**Healthcare Missions Resources**

* This list is the fruit of 20+ years of my preparation for, and practice of, healthcare missions.
* Be open-minded, but also “open-Bibled;” many of these resources point out things that have been “hidden in plain sight” in the Scriptures for centuries
* I do not necessarily support everything that is said in all of these resources!
* It’s all good, but I’ve highlighted what I feel are the best resources
* Each resource is only listed once, though many of them overlap the topic headings

*Jason; Oct 8, 2021*

**Journals**

*Mission Frontiers* (***MF***) (missionfrontiers.org)

“Dedicated to fostering and supporting a global movement to establish indigenous and self-reproducing Church-Planting Movements among unreached peoples” Almost every issue is full of important and practical articles from experienced disciple-makers and movement-starters.

*International Journal of Frontier Missions* (***IJFM***) ([www.ijfm.org](http://www.ijfm.org))

“Covers the latest thinking in frontier missiology to explore and exposit areas and ideas and insights related to the glorification of God in all the nations (peoples) of the world”

More academic than *MF*, but again, almost every issue has important concepts to be gleaned.

*William Carey International Development Journal* (***WCIDJ***) (www.wciujournal.org/journal/archive)

Devoted to interdisciplinary research from a Biblical worldview focused on the historical, cultural, and spiritual roots of human problems around the world, as well as analysis and discussion of proposed solutions.

*Evangelical Missions Quarterly* (***EMQ***) (emqonline.com)

“Explores key topics in contemporary world missions”

Not as focused on frontiers and the unreached as the first two.

**Books, Specific Articles, and Podcasts**

(Many overlap categories, but all are listed only once)

**Theology of Missions**

**24:14: A Testimony to All Peoples**

As of 2019, this is an anthology of the best in completion missiology and movement thinking and practice by over 40 field workers, many of whom are non-western. Many of the chapters appeared as journal articles in other publications, and the editors have gleaned the most salient concepts to equip you to join the effort to fulfill Matthew 24:14.

You need to read this.

**“Losing Sight of the Frontier Mission Task.” RW Lewis. *IJFM*. 35:1. Spring 2018**

In this iconoclastic article, Lewis, a veteran worker with her family among Muslims in Morocco and India with F, clearly articulates how the prevalent methods of tracking frontier missions since the late 90s have inadvertently diverted sent-out workers from the least-reached peoples and delayed the completion of the Great Commission. Lewis is also the daughter of Ralph Winter. In my opinion, she is one of the greatest missions thinkers of our time.

**“Excursus: How Church-Planting Strategies Can Derail Movements to Christ.” RW Lewis. *IJFM*. 35:1 Spring 2018.**

 In this corollary article to “Losing Sight,” Lewis clearly explains how western-style “church-planting,” spurred on by the erroneous conclusions described in that article, has limited people groups coming to Christ.

**“Clarifying the Remaining Frontier Mission Task.” RW Lewis. IJFM. 35:4 Winter 2018.**

Lewis follows up from the above two articles that clarified the issues in modern missiology with crystal clear delineation of the remaining task and brilliant analysis of why the task is not yet finished.

**“As For Me and My House.” T. and B. Lewis. *MF.* Mar-Apr 2012.**

Veteran workers who started multiple churches in Morocco reflect on God’s passion in scripture for reaching families through families. Becky (“B”) Lewis is the same person as RW Lewis above. T is Tim, who was also the international director of F, the largest missions agency devoted to reaching Muslims. When Tim became international director, he chose to base out of New Delhi, India, rather than the international office, so that he and Becky could minister to Muslims alongside their grown children, who are also sent-out workers, and their grandkids. All of that to say, they “walk the walk” when it comes to families reaching families.

**“Introducing Frontier People Groups (FPGs).” Robby Butler. *MF*. Nov-Dec 2018.**

Clearly explains the most recent nomenclature of missions demographics including frontier people groups. Also describes how the “seed” of the Gospel is implanted into families.

**“The New Macedonia: A Revolutionary New Era in Mission Begins.” Ralph Winter. 1974**

The text of Winter’s 1974 address at the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelism that launched modern thinking about people groups. Winter was acclaimed by many as a genius as he coupled his analytical science background with his experience as a then-frontier worker in Guatemala. Winter went on, with others, to found the US Center for World Mission, which then birthed the Perspectives Course, William Carey International University, and several other key missions movements and agencies.

