

» RESOURCES

Missions Trends & Research

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www.uscwm.org - The U.S. Center for World Mission is ... dedicated to making the glory of God fully known, and to bringing all the people groups ... to worship and obey God as revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

<http://www.gmi.org> - World-class research that fuels emerging mission movements and leaders.

www.perspectives.org - *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* is a dynamic course where you'll discover what God is doing around the world and consider your part in His purposes.

www.mnnonline.org – for current missions news from around the world.

Christian Faith and Other Faiths/Cultures

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Why The Rest Hates The West: Understanding the Roots of Global Rage, by Meic Pearse. InterVarsity Press, 2004.

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Worth reading if you can find them

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“As you go, make disciples of all nations.” (MATTHEW 28:19)



» BECOME BETTER INFORMED

Making disciples is about relationship. Getting to know your neighbor, your world, and the history of the Christian movement is a great place to begin.

- Read missionary biographies – in print or online. A search of “Great Missionary Biographies” at Amazon.com will yield information on the biographies of David Brainerd, Adoniram Judson, Lottie Moon, Don Richardson, C. T. Studd, William Carey, Jonathan Goforth, and many other missionary statesmen and trailblazers.
- Acquaint yourself with the history, customs, and interests of another culture by hosting an international student in your home, or befriending someone from another culture.
- Carefully study Bible texts and accounts that address or exemplify our calling to be witnesses & disciple makers (e.g.: *Matthew 28:18–20*, *Acts 1:6–8*; *John 20:19–21*, the conversion, life, and ministry of the Apostle Paul, etc.).
- Develop a friendship, partnership and/or dialogue with a current or retired foreign missionary.
- Sign up to receive newsletters, prayer letters, or other publications from AMG & other Missions organizations.
- Subscribe to missions periodicals such as Evangelical Missions Quarterly: www.emqonline.com, or MissionMaker, www.missionmakermagazine.com.

» PRAY

Discipleship is about our own relationship with God. Prayer – for oneself and for those around us – enriches that relationship by drawing our attention to what our Lord values.

- Pray regularly and fervently about God’s plans for **your** life!
- Get to know a fellow believer doing Mission work (local, overseas, sent or indigenous). Maintain contact with him or her so you can **pray regularly and fervently for them.**

- Many Missions organizations publish monthly prayer lists. Visit your own church, denomination, or favorite Mission’s website, or visit “*The Prayer Room*” at www.amginternational.org, for ways to pray for missionaries and missionary movements.

» GO

Christ told us, “As you go, make disciples.” (Matt. 28:19). You can be part of the worldwide Christian movement today.

- **At Home:** Serve on your church’s missions committee. If you do not yet have such a committee, organize one!
- **At Home:** Studying the demographics of your own community, and participate in cultural fairs and exchanges. (If there aren’t any, organize one!)
- **For a Short Time:** Participating in a *Mission Adventures* short-term ministry trip can be an eye-opener as you learn first hand what life and ministry for Christ are like in another corner of the world. Contact Pete Lafakis at AMG International by calling 800-251-7206 for information about *Mission Adventures*.
- **For one to two years:** If you are not yet ready for career missionary service, but are eager to serve the Lord in some new capacity, contact AMG for information about *Mission Crossings*.
- **For a lifetime:** Maybe the time has come for a major change for you. Visit us at AMG for information about *Mission Journeys*, to see if long-term missionary service is for you.
- Establish a “Missions Moments” – five minutes of every Sunday morning service – to share a missions related prayer item or a missions report.
- Organize a Missions Conference or Missions Emphasis Week at your Church.
- Schedule an AMG representative or a missionary to be part of your missions conference, for special meetings or for a presentation to your small group.
- Sponsor a Gospel Message to appear in a newspaper or magazine as a paid advertisement.

- Provide a child with nourishing food, medical care when needed, clothing, a good education, and Bible instruction through sponsorship.
- Through sponsorship, provide for the ministry and care of a national worker called into the Gospel ministry.

» GIVE

Discipleship is about stewardship of what God has put within our reach. It is all HIS, and not ours. Supporting His work financially is a natural expression of our obedience.

- Support a foreign missionary both financially and through prayer (www.amginternational.org, or 1-800-251-7206).
- Supporting a national worker through sponsorship is an effective partnership with a fellow-believer serving in their own homeland (www.amginternational.org or 1-800-251-7206).
- Sponsor a child. Through the care, feeding, and instruction of children who might otherwise languish in poverty, the Gospel gains an entrance into entire families. When you sponsor a child through AMG, you can make an eternity of difference (www.amginternational.org or 1-800-251-7206).
- Support your own denomination or church missions program or missionaries. Most churches or denominations have established missions programs, and most would welcome your new interest and partnership.
- **CHECK IT OUT FIRST:** Check www.ecfa.org, www.guidestar.org, AMG’s website, or the website of your preferred Mission organization for information on giving wisely, and the financial, governance and accountability policies of your preferred not-for-profit ministry.