU International	12	0
North American Baptist Conference	0	23
Total:	28	29
Population:	12,875,000	15,746,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		1
Growth of the Country:		2,871,000

Central African Republic			
Mission Board:	1995	2003	
Baptist Mid-Missions	55	19	
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	1	0	
Tot	al: 56	19	
Population:	3,306,000	3,683,000	
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-37	
Growth of the Country:		377,000	

Chad		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	4	0
Baptist Mid-Missions	7	0
Tota	l: 11	0
Population:	6,470,000	9,924,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-11
Growth of the Country:		5,478,000

Egypt		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Crossover Communications Intl	1	0
Total	1	0

Population:	60,470,000	74,718,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth the Country:		14,248,000

Ethiopia			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl.		4	8
Baptist General Conf Missions		16	8
Baptist International Outreach		0	40
Baptist Mid Missions		0	6
	Total:	20	62
Population:		52,569,000	66,557,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			42
Growth of the Country:			13,988,000

Gambia		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	16	23
Total:	16	23
Population:	983,000	1,501,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		7
Growth of the Country:		518,000

Ghana			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist International Missions		4	2
Baptist Mid-Missions		18	21
World Baptist Fellowship Msn		2	0
Association of Baptists for World Evangelism		0	4
Baptist International Missions		4	2
Baptist World Missions		0	2
Т	otal:	20	29
Population:		17,543,000	20,467,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			9
Growth of the Country:			2,924,000

Guinea-Bissau		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
National Baptist Convention USA	0	13
Total:	0	0
Population:	1,105,000	1,360,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		13
Growth of the Country:		255,000

Kenya		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
American Baptist Association	3	3

Growth of the Country:		849,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-6
Population:	30,844,000	31,693,000
Total:	107	101
The Master's Mission	10	16
Reformed Baptist Mission	2	3
PRM International	2	0
Mission: Moving Mountains	3	7
Independent Faith Mission	16	8
Helps International Ministries	4	0
Gospel Furthering Fellowship	5	3
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	18	18
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	37	44
Assoc Baptist for World Evangelism	7	2

Lesotho		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
National Baptist Convention USA	0	8
Total	. 0	0
Population:	2,020,000	1,861,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		8
Growth of the Country:		159,000

Liberia			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist International Missions		2	0
Baptist Mid-Missions		32	0
National Baptist Convention USA		0	2
	Total:	34	2
Population:		3,005,000	3,317,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-32
Growth of the Country:			312,000

Madagascar			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		8	12
National Baptist Conv USA		2	0
	Total:	10	12
Population:		14,074,000	16,979,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			2
Growth of the Country:			2,905,000

Mali		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Evangelical Baptist Missions	18	18
Gospel Missionary Union	11	35

To	tal:	29	53
Population:		10,878,000	11,626,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			24
Growth of the Country:			751,000

Mauritius		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Total:	0	0
Population:	1,172,000	1,210,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		0
Growth of the Country:		-38,000

Morocco		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Gospel Missionary Union	6	4
Total:	6	4
Population:	29,116,000	31,689,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-2
Growth of the Country:		2,573,000

Niger		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist International Missions	2	1
Total:	2	1
Population:	8,313,000	11,058,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-1
Growth of the Country:		2,745,000

Nigeria			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		4	4
Baptist International Missions		16	3
Baptist World Missions		2	2
North American Baptist Conf		9	6
The Master's Mission		1	0
Baptist International Missions		0	7
Baptist Missions to Forgotten People		16	2
	Total:	48	24
Population:		100,580,000	133,881,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			-24
Growth of the Country:			33,301,000

Rwanda		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
American Baptist Churches USA	1	0
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	11	6

Total	12	6
Population:	8,582,000	7,810,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-6
Growth of the Country:		-772,000

Senegal			
Mission Board:	1995	2003	
Baptist International Missions	4	0	
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	27	10	
Total	31	10	
Population:	8,448,000	10,580,000	
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-20	
Growth of the Country:		2,132,000	

Sierra Leone			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		4	0
Baptist International Missions		6	0
Baptist World Mission		2	0
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		6	0
PRM International		1	0
World Baptist Fellowship Msn		2	0
National Baptist Convention USA		0	54
	Total:	21	54
Population:		4,726,000	5,732,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			33
Growth of the Country:			1,006,000

Swaziland		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
National Baptist Convention	3	21
Total:	3	21
Population:	938,000	1,161,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		18
Growth of the Country:		223,000

Tanzania		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	10	15
Gospel Furthering Fellowship	2	2
Baptist International Missions	0	1
Tota	l: 12	18
Population:	32,892,000	35,922,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		6
Growth of the Country:		3,030,000

Togo

Mission Board:	1995	2003
Assoc Baptists for World Evangelism	55	37
Baptist International Missions	0	1
Total:	55	37
Population:	4,038,000	5,429,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		-20
Growth of the Country:		1,391,000

Uganda			
Mission Board:		1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl		2	2
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board		9	14
Mission: Moving Mountains		8	5
Baptist International Missions		0	7
Baptist International Outreach		0	2
Т	otal:	19	21
Population:		22,012,000	25,632,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:			2
Growth of the Country:			320,000

Zambia		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Baptist Bible Fellowship Intl	4	16
Baptist Mid-Missions	4	20
Baptist International Missions	0	3
Baptist International Outreach	0	4
Total	8	43
Population:	10,174,000	10,307,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		35
Growth of the Country:		133,000

Zimbabwe		
Mission Board:	1995	2003
Conservative Baptist Fundamental Mission Board	2	0
Independent Faith Mission	3	4
Independent Faith Mission	0	4
Tota	: 5	8
Population:	11,352,000	12,567,000
Growth of the Mission Boards:		3
Growth of the Country:		1,215,000

- 3. Totality: A World Vision not Tunnel Vision
 - a. Discuss the Challenge of Missions about a global view of this world.
 - "I have but one passion it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ." -- Count Zinzindorf
 - ii. "While vast continents are shrouded in darkness...the burden of proof lies upon you to show that the circumstances in which God has placed you were meant by God to keep you out of the foreign mission field."-- Ion Keith-Falconer
 - iii. "It will not do to say that you have no special call to go to China. With these facts before you and with the command of the Lord Jesus to go and preach the gospel to every creature, you need rather to ascertain whether you have a special call to stay at home."-- J. Hudson Taylor
 - iv. "Believers who have the gospel keep mumbling it over and over to themselves. Meanwhile, millions who have never heard it once fall into the flames of eternal hell without ever hearing the salvation story."-- K.P. Yohannan, founder of Gospel for Asia
 - v. "We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."-- John Stott
 - vi. "People who don't believe in missions have not read the New Testament. Right from the beginning Jesus said the field is the world. The early church took Him at His word and went East, West, North, and South."-- J. Howard Edington
 - vii. "The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become."-- Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia
 - viii. "As long as there are millions destitute of the Word of God and knowledge of Jesus Christ, it will be impossible for me to devote time and energy to those who have both."-- J. L. Ewen
 - b. The Commission is a world commission or vision as we discussed in the first lesson.
 - c. The following is from What it means to be a World Christian by David Bryant

- i. Step one: Have I caught a world vision?
 - 1. Purpose: Do I see the big picture of Christ's global cause from God's point of view?
 - 2. Possibilities: Do I see the Church's potential in our generation for closing the Gap between God's world wide purpose and its fulfillment?
 - 3. <u>People</u>: Do I see the great scope of earth's un-reached peoples, especially the billions at the widest end of the gap who have yet to clearly hear the Gospel?
 - 4. Part: Do I believe that I, along with other Christians, can have a strategic impact on Christ's global cause right now?
- ii. Step two: Have I kept a world vision?
 - 1. Be: Am I willing to stand in the Gap with Christ, to unite my whole relationship with Him around His global cause?
 - 2. Join: Am I willing to team up with other World Christians to stand in the Gap together?
 - 3. Plan: Am I willing to design specific ways to obey my world vision and help close the Gap?
- iii. Step three: Do I obey a world vision?
 - 1. <u>Build</u>: Do I take time to study the cause? Am I letting my world vision grow?
 - Reach out: Do I personally get involved in the cause? Am I helping to reach un-reached peoples, especially at the widest end of the gap?
 - 3. Give: Do I transfer my vision to other Christians? Am I seeking more World Christians to stand in the Gap and serve the cause?

A world Christian is an informed Christian, a concerned, Christian and a responsible Christian.

d. Every church needs to realize that God did not give the commission to the mission board, the Bible College, nor the denomination. It was given to

the church. Every pastor and church must get a world vision. They must set out a strategy whereby their church can reach the world with the gospel.

- They must prepare missionaries and send them out from their church.
- ii. They must develop a strategy with their own people to reach the world.
 - 1. Key men in key cities with key materials.
 - Do all that the mission boards have done.
 - a. A key man or director for each continent. Then a leading man in each country.
 - b. A plan for that man to reach that country
 - c. Support and supplies to help the man get the job done
 - d. Stay out of the way and let God use the man
- e. The church must realize that it is personally responsible for the world. It must then pass this burden on to its people so that all will feel responsible to get the gospel to the world
- f. In Wanted World Christians by J Herbert Kane on page 187-188 we find the following: "If I were an artist I would paint a picture in two parts. On the right I would have a large round table with three place settings--one for the father and one each for a son and a daughter. On this table I would place all kinds of good things to eat--meat, fish, fowl, cabbage, beans, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower. I would have various kinds of potato-fried, baked, and mashed. For dessert I would have a choice of pastry, pie, or ice cream or an assortment of fruit--peaches, pears, oranges, and bananas. For a beverage the two children would have Coke, Sprite, Orange Crush, or Mountain Dew; the father would have tea, coffee, or cocoa.

On the other side of my picture I would have another table, with nine place settings, one for the mother and one for each of the eight children. At each place setting I would have a glass of water, a bowl of soup, and a crust of bread.

And I would call my work of art, "The American Family at Dinner." You

would come along and inspect my picture and read the caption and shake your head saying, 'No! No! That's a lie. From Maine to California there isn't a single family in which that kind of wealth and that kind of poverty can be found. We have rich families and they share their riches. We have poor families and they share their poverty; but no matter where you look you won't find a single family that combines that kind of wealth and that kind of poverty. That picture is a lie.'

And you would be right! The picture is a lie. But suppose I were to change the title and call my work of art, "The Human Family at Dinner." I should be precisely on the mark. That is how the human family lives--part in poverty that beggar's description and part in wealth that borders on the obscene."

- g. You must work at having a passion for the world.
 - i. How you think in your heart will determine the passion you have. Proverbs 23:7. You can control your thoughts. Philippians 4:8
 - ii. Get out where you can see the people and their needs. Get to the world. Matthew 14:14
 - iii. Fall in love with God.
 - 1. Then you will love what He loves. Psalms 37:4
 - 2. You will feel what He feels.
 - iv. Obey God.
 - 1. Read your Bible. Luke 16
 - 2. Read biographies .
 - Stand between the living and the dead.
 - v. Give to God. Matthew 6:21
 - vi. Make a conscious effort to have a passion. Work at it.
 - 1. Get a world map.
 - 2. Study the data.
 - 3. Go to the cemetery.

- 4. Look at the lights of your city.
- 5. Pray over your city and every city you visit.
- 6. Meditate: put yourself in their place. Romans 10:1-3, 9:1-3

vii. Pray; Matthew 9:37

viii. Think about the judgment.

