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Joining our hands to strengthen His Church

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SECTION ONE: COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. Nominations

- a. Candidates for the Commission on Missions shall be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee after being recommended by their respective churches.
- b. Churches should seek out people who have administrative ability and an interest in missions and present these to the Nominating Committee.
- c. Prospective nominees should have been a member of their church for at least two years prior to the date their term would begin.

2. Election

- a. Members of the Commission on Missions shall be elected at the annual convention by the delegates.¹
- b. Term of office shall be three years unless otherwise elected or appointed.²
- c. The Commission shall consist of nine members, three of which shall be elected annually by the delegate body.³

3. Organization

- a. The Commission shall organize annually after its annual convention report by electing from its membership an executive committee consisting of a chairman, vice chairman and secretary.⁴
- b. By virtue of his position, the chairman shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee.⁵
- c. The Chairman, with the approval of the Commission, may appoint such subcommittees as are necessary for carrying out the work of the Commission. Examples of such committees would be a budget committee, program committee, etc.

2. Responsibilities

- a. Monitor changes of status among missionaries and report such to the annual convention.
- b. The members of the Commission will seek to encourage missionaries through personal correspondence. Each member will be assigned a group of missionaries with whom to correspond.

¹See *The Constitution of the Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches* (Rev. July 16, 1998), SECTION VII, Par. A-J, p. 17.

²*Constitution*, SECTION VII, Par. H p. 17.

³*Constitution*, SECTION IX, Par. B3, p. 19

⁴*Constitution*, SECTION IX, Par. C, p. 19.

⁵*Constitution*, SECTION VIII, Par. B, p. 17.

- c. Each year the Commission will provide a book to each missionary unit. The book should be chosen for its value to encourage or give practical help to the missionaries.
- d. The Commission will seek to honor retirees through recognition and the presentation of a plaque. When possible, this will be done at the annual convention. Otherwise it may be done through the missionary's home church.
- e. The Commission will attempt to provide new pastors and churches with a missions handbook and/or an orientation on the missions program of the FEBC.
- f. Every three or four years the Commission will revise the missionary directory *Forget Me Not - Prayer Journal*.
- g. Authorize distribution of monies available for Short-Term Mission Grants and Mission Seminar Grants (Urbana, Mission Advance, et al)
 - i. Prepare and distribute grant applications.
 - ii. Establish criteria for selection of recipients
 - iii. Determine amount of grants
 - iv. Screen and approve applicants
- h. Seek to assist our FEBC South American churches and authorize distribution of funds designated for them.
 - i. Sending someone to present workshops or seminars per their request
 - ii. Funnel scholarship applications to the Commission on Education
 - iii. Authorize grants to worthy students recommended to us by the South American churches
 - iv. Give students hospitality assistance in finding schools, homes and churches.
- i. Authorize distribution of New Missionary Grants
- j. Prepare a next-year Commission on Missions budget for presentation to the Commission on Trustees at the annual FEBC Workshop⁶

⁶*Constitution*, SECTION IX, Par. E

SECTION TWO: FEBC MISSIONS POLICIES

1. Relationships with FEBC Churches

- a. The primary responsibility for a church's missions policies lies with that church. The Commission on Missions desires only to assist churches and individuals who are involved with missions.
- b. Missionaries recognized by the FEBC must first be recommended by their own churches.
- c. The Commission recommends that churches and individuals cooperate with mission agencies that are members of the IFMA⁷ or EFMA⁸. These are organizations that require high standards of accountability in methods and finances from the member mission agencies.
- d. Churches or individuals seeking to work with a particular mission agency are advised to examine carefully that mission's theology as well as financial and personnel policies before establishing a relationship with that mission agency.
- e. The Commission on Missions urges missionaries and churches to support the policies of mission agencies. Policies regarding missionary finances, marriage of mission personnel, retirement, and so on have usually been formulated out of wisdom and experience to enhance the work of the Lord in a particular cultural situation.

2. Relationships with South American FEBC Churches

- a. The FEBC may from time to time assist the South American FEBC churches in mission projects.
- b. These projects may be funded from the Commission on Missions budget or through promotions of special projects.
- c. These cooperative projects will be administered by the South American churches in consultation with the FEBC Commission on Missions.
- d. The purpose of these efforts is to:
 - i. Encourage the South American churches in their mission and church planting efforts.
 - ii. Enter into joint ventures of missionary outreach which are difficult to fund and administer by themselves.
 - iii. Seek to strengthen our relationships with the South American conference for our mutual growth in fostering a world missionary concept in our churches.
 - iv. We encourage the South American FEBC churches to communicate regularly with the entire FEBC constituency through the *Fellowship Focus* and other avenues.

⁷Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association

⁸Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies

SECTION THREE: CHURCH MISSION PROGRAMS

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 19-20 (NIV)

In view of the mandate in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), as it was implemented in the early church (Acts 13:1-3) and as practiced by them (Romans 1:15-17, and 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12), we are convinced that each believer must be active in fulfilling our Lord’s command to go and make disciples. Therefore, we urge the following:

1. Missions Committees

Each church is encouraged to develop a missions committee to formulate local church missions policy, promote missions, and encourage member involvement in missions (Acts 1:8).