**“Review of *A People Reborn* by Christian Keysser.” Donald McGavran. *IJFM*. 1:2. 1984**

Keysser, a German who worked in New Guinea in the early 19th century was one of the first workers since the Moravians in the 1700s to pursue aspects of Biblical movement thinking and practice and write about it. This may sound obscure, but McGavran describes here how Keysser’s work inspired his own work in pursuing movements in India in the 1930s-50s. He also contrasts movement thinking and practice with attraction and extraction evangelism. McGavran then went on to found the School of World Mission at Fuller Seminary, which, through the work of Ralph Winter and others, then went on to birth the US Center for World Mission, which then birthed many of the major western missions structures and agencies of today.

***Christian Mass Movements in India* by Waskom Pickett (1933)**

***Bridges of God* by Donald McGavran (1955)**

Written in 1955, one of the first books in English to describe “people movements:” movements of whole groups of connected people to Christ, from all over the world.

***Unveiled at Last* by Bob Sjogren**

A veteran worker who served in Libya and helped start F explores God’s continual pursuit of the nations and why you have a role to play in it. It includes the best explanation I’ve seen for why so many Christians are functionally ambivalent toward missions. *Unveiled at Last* has true biographical missions narratives to begin each chapter that take you on a trip around the world, discovering what Sjogren then subsequently describes in that chapter.

This book was later revised and republished as *God’s Bottom Line,* in which it replaces these narratives with true, but less intriguing, and somewhat distracting, story illustrations from his more recent short-term trips. Even though the stats are more dated, I’d recommend *Unveiled at Last* rather than *God’s Bottom Line*. (from the back cover): “BEWARE: This material has a proven track record of altering long term goals and dreams. It is only for those who are serious about obeying what God reveals to them”

***The Final Chapter of World Missions: Releasing the Hosts of the 11th Hour* by Beat Jost**

Written by a field worker to North, Central, and East African Muslims who has served with his wife for over 20 years in both direct ministry and in oversight and training of both expat and national workers and leaders.

***The Book of Acts: A Commentary* by C. Peter Wagner**

Written by a former field worker (in Bolivia back when it was a frontier) and seminary-level missions professor, this is a unique commentary in that it looks at events in Acts from the viewpoint of missions strategy and spiritual warfare.

**“Unreached Peoples: The Development of the Concept.” Ralph Winter. *IJFM* 1:2. 1984.**

How God’s pursuit of people groups was re-discovered in modern times. Includes the refining of the missiological concept of unreached peoples.

**“The Two Structures of God’s Redemptive Mission.” Ralph Winter. in *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Reader.***

Winter describes the biblical and historical basis of having set-apart structures for apostolic workers.

**“Finishing the Task: The Unreached Peoples Challenge.” Winter and Koch. *IJFM* 19:4 Winter 2002.**

An academic article that explores how to define unreached peoples and how we should pursue them

**“Moving Beyond: Frontier Missions in Our Postcolonial World.” Bradford Greer. *IJFM* 36:4 Winter 2019**

Passionate appeal to embrace Pietism (being filled with and led by the Spirit in alignment with God’s word) and its corollary, innovation. Calls to move beyond systematics to text-sensitive reading, to move beyond foreign-guided contextualization to releasing local theologizing, to move beyond traditions to faith and freedom for new local disciples, and to move beyond separatism to remaining withing one’s community.

**“Searching for the Gospel of Jesus.” Donald Miller. *Outreach.* Jan-Feb 2006.**

 Narrative that makes the plea not to reduce the gospel of Jesus to a bullet list or a one-liner.

 **“The Supremacy of God Among ‘All the Nations.’” John Piper. *IJFM* 9:3 Jul 1992**

This article is a condensed version of chapter 5 of *Let the Nations Be Glad.* It captures the powerful core message of the book. Piper is firmly a Calvinist and this influences his missiology.

***The King Jesus Gospel* by Scot McKnight**

An appeal by a seminary professor to reinstate the life of Jesus and being his disciple into our understanding and spread of “the Gospel.”

**“What is About to Happen,” Emmanuel Faith Sermon Podcast, March 3, 2013**

Awesome sermon by Bob Blincoe on the biblical basis of missions and the need for those willing to do the research to find, and make the commitment to, the last unreached people groups. Includes awesome stories from his and his wife’s time leading a team to be the first in modern history to take the Gospel to the Kurds of northern Iraq.