- 1. **Great White Throne**
- 2. Hell
- 3. **Judgment Seat of Christ**
- 4. Well done; Matthew 25:21
- 5. Crowns: Revelation 4:10

4. **Tyrants Closed Countries**

- "I have but one candle of life to burn, and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light"-- John Keith Falconer
- "If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."-- C.T. Studd
- "And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."-- Nate Saint
- "The more obstacles you have, the more opportunities there are for God to do something."-- Clarence W. Jones
- "We who have Christ's eternal life need to throw away our own lives."--George Verwer
- "Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell." -- Charles Thomas Studd (1862-1931)
 - a. Closed countries pose a risk and cause us to rethink our strategy. Actually the strategy you will learn in this course will not really be changed. We will just have to use real discretion in how to put it into play

- b. The greatest missionary that ever lived was Jesus Christ. He did not accomplish His task or mission by public meetings or work although He did a great deal of it. He accomplished His work in privacy training 11 men that would shake the entire world when He left.
- c. Closed countries are not new. In all honesty Israel was itself a fairly closed country in Bible times. A few were martyred and others suffered imprisonments and punishments.
- d. The answer to closed countries is and will be discipleship. II Timothy 2:2. The missionary can find one man and train and teach him as his friend. Training not just nominal Christians but people that will be capable of leading a ministry for the Lord.
- e. Our goals have been wrong. We have wanted to build great churches, and win great multitudes to the Lord but the greatest missionary of all chose 12 men that He might be "with" them.
- f. Multiplication will be the answer not addition. Teach one who can teach another also.

5. Smart Work versus Hard Work

- a. God expects us to work hard.
 - i. Work at least 50 to 60 hours per week not counting church services, choir practice, and visitation. If the regular church people are expected to do their secular job and then show up at church for one of the ministries, then you have no choice but to do the same.
 - ii. It is wrong to expect God's people to sacrifice so that you can have your support and then work harder than you do where they are.
 - iii. You are not doing anything special when you work a full 50 to 60 hour week in the ministry without counting your church and ministry time. That is exactly what the laymen do.
- b. Often times the work doesn't go forward because we simply do not work.
 - i. Laws of the Harvest: Galatians 6:7
 - ii. Slothful man

- 1. Proverbs 12:24, 27
- 2. Proverbs 15:19
- 3. Proverbs 18:9
- 4. Proverbs 19:24
- 5. Proverbs 21:25
- 6. Proverbs 22:13
- 7. Proverbs 24:30-34
- 8. Proverbs 26:13-15
- 9. Proverbs 6:6-9
- 10. Proverbs 10:26
- 11. Proverbs 13:4
- 12. Proverbs 20:4
- 13. Proverbs 26:16
- iii. You do not know what part of your work will prosper: Ecclesiastes 11:4-6
- c. How to work Smart
 - i. Use your work to build your people and not your people to build your work.
 - ii. Let numbers be the result of your work not the goal of your work.
 - iii. Should you do the work of 10 men or put 10 men to work?
 - iv. Learn to think like a general, a leader, or a businessman.
 - v. Learn to delegate.
 - 1. Deuteronomy 1:9-18
 - 2. Ephesians 4:11-12

- 3. II Timothy 2:2
- d. The pastor, missionary, or man of God should be full time.
 - i. I Corinthians 9
 - ii. II Corinthians 12

Day Two Cooperation

- Plan: "Teamwork makes the Dream work!" 1.
 - "Infighting among personnel is more devilish, desperate, and devastating than anything from the outside." -- Clarence W. Jones
 - Α. For too long we have been so independent of each other that we are almost independent of God. Each of us goes to our field and acts as though there is no one else there. We need each other. There are too many "one anothers" in the Bible to allow us to think that we can each do our own thing. Not only that, the Scriptures say in Romans 14:7 that we do not live or die to ourselves.
 - B. The Bible compares the church to a body. Each part is important and does its part but not all are the same or do the same.
 - C. We must realize that we all have our part to play on the team. We do not all have the same gifts and abilities and will not all be expected to do the same work.
 - Some will prepare the way for others like David did for Saul, John the D. Baptist did for Jesus, etc. Be a bridge that others could walk across to get the job done for God.
 - E. Others will prepare someone who will take the lead after having been our disciple. Barnabas and Paul.
 - F. The attitude of competition is killing our work for World Evangelism.
 - G. "We don't care who gets the credit, we just want the cash!"
 - Н. Many times someone does all the work and another gets the praise. We are called to die to ourselves. Our reward is in heaven.
 - 2. Purpose: Build your Brother's Name!

Loose Shoed Christians

Deuteronomy 25:5-10, I Corinthians 10:11, 9:9-10

- I. Christian Concern
 - a. Raise up your brother's name Deuteronomy 25:7

- b. Build your brother's house Deuteronomy 25:9
- c. Brotherly Love is our mark: John 13:34-35
- d. Work together.
- e. Pray one for another.
- II. **Christian Consolation**
 - a. Barnabas helping the young church. Acts 4:36-37
 - b. Barnabas Helping Saul become Paul. Acts 9:27
 - c. Barnabas helping John Mark return to the ministry. Acts 15:37-38
 - d. Boaz taking in Ruth to the detriment of his own name. Ruth 3:9, 4: -8

III. Carnal Competition

- a. Genesis 38:9 tells how God disciplines a man who will not build up his brother's name and house.
- b. I Corinthians 3:1-9
- c. Mark 9:38-39
- d. Apostles arguing over who gets to sit on the right hand and who on the left
- e. Absalom taking the throne of his father, David
- f. Korah rebelling against Moses
- g. My name, my ministry, my house
- Contemptible Consequences: Deuteronomy 25:9-10 IV.
 - a. Rebuked in Public
 - b. Shoe is loosed
 - c. Spit in his face

- d. Nickname is given to him
- 3. Potential: Hundredfold men
 - 1. Biblical Basis for the idea
 - Matthew 13:23 i.
 - Mark 4:8 ii.
 - iii. Matthew 25:15
 - iv. I Corinthians 15:10
 - 2. The mathematical model of taking a number and doubling it shows the progression. Would you rather have \$1,000 a day for 30 days or one penny doubled every day for 30 days?
 - 3. The ministry of God's gifted people
 - II Timothy 2:2
 - ii. Ephesians 4:1-16
 - 4. The potential of one man training 100 leaders of leaders that can train another 100 leaders of leaders
 - We are not going to have that as our goal to train leaders. They will be just the result of our ministry.
 - ii. As we train hundredfold men, we will automatically train twice as many 60 fold men and 4 times as many 30 fold men.
 - 5. Where do we get the men to train?
 - Some will come from our own family as we train our children: Noah and his three sons, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the 12 sons
 - Some will come from our ministry Moses and Joshua and the other leaders, captains and judges that worked with Moses
 - iii. Some God will miraculously call out and send to you: Eli and Samuel

- iv. Others will be at work in other jobs and not even in the ministry but God will use you to see them called into His service Elijah and Elisha
- v. Others will give their lives to be trained as in the sons of the prophets.
- vi. God will touch a man of men to follow after you.
- vii. You will see skilled men and call them unto yourself.
- viii. Men will be drawn to you as they see God's hand on you and will want to be a part of what God is doing in your life and ministry.
- ix. Some will be struggling to find their place and you will be there at the right time to help them. Barnabas and Saul
- x. Some will be saved under the ministry of someone else, but you can adopt them into your ministry as your son. Paul and Timothy
- xi. Some will be prepared under the ministry of another to a certain point and then God will send them to you—disciples of John the Baptist that followed Jesus Christ
- xii. Some will be saved under your ministry.
- xiii. The point is God will get you the men to train as you seek to put his plan into action.
- 4. Prospects: Short term missions
 - 1. Every Christian should visit the mission field. Everyone should try to find what they can do to be a blessing to the missionary and the work as they go to the field. This will open their eyes for the field and give them a greater burden for what God is doing around the world.
 - 2. Our young people should be encouraged to give part of their life to God on the mission field. It is interesting that Mormons, who are growing at a tremendous rate, use mostly short-term volunteer missionaries. The following are conclusions drawn from personal conversations with Mormon missionaries in Arequipa, Peru.
 - 3. Our children should be raised at home and in the church from the nursery expecting to serve God on the mission field at least for a time.

4. All were told to go. We have turned the Great Commission into something like the following:

i. Go ye

- (Well not the majority of you...,
- iii. We need most of you to stay home and work, make money...,
- iv. take care of the church and the pastor,
- v. have a nice house, life,
- vi. spend time with your family—after all you shouldn't sacrifice the family,
- vii. and if you were meant to be a missionary you would have a desire to live in another country and not in America,
- viii. the majority should give a little to missions through the Faith Promise program of our church,
- ix. after all the home front needs workers too, and of course we can all pray—not that we will even read the letters or get to know the missionaries)

x. Into all the world and preach the gospel!

- xi. Well if we all go there won't be anybody to support the missionaries
- xii. I really want to go. I am willing but....
- xiii. Well, we really are all missionaries whether it is across the street or across the sea. Let's all be missionaries.

5. Prayer

- Every church should get involved in praying for the world. We were commanded to pray that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Matthew 9:37
- ii. Get out prayer reminders to your people, maps, etc.
- iii. Prayer letters were meant to be read!

iv. Get the people personally involved with the missionaries so that they will really pray. Have them visit the missionary, write the missionary, and know the missionary personally.

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The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy That day, and wondered "how?" A ploughman singing at his work had prayed, "Lord. bless them now."

Away in foreign lands they wondered "how?" Their simple word had power. At home, the "Gleaners," two or three, had met to pray an hour.

Yes, we are always wondering "how?" Because we do not see Someone, unknown perhaps, and far away, On bended knee.

Taken from the book <u>Borden of Yale</u> by Mrs. Howard Taylor, 1988

How to Pray for Missionaries

How? That is the question. We have been told all of our lives that we should pray both for our pastor and missionaries. We want to pray for them, but we just don't know how. We have called their names one by one. We have said, "God bless the missionaries," but we want to do more than that. This lesson has the intent and purpose of sharing with you how to biblically pray for missionaries. Everything that you read here you can also apply to your pastor. This will be a blessing not only to the work of God around the world but also to your local church.

The Apostle Paul felt the need to have his folks pray for him. If Paul felt he needed people to pray for him, how much more important would it be for each of us to enlist others to pray for us.

Brethren, pray for us. I Thessalonians 5:25

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf. Il Corinthians 1:11

As you can see from the verse above Paul was not asking lightly for prayer. He felt that the prayers of God's people definitely "helped". He felt that they became an actual part

of his ministry. Your prayers do make a difference when you pray for your missionary or your pastor. If you will pray then we will be working "together" in the ministry.

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me. Isaiah 45:11

In this verse we see that God invites us to put Him into motion. There is so much that God wants to do that He is not doing because we are not involved. He has not only invited us to pray but has commanded us to tell Him what to do. We cannot actually tell God what to do if it is not already His will but if we will, but look at it and we will notice that God oftentimes limits Himself due to our lack of prayer and faith.

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. James 4:2

Why do we not have what we need? Why do we not have even what God wants us to have? I am convinced that the reason we so often are stumbling along in our lives and ministries is because we have failed to ask God!