- a. The missions committee should actively recruit individuals who are committed to the Lord and gifted for missionary service rather than wait for individuals to show an interest in missions.
- b. The local church should give direction to individuals of all ages regarding potential involvement with work teams, short-term and career mission service.

2. Missions Education

- a. We encourage each church to hold an annual missions conference and to implement a missions education program which may consist of library resources, Sunday School and/or VBS curricula.
- b. Local congregations need to be educated regarding the following:
 - i. The biblical commands related to missions.
 - ii. The biblical philosophy of missions including such issues as the lostness of people without Christ.
 - iii. The world need for missions, especially focusing on specific areas where the gospel has not been preached.
 - iv. Opportunities for short-term and career missionaries.
 - v. Qualifications for missions personnel.
 - vi. Methods of support for missionaries and missions related organizations such as national Bible schools, literature and communication ministries.
 - vii. Strategies being used to reach particular cultures and peoples.
- c. Methods of training could include
 - i. Interviews, programs, workshops and panel discussions.
 - ii. Audio-visual presentations (see Appendix 1).
 - iii. Reports by missionaries on specific aspects of missionary work and challenges.

- iv. Skits, monologues, and dramas.
- v. Discussions of current events to call attention to the spiritual needs of countries in the news. *Operation World* (see Appendix 4) is an excellent resource from which to study the spiritual needs of nations.
- vi. Reports by members and pastors, who are sent by the church to experience cross-cultural ministry, provide an excellent education opportunity for the congregation.

3. Missionary Support

a. Prayer

- i. Each church is encouraged to develop a system of regular prayer for its missionaries. This could be done through distribution of missionary prayer letters, requests in the church bulletin, or a time in the service when missionary concerns are voiced.
- ii. Ideally each church should have a prayer secretary who would maintain a current list of requests and answers to prayer derived from missionary letters or phone calls to missionaries.
- iii. Prayer should not be limited to missionary personnel, but God's favor should be sought for countries, churches, and national believers as well.
- iv. E-mail is a timely tool for direct involvement in missionary life and ministry.
- v. Just do it!

b. Finances

- i. The FEBC missionary is a “faith” worker. This means that rather than receiving a prescribed salary and work funds from the Fellowship or mission agency, the missionary looks to God, **in faith**, believing that He will supply the need through churches, family, friends, and other contacts. To accomplish this FEBC churches should:
 - (1) Establish a schedule of local church support for member and non-member missionaries.
 - (2) The pastor should send a letter to FEBC churches to introduce missionaries on deputation or furlough/home-service, requesting their cooperation in opening their church for prayer/financial support team building.
 - (3) The missions committee should do everything possible to motivate the church to assume responsibility for significant financial support of missionary personnel.

4. Missionary Encouragement

- a. Churches can do much to encourage their missionaries besides giving financial support. Churches should seek to be creative in helping missionaries while on the field and during home service.

- b. Individuals within the church can process, address, and mail the missionary's prayer letters. Artists and printers can offer their services to help the missionary develop an attractive, readable letter.
- c. Experienced individuals could assist missionaries in setting up displays and audio-visual presentations for home service.
- d. Individuals should be encouraged to write to their missionaries. Pre-addressed labels could be made available for missionaries with complicated addresses.
- e. Birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards to missionaries should be mailed several weeks early. A reminder in the church bulletin can be helpful. Personal information and hometown news is always appreciated.
- f. For more suggestions see Deputation and Furlough, (Section 4 Page 2).
- g. A warm welcome should be extended to FEBC-recognized missionaries for several reasons: prayer support, recruitment of missionaries; developing missions awareness, financial support and a ministry of encouragement to the local body.

5. Missions Conferences

- a. Churches are encouraged to hold a missions conference each year in addition to systematic missions emphasis.
- b. Each church should decide what it wants to accomplish through its missions conference. Some goals of the conference might include:
 - i. Educating the congregation about mission trends and methods.
 - ii. Leading the congregation to rethink its mission involvements and commitments.
 - iii. Uniting the congregation for a concerted emphasis on prayer or projects for specific missionaries or fields.
 - iv. Reviewing the work of the church's missionaries.
 - v. Honoring missionaries for their faithful service.
 - vi. Celebrating the work of God throughout the world.
 - vii. Encouraging individual response to God's call in their life to missionary service.
- c. Ideas and planning guides for mission conferences are available for a few dollars from various mission agencies. Addresses for these are listed in Appendix 2.
- d. Missionaries who cannot be physically present should still be involved in the missions conference. They can be asked in advance to give a brief multi-media sketch of their work (video, tape, writing, telephone). Let them know the theme of the conference and exactly what it is you want from them. To be effective, tapes or written sketches should communicate only one topic. Communicate to your missionaries. Ask them to answer a specific question such as "How has God changed one person you work with?"
- e. A missions conference can be a time of special giving by the congregation. Specific purposes for offerings should be decided in advance and communicated clearly to the congregation.