**“The Greatest Story Ever Scrolled,” Trinity United Presbyterian Church Podcast, Feb 28, 2021**

 Another awesome Bob Blincoe sermon that is an engrossing Biblical survey of missions

**“The Curse and the Cure,” *medicalmissions.com Podcast*, Sep 29, 2020**

 Excellent Biblical missions overview by Charles Fielding from the GMHC

**Prayer**

**“Strategic Prayer Equipping Guide” by the Strategic Prayer Equipping Group**

This is a booklet written by a team of current and former field workers in difficult places that describes why and how to pursue strategic prayer that aligns our work with God’s pursuits in His ways.

**“Hearing the Holy Spirit”**

A brief document with highly practical, Biblically based pearls on hearing God’s voice in prayer and in the course of daily life.

***And God Changed His Mind* by Brother Andrew**

Veteran worker in multiple “closed” countries challenges disciples to awaken from complacency and fatalism in prayer.

***God Guides* by Mary Geegh**

 A pioneer worker in India on listening and obedience in prayer.

***Red Moon Rising* by Pete Grieg**

The incredibly powerful, God-sized stories of the beginnings of the modern 24-7 prayer movement.

***Creative Prayer and Intercession: D***[***irection and Fresh Ideas to Lead Groups in Dynamic and Effective Intercession Experiences***](https://www.amazon.com/Creative-Prayer-Intercession-Direction-Experiences-ebook/dp/B083JJ2C2S/ref%3Dsr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=creative+prayer+and+intercession&qid=1605297123&sr=8-1)**by Tricia Blackford**

 Small book packed with nuts and bolts ideas and tips for any small prayer group, as well as for longer prayer events. Lots of creative ideas to make prayer more engaging and powerful.

***God’s Grace for the World: A Biblical Prayer Guide for Movements (Toolkit for Movement Activists; Book 4)* by “Trevor Larson” and Focus on Fruit Team**

Prayer undergirds Movements. Biblical prayers are large prayers for God’s kingdom over obstacles. From prison Paul does disciple-making through his prayers. When the early church was threatened and afraid, they asked for and received boldness and clarity in spreading the gospel.

There are six large movements of believer groups in the New Testament: Jerusalem, the provinces of Judea and Samaria, Antioch, the province of Galatia, the province of Macedonia, and the province of Asia Minor from Ephesus. This book describes all the prayers of the New Testament in their support of these six movements.

***The 24-7 Prayer Manual* by Pete Grieg**

 How to start powerful prayer movements in your own context.

***Praying with Power* by C. Peter Wagner**

 Molding your prayers into a weapon for daily and strategic spiritual warfare.

**Discipleship and Movements**

***Miraculous Movements* by Jerry Trousdale**

Chronicles disciple-making movements among Muslims in east Africa. Describes key common features of disciple-making movements (DMM) and outlines discovery bible study (DBS). The concepts would largely be applicable anywhere, not just in Africa or among Muslims.

***The House Church Book* by Wolfgang Simson**

A plea and a how-to manual to bring “church” back to its simple, easily reproducible origins. This is a condensed version of his previous book, *Houses that Change the World.*

***Spent Matches* by Roy Moran**

A US-based pastor explains why and how he and his church have used DMM and DBS concepts in the US with persisting, multiplying fruit. Has many awesome, practical points to make DMM and DBS really effective among the lost.

**“Finding Fourth Soil People” Kevin Greeson *MF* Jul-Aug 2018**

The first time an entire issue of *MF* was written by one person. This is actually five articles, not one. The Parable of the Sower is near and dear to our hearts, as we use this parable as an intro in our health education program. Greeson, who was a long term field worker with Cousins with the Company, does an excellent job analyzing the parable and applying it to movements.

***Focus on Fruit! Movement Case Studies and Fruitful Practices (Toolkit for Movement Activists; Book 2)* by “Trevor Larson”**

Disciple-making movements are growing in many places around the world, but few people have a chance to look inside them to understand how they are growing so rapidly. The 16 research-based case studies in this book will allow you to learn from those who have started believer groups in many Unreached People Groups. These people have mentored the multiplication of small groups into movements of over 1,000 believers, in rural, small town, urban, and university contexts.

The researchers discovered 12 Fruitful Practices that support multiplying generations of believer groups. This is Book 2 in a series called A Toolkit for Movement Activists, which provides a biblical framework for movements, explores deep discipleship in UPG settings, and provides tools and training for field workers, intercessors, coaches and supporters of movements.