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. I John 3:22

Prayer has to do with us doing what He wants us to do. We can't expect God to just be a religious all powerful genie that we can command but rather God is looking for some folks who what to obey Him, to do those things that are pleasing in His sight, and then we will receive whatsoever we ask. That is a very powerful promise.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. I John 5:14-15

The reason that we will get whatsoever we ask is that we are obeying Him and doing what is pleasing in His sight. This causes us to ask what we know that He wants us to ask and what we know that He wants us to do. Our God wants us to be involved. He wants us to ask. Prayer is very important in our lives and ministries. We must get involved asking God to move and work in His vineyard.

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; That I may be **delivered** from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed. Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. Romans 15:30-33

Now let us consider some of the ways that we can pray knowing them to be the will of God that will have a definite effect on the ministry of our missionary or pastor. Here Paul asks (begs) that his people get involved and to strive, or work, or agonize with him in prayer. He tells them exactly what they should pray for.

- 1. First, Paul asks that the folks pray for his protection, "that he might be delivered from unbelievers." Now we know that our war is not against flesh and blood but against Satan and his forces. Paul is going forth into areas totally dominated by Satanic forces. He realizes that he will be under attack. He literally begs his folks to pray that he be delivered, protected, and rescued from these ungodly forces. How much your missionary and your pastor need this same prayer. Every day we watch as other "men of God" fall into sin. Oftentimes we are quick to criticize but slow to pray. When a man goes forth to war, he is taking a chance. He is risking his life against a roaring lion that hates God and all that he stands for. Satan will be after him. If the devil can stop the man of God then the work of God will not go forward. He will go to any lengths to get the man of God to fail. He will do so through persecution, discouragement, sex sin, pride, money problems, and a thousand other ways that we have seen Satan destroy the effectiveness of many preachers. Will you pray for your missionary by name asking God to protect him and deliver him from Satan and the unbelievers? Paul asks pray for this same need in II Thessalonians 3:2. There the bible says, And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men for all men have not faith.
- 2. Then Paul asks his people to pray that his service will be accepted by the saints. Paul did not want to offend the brethren, he just wanted to be a blessing. He wanted to do what he knew God had called him to do, but he knew that God would have to open the doors for him and prepare the way. As your missionary travels raising support he will need the saints to accept him and his ministry. What is the key to raising support as a missionary? Most of all it can be simplified by saying that the saints will have to accept his service. That is exactly what we need to pray for. Often times the missionary is on deputation for a long time, more than really necessary, and we wonder why. I would like to beseech you or beg you to strive together with him in prayer that where he goes to present his ministry folks would accept him and his service. Pray that folks will see the importance of his work and ministry and get behind it. Might I add that your pastor needs you to pray the same thing for him. He needs God's working and help in his ministry that his service will be accepted by the saints. How many times do men of God prepare good Bible messages that the folks (saints) need to hear but they are not accepted. Let us pray that after our pastor has sought the face of God, his message will be accepted and taken to heart by the folks of our church.
- 3. Thirdly, in this passage Paul asks them to pray that he return with joy. How important this prayer request is to the missionary and pastor. The missionary leaves to go out on deputation. Will he be able to return with joy? Will he be successful? If he goes out and preaches ten meetings with small love offerings but no support it will be hard to have joy. If he goes to the field and spends a term and sees no real results it will not be easy to return with joy. We must pray for him and ask God to give him success in the work he has been called to. Let's pray that God be at work in his life. Have you ever gone soul winning? You

know what it means to come back with joy and you know what it means to come home sad and beaten. Let us pray that the missionary can go to the field and see the hand of God on his ministry. Let's pray that God will open doors to him. Let's pray that souls will be saved and that he can come back with joy, excited about what God is doing. The same prayer request applies to your pastor. He visits, prays, preaches, etc. Do we want to see him excited about what God is doing in his life? Then we must pray and help him.

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Colossians 4:3-4

- 4. Paul next asks for open doors to preach the gospel. That is exactly what your missionary is going to need the minute he arrives on the field. Just where will he preach? Who will listen to him? He needs God to direct his paths. He needs to know where to go. He needs God to open doors. This is a definite way that you can help by praying. Even Paul had to have open doors. There are millions of folks out there. Most of them have never heard the gospel. But where will I really be able to have success? Where will I find some folks to listen to me? I need your prayers for open doors. Your pastor needs the same thing in prayer. He goes soul winning. He tells folks about Jesus and often times we do not have the success that we could have if we would just go where He has prepared the way and the hearts of folks. Today why don't you pray for your missionary and for your pastor that God would show him where to go and that God would open doors and prepare hearts for the gospel message?
- 5. Paul also realized that it was more than just having open doors. He would need to know how to preach, witness and talk. God open doors but then teach me how to talk to them. What should I say? How do I get the message across? Especially crossing cultural boundaries and speaking in another language we need special help from God. Will you pray for your missionary that God would move in this way? This also would include special pray for your missionary while he or she is in language school. We have the message. We don't have the tools to get it to them. We need another language. They are all hard. We must pray that God would encourage them and help them learn the language.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. II Thessalonians 3:1-2

6. Finally, Paul asks them to pray that the word of God might have free course and be glorified. It was the word of God that changed our lives. Paul asks them to pray for free course. That means that nothing would hinder the working of the word of God. That means that the Bible would be able to run through them and their society.

New Millennium Missions: Finishing the Task of World Evangelism 68

Day Three: The Church

- "The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." Mike Stachura
- "To gather in to Christ the souls He died to save is the one object for which the church exists."
- "Whatever be the cause, here is the solemn fact- a church, purchased by the blood of the son of God to be His messenger to a dying world, for the greater part has failed entirely to understand and fulfill her calling."
- "How certainly and speedily the evangelization of the world could be accomplished if it were not for the failure of the church in doing the part that has been assigned her by God." Andrew Murray
- 1. Planting Indigenous Churches
 - a. God's plan is a local church for every man and woman and family in this world.
 - b. Only the church can continue the ministry long after a man is through.
 - c. Ephesians 4:11-16 very clearly teaches the goal of God is to call men to develop the saints into active effective servants of God.
 - d. The Great Commission wasn't committed to a mission board, a Bible College, or a group of men. It was given to the church.
 - e. Colossians 1:28 shows us that Paul's goal was to present every man perfect or mature before the Lord.
 - f. The greatest discipling maturing body in the world is the local church.
 - g. An indigenous church will carry on the work long after the man who starts it is gone.
 - h. The indigenous church will provide funds and workers for the ministry.
 - i. Like produces like and so if you are really a local churchman sent out by a local church, you will be forced to produce local churches.
 - "There's a new blowing, and it's wafting our way, soon to turn into a gale. Its theme is reflected in this simple little epigram: If you want to grow something to last a season—plant flowers. If you want to grow something to last a lifetime—plant trees.

If you want to grow something to last through eternity—plant churches."

- k. Three-Self Formula. In the nineteenth century two missionary executives, Henry Venn of the British Church Missionary Society and Rufus Anderson, a North American Congregationalist, were concerned about the lack of viable churches. They arrived almost simultaneously at what has been called the three-self formula: self-support, selfgovernment, and self-propagation, terms created by Anderson. Theirs was a bold attempt to produce churches that would remain steadfast, but often it did not work. Stephen Neill argues that the premature withdrawal of the mission effort, leaving the church in the hands of the "native pastorate" in Sierra Leone in 1860, "inflicted on the Church a paralysis from which a whole century has not availed to deliver it" (1964:260). That failure could have been because the national preachers occupied a position that was alien to the local culture. For a useful historical and theological analysis of the hundred-year-old threeself formula, see Beyerhaus (1964).
- Most churches even in America aren't really indigenous.
- m. The question is not do we believe in an indigenous church but how to produce one:

Achieving the Indigenous Principle

No one argues the fact that we should build indigenous churches. Everyone uses the same definition for an indigenous church. The question is not should we plant indigenous churches, but rather how do we arrive at an indigenous church. There are all sorts of opinions as to how to plant an indigenous church

Principle 1 for you to consider

Greenhouse principle. Many plants that we consider indigenous today must start out in a green house. They are nurtured and cared for until they are able to make it on their own.

Principle 2 for you to consider

Raising Children. Everyone agrees that giving birth does not constitute raising children. They must be cared for and provided for until they reach maturity. The parent each day expects more and provides less. Control curve.

- 1. Start right. They must learn from day one to tithe, attend faithfully, clean the building, etc.
- 2. Do not set their leader or leaders up to fail, by doing things that they will never be able to do. (Using materials that they can't get, spending money that they can't spend, etc.)
- 3. Place Nationals in places of leadership from day one and let them fail -- that is how they are going to learn. Do not expect to find leaders that are already ready. Do not expect perfection.
- 4. Practice Church Discipline. Do not throw them away when they fall; restore them and help them to get on with life and the ministry.
- 5. Plan trips away and place more and more responsibility on their shoulders.
- 6. Have business meetings, men's meetings, etc to get them used to deciding what should be done.
- 7. Preach mission's messages and soul winning messages to get them excited and involved in reaching souls.
- 8. Remind them that God can and will do through them what He has done in other places. Let them know about the heroes of the faith from the past and tell them you are looking for those people in Peru. A Peruvian Charles Spurgeon, etc.
- 9. Allow them to think for themselves.
- 10. Force them to take on more and more responsibility as the days and years go by.
- 11. Hold them to a high standard.
- 12. Let them see in your life and everything that you want them to practice and do.
- 13. Accept things that are not American but are from their country and are not necessarily wrong.
- 14. Never do anything alone and when you are with them. You must constantly be teaching them.
- 15. Always have more to do than you can do without their help.

- 16. Be a leader of leaders. Always be training leaders. Give the majority of your time and investment to leaders, so that the people can see that you believe in them and what they are doing.
- 17. Respect the national leader as a real leader and not your peon, especially in public, because the people will catch your attitude.
- 18. Remember that serving God and doing the work of God is more caught than taught.
- 19. Teach them to do the work and have them produce and get more of the credit than you do.
- 20. Practice good Church building and church work from the best churches in the states.
- 21. Never quit studying and analyzing your work and that of others.
- 22. Help them to get their lions and bears so that they can be prepared to kill Goliath.
- 23. Abuses of the Indigenous Church Principle
 - a. Leaving too soon
 - b. Staying too long
 - c. Giving too little
 - d. Giving too much

How could Paul start churches so quickly?

By J. Herbert Kane Christian Missions in Biblical Perspective, pp. 30-33

Six characteristics of Jewish religious life in the Diaspora contributed directly to the making of converts and indirectly to the spread of Christianity later on

1. The institution of the synagogue. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the synagogue in the religious life of the Diaspora. Only a handful of Jews could attend the Temple services in Jerusalem, and then only on festive occasions. Without the synagogue it is doubtful if the Jews of the Diaspora could have long retained their religious heritage. Wherever ten male leaders could be found, the Jewish community built a synagogue, which became the religious and social center

of the Jewish life. The main service of the week fell on the Sabbath, at which time there was the recitation of the Shema (Deut 6:4-5), prayer, and the reading of Scripture, followed by an exhortation and a benediction.

The synagogue could never be a substitute for the Temple. It was primarily a teaching institution; hence its leader was a rabbi, not a priest. No sacrifices were ever offered in the synagogue. For that the Jews had to make the pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. While the Gentiles were excluded from the Temple (Acts 21:29), they had free access to the synagogue. It was there that they received instruction in the Jewish faith. So the synagogue became the chief means of making converts.