6. Short Term Programs

- a. Adult members are encouraged to participate in short-term missions programs. Generally speaking, these fall into two categories:
 - i. Specifically skilled personnel such as school teachers, doctors, or engineers who commit themselves to a ministry of several weeks/months.
 - ii. Non-skilled personnel willing to help with specific projects for several weeks, usually three to six weeks.
- b. Interested individuals are strongly advised to seek short-term opportunities through the missionaries and agencies their church is supporting.
- c. Mission agencies regularly sponsor work trips for adults. Addresses are available in Appendix 2.
- d. Churches are encouraged to support adult short-term workers.

7. Summer Missionary Programs

- a. Churches are encouraged to establish a scholarship fund for high school and college students in a summer missionary program.
- b. Grants are available from the FEBC Commission on Missions for member college students who are involved in summer missions programs for a minimum of six weeks. Deadlines for grant applications is sixty days before departure date.
- c. Qualifications - Grant recipients must be:
 - i. A college student who has completed at least one year of studies
 - ii. A full member or regular attender for two years of an FEBC church
 - iii. Recommended by his or her home church
 - iv. Accepted by a qualified sending mission agency
 - v. Evidence a sincere desire to explore missions as a viable calling
 - vi. Be prepared to participate in a world mission and/or a cross-cultural mission experience of at least six weeks and not longer than one year
- d. Amounts
 - i. Students involved in a missions experience of six weeks to three months may receive grants of \$200.
 - ii. Students involved in a missions experience from 4 months to one year may receive grants of \$500.
- e. Students seeking summer missions opportunities should first contact their church missionaries for suggestions.
- f. Missions agencies have specialized programs for students. (See Appendix 2 for addresses.)
- g. See Appendix 4 (Section 5 Page 8) for more information.

2. Youth Mission Conferences

- a. **Urbana Missions Conference** is held triennially sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (see www.urbana.org).
- b. **Mission Advance** is held triennially in Hamilton, Ontario. Information can be obtained from Student Mission Advance, P.O. Box 712, Stn. A, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3K7, CANADA (416) 523-0682.
- c. Churches are encouraged to budget funds for grants for students to attend these youth mission conferences.
- d. Grants are available to members or regular attenders for two years of FEBC churches from the FEBC Commission on Missions. Applicants must submit an FEBC Mission Grant Application to the International office. Deadline is 30 days before the seminar.

SECTION FOUR: MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

1. General Criteria

- a. World missions need people of all ages, abilities, and experience. Individuals interested in a career in missions should contact their missions committee, church missionaries, or pastor(s) for suggestions on potential areas of service.
- b. A candidate must be born again and have a burden to help other people find the forgiveness and freedom he himself has found in Christ.
- c. A candidate should demonstrate a servant spirit by working in ministries of the local church.
- d. A candidate should become well-informed of the doctrinal position and policies of prospective mission agencies. Use the local pastor/missions committee as a resource.
- e. The candidate and mission committee should do everything possible to keep the sending church informed of the candidate's progress.

2. Recognition as an FEBC Missionary

- a. Once a candidate has been accepted by a sending agency, he may apply through his local church for recognition as an FEBC missionary. The local church is encouraged to recommend a missionary who is actively involved in the local church. This status commends him to other FEBC churches.
- b. A missionary being recommended by his church for FEBC recognition should submit an "Application for Ministry" form to the FEBC International Office (See sample in Appendix 7). At the same time, the church should send a letter of recommendation and request for recognition to the chairman of the Commission on Missions c/o the FEBC International Office.
- c. The Commission on Missions will act on the church request and the application as soon as possible. The Commission may request an interview with the candidate before recommending recognition to the delegates at an Annual Convention.
- d. All candidates must be approved by the delegate body at an Annual Convention.

3. Missionary Call

- a. Most mission organizations agree that the idea of a mystical, personal call from God to an individual for missionary service is rare even in the Bible. Normally, God leads people to various careers through circumstances coupled with decisions made by the individual. Instead of waiting for a "missionary call," each person should be responsive to God's general commands to take the gospel to all nations. Each person should consider his abilities, the advice of spiritual leaders and friends, and the needs of a lost world as he chooses a career.
- b. Young people who love the Lord, yet are uncertain of how they should direct their lives, would be wise to become involved in a cross-cultural ministry on a short-term basis before they make educational decisions. The insight and maturity gained from short-term mission service are of great value in making career decisions.

- c. InterCristo is one Christian job-counseling service that helps link qualified people with Christian organizations needing specific skills. It provides aptitude tests and career counseling. For more information, write or call InterCristo, 19303 Fremont Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98133, (800) 426-1342.