***Core Skills for Movement Leaders: Repeating Patterns from Generation to Generation (Toolkit for Movement Activists; Book 7)* by “Trevor Larson” & Focus on Fruit Team**

Focuses on the nuts and bolts of group and small-church leadership in a movement setting, and how to effectively transfer those skills to subsequent group and small church leaders. Topics include Transformation Dialogue, Group Formation, the Seven Question Model, “Egg Management” of multiplication, Multi-Purpose Community Development Ministry, Heart Restoration, Coaching Circles, Health Diagnostic Tool, Development of Leaders’ Groups and Clusters, and Multiplying Movement Leadership

**“Mission Viruses That Can Kill Disciple Making Movements” Roy Moran *MF* Sep-Oct 2020**

Not only are there viruses that can extinguish human life, but there are also viruses that stop dead in its tracks the movement of the Good News of Jesus.

***T4T* by Ying Kai and Steve Smith**

Written by veteran workers who started church planting movements (CPMs) in China and Indonesia; explains the Training for Trainers (T4T) approach and chronicles its use in catalyzing church-planting movements, largely in Asia. Kai and Smith worked with the Company.

***Stubborn Perseverance: how to launch multiplying movements of disciples and churches among Muslims and others (a story based on real events)* by James Nyman**

A field worker from Indonesia involved in starting a CPM tells an extended story of new disciples who are working to catalyze a movement. The story itself has fictionalized details, but is a compilation of true stories from Indonesia, of best practices and resources for starting movements, and from CPM case studies from around the world.

***Walking with Muslims* by “Shameem Lee”**

A true story of a worker “shadow pastoring” two disciples in India in the early stages of a CPM. Although the context is Indian Muslims, the concepts the worker discovers are applicable anywhere. It is rare to find such an in-depth narrative of the beginnings of a CPM.

***The Luke 10 Manual: mission as mandated and modeled by Jesus* by Steve and Marilyn Hill**

Written by field workers in Central Asia as a manual for expat and local workers to return to the ways of Jesus as our methods of missions. A training manual in the simplicity and power of Jesus’ ways of mission.

***Church Planting Movements* by David Garrison**

The fruit of years of research documenting CPMs and looking for common features that can be reproduced in efforts to catalyze CPMs elsewhere. Garrison works with the Company.

***A Wind in the House of Islam* by David Garrison**

Similar to *Church Planting Movements*, but specific to CPMs among Muslims. Also makes specific observations from different “houses” (regions) of Muslims.

***Contagious Disciple Making* by David Watson**

By a veteran worker who started CPM among Hindus in India and who has continued to train thousands of others in movement concepts, describes how to make disciple-making movement (DMM) and discovery bible study (DBS) strategies applicable and effective anywhere. Watson initially worked with the Company but moved to CityTeam.

***In Search of Persons of Peace* by Carolyn Knight**

Written by a field worker among unreached peoples in Asia; looks at multiple cases of persons of peace from the Bible, the history of missions, and modern-day. The writing is a little grandiose at times, but the cases taken as a whole give a great sense of who we are looking for as persons of peace.

**“Small Groups that have the DNA of a Gospel Planting Movement.” Paul Watson. *MF*. Nov-Dec 2012.**

 Clearly highlights what small groups/ house churches need to multiply and start movements. Paul Watson is David Watson’s son.

**“Top Ten Mindset Shifts for a Disciple Making Movement to Emerge.” Roy Moran. roymoran.com. Apr 23, 2015. https://www.roymoran.com/top-ten-mind-shifts-for-a-disciple-making-movement-to-emerge/**

 Awesome, pithy, tradition-shedding insights into catalyzing movements.

**“Are We Accelerating or Inhibiting Movements to Christ?” Bob Goodmann. *MF.* Sept-Oct 2006.**

Straightforward analysis of how our actions in multiple areas directly accelerate or inhibit movements

**“T4T or DMM? Part 1.” Steve Smith and Stan Parks. *MF.* Jan-Feb 2015.**

**“T4T or DMM? Part 2.” Steve Smith and Stan Parks. *MF*. May-Jun 2015.**

If you have ever wondered, “What’s the difference in T4T and DMM?” these articles explain it all and bring out the nuances in a balanced way.

**“Planting Churches: Learning the Hard Way.” T & B Lewis. *MF.* Jan 2009.**

Detailing successes and failures, veteran workers in Morocco tell how God gradually changed their view of “planting churches.”