- 2. The observance of the Sabbath. The institution of the Sabbath goes back beyond Moses and Abraham to the very beginning, when God rested on the seventh day of creation and hallowed it. The keeping of the Sabbath was reinforced by its inclusion in the Decalogue. The Jews attached enormous importance to this fourth commandment in the law. Circumcision was the only kind of "work" permitted on the Sabbath (Jn 7:22-23). The Jews would sooner be slaughtered by the thousands than engage in battle on the Sabbath. Such strict adherence to a public rite must have made a deep and lasting impression on outsiders, for nearly everyone respects a person who takes his religion seriously and is not afraid to practice it in public.
- 3. The translation of the Scriptures into Greek. After centuries of exile the Jews forgot their Hebrew, in which the Old Testament was written. Instead they spoke Greek, the lingua franca of the Mediterranean world. It was necessary that the Scriptures be translated into Greek for the benefit of the Jews of the Diaspora. This was done sometime in the third century B. C. in Alexandria. The translation came to be known as the Septuagint (LXX) because it was supposed to have been the work of seventy scholars. The LXX soon became a very potent missionary tool in the hands of the Jews of the Diaspora. It was the Bible of Jesus and the apostles, and was read every Sabbath in the synagogues throughout the Greco-Roman world (Acts 15:21). It is doubtful if the Greeks in any large numbers would have frequented the synagogues had the Scriptures and the services been in Hebrew instead of Greek. The LXX and the Wisdom of Solomon and other noncanonical literature, all in the Greek language, were of immense help to Philo of Alexandria and others who took it on themselves to make the Jewish religion intellectually respectable to the philosophical Greeks.
- 4. The concept of monotheism. The Greco-Roman world was honeycombed with polytheism. The Greeks were reputed to have 30,000 gods, most of them gods of lust. In fact, the gods were more immoral than the men who worshiped them. By the time of Plato the idea of one supreme God was discussed by the philosophers, but the common people continued with their idolatry. Many a seeking Greek, fed up with the immorality of the Olympian gods and disillusioned with the speculations of the pagan philosophers, turned with a sigh of relief to the ethical monotheism of Judaism, which preached the doctrine of one true God,

Creator of heaven and earth, immanent and yet transcendent, mighty and yet merciful, who punishes sin and rewards virtue. No other religion had such an exalted doctrine. This was an immense stimulus toward attracting converts.

5. The practice of morality. Immorality ranked with idolatry as the two great sins of the pagan world. Its large cities were cesspools of iniquity. Divorce was widespread; infanticide was common. Paul's description of pagan society in Romans 1 is an accurate picture of the moral decadence of the Roman Empire. Tenney describes it graphically:

Paganism was devoid of any power to lift it above itself, and the growing consciousness of its own impotence brought upon it a pessimism and a depression that it could not escape. Corruption in politics, debauchery in pleasure, fraud in business, deceit and superstition in religion made life in Rome depressing for the many and unendurable for the few.

In contrast to this corruption was the wholesome domestic life of the Jewish people. Divorce was a rare occurrence. Children were regarded as a gift from God; consequently family life was sacred. Fathers taught the Law to their families, and every boy became a Son of the Law at thirteen years of age. Fathers also taught their sons a trade. Immorality was frowned on, with adultery punishable by death. Heathen families desirous of escaping the moral pollution of pagan society found a warm and welcome change in the high moral standards of Judaism. This too was a great drawing card.

6. The promise of a coming Savior. In the closing centuries of the pre-Christian era there was in the Greco-Roman world an almost universal longing for a deliverer. The Greeks gave the world its greatest philosophers and Rome provided its greatest statesmen; but neither the lucubration's of the one nor the machinations of the other could solve the problems of society. Plato had suggested in The Republic that philosophers should be kings and kings should be philosophers; but there were few takers for his recipe, because as a rule philosophers don't make good kings and kings don't make good philosophers. Confucius tried it and failed. And even the philosophers were unable to live up to their own high standards. Consequently the man in the street, far removed from both philosopher and statesman, looked in vain for someone who could promise-and provide-the abundant life both here and hereafter.

Into this vacuum stepped the Jews with their centuries-old expectation of a coming Messiah. There was nothing vain or vague about this figure. Both His person and His program were clearly outlined in the Hebrew Scriptures. He would be Prophet, Priest, and King, all in one. He would succeed where others had failed. Possessed of divine power and knowledge, He would establish a kingdom of universal peace based on absolute justice-something the world had dreamed of but never seen.

The Greco-Roman world listened, and liked what it heard. Thus Judaism became a missionary religion and helped prepare the way for Christianity.

2. The Making of a Missionary

Wanted.....Men!

There is a story to the effect that a certain mission's society in South Africa once wrote to missionary David Livingston: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingston replied: "If you have men who will come ONLY IF THEY KNOW THERE IS A GOOD ROAD, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is NO road at all" Uncle Ben's Quote Book

The Making of a Man of God

I Kings 19:19-21

- Ι. He left all that he had to follow the man of God! He left his parents and possessions 19:20 He was rich -- had 12 yoke of oxen
- 11. He had a Spirit of Humility! He left his riches to serve the man of God 19:19 --12 yoke of oxen 19:21 he ministered-- served II Kings 3:11 He poured water on his hands
- III. He had a burning desire to do the work of God! 19:20
- IV. He was totally dedicated! He killed his voke of oxen, burned his plow, made an open decision, had no escape route planned, and burned his bridges. 19:21
- V. He yielded himself to be a servant! 19:21
- VI. Nothing could make him turn back! I Kings 19:20 II Kings 2:2, 4, 6
- VII. He stuck to the man of God! He was a servant is a disciple II Kings 2:1
- VIII. He was hungry for the power of God! II Kings 2:9
- IX. He lived in the presence of God! 3:14

- X. It was obvious that he had the power of God! 2:15
- 3. The Pastor's Responsibilities
 - A. Everything falls on the pastor. If we are local church people and believe that God has ordained the local church to evangelize the world, then we must realize the great role the pastor has to play in world evangelism.
 - B. The home church is the standard for the field. The missionary will reproduce what he knows as a church. The pastor must build the model; the missionary will follow. (model of tabernacle in heaven)
 - C. The pastor must think like a general or even the president of the country. He must have a strategy so that his church can fulfill her purpose for existing.
 - D. The role of the pastor and the local church in missions

Ephesians 4:11-16

- 1. Evaluate your doctrine: Proverbs 23:7
 - a. What do you really believe about the local church and its responsibility in world evangelism? I Corinthians 15:34
 - b. Do you really believe that He loves everyone and wants all to be saved? John 3:16, Titus 2:11, I Timothy 2:3-6, Hebrews 2:9, I John 2:2, II Peter 3:9, Isaiah 45:22
 - c. Do you realize the importance of the work of the pastor and the local church? I Thessalonians 2:16
 - d. Are you convinced of the need?
- 2. Completely surrender to the Spirit of God and the Word of God
 - a. Really believe that the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice.
 - b. Do not try to follow what men do or want or what is customary and accepted among the brethren.
 - c. Seek the power of the Holy Spirit in order to carry the gospel to the entire world. Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8

- i. Is the Great Commission really your reason to be in the ministry?
- ii. What does the word "both" mean in Acts 1:8?
- d. All of the Bible is a biography of how God used the life of a man
- e. Do you really think that you can be used to make a difference?
- f. Get rid of these fatalistic attitudes.
- 3. Establish a real ministry of prayer. James 4:2
 - a. Ask God to give you a burden, a passion.
 - b. Pray over your city and the cities of the world.
 - c. Teach your people how to pray for missionaries, missions, and the world.
 - d. Always bring world evangelism and missions before your people.
- 4. Edify or build a church that has an environment of power.
 - a. A place where your members can learn, see, feel, do, and believe that it is possible.
 - b. Give incentives to your people to do something for God.
 - c. Allow missions and soul winning to produce a fire in your church.
 - d. The missionary needs it.
 - e. There should be testimonies of changed lives.
- 5. Understand that the whole world is your field.
 - a. See further out than your church and your salary.
 - b. The Great Commission was given to the local church not to a denomination, mission board, etc.

- c. It is your responsibility as a pastor.
- 6. Teach your people from childhood to do the work of God.
 - a. Start now; the people of your church need to do the work where they are.
 - b. Disciple them.
 - c. If they do not produce now they will not do so in another place.
 - d. Let them prove that they can do it where they are.
 - e. They should become soul winners in their church.
 - f. Prepare and perfect people that is your job not the job of the Bible College.
- 7. Realize that missions are your only excuse to be in existence.
 - a. The Great Commission
 - b. Getting the gospel to the world
 - c. Develop your own strategy as a church to reach the world.
- Educate your people
 - a. Communication, information
 - b. Ignorance is enemy number one
 - c. Have missions' conferences that open their eyes and raise their vision.
 - d. Preach their responsibility towards missions and world evangelism.
 - e. Preach that the local church has to reach the entire world.

- f. Get them to the mission field. Help them see the needs and realize how they can be used to make a difference.
- Send missionaries: Romans 10:13-17
 - a. Have a real budget for world evangelism.
 - b. Send missionaries from your church.
- 10. Exercise your leadership.
 - a. It is a privilege and responsibility.
 - b. Prepare yourself to be able to lead your people.
 - c. Everything rises and falls on leadership.
 - d. Preach the need.
 - e. Give as an example.
 - f. Challenge the people with great goals because great goals form great people.
 - g. Realize you have a chance to do something really big.

4. Where can you fit in?

- Be faithful in your service to the Lord in your church. That means get to a. church on time, tithe, attend all the services, and find something that you can do as a service for the Lord in your church. Your service to God in your church will build on what you are doing in private. Be sure to take care of your walk with God, your personal devotions, your prayer time, your soul winning, etc.
- b. Pray for the ministry of your church and pastor. Pray for souls to be saved. Pray for God to send forth laborers to His harvest. Pray for your missionaries by name.
- Share your testimony--what you have seen, felt, and heard when you have C. traveled to the mission field and in classes like this one.
- d. Write personal letters to the missionaries--stay in touch. Learn about their personal needs--share them with others. Really pray about those needs

- and share them or carry them both personally and spiritually. Pray seriously.
- Send the missionary things that he needs--also just send them care e. packages to let them know that you love them and think of them. Often times it is "out of sight--out of mind!"
- f. Adopt a missionary family for at least one year and invite others to do so. Sunday School classes (and families) can do the same. It would be better if each family would take one specific missionary so that they can really get involved in their lives.
- Keep up with their birthdays and special needs. Send them a small gift g. and a card, etc. Remember them at Christmas.
- h. Study up on the different countries. Find out about the need there. Keep up with their country in the news.
- i. Find out about different projects that your missionaries have, and get involved in them however you can.
- j. Send the pastor's sermon tapes and even videotapes of the services and special activities. Make them feel like you haven't forgotten them.
- k. Study the Scriptures about the needs of missionaries.
- I. See the work of a missionary as equal to that of a Pastor. Talk about it. Promote it. Don't look at it as a guy in the backcountry that couldn't cut it in the states.
- See the world's problems as being a result of sin and the lack of God's m. Word!
- Send personal comments on your pastor's preaching tapes and especially n. greetings or comments from him.
- Invite retired missionaries or furloughing missionaries to your youth camps 0. etc. Get them in your Sunday school class. God can use them to reach young people for the work.
- Really get to know your missionaries personally and have a genuine p. interest in their lives and ministry. You meet the need in their life before they ask or mention it because you are keeping up and are interested.
- Have a mission's closet. q.