2. Commissioning

- a. Churches are encouraged to plan a commissioning service for missionaries they are supporting. This is normally done by the church of which the missionary is a member or by the church accepting primary responsibility for the missionary's support.
- b. The purpose of a commissioning service is to give formal recognition of the missionary's spiritual qualifications and gifts. The service is also a pledge of the church's prayers, encouragement, and support for the missionary during his time of ministry.
- c. Commission on Missions members are available to assist in commissioning services.
- d. Appendix 6 (Section 5 Page 13) contains some suggestions for services of commissioning.

3. Deputation and Furlough

- a. Missionaries preparing to go to their field of service usually have to spend time in "deputation." This period allows the missionary to develop interest among churches for the evangelization of the people he will be serving. It also allows the missionary to gain support commitments from churches for the time he will be away.
- b. Churches can help the missionary during this difficult time by several strategies.
 - i. Schedule both formal and informal times for the missionary to explain his mission and make friends among your congregation. Friendships are essential for long-term missionary support.
 - ii. Provide housing and a vehicle as needed.
 - iii. Contact churches (in cooperation with the missionary) to help him find openings to present his work.
 - iv. Be sensitive to family needs. There may be immediate financial needs, needs for babysitters, needs for help with packing, transportation, etc. God often has people in a congregation who have unique contacts that can help missionaries obtain equipment, medical and dental care, and technical advice.
 - v. Emotional and spiritual needs may need to be sensitively addressed by re-entry workshop, counseling and support of the home church.
 - vi. Churches need to provide ample opportunity to report their work and cross-cultural experience.
- c. Missionaries ministering overseas are usually required by their agencies to periodically return to their sending country for an extended time. Traditionally this time has been called "furlough." Many missionaries prefer to call this time "home service."
- d. Local churches can be of immense help to their missionaries during this time by doing the things listed in paragraph 2. In addition, the church should seek to better understand the struggles and successes the missionary has experienced during his time of ministry.

SECTION FIVE: RESOURCES

Appendix 1: Educational Resources

Study Books

1. Adults

Paul Borthwick: *How to be a World Class Christian*. Victor Books (Scripture Press), 1825 College Avenue, Wheaton, IL. 1991. Thirteen-session study with leaders guide.

Paul Borthwick: *A Mind for Missions*. NavPress, P.O. Box 6000, Colorado Springs, CO 80934. 1987. Ten ways to build your world vision.

David Bryant: *In the Gap*. Regal Books (Gospel Light), Glendale, CA 91209. 1984. Become a world Christian and stand before God through prayer.

Ralph Winter & Steve Hawthorne, editors: *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement (A Reader)*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library. Revised study guide available (1990 edition).

2. Children

Kids for the World: A Guidebook to Children's Missions Resources. (\$8.50 + \$1 handling). William Carey Library, P.O. Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91114.

Audio-Visuals

What Does God Want With a Kid Anyway? A slide story for kids about Chet Bitterman, martyred missionary in Colombia. BCM International, 237 Fairfield Avenue, Upper Darby, PA 19082.

Computer Programs

WorldVue, a map program with over 500 maps, charts and graphs and geographic themes ready to view, print or incorporate royalty-free into your presentations, documents, publications or web site. Available from:

Global mapping International
15435 Gleneagle Drive, Suite 100
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
719-531-3599
Info@gmi.org
www.gmi.org

Video Cassettes

A listing of mission videos available from the FEBC Office can be found in Appendix 5. Contact specific mission agencies for their current offerings.

Appendix 2: Mission Agencies

The following addresses are current as of November 2006. The listing of a particular mission agency does not indicate full agreement with the mission's philosophy, methodology, or theology. Missions listed are those which employ FEBC missionaries.

