

Building Your Missions Library:

Some paperbacks you ought to get!

These are both challenging and practical – Priced at between \$10-12.00 each on Amazon; your personal or church's library can become well equipped for missions for about \$150. Spread your purchases over several months and you can quickly equip yourself and your congregation for involvement in the Great Commission!

A Vision for Missions . . .

***Let the Nations Be Glad! : The Supremacy of God in Missions* 2nd ed.** by John Piper (Baker Book House 2001)

A sound theological foundation for missions, but much more than that – an impassioned devotional call to be either senders and goers. Reformed Christians won't be luke-warm towards missions – after reading this book!

A Mind for Missions: Ten Ways to Build Your World Vision by Paul Borthwick (Navpress 1987)

Here is a book full of practical ideas on how you can develop into a "world Christian" and encourage interest in missions in your family and congregation – starting with yourself, of course.

Out of the Comfort Zone by George Verwer

One of the founders of *Operation Mobilization* with 40 years of experience in missions reflects on the need for a more 'grace awakened' and balanced approach to world missions and deals with many of the key issues facing the church today. (Bethany House 2001)

Out of the Saltshaker and into the World: Evangelism as a Way of Life by Rebecca Pippert

Evangelism in a very in-dept yet understandable manner. Every aspect of relational evangelism, from the biblical models and spiritual motivations for it to practical techniques and strategies. (Intervarsity, 1999)

Supporting Missionaries . . .

Serving As Senders: How to Care for Your Missionaries While They Are Preparing to Go, While They Are on the Field, When They Return Home by Neal Pirollo

The senders are a crucial part of the missions team – for every missionary – there should be an army of nine behind him. The title says it all – this is the book for the rest of us. Also his new book : **The ReEntry Team**.

Doing Missions . . .

Getting Sent : A Relational Approach to Support Raising by Pete Sommer (Intervarsity 1999)

"Ninety-two percent of all Christian workers experience fear asking for money, and the other eight percent are liars. Most of us would rather have a root canal."

Here's a practical book on how to get started themselves or assist those preparing for the field.

The Essential Guide to the Short Term Mission Trip by David C. Forward (Moody 1998)

The practical skills (and potential pitfalls) of preparing and taking Short Terms Missions teams to the mission field by a Presbyterian with plenty of personal experience. Also recommended is **Successful Mission Teams** by Martha VanCise.

Introducing World Missions: A Biblical, Historical and Practical Survey by Scott Moreau (Baker, 2005)

An overview of the foundations for missions, and the personal and practical issues involved in becoming a missionary and getting to the field.

Crossing Cultural barriers . . .

Cross-Cultural Connections: Stepping Out and Fitting in Around the World by Duane Elmer

Crossing cultures today may only require crossing the street. Here is a book to help sensitize you to make connections and build relationships with people of other cultures. (Intervarsity2002.) He has books on **Cross Cultural Conflict** and **Cross Cultural Servanthood**.

Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short Term Missions with Cultural Intelligence by David A. Livermore (Baker 2006)

How the changing face of Christianity affects Short Term Missions. A broad look at what the church is doing and what it takes to adapt effectively to new cultural contexts.

Foreign to Familiar: A Guide to Understanding Hot- and Cold- Climate Cultures by Sarah Lanier

An experience based book on cross-Cultural relationships highlighting the differences between relationship-base cultures and task-orientated cultures. (MacDougal 2000)

Teaching Cross-Culturally : An Incarnational Model for Learning and Teaching by Judith and Sherwood Lingenfelter (Baker 2003)

There are lots of books out there on teaching, and lots of books on multiculturalism, but FINALLY a book that addresses each area from the others perspective! Excellent companions are **Ministering Cross Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships.** and **Transforming Culture.**

When Helping Hurts: Alleviating Poverty without hurting the Poor . . . And Ourselves by Brian Fickert and Steve Corbett (Moody 2009)

Because faulty assumptions about the causes of poverty may result in doing considerable harm to the poor, this book provides concepts and applications for effective and holistic ministry both here and abroad.

Discipling Nations: The Power of Truth to Transform Cultures by Darrow Miller (Emerald Books 2001)

Unveiling other prevailing world views, Miller exposes the inevitable implications and consequences of their lies on human development and boldly builds a case for holistic ministry to the spiritual and physical needs of people. All in very simple language and illustrations.

Missions History . . .

The Missions Movement in Christian History: Studies in Transmission of Faith by Andrew Walls

A brief History of missions that balances a broad theoretical view with discussions of specific missions.

Kingdom Without Borders: The Untold Story of Global Christianity by Miriam Adeney. (IVP 2009)

A thrilling look at what God is doing now in our globe and some of the unusual ways He is working!

Eternity in Their Hearts by Don Richardson

A series of thrilling account of God at work in missions preparing hearts for the Gospel in amazing ways!

From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya by Ruth Tucker

An inspiring biographical history of Christian Missions. (Zondervan 1983)

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<http://www.eldrbarry.net/ug/missbks.htm>

Building your Missions Library: Some Suggestions

By Barry McWilliams