- When the missionary comes to your church be sure and talk with him r. about his work and ministry. Ask him what you can do to help him get set up. Take him to the pastor's office and introduce him to the pastor. Show him where the bathroom is. Be careful to be very friendly to their children. It is very difficult going to a different church every service and feeling like you are an outcast, different, have no friends, etc.
- Show interest in his display. Most of the time no one looks or talks unless S. it is the children. He spent a lot of time fixing it up to show you about his country. Be interested. Ask questions. Learn.
- t. Tell God that you are ready and available to serve Him anywhere in the world that He desires. Give yourself to Him to take His gospel to the world. Don't ask others to do what you aren't willing to do.

Day Four: The Challenge

1. Discipleship

- A. Every Christian gets discipled from the moment they get saved.
- B. We take them as far up as they want to go.
- C. Discipleship is not a series of lessons but "life on life".
- D. We start with character, or "to be".
- E. After going through basic lessons and getting who we are down, we move on to what we do.
- F. After getting "to be" and "to do" down we start on what we do publicly as a ministry.
- We are preparing everyone to be in the ministry and to serve God. They G. will each choose how far they desire to go.

PRIORITY MINISTRY train leaders **PUBLIC MINISTRY** "church planter" (If you plant one church, are you a church-planter?) PERSONAL MINISTRY soul-winning (Individual discipling – usually doesn't happen) PRIVATE MINISTRY character and home life

2. **Training Leaders**

- Ι. What do we mean by the term leader of leaders?
 - A. The weakness of past missionary work was not leaving an indigenous church!
 - В. The present day weakness is "one church--one term or more missionaries"
 - C. Many are asking the question; if all the missionary is going to accomplish is one church, a few dozen people, etc, in one term wouldn't it be better to support a national who will work for much less and do about the same amount of work?
 - By the term leader of leaders we mean someone who will find and D. train others to do the work so that in about the same amount of time he will have several doing the work of planting churches and not just himself.
- 11. You must change your opinion.
 - Α. No one else can do it as well as I can!
 - B. It takes longer to train them than it does to just do it!
 - C. They will never do it as well as we can!
 - D. There are no good nationals or I can't find any!
 - Ε. Consider Moses and Joshua; Eli and Samuel; Elijah and Elisha, the prophets and the sons of the prophets!
 - F. This is the way Jesus did it!
 - G. This is the way Paul did it!
 - Η. This is the Bible way!
- III. The Bible Basis for this form of ministry
 - Matthew 28:19-20 Α.
 - B. Ephesians 4:11-16 (Acts 20:27)

- C. II Timothy 2:2
- D. Romans 10:13-17
- E. James 1:21
- IV. How Jesus trained leaders!
 - Α. Much praying before He chose who He would work with. Luke 6:12
 - B. The purpose He had in choosing the twelve. Mark 3:14
 - C. He spent extra time with them training them and answering their questions. Matthew 13:10-17, 36
 - D. After training them, He began to test them immediately so He could correct what they had not learned correctly. Titus 1:5
 - 1 Luke 10:1, 17
 - 2. Luke 8:22, 25
 - 3. John 6:6
- V. Instead of making excuses and complaining about the lack of possible leaders you must ask God to give you some leaders. You will not find ready-made leaders and if you did, they would not be in agreement with your style of leadership.
 - Ask God for a band of men whose hearts He has touched. I Α. Samuel 10:26
 - B. Be on the lookout for men that you can call to yourself and train. I Samuel 14:52
 - C. It is more caught than taught. They learn from watching us. I Corinthians 16:10-11, 4:17
 - Take them forward at the speed that they are able to go. Genesis D. 33:13-14

- E. Have double vision. See them as they are and then see them where God wants them to be. Judges 6:13-18. (How God saw Gideon)
- F. You cannot lead people where you have not already been nor to do what you have not already done or are doing.
- G. Teach them to be one of the mighty men II Timothy 2:1-5, I Samuel 10:26, II Samuel 23:8-39, I Chronicles 11:10-47
 - 1. Men who will strengthen themselves with their pastor I Chronicles 11:10
 - 2. Men who are willing to be helpers I Chronicles 12:1
 - 3. Men who are worthy of the Battle | Chronicles 12:8
 - 4. Men who are willing to pay the price II Timothy 2:3-4
 - 5. Men of compassion Hebrews 5:1-4

3. Use of Media and Material

"What Christian worker has not hoped that somehow the words which he speaks or the books which he distributes will prove a more effective witness than his hurried and ineffective life? But here the missionary commits himself outright to showing Christianity as a way of life and this keeps him in constant realization of his need for a closer walk with God." Lyman MacCallum

Α. **Problems**

- 1. It's not the actual ministry of church planting
- 2. It is not easily accepted by churches for support
- 3. It can get you lifted up in pride
- 4. Excessive cost. Those who have developed materials and media ministries have done so personally for the most part.
- 5. Too much work. It would seem that most independent Baptists can't read and we definitely can't write. Those with most influence are those who have left something for others to read and study. Matthew Henry. Jim Eliot.

B. **Priority**

- 1. The ability to reach thousands. How can so few be in so many places at once. What do we leave in their hands when we leave?
- 2. In the strategy to reach the world it is like our air attack.
- 3. Combat false doctrine and give confidence to the people you are training. The media forms public opinion. The Pentecostals have been doing this to us for years.
- 4. Radio, TV, Internet, and printed material must be prepared. This is the information age. The cults have used every available means to get the gospel to the world. We must be as wise as serpents. We have at our disposal the ability to reach millions instead of just dozens or hundreds. What should we do?
- 5. Why do King James fundamentalists have to use materials prepared by people that they would not allow to preach in their churches to write the textbooks for our colleges. There is a great lack of Sunday school material, discipleship material, college textbooks, etc.
- Closed doors are not closed to radio and TV signals. Internet, TV, 6. radio, and even printed materials can go where we will never go. The person who might be embarrassed to come to a church building might read, listen to, or watch in the privacy of his home and get the gospel.

C. **Passion**

- 1. Our desire is to reach the masses with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 2. Our desire is to propagate the gospel and the doctrine we preach to the entire world
- 3. Our desire is to do so now—in this generation. We are satisfied to allow many to die without ever hearing the gospel while we sit idly by and preach to a few hundred.
- 4. It is our desire to get the gospel to every person by every available means as soon as possible.
- 5. The media can be an aide to church planting and discipleship. It is not an "either/or situation". They are not mutually exclusive. We

have already seen dozens get saved and into one of our churches through the TV ministry in Arequipa.

D. Production

best

- 1. Our God is a God of excellence. Therefore, we must do the possible job in preparing our materials.
- 2. This gives an outlet for many of our people who would love to be full-time in the service of the Lord but do not feel called to preach.
- 3. It has been our preference that our people work in a secular job among worldly people instead of giving their lives to further the kingdom with the talents God has given them.
- 4. The missionaries' constant complaint has been the lack of materials. We have been good to get them the gospel tracts, portions of Scripture, and even whole Bibles. What about the materials he needs to train leaders, disciple, and have a Bible College?

Day Five: Change

1. Treatment of Nationals

- There is an attitude among Americans that seems to say that we are better a. than they are. We seem to think that the American missionary can be trusted but the national cannot be trusted. If he can't be trusted it must be the training he got so it still goes back to the missionary.
- b. The world will never be reached without the national leader. God's plan is to train and prepare leaders of all races to reach the world.
- Why does giving to you not hurt you but it does the national? C.
- Nationals need to be treated as equals. d.
- Train and treat them as your literal sons in the ministry. e.

Relations with nationals

Maybe the most important aspect of our work as missionaries, outside of the strictly spiritual realm, is that of our relationship with nationals. So many good men and women go to the field and do not accomplish what they could, even though they are very well trained and prepared for the work. It is not enough to have a good education or to be a spiritual man of God. You must also know how to relate to people. You are the visitor to their country. You must learn to think in terms of how they view things and not what you like or want. We must learn to identify ourselves with them.

A. Identification:

In order to have an effective cross cultural ministry, missionaries must first of all be students of culture--in other words, the way a particular people organize their world.

Culture is an integrated system of beliefs (about God or reality or ultimate meaning), of values (about what is true, good, beautiful, normative), of customs (how to behave, relate to others, talk, pray, dress, work, play, trade, farm, eat, etc.), and of institutions which express these beliefs, values, and customs (government, law courts, temples, or churches, family, schools, hospitals, factories, shops, unions, clubs, etc.), which

binds a society together and gives it a sense of identity, dignity, security, and continuity.1

Effective missionaries identify with the culture. Through intimate knowledge of the people, missionaries see the world as the people see it, and experience life as they do. We have no better example of this identification than Jesus Christ himself. He left His home in glory to become a vulnerable, dependent, human infant. He knew hunger and thirst, poverty and oppression. He experienced rejection, anger, and loss. He wept. His experience of human nature gave Him a tremendous insight that He manifested in His earthly sojourn and provided a relational platform for a powerful ministry.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Hebrew 2:17

1. The example of Jesus²!

> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Notice how Jesus in His incarnation identified with the people He wanted to reach. He became like those He had come to reach but without sin.

- Α. Jesus came as a helpless infant. He did not come as a leader, teacher, expert or even as a visitor from a superior or dominate culture. If we desire to reach them we must not come in as the big shot.
- Jesus was a learner. He learned the language from His B. parents. He learned how to play with His peers. He, the very Son of God, was sitting in the temple "asking questions." What a profound lesson for us. Will you be willing to approach your new people as a learner? Will you humble yourself enough to allow them to correct you?

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Sherwood G. Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers, Ministering Cross-Culturally An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships, (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan 1986) pp 16-17

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. Luke 2:46

God Himself studied the language, the culture, and the lifestyles of His people for thirty years before He began His ministry. He knew about their family lives and problems. He stood at their side as a learner and as a coworker. He earned their respect. He identified Himself totally with those to whom He was sent, calling Himself the Son of man.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2:52

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8

C. Jesus was completely and legitimately a Jew.

> Jesus was so ordinary in this regard that people in His hometown refused to accept the power of His teaching and ministry. He was just a regular "Jew". Matthew 13:54-58. It is our goal to live among them to the point that they know that we are one of them. We want them to say-- "He is one of us!"

D. Jesus' Instruction: We are here as servants and not to lord over our people.

But Jesus called them unto him, and said. Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister: And whosoever will be chief among you. let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto. but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:25-28 also John 13:14-17

2. The example of Paul

Α. He took on their culture to be able to win them. Notice the words he uses here: I made myself--I became. He would do and be whatever he needed to get a hearing and thereby reach them with the gospel.

> For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew. that I might gain the Jews: to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. I Corinthians 9:19-23

Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. I Corinthians 10:33

В. He ate their food without questioning them. higher insult to a people than the refusal to eat their food. Consider what your mother feels when folks turn up their noses at her cooking.

If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. Corinthians 10:27

And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. Luke 10:7

C. He gave himself, and all that he had, totally to them. He expected to be mistreated but that didn't stop him from loving them. You must decide that you are going to the field to give, be taken, mistreated, laughed at, or whatever to be able to reach the folks that God is sending you to.

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. II Corinthians 12:15

D. Paul called Peter's hand because he mistreated the "nationals" by showing preference to the other missionaries or people of his own race. He had been willing to eat with them and mix with them until other "missionaries" came and changed his mind. Be careful not to let disgruntled, unbonded missionaries affect how you feel about the people. Peruvians have told me of new missionaries that arrived on the field loving them but once the veteran missionaries got a hold of them they regressed into the same "better than you", selfish attitude. Many times the missionaries spend all of their free time with each other and do not develop a relationship with the nationals.