Canadian Mission Agencies

Action International Ministries Canada

3015 A 21st Street NE
Calgary AB T2E 7T1

Phone: 888-443-2221
Fax: 403-204-1501
info@actioncanada.net
www.actionintl.org

Campus Crusade for Christ Canada

20385 64 Avenue
Langley BC V2Y 1N5

Phone: 800.563.1106
Fax: 604-514-2002
info@crusade.org
www.crusade.org

Canadian Food For the Hungry

#201-2580 CEDAR PARK PLAC
Abbotsford BC V2T 3S5

Phone: 800-667-0605
Fax: 604-853-4332
info@cfh.ca
www.cfh.ca

Canadian Sunday School Mission

189 Henderson Hwy
Winnipeg MB R2L 1L7

Phone: 204-667-8207
Fax: 204-667-8207
cssmnat@mb.sympatico.ca
www.cssm.ca

Evangelical Mennonite Conference

PO Box 1268
Steinbach MB R5G 1Z5

Phone: 204-326-6401
Fax: 204-326-1613
www.emconf.ca

Global Outreach Mission of Canada

Box 1210
St. Catharines ON L2R 7A7

Phone: 866-483-5787
Fax: 905-684-3069
gomhq1670@missiongo.org
www.missiongo.org

Grace Mission, Inc. of Canada

PO Box 1618
Swift Current SK S9H 4G5

Phone: (306) 773-1616

HCJB World Radio of Canada

2 - 6655 Kitimat Road
Mississauga ON L5N 6J4

Phone: 905-814-0176
Fax: 905-814-6805
hcjbcan@hcjb.org
www.hcjb.org

Janz Team Ministries

2121 HENDERSON HWY
WINNIPEG MB R2G 1P8

Phone: 204-334-0055
jtm@janzteam.com
www.janzteam.com

Northern Canada Evangelical Mission

PO Box 3030
Prince Albert SK S6V 7V4

Phone: 306-764-3388
Fax: 306-764-3390
ncem@ncem.ca
ncem.gospelcom.net

SAT-7 CANADA

PO Box 82103
Richmond Hill ON L4B 3K2

Phone: 905.886.7437
www.sat7.org

SCA International

12 - 17665 Leslie Street
Newmarket ON L3Y 3E3

Phone: 877-474-2689
Fax: 905-868-8007
info@scainternational.org
www.scainternational.org

SEND International of Canada

RR #5
Komoka ON N0L 1R0

Phone: 888-918-5036
Fax: 519-657-7027
info@sendcanada.org
www.send.org

SIM International of Canada

10 Huntingdale Blvd.
Scarborough ON M1W 2S5

Phone: 416-497-2424
Fax: 416-497-2444
postmaster@sim.ca
www.sim.org

TEAM of Canada

2635 - 32nd Street S.W.
Calgary AB T3E 2R8

Phone: 800-295-4160
Fax: 403-207-6025
team@teamcanada.org
www.teamcanada.org

U.B. David & I'll B. Jonathan Inc.

2115 - 5 Ave NW
Calgary AB T2N 0S6

Phone: 403-285-9763
Fax: 403-283-0664
camps@davidjonathan.org
www.ubdavid.org

Western Tract Mission

401 33rd Street West
Saskatoon SK S7L 0V5

Phone: 306-244-0446
Fax: 306-242-6115
westerntractmission.org

World Team of Canada

7575 Danbro Crescent W
Mississauga ON L5N 6P9

Phone: 800-610-9788

wt-canada@worldteam.org
www.worldteam.org

Worldwide Evangelism for Christ

37 Aberdeen Avenue
Hamilton ON L8P 2N6

Phone: 905-529-0166
Fax: 905-529-0630
wec-int@canada.com
www.hwcn.org/link/wec

Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada

4316 10 ST NE
Calgary AB T2E 6K3

Phone: 800-463-1143
info@wycliffe.ca
www.wycliffe.ca

US Mission Agencies

Action International Ministries USA

PO Box 398
Mountlake Terrace WA 98043-0398

Phone: 800-755-6918
Fax: 425-775-0634
info@actionusa.org
www.actionintl.org

Africa Inland Mission

PO Box 178
Pearl River NY 10965

Phone: 800-254-0010
Fax: 914-735-1814
www.aim-us.org

American Missionary Fellowship

PO Box 370
Villanova PA 19085-0370

Phone: 610-527-4439
Fax: 610-527-4720
www.americanmissionary.org

Arab World Ministries

PO Box 96
Upper Darby PA 19082

Phone: 800.447.3566
Fax: 215-352-2652
awmusa@awm.org
awm.gospelcom.net/int/us.php

Avant Ministries

10000 North Oak Trafficway
Kansas City MO 64155

Phone: 800.468.1892
Fax: 816.734.4601
info@avmi.org
www.avmi.org

Brazil Gospel Fellowship

125 W Ash Street
Springfield IL 62704

Phone: 217-523-7176
Fax: 217-523-7186
bgfm@bgfmission.org
www.bgfmission.org

Cadence International

PO Box 1268
Englewood CO 80150

Phone: 800-396-6680
Fax: 303.788.0661
info@cadence.org
www.cadence.org

Campus Crusade for Christ

100 Lake Hart Dr.
Orlando FL 32832

Phone: 407-826-2000
www.ccci.org

Child Evangelism Fellowship

PO Box 348
Warrenton MO 6338-0348

Phone: 800-300-4033
Fax: 314-456-2078
custserv@cefonline.com
www.cefonline.com

Christ for Me, Inc.

PO Box 1694
Tahlequah OK 74465-1694

Phone: 918.431.1981
inforequest@christforme.org
www.christforme.org

Christar

PO Box 14866
Reading PA 19612-4866

Phone: 800-755-7955
Fax: (610) 375-6862
info@christar.org
www.christar.org

Evangelical Free Church of America

901 East 78th Street
Minneapolis MN 55420-1300

Phone: 800-745-2202
donorserv@efca.org
www.efca.org

Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches

3339 N 109th Plaza
Omaha NE 68164-2908

Phone: 402-965-3860
Fax: 402-965-3871
info@febministries.org
www.febministries.org

Global Outreach Mission

Box 2010
Buffalo NY 14231-2010

Phone: 716-688-5048
Fax: 716 688 5049
gomhq1670@missiongo.org
www.missiongo.org

Gospel Mission of South America

1401 SW 21 Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale FL 33312-3180

Phone: 954.587.2975
Fax: 954.587.2058
gmsausa@gmsa.org
www.gmsa.org

Grace Mission, Inc.

PO Box 126
Henderson NE 68371-0126

Phone: 402-723-4700
Fax: 402-723-4800
gmiese@mainstaycomm.net
www.gracemission.net

Greater Europe Mission

18950 Base Camp Road
Monument CO 80132-8009

Phone: 800-436-4488
Fax: 719-488-8018
Info@GEMission.com
www.gemission.org

HCJB World Radio

PO Box 39800
Colorado Springs CO 80949-9800

Phone: 719-590-9800
Fax: 719-590-9801
info@hcjb.org
www.hcjb.org

InterAct Ministries

31000 SE Kelso Road
Boring OR 97009

Phone: 800-258-3464
Fax: (503) 668-6814
info@interactministries.org
www.interactministries.org

InterServe/USA

PO Box 418
Upper Darby PA 19082-0418

Phone: 800-809-4440
Fax: 610-352-4394
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Mission Aviation Fellowship

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Fax: 208-498-0801
maf-us@maf.org
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New Tribes Mission

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ntm@ntm.org
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Northern Canada Evangelical Mission USA

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PIONEERS International
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vmoffice@juno.com
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Appendix 3: Missionary Support Agencies

Freight

Straightway, Inc.
P.O. Box 68
Romulus, MI 48174-0068
(313) 941-4400
(800) 533-9308

Information for Church Mission Committies

ACMC (Association of Church Missions Committees)
P.O. Box ACMC
Wheaton, IL 60189-8000
(312) 260-1660

Language Training

Toronto Institute of Linguistics
25 Ballyconnor Court
Willowdale, ONT
CANADA M2M 4B3
(416) 226-6380

Solar Panels and Appliances

Hutton Company
4112 Billy Mitchell Dr.
Dallas, TX 75244
(214) 239-0580

Sunbeam Solutions
Div of U.I.M. International
P.O. Box 18195
Tuscon Arizona 85731
(602) 885-0664

Appendix 4: Summer Youth Programs

Many mission organizations offer summer programs for teens or young adults. Generally these programs range from 4-8 weeks long and cost from \$800 to \$3000 depending upon travel distance. Minimal training and experience are required of the teens.

Teens who are interested in mission work during the summer should first talk to their missions committee or pastor for suggestions. If at all possible, they should work with missionaries and agencies the church is currently working with. This has the double effect of assisting the church's own missionaries in worthwhile projects and, through the teen's reporting, of bringing the church closer to its missionaries.

The FEBC offers scholarships for summer missionary work. These scholarships are available to students who have completed at least one year of college. Applications should be made on a FEBC SCHOLARSHIP FORM and submitted to the International office by March 30.

The following mission organizations have summer youth programs. This list is by no means complete, but it will give interested teens a place to begin investigating summer ministries.

Teen Missions International - Construction and evangelistic teams. Two week training camp. Worldwide assignments. Accepts youth 13-25 years old.

Missions Outreach International - Construction and evangelistic teams. One week training camp. Worldwide assignments. Accepts youth 13-21 years old.

SEND International - Varied ministries for college age youth in Alaska and Japan and Philippines.

American Missionary Fellowship - Opportunities for high school and college teens to work in small rural Vacation Bible Schools and in camps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Sports and evangelism teams for college age youth. Tours to Europe.

Appendix 5: Recommended Books

Church Resources

The Church Is Bigger Than You Think. Patrick Johnstone. William Carey Library, P.O. Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91104. 1-800-647-7466. Orders@wclbooks.com.

Caleb Project. 10 West Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120. www.calebproject.org/kids.htm.
Video \$12.00. Curriculum \$4.00. Video + Curriculum \$15.00.

Kids Missions Videos

10/40 Window Kids

Bhil Kids

Kazakh Kids

Riffi Kids

Turk Kids

Uzbek Kids

Kids Around the World Teacher's Resource Kit. Five videos, curriculum supplements and lesson guides. \$65.00.

Global Impact Celebration: Resource Manual. Global Focus, Inc., P.O. Box 2428, Woodstock, GA 30188. (770) 592-7011. \$75?

Kids For the World: A Guidebook for Children's Mission Resources. Gerry Dueck. William Carey Library, P.O. Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91114. (800)-647-7466. Orders@wclbooks.com. \$11.19.

A Lifelong Calling. Boshers, Bo. Willow Creek Association, P.O. Box 3188, Barrington, IL 60011. (847) 765-0070. www.willowcreek.org. \$14.99.

Mini-Missions Conference for Children. Robert Carl. R.C. & Co. Law, 579 S. State College, Fullerton, CA 92631. (800) 777-5292. \$29.95.

Mission Handbook: U.S. and Canadian Christian Ministries Overseas. John A. Siewart and Dotsey Welliver. Evangelism and Missions Information Service, (630) 752-7158. Emis@wheaton.edu. www.billygrahamcenter.org.. \$49.95 or 2 for \$39.95 each.