But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel. I said unto Peter before them all. If thou. being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? Galatians 2:11-14

E. Paul's Instructions:

Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. Romans 15:2

Therefore I **endure all things** for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. II Timothy 2:10

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, (for the national people)3 I am become as sounding brass, or a And though I have the gift of tinkling cymbal. prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity. (for the national people) I am nothing. And though I bestow

Fred A Kindhart, The National People, (Macedonia World Baptist Missions Orientation, 1991) p 6

all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (for the national people), it profiteth me nothing. suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. I Corinthians 13:1-8

3. The example of Hudson Taylor

> When we think of identification, images of Hudson Taylor in native Chinese dress and a braided pigtail come to mind. Heart to heart identification however is much more than adopting dress and customs. It is the result of a sequence of actions based on attitudes. Entering a culture with an open, trusting, and accepting outlook is the first step.

- 4. The goal of identification is to be an effective communicator. The reason that I want to identify myself with my people is to understand them. I want to know how they live. How they see things. What goes on in their houses? What fears they have. If I live with them enough to really understand them then I will be able to preach to them. My messages will ring true. Honestly, many times a message that is tremendous in America will fall flat on its face in Peru. Our people are the same, but they are different. I need to get inside their heads, hearts, and families by going to their funerals, weddings, and playing their sports with them etc.
- Bonding or Belonging. These two words talk about a further step in our B. becoming a part of their society. I want to bond with them like I did with my own family. I want to belong. I do not want to be a stranger or a pilgrim. It is difficult to be like them. I speak a different language. I am a different color, a different size; I have a different past, a different level of living. I must work at being one of them.
 - 1. Definitions:4

Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition

- Bonding is the development of a close relationship between a. family members or friends
- b. Belonging is having a close relationship; familiarity; camaraderie [a feeling of belonging]

2. Plunge right in!

- a. Your first few days among the target people can determine the course of your ministry for years to come. The way you spend your first couple of weeks in your new country is of critical importance (if you are to establish a sense of belonging with the local people). Better to plunge right in and experience life from the insider's perspective. Live with the people, worship with them, go shopping with them, and use their public transportation. From the very first day it is important to develop many meaningful relationships with local people. The new-comer should communicate early his needs and desire to be a learner. People help people who are in need. Then when potentially stressful situations come up he can, as a learner, secure help, answers or insight from these insiders. Getting outsiders to answer insider questions will only alienate you from the people. The individual who hopes to enter another culture in a gradual way will probably fail to do so, and he may never enjoy the experience of belonging to the people or having them care for him.
- Immerse yourself! It is very important that from your first day b. you immerse yourself in the life of your new community. You should worship with the people. You should develop local friendships, which is essential for feeling at home.

This is the secret to the rapid growth of the Mormons around the world. The rapid international expansion of Mormonism is virtually all being carried out by short-termers; most of who immediately move in with a local family and become belongers in the community. You will read that in many places, the missionaries who learn the language best are Mormons and they are only in the country for two years.5

Jonathan Lewis. World Mission, An Analysis of the World Christian Movement, Second Edition, Part 3, Cross Cultural Considerations. (William Carey Library, Pasadena, California, 1994) p 12-6

Become bicultural! You will be neither totally American nor C. totally of your new country. The moment we got saved we received a new citizenship in heaven. Now we are called upon to enter into a new culture. We must become "one of them". Bonding and going native are not the same thing. Going native generally implies the rejection of one's first culture, a reaction that is seldom seen and may not be possible for emotionally stable individuals. Nor is being bicultural the same as schizophrenic. The schizophrenic is a broken fragmented self. The bicultural person is developing a new self, a new personality.6

I suggest that you take on an insider's name. Take a name that fits in the country where you are. It will be the new you. The you is neither American nor fully "national". This will say, "I live here, I want to be recognized as one of you." For most North American missionaries. North America is home but you must develop a different attitude. Live in your new country; make it your home. Visit America every fifth year. It will change all of your attitudes.

d. The problem is that when normal bonding is not established, rejection of the people or even abuse can occur. It is often reflected in the attitude behind statements like, "Oh these people!" "Why do they always do things this way?" "Somebody ought to teach them how to live." "Won't these people ever learn?"

> There is nothing sadder to see than a missionary who is not comfortable with the people. Let me be guick to add that many missionaries are not happy. They hide out in their houses, join all the country clubs, and only show up for church during regular services. The people know that they are not happy. Why would you spend the next four years of your life living like that? I once heard a missionary say that he would lock himself in the bathroom in order to keep from returning to the states before his time was up. What a way to live!

Why do you want to go to the mission field? e.

The key is, did you come to give aide or to give yourself?

But if the giver is giving himself along with the gift, if he is

reaching out and making himself vulnerable, sacrificing comfort and convenience, the people will see that and will be more likely to respond favorably.

- C. Being a learner. Responding to the inevitable cultural differences with humility as a learner is a second step.
 - 1. There are three dimensions to this work:
 - We must come to a knowledge of all aspects of the people's a. culture.
 - b. We must participate with them in their life style;
 - We must demonstrate genuine empathy with them. С Empathy means the projection of one's own personality into the personality of another in order to understand the person better; ability to share in another's emotions, thoughts, or feelings.7
 - Be a student of their culture. Missionaries must not only become 2. students of the culture but also belongers in that culture. When missionaries fail to achieve genuine identification, their ministries are often limited to areas that don't require an insider's performance. If you do not become one of them, if you do not really learn the language, you may never have a ministry that will have a great impact. You must pay the price to learn and become one of them
 - 3. Communication is the goal. The ultimate goal of identification is not to see how much like the other culture one can become but how profoundly and effectively one can learn to communicate with those of the other culture.
 - 4. My major emphasis is on language, the primary symbol of identification in my host community. When I try to learn it they know that I mean business--they are worth something to me because I make an effort to communicate on their terms. I learn a little each day and put it to use. I talk to a new person every day. I say something new everyday. I gradually reach the point where I understand and am understood a little. I can learn a lot in three months. I am a learner. Please talk with me and help me.

Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition

- 5. You can successfully learn a new language if three conditions are met.
 - You live where the new language is spoken. a.
 - You are motivated to learn the new language. Motivation is b. a determination that results in a decision of the will. I will learn.
 - You know how to proceed with language learning: step-by-C. step and day-by-day.
 - 1. Prepare what you need for the day.
 - 2. Practice what you prepare.
 - 3. Communicate what you know.
 - 4. Evaluate your needs and progress so you will know what to prepare for the next day.
- Practice, practice. From the first day, learners should be using 6. what they learn, practicing and interacting with people.
- 7. Additional material. Although language learning is not my topic I want to give you the following statements to consider as you embark on your new language. Remember one of the best ways that I can identify with my people and really belong is by being a learner. What is more important than their language? How do you feel about foreigners that come to the US and do not want to learn our language? Our country was known as the melting pot. Folks came from all over but everyone learned our common language. They may have retained something of their previous culture but they knew how to fit in here. That is what you must do.

"Thinking positively about language learning is a crucial aspect of the learner's approach."

"You can successfully learn another language. Successful language learners -- both children and adults -- begin with an underlying knowledge that a language is learned rather than taught. And they know how to take advantage of the abundant resources available to them. These resources are the people who speak the language."

"It is motivation that determines ultimate proficiency in a second language."

"Language learning is a social activity and it must be learned through relationships with people."

"One has to make mistakes in order to learn from his mistakes"

"The problem is not one of ignorance but of cultural isolation."

"..failure to learn foreign languages results primarily from false attitudes towards culture."8

"Most adults subconsciously resist the idea of becoming 'childlike' to learn a language...yet this role is unavoidable."9

D. Attitudes

Our attitudes are revealed by the little things we do for people: the little gestures that cost us almost nothing. They are revealed in our interest in the people, and our entering into their joys and sorrows. They are revealed above all in our love for them. It is not our skill in the language or our competence in our work that is going to win their heart; it is our attitude, especially our attitude of love that is going to influence them. On the other hand, it is our bad attitudes that are going to repel them: our inconsiderateness, our condescension, our criticalness, our indifference. Such attitudes will neutralize months of ministry.

"The single most important area of your life and ministry will be in the realm of attitudes."

1. We are guests

Have the attitude that we are guests in their country. Guests are reserved, grateful, and discreet. Guests are dependent on their host for many things. Guests honor, not denigrate, their host. Too often missionaries act as if they are schoolmasters and the nationals are children.

2. Respect

Lyman E. Reed. Preparing Missionaries for Intercultural Communication: A Bicultural Approach (William Carey Library, Pasadena, California 1985) Taken from various parts of the book and very well worth your reading.

⁹ Lewis. World Mission p 12-21

Love is not enough; we must learn to respect them. It is not difficult to respect them if we look for their many good points. usually have high standards of morality and social standards. They are courteous, respect their elders, value family, and are loyal to their community. Their endurance, hospitality, and friendliness put Americans to shame. They have high aspirations for their future just as we do. Another way to develop respect for them is putting ourselves in their place. Why do they do the things that they do? Could we do things better? Often not. Why do the nationals react the way they do? Can you imagine what the loss of a buffalo or goat could mean to a very poor farmer?

- 3. Build trust. Is what I am doing, thinking, or saying building trust or is it undermining trust? Learn to accept others. It will not be long before the nationals will begin to realize that they are welcome in the missionary's home. Just remember they are not inferior or less valid-- just different. "It is not difficult for others to discern whether or not the missionaries accept them as persons. Their attitudes and actions soon give them away."
- 4. Empathy is a crucial attitude that will allow the missionary to truly enter into the lives and feelings of the people as an equal and as a friend.
- 5. The only way to achieve this love and respect is to pray for it. It is not something that I can do but what He does in me. I need he Holy Spirit to love through me.
- Be careful not to have the attitude of paternalism and superiority. 6. First, it is a manifestation of pride. Second, it lowers the person to whom it is directed. Third, it prevents that person from developing. We must remember that we are unworthy servants and that all we have is of God. We must remember that we are merely beggars showing other beggars where to find bread, and then the paternalism issue will greatly disappear. The thing that the missionary must remember is that he is a representative of Christ, not an advocate of his home culture.

"It is very easy for Western missionaries to adopt an attitude that communicates the feeling that the way we do things here at home is the right and proper way to do so, whatever it maybe."

The other error is to refuse to see anything wrong with the host culture, so we treat them like spoiled children. We must speak the truth in love. We need to show them a natural respect based on

mutual understanding. No pampering or patronizing: the nationals are our equals. Treat them naturally.

E. Some do's and don'ts

- 1. Do not treat their church any differently than you would a church in the United States. Their church is just as good, and many times much more spiritual than a church in the US...
- 2. Don't treat national pastors any differently than you would a pastor in the United States.
- Do not eat or drink in front of them without offering them something.
- 4. Do not buy food or candy for your children at or during the church service without offering some to everyone. It would be better if they could eat before they leave and then as soon as they get home. Many times due to the fact that a little store is so close to the church the missionaries make a beeline for the store and are seen eating and drinking but the nationals do not have money to eat or drink. Be careful not to take food to the service as though you were going to the circus. Understandably many times a baby will need a small snack. Make it something that is not so noticeable and maybe even something that you could offer to the other babies in the church if they see you getting it out. Do you know what it is like to be poor and see someone else drink a coke? That coke that is very inexpensive for you is very expensive often times for the folks in the church. By the time they are 3 or 4 years old that should be broken from the habit of eating at church. All the children, if not the other family members will want to eat something at church. You can't make a picnic out of a church service.
- 5. Do not constantly criticize their country or talk about your country and all that you miss there or how it is better.
- 6. Be careful; your household worker is your loud speaker to the world outside your home. Do you behave one way inside your home and another way outside? Do you lead a double life?
- 7. Develop a taste for their foods. Eat with them. Do not turn your nose up at their food.
- 8. Start your ministry before even leaving language school. You will have to finish language school before you start your full time ministry but that doesn't mean that you can't and shouldn't be

involved in the ministry of your "new" church with your new people.

- 9. Make them feel welcome in your home. Do not build a little America in your home. Do bring things from home. Make it your house, but become a bicultural person so your home will be a mixture of both cultures that make up your new life. Many missionaries feel that their home is the only place that they can retreat to, and therefore they will not allow the foreign country into their home. You simply will not reach the people if that is your attitude. Sure your home is your castle, but how would you react to a pastor that moved to your area, and couldn't guit talking about the place he came from, wouldn't let you in his home because he thought you might steal from him or get his things dirty. How would you feel if you thought that he felt that he was superior to you? Imagine the lack of privacy that Jesus suffered. He lived with them. He traveled with them. He slept, ate, traveled with them. One of them laid his head on Jesus' chest. But then He came to seek and save us, no!
- 10. Do not skip church or stay outside the building during church etc. Get involved with the people in the service. Do not act disinterested even during language school. Try to capture a new word every service. Try to imagine where the pastor is going with the message from the passage he is using.
- 11. Look at things like they do. They aren't strange or new--you are.
- 12. Do work on the language. It is an insult to the people if you do not think that they are important enough for you to be constantly working on the language. Allow them to correct you. Invite them to do so and then thank them profusely when they do!
- 13. Do not over compensate with your family due to the fears that you have living in a new country. In other words you should spend time with your family and you should love them but they should not be an excuse not to spend time with the people, the church, the language, etc.
- 14. Do not hire a national to do your work and then take the credit for what he does. He soon figures it out and it will really hurt your relationship with the people. National pastors have complained many times about the rich missionaries that can hire workers and then get all the credit through their slide shows.

- 15. Make friends of the people. Your best friends will now be those that you live and work with.
- 16. Do not live in the USA and just work four-year terms on the field.
 - You should determine to live in your country and visit the US. Home is your new country. If you moved to another area to pastor you wouldn't still live in Atlanta even in your heart. Your new town becomes your home.
- 17. Be ready to preach no matter what it cost you. Do not make excuses, just preach. Practice will make you much better. Even if you are helps missionary the folks will not understand why you do not want to preach, witness etc. You may be afraid that it won't be good enough but I promise you that they will want you to try.
- 18. Do not hide out in your home and build your own little world or island in your new country. Get out with the folks. Have them in.
- 19. Allow your children to play with the national kids. Do not be paranoid about your new country. Your children will not be happy if they can not have good friends. Let them have them over for the night and vice versa.
- 20. Do not take pictures of the other guy's work as though it were yours.
- 21. Even in language school you need to mix with nationals and develop friendships with them.
- 22. Do not wait until you are perfect in the language to preach or teach. Just be willing to allow them to correct you. Be sure to ask them to correct you and thank them every time telling them how much you need their help.
- 23. Teach them to do all that any good Christian should do in the States. Do not think of them as children who can't. Do not think of them as less than you are. Teach them to tithe, give to missions, be separated, win souls, walk with God and all that any good Christian would do. Reproduce yourself.
- 24. Do not be guilty of doing it all yourself. Many times the missionary
 - doesn't trust the people and for that reason he does not prepare leadership in the local church. When he leaves, the mission church

will not be able to stand.

- 25. Adapt yourself to their culture. Learn to think like them. Get up like they do. Greet folks like they do. You need to feel comfortable with the people. There will be things that you need to change in their culture due to the fact that it is wrong but other than that be one of them. How do you feel about all the foreigners in the US that want to keep their own language?
- 26. Learn to love the country and the people so much that you can say

what my daughter, Stephanie, said in some of her homework that she turned in for the "Institute of Foreign Mission Studies" "Reverse culture shock is the trying to become accustomed to the home country after living in a foreign country for several years. I would say that the hardest part for me is being away from my true friends and not being involved in the ministry; I feel pretty useless. I want to go home." 10

- 27. From an MK's point of view here is how you learn the language: "Learning a foreign language isn't just grammar and study, it is mostly loving the people, concern for their souls, a desire to learn their language to be able to witness to them and persistence to make yourself do it even though you don't feel like it. The way to learn the language is to love and spend most of your time with the people instead of staying locked in at home."
- 28. Do not have a bad attitude about the medical care etc in your new

country. Be careful not to listen to everything you hear. Many missionaries who are suffering definite culture shock, and don't want to admit it, will tell you that there are no good doctors, hospitals, mechanics, or hardly anything else in the country. People ask me all the time if you can have a baby "safely" in Arequipa. My answer is that about 80 are born a day. They have been doing it for a long time. Sure you can. If you have a very risky disease or something new, cancer, etc then you need the states but for little things like broken bones, the flu, measles, or the host of other disease you can have good competent care in Arequipa. The arrogant American attitude sometimes is that no one else can do it but us but that certainly isn't true nor is it a way to win the folks in your country.

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- F. Actual complaints from a disgruntled Peruvian.¹¹ The following statements are not necessarily true. The pastor who wrote this just wanted to cause trouble and was not good Christian; however, I believe that we can see a few things here that we might be careful about in our own ministries.
 - 1. Never saw the missionaries passing out tracts, visiting mission works, etc.
 - 2. Heard the missionaries preaching warmed over messages.
 - 3. Saw a lack of evangelism and discipleship performed by the missionary.
 - 4. Missionaries gossip about their workers.
 - 5. There were racist tendencies. This was due to the fact that the missionary does not believe in interracial marriage. I do believe that we should learn better how to deal with this problem. We don't have to change our opinion but some tact and carefully thought out ideas might help avoid such a large problem.
 - 6. Did not explain tithing to the people. In other words the missionaries want the people to tithe but they don't practice it themselves. The reason is many times that they send it to their home church but the people don't understand. We need to let them know how we are participating in the work of God financially in our area. They won't do what you teach but what you do. Another problem is that missionaries are famous for paying all the bills and never teaching the people to tithe and carry their own responsibility. In Peru many pastors will say that they do not want to pastor a church where the missionary has been because he will not have taught the people to tithe, care for their pastor, give to missions, etc.
 - 7. If God is really with the missionary why is there no success in his work?

G. Advice from a Latin American

Below you will find the counsel given by Emilio A. Núñez C. and a group of his former students at the Central American Theological Seminary in Guatemala. I do not necessarily agree with everyone

Victor Astete in a letter written about Bob Whatley, missionary with Baptist Mid Missions, to his field director in the states. I personally know that most of the contents of the letter weren't true but it does allow us to see some things that we might think about and avoid, used by permission.

but since they were each stated by nationals I believe that they deserve your careful consideration.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW MISSIONARIES AND THEIR ADAPTATION TO LATIN AMERICA

- 1. Remove from your head your great American ideas of how things should be done here.
- 2. Do not think you have come to work with uncivilized people.
- 3. Do not teach so much theory, but practice your teaching in your life. Show us how it works in real life as you model the truth.
- 4. Read about Latin America and my country. Find out who our best authors are.
- 5. Have more contact with the people, not only in the churches but in your social life.
- 6. Live at an adequate level, neither too high above us nor too low below us. Adapt your life-style to the people with whom you work.
- Do not talk in English when there are people present who do not understand it. 7. This is rude on your part, and we tend to suspect that you are talking about us.
- 8. Do not impose your American customs on us or belittle ours. Do not try to make us into little North Americans.
- 9. Do something to meet the social needs of our people, whether it be literacy, relief, or development projects.
- 10. Do not feel that you are superior to me. We can sense pride even in small amounts. You came to serve in humility, and it is best that you not compare cultures, trying to prove yours is better.
- 11. Show love to people as you do in your country, and then learn how we do it here.
- 12. Learn our language well: our sayings and proverbs, our youth slang (if appropriate), our subjunctive, our regional and national accents.
- 13. Try to learn our language so well that you speak without a foreign accent.

- 14. Read about our continental and national heroes: Bolivar, Miranda, Juárez, San Martín, and others.
- 15. Be willing to accept our suggestions. That may hurt, but we want to help. You have to accept them with humility. Learn the meaning of Proverbs 27:6 and 17.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

- 16. Watch the way you speak to us. We are very sensitive to the tone of voice and the choice of words. We are touchy people.
- 17. Be more diplomatic in your relationships with us. Do not greet us as you gringos greet each other. You seem too cold and distant. Ask about our families and our personal lives.
- 18. Learn to touch us appropriately. You people seem very cold in human relations. There is nothing like a great abrazo. (hug)
- 19. See yourself as a co-equal with us: neither higher nor lower.
- 20. Develop serious and deep friends from among us, people with whom you can be transparent and vulnerable. This will take time and is costly. But you can ask them about the intimate things, about ideas and other topics. This step is risky; for the closer you get to us the unhappier you might make your missionary colleagues.
- 21. Love without talking about it. Just show it.
- 22. Show that you lovingly expect much from us without coming across as a paternalistic chief.
- 23. Make disciples among us leaving a human and reproducible legacy when you leave.
- 24. Eat and like our food, not just Pizza Hut and McDonald's. We also like to know what you eat at home as a family.
- 25. Learn to dress like Latinos using our styles and fabrics.
- 26. Be more flexible in terms of time. Slow down! Why are you always in a hurry, looking at your watch? There is more to life than time.

- 27. Learn and appreciate our music and instruments, both folk and classical.
- 28. Drop the terms *pounds* and *miles*, and then learn to give weights and distances in kilos and kilometers.
- 29 Struggle honestly with our struggles: social, historical, cultural, church, and Christian life. Do not just give us capitalistic answers, and do not reduce societal problems to simplistic spiritual solutions.
- 30. Learn to read the Bible from our perspective and culture. You will have to work at this, but it is worth it. Note how much of the Bible was written to people who lived in violence, injustice, and political uncertainty.
- 31. Remember that we think differently from the way you do, and our problem solving is different from yours. Learn how we do it.
- 32. Come and stay with us for a long time. Short terms are shortcuts many times.
- 33. At the same time, be bold enough to examine whether or not you should stay in Latin America as a missionary. Perhaps some of you should return home, particularly if you cannot adjust here, do not know why you came, are having serious family problems, or cannot work with us. 12
- 2. The Tragedy or the failure in missions in the past
 - Α. The Bible Example
 - iii. Israel and the Church
 - God chose the nation of Israel to serve Him. They were to a. be a blessing to the entire world. Instead of telling of the Messiah, they rejected and killed Him. John 1:10-11, Mark 4:11, Luke 8:10
 - b. God has grafted in the Church to carry the message for a short period of time. He will yet use the nation of Israel to get the gospel to the entire world – 144,000 witnesses. Romans 9-11
 - iv. Jerusalem and Antioch
 - They were given the Great Commission. They knew they a. were to take the gospel to the world.