NW Children's EXPO 2001. Karen Neumann. Contact InterAct Ministries for a photocopy at 31000 SE Kelso Road, Boring, OR, 97009. interactmn@aol.com

Operation World. Philip Johnstone. Zondervan. William Carey Library, P.O. Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91104. 1-800-647-7466. Orders@wclbooks.com. \$12.74.

What in the World Are Missions? Jane Choun. SIM, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28217. (704) 529-5100. 6-9 year old edition \$4.75, 10-12 year old edition \$1.50, Youth edition \$1.50.

General Missions Books

Blauw, Johannes. *The Missionary Nature of the Church.* New York: McGraw-Hill. 1962

Bryant, David. *In the Gap.* Ventura, CA: Regal Books. 1984.

Coleman, Robert E. *The Master Plan of Evangelism.* Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell. 1964.

Douglas, J.D., ed. *Let the Earth Hear His Voice: Lausanne Compendium.* Minneapolis: World Wide Publications. 1975.

Elliot, Elizabeth. *Shadow of the Almighty*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Co. 1958.
_____. *The Journals of Jim Elliot*.
Griffiths, Michael C. *Give Up Your Small Ambitions*. Chicago: Moody Press. 1970.
_____. *Who Really Sends the Missionary?*. Chicago: Moody Press. 1972.
Hitt, Russell T. *Jungle Pilot*. (Biography of Nate Saint).
_____. *Sensei*. (Biography of Irene Webster-Smith).
Howard, David, M. *The Great Commission for Today*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. 1976.

*These books, and many others related to missions,
church outreach, etc. are available through*
FEBIC PUBLICATIONS
3339 N 109th Plaza
Omaha, NE 68164-2908
(402) 965-3860

Appendix 6: Missions Video Cassettes

The following are available for loan from the FEBC International Office

From the **GOSPEL MISSIONARY UNION**

Aletheia for France

Aletheia (truth in Greek) is a barge used by missionary Bill Adams in a unique ministry in southwestern France. Join him on a barge ride through this picturesque area and see his uncommon method in reaching the people of France.

Echoes of the Incas

Travel into the 11,000 foot mountains of Ecuador, where the colorful Quichua Indians live, to see the work of GMU.

Panama at the Crossroads

Enjoy the charm of this Central American country where **Ventura & Mary Saenz** and **Eugene & Wynnette Kliewer** work. Get a new perspective of post-Noriega Panama.

People of the Sahara

Learn about missions in this West African country of Mali where GMU has had a warm, loving relationship since 1913.

Shadow of Chimoraza

In some ways, after many hundreds of years, life for the Quichua Indians of the Ecuadorian highland has not changed. In other ways life has changed dramatically. See and hear about the new purpose and hope found by these people. 10:45 minutes

To Every People

We can look at our world in many different ways: in terms of its resources, its ecology and its politics. As Christians we should see it as a world of people who need to hear of Christ and His salvation. A challenge for world evangelization.

The Urban Jungle

Columbia is a country with burgeoning cities. See the methods and opportunities of ministry in the urban centers of this country.

From **GREATER EUROPE MISSION**

Forever Friends

(Children's Stories about France) Ten vignettes that follow the life of Francois and Eloise, French children discovering their heritage and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Length of vignettes varies from six to three minutes. Suitable for DVBS, Sunday school and Junior Church.

From **SIM, INTERNATIONAL**

No Unreachables

The Great Commission is not an impossible job. That's the message of this film. When God's people put their hearts to the task, He enables them to do it. With illustrations from SIM experience in Africa and South America, this film encourages every true follower of Christ to reach out to someone, to get involved as God enables...and watch Him do the rest! 26 minutes

Time for Kids

How SIM looks after her missionary children (MK's). Education is one of the most important aspects of caring for MK's. This video takes you to the edge of Africa's Sahara Desert and to the mountains of Bolivia in South America to share a day's activities at three SIM schools for MK's. Meet the kids, meet the staff, and let them tell you what it's all about.

From **WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS**

Come by Here

Cameras capture the color of village life in Papua, New Guinea. They show the excitement of a "sing-sing," and a re-enactment of tribal warfare. They look in while Marilyn encourages villagers in the accurate translation of the Bible. A church flourishes and its members grow spiritually. Invited to visit by a neighboring language group, Marilyn discovers a church building. "We are waiting for someone to come by here and teach us about God," the chief tells her. The dramatic story is a strong challenge to commitment.

25 minutes

Appendix 7: Services of Commissioning

The Bible gives examples of a church entrusting its missionaries to God (Acts 13:3; 15:40). However, it does not tell us how the early churches structured a "Service of Commissioning." Each church is free to send off its missionaries with whatever admonitions, commitments, and blessings it desires.

The following litanies should be used only as suggestions. They will be most effective if they are tailored by each church for the individual missionary.

An effective commissioning service will include appropriate Scriptures, charges and responses or commitments by both candidate and congregation, and prayer.