Emilio A. Núñez C., Crisis in Latin America (Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1989), pp. 416-418.

- b. God gave them great success (Acts 5:28; 2:41, 47; 4:4, 13; 5:14; 6:1, 7) at reaching their own people but they were careful to only go to their own except on rare occasions: Phillip preaches to the Samaritans, then the eunuch. After the persecution started some went on to witness to some Greeks but the church in Jerusalem wasn't sure what to think and sent Barnabas to investigate. (Acts 8:4-5, 26: 10:1: 11:19-22)
 - c. Macedonia ends up sending offerings to help the church in Jerusalem, which had been the mother church, Romans 15:26
- v. From Antioch to Macedonia and then maybe on to Rome and Germany, then England and now the USA. Where does it go from here if we will not take our responsibility seriously?
- e. Seeing the Local but not the Global
 - i. Churches, pastors and missionaries have become concerned about the one area of the world where God has them working and have forgotten that the world is their field.
 - ii. The world has been delegated to a few individuals and ministries that are willing to carry the load for all, Bible Colleges, mission boards, etc.
- The Evangelist mentality
 - Preach to the masses and get lots of decisions
 - ii. Leave them to themselves, the Devil, and the world with no real preparation to live the Christian life
 - iii. No discipleship
- g. The Pastor mentality instead of a missionary or world evangelist mentality. That attitude means starting a church, pastoring the church, and developing it until we are proud of it.
 - i. One church one term missionaries or even longer
 - ii. Seeing one place as your place when God called you to a country and a world

- iii. Being a maintainer
- iv. Corner of Elm and Maple
- h. The Pauline method exaggerated
 - Finding men to train everywhere we go
 - ii. Doing on the field what we know wouldn't work in the states and would be embarrassed to even try or say we tried.
 - 1. very short training periods
 - 2. no money invested
 - iii. Get in and get out quick.
- Send the money hire the national to do your job
 - i. Finding nationals either there or from here to do your job without doing the work yourself.
 - ii. Wrong reading of the Great Commission
- j. Investing too much money
 - i. Making them dependent on us
 - ii. Getting quick results from little effort
- k. Investing too little money
 - i. Developing a bad attitude among the nationals because they have read what James says
 - ii. Severely holding back what God wants to do based on man made methods
 - iii. Doing the opposite of what we would do in the States
- 1. Racist attitude towards Nationals, the N word
 - i. They will never do the work like us
 - ii. Not training them to do the work

- iii. They do not need the type of preparation that our people do
- iv. Our dog eats better than their family
- v. Not trusting them
- m. Never developing a strategic plan to reach the city and country. (doing a piece meal work, no plan, no goals)
 - Delegating all the work and worry to a mission board
 - ii. Giving money mindlessly so that we can say we support missions
 - iii. Key man. Key cities with Key materials
 - iv. Missionaries who have proven themselves before they arrive on the field
- n. Doing things that nationals can not reproduce. Money that we invest, materials that we have
- o. Turning our work over to a missionary instead of a national worker that we have trained
- 3. Develop a strategic plan for reaching your country
 - Α. Sit down with a map, statistics, information, and like the general in an army make a plan to reach the entire country, how to impact it
 - B. Be careful to realize that the key to success will be how you involve your people in the work.
 - C. You will have to build a team of men and women who will help you
 - 1. Pray for more American workers to help you
 - 2. Realize that Americans will be few in number and often have bad attitudes
 - 3. Train your co-workers from nationals you see saved and brought into your ministry
 - 4. Help them be a success
 - D. Research your country

- 1. Where do the people live?
- 2. Where are the churches?
- 3. What kind of churches is there?
- 4. Where are the people receptive?
- 5. Where would be a strategic place to reach the country?
- What is a method that would enable you to reach the 6. country?
- E. Dream great dreams--see large visions, get a vision for reaching your whole country Proverbs 29:18
- F. Get a broader vision--everybody wants to do a great work and reach their country but few take the time to plan, pray, and really work at reaching the whole country
- V. Use the biblical method: Acts 14:21-23
 - Α. Preaching and Teaching
 - B. Confirming the souls
 - C. Exhorting them to continue in the faith
 - D. Ordaining Elders
 - E. Commending them to the Lord
- VI. Consider some of Paul's methods
 - A. The Chief Cities Acts 16:12
 - B. Open Doors Colossians 4:3-4. Paul went through many cities and did very little preaching and teaching because there were no open doors or the Holy Spirit would not allow him to go there. Acts 16:6-10
 - C. His ministry was the preaching and teaching of the word. We need to be careful to not get involved in so many good ministries that get us off track of our real ministry--preaching, teaching, planting churches. We need to live and work like we were living in the last days and that time is short to get something done for God. II Thessalonians 3:1-2

- D. He spent his time preparing men to do the work--consider also the greatest missionary who ever lived--3 years--few people--but a trained leadership that could do the work. II Timothy 2:2, Acts 19:8-10
- E. Paul did not wait until everything was in order before leaving--Titus 1:5, He had to write letters back to straighten out problems, sent men, pray, and even return himself
- F. Paul believed Philippians 1:6, Acts 20:32-38

VII. How to go about it

- A. Pick a principal city--a strategic city.
- В. Start your first base church.
- C. Start in a place and among a people that will be able to reach others-not the rich nor the very poor.
- D. Immediately begin training those who are saved through personal discipleship.
- E. Teach them that it is their responsibility to reach their own people.
- F. Start a night time Bible institute.
- G. Develop outreach programs to build the church. Train your folks in how to do the work and also start new churches.
- Η. Start a Bible College with the purpose of training preachers and church planters.
- Ι. Plan to leave as soon as possible.
- J. Look your country over and realize that you can start a training program in every major area.
- K. Never do for them what they can do for themselves.
- L. Never do what they can do -- in other words--work yourself out of a job--put them to doing it as soon as possible. It is our tendency to think that they cannot do it as well as we can and so we never let them have it. Also since we like doing it we keep doing it instead of turning it over to them.
- M. Remember people will never rise above what you expect of them.

- N. You start by playing all the positions in the ministry of the church. You then begin training them one by one to take the different positions until you can be the quarterback and they will take the other positions. Then you work until you are the coach and not playing any positions. From there you become the General Manager and continue working yourself totally out of the picture.
- Ο. From day one you start turning as much as you can over to those who are capable and fit. Begin taking planned absences from the beginning.
- P. If you have in mind reaching your entire country it will not be hard to need to be in other places and doing other things so that the leadership will have to develop.
- Q. Develop a sense of urgency in yourself and them. Time is short. Souls are dying and going to hell.
- R. Live knowing that soon you will return to the states on furlough and you will have to have someone trained to be the pastor and take charge of the ministry.
- S. Begin immediately giving leadership positions to others and having the people respect them. What you say, how you treat him, if they are paid a salary and other things will have a definite affect on what the people think of them.
- T. From day one teach them to give and tithe and expect as much from them as you would from an American church.
- U. Need will force them to take the position that is needed in the church. They will never walk if you carry them all the time.
- V. You get what you look for and what you honor.
- VIII. Develop a strategic plan.
 - A. We will never raise up enough American missionaries to get the job done.
 - B. Sending money to nationals without supervision and proper training obviously isn't the right answer.
 - C. From day one you need to plan to start Bible Colleges and preacher training schools.

- D. Set realistic measurable goals.
 - 1. Not number of converts or baptisms--because even thousands of baptisms may not really affect the country.
 - 2. Number of churches per number of people and cities, towns, and villages
 - Decide on the definition of a church. 3.
 - 4. How many leaders will you have to prepare to reach your goal?
- 1. What is the Truth- Assessing the Task
 - a. World Populations- Stephen
 - Death and birth rate
 - b. Growth- From Adam to Now- Lauren
 - % of Christianity in 33ad and how we are falling behind
 - c. Ages- Lauren
 - d. Birth and Death Rate of the world- Lauren
 - e. Number of Missionaries- Trent and Amber
 - f. Mission Boards- Trent
 - g. The percent of students majoring in missions in our Christian Schools
 - h. Major Cities- David
 - i. Number of Independent Baptist Churches in the USA- Jason
 - j. All Countries
 - k. How many independent Baptist does it take to make a missionary-
 - The student missionary movement produced 23,000 missionaries in 50 years
 - I. Religions- Stephens
 - i. How fast are the charismatic churches growing
 - m. Language Groups- Stephen
 - n. Average Size of a Sunday School Class- Lauren
 - o. How many Southern Baptist are there. Nathan
 - p. Education Ability
 - q. Technology number of:
 - i. TV
 - ii. Radio
 - iii. Etc
 - r. Which countries are closed- What are the religious liberties in the country. Julio
 - s. Which countries are in the 10-40 Window
 - t. What is the 10-40 Window- David

- i. 62 countries
- ii. 82% of the world's poorest
- u. Old Testament Missions
- v. Praying for the World
- w. Missions in the Bible- Dan Truax-page 1
- 2. Getting and Maintaining a Passion for the world
- Pray- Change the World School of Prayer- A-7 thru A-21 3.
- 4. Tent Making
- Can Independent Baptists Do Great Things? 5.
 - a. Bill Bright, Billy Graham, Robert Schuller
- 6. These are the past statistics; what will the future statistics be?
- 7. Do an operation world highlight of 25 Countries
- How to do an Area Study 8.
- 9. **Qualified Personal Needed**
- The use of Short-term Missions 10.
 - a. Mormoms
- 11. Avoiding getting Side-tracked on the mission field
 - a. Food programs
 - b. Medicine
 - c. Social Services
 - d. Ex.- Salvation Army
- 12. Tragedy
- 13. Ministry of the Holy Spirit
- The Making of a Missionary 14.
 - a. Changing your mentality
 - b. Spiritual Warfare
 - c. Priority Ministry
 - d. Delegation
 - e. Time Management
- Church Planting 15.
- 16. World Christians
- 17. **Train National Leaders**
 - a. Training International Men
 - b. Casting your vision
 - c. II Tim 2:2 men
 - d. Elijah and Elisha
- 18. Getting the Local Church Involved
 - a. Reaching the nationals of other countries in our country
 - b. Changing the Pastor mindset to Expansion
 - c. Keeping Missions in front of the People
 - d. Serving as Senders
 - e. What can we do know
 - f. Producing Missionary
 - g. What is the Pastor Role

- i. His Vision affecting the church
- 19. **Use Nationals**
 - a. The "N" Word
 - b. The American Mentality
- 20. Media
- 21. Materials
- 22. Learning from Past Failures
 - a. Failure to teach strong doctrine so the churches will be able to stand when the missionary leaves
 - b. Racism towards training nationals. It takes 4 years to train an American but only 2 weeks to train a national
 - c. Whose fault is it that the missionary fails?
- 23. Looking to the Future
- 24. Developing a Strategy
- 25. 100 Fold Men
- 26. How to have a Vision
- 27. The importance of Working as a Team
- 28. Money
- 29. How to Reach Closed Countries
- 30. Are there any closed Countries
- 31. How do we teach the nationals in the closed countries

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Over 6,300,000,000 people live in the world. Only about 10% are really saved and that is an exaggeration. About 65% of the world has no contact with the gospel and do not know Christ. 40% of the world would have a great deal of difficulty even trying to get to the gospel. 25% of the world is what we call the un-reached. They have no one to contact them in anyway right now.

- 2. Supply
- 3. Support
- 4. Strive