A few Scriptures to consider when planning a commissioning service are Acts 13:1-3; 15:40,41; 20:17-36; Romans 15:24,30-33; 16:25-27; Ephesians 6:10-20; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:3-13; 28,29; 4:2-6; 3 John 5-8.

In one church, for a farewell service for missionaries returning to their field, people wrote a Bible verse on a small index card along with their name and a few words of encouragement. At the farewell service they read the verse, then gave the card to the missionaries for a remembrance

If your church has done some meaningful things as you sent your missionaries out, let the Commission on Missions know.

Illustration One

Leader - God gives his people many gifts, all of which are useful in building his Church. He calls all of us to serve in the ministry of reconciliation. Each of us thus participates in the servanthood of each. Of this vocation we are again reminded as these representatives enter their service assignments. Their task becomes our task. We, therefore, join in this commissioning charge.

Congregation - As God's Spirit calls and the church commissions, the servants of Christ are scattered in places of need throughout the world.

We accept your service as an extension of this congregation, and we pledge our support in ways which will make your ministry effective.

We join with you in affirming the priority of Christ's kingdom.

We urge you to consider your assignment as God's occasion to work through you in ministering to human need.

We pray that you may be given a deep love for those whom you will serve.

May Christ express himself through you in word and deed.

Our prayers will constantly support you.

Illustration Two

Missionary

I recognize that the Lord, my God, is responsible for my appointment to this place of missionary service. I will therefore be His representative, listening to His Word and obeying his voice, as I fulfil my responsibilities.

Over all other suggestions and advice, I will seek to hear the counsel of Almighty God (as it is revealed in the Scriptures, and in the God-ordained leaders of _____ [mission agency]) in every major decision connected with my involvement in ministry.

I will take refuge in and rely on the Spirit of God rather than my own flesh or skill or that of any other person. I will make every effort to carry out the leadership of this position under the full control of the Holy Spirit.

With my whole heart, I will fear the Lord Jesus Christ, my God, and acknowledge Him as the sovereign Head over us... deserving of my unreserved faithfulness, submission, diligence and commitment. I will honor His name.

Realizing the strong tendency to compromise with this commitment, I openly declare my dependency on God and my need for others in his family. As a servant of the Lord of the Body, His Church, I will guard against every temptation from the enemies of godly leadership and servanthood—

authoritarianism	sensuality
exclusiveness	hypocrisy
slothfulness	rationalization
greed	unaccountability
pride	preoccupation with self

—and I will fulfill my responsibilities for the greater glory and praise of my master, Jesus Christ, whom I love and willingly obey.

Illustration Three

Read Acts 13:1-4

Someone has said, "Every Christian is a missionary." In a way, this is perfectly true.

But it is also true that in the biblical pattern of carrying out the Great Commission, God has put his hand especially on some in the body of Christ for the special type of service we call "missionary service," as opposed to the kind of witnessing expected of each believer.

There were many believers in Antioch, but the Holy Spirit said: "Separate me Saul and Barnabas for the work whereto I have called them" (Acts 13:2 KJV). They had a special and a specific call to take the Gospel to those who had never heard. The church in Antioch co-operated with the Lord in this call, standing behind these men in prayer and support. Acts 13:3 says, "When they had fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away."

What did this simple service signify? First, it was a recognition by the church of the call of God to these men. It was the Holy Spirit who separated Saul and Barnabas to this work and who sent them forth. Verse 4 says, "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, departed"

Second, the laying on of hands was a recognition of the church's involvement in the ministry of these missionaries. In the Old Testament, the placing of a hand on an offering was a sign that the worshipper identified himself with the offering. So in this act, the church signified its involvement and identification with the missionary work of Saul and Barnabas.

(Names) _____, the work to which God has called you is no easy work. It may well call for unusual trials, sacrifices and difficulties. It will call for the deepest commitment, the strongest faith, and the fullest love. Always remember that you are the ambassador of Jesus Christ. Your job is to represent him in the fullest way to the world of men. This can only be done as your life remains centered in him.

In this work, it is our responsibility to stand with you as co-laborers in the Gospel. That we may know your heart in this matter, will you answer before God and this congregation:

Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? [I do.]

Do you believe the Holy Scriptures to be the Word of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit, for the salvation and edification of mankind? [I do.]

Do you give yourself unreservedly to the service of Christ as his missionary? [I do.]

Do you, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and guidance, make it the purpose of your life to be faithful to your Master in word and deed and in cooperation with your fellow workers? [I do.]

Will the deacons come forward for a prayer of consecration? (People standing, candidate kneeling.)

[Spouse], will you come forward?

In a real sense, the Lord has called you to missionary service as fully as he has _____. Your support and love for _____, your faithfulness within the home and outside it as opportunity may present, is vital to the success of the work to which God has called you both.

Do you also give yourself unreservedly to the service of Christ as his missionary? [I do.]

Do you, as you trust the Lord Jesus for strength and guidance, make it the purpose of your life to be faithful to the Lord in the support, encouragement and love for _____ that is so necessary to the success of the work to which God has called you both? [I do.]

[Prayer of Consecration]

[Benediction]