**“Discovering God.” David Watson, et. al. 2008**

A booklet of suggested DBS studies from DMM veterans who catalyzed CPMs across Africa and Asia. These are very similar to the DBS list in the back of *Miraculous Movements.*

**“Why We Should Pay Attention to the AK-47.” Roy Moran. roymoran.com. Jan 13, 2016 https://www.roymoran.com/why-we-should-pay-attention-to-the-ak-47/**

 Interesting take on what makes movements spread.

**“Four Stages of a Movement” (Kingdom Kernels Series). Smith, Mims, and Steves. *MF.* Nov-Dec 2015.**

One group’s take on how movements of disciples generally start, build momentum, then plateau. To be taken as descriptive, not necessarily proscriptive. Helps explain why it is difficult for many in institutional churches to accept ideas about rapidly reproducing house churches and lay leadership.

**“Three Foundational Areas of Movements” (Kingdom Kernels Series). Steve Smith. *MF.* Jan-Feb 2016.**

By one of the authors of *T4T*, describes three areas that must be developed and kept in balance for movements to proceed.

**“No Place Left: Finish Line Metrics Sourced in the New Testament.” Nathan Shank. *MF*. May-Jun 2016.**

This is basically a discovery Bible study looking at the biblical markers for peoples being reached. The article doesn’t give any answers: you have to do the DBS to find the answers!

**“Four Stages to “No Place Left” in Our Generation” (Kingdom Kernels Series. Steve Smith. *MF.* Sep-Oct 2016.**

Also by the author of *T4T*, describes a model of using progressive stages of sending and equipping for catalyzers seeking to start CPMs: “home hubs,” “field hubs,” and “UPG hubs”

***On The Road #NPL* Podcast**

This is an awesome podcast: Seasons One and Two do a good job of laying the foundation through discussion of the basics of disciple making and movement concepts. Season Three is particularly good; it is all about what makes a disciple maker and a movement leader effective. They interview multiple movement leaders, some of whom are local national leaders, who have catalyzed movements and glean out common traits and practices from among them. This is mostly from a No Place Left/ T4T perspective, but most of the concepts will easily transfer over to DMM/DBS practitioners.

***Contagious Disciple Making Podcast***

 With Paul Watson, son of David Watson. Tons of really practical tools for strategic prayer, finding people of peace, doing discovery Bible study, and tons more. Really well done. The hosts have lots of experience with Disciple Making Movement concepts and strategies both in the US and abroad.

***More Disciples* Podcast**

Excellent thinking on movements; associated with an org called Team Expansion. Leans toward DMM perspectives.

***Movements with Steve Addison* Podcast**

Just like the title suggests: all about CPMs/ DMMs; with multiple different guests who are all seeing movements emerge. Leans toward T4T and No Place Left perspectives.

***KC Underground* Podcast**

Once you get past some of the usual podcast banter, this is a really solid resource for disciple-making both in the US context and internationally. They give both Biblical and theological backgrounds for aspects of disciple-making as well as practical aspects of discipling people pre-faith, post-commitment, as well as discipling groups and microchurches.

***H3X* Podcast**

Group of DMM and #NoPlaceLeft guys and gals in Oklahoma City sharing insights both from stateside and overseas discipleship and movement catalysis. Solid.

**Spiritual Warfare**

***God at War: The Bible and Spiritual Conflict* by Gregory Boyd**

 This and its sequel below are the truly pivotal books that helped me to make sense of the constant suffering and death we see all around us every day on the mission field; and to help us see our role in bringing God’s Kingdom against all of that.

 “Through a close and sophisticated reading of both Old and New Testaments, Boyd argues that Satan has been in an age-long (but not eternal) battle against God, (*what Boyd calls the “warfare worldview”)* and that this conflict "is a major dimension of the ultimate canvas against which everything within the biblical narrative, from creation to the eschaton, is to be painted and therefore understood."

***Satan and the Problem of Evil* by Gregory Boyd**

The sequel to the Biblical survey of *God at War*, this tackles the philosophical and historical theological alternatives to the Biblical “warfare worldview.”

***Is God to Blame?* by Gregory Boyd**

This is the easier-to-read, condensed version of the above two Greg Boyd books. It still captures all of the main ideas, but some of Boyd’s Biblical exposition is so counter to the Platonic-Augustinian tradition that pervades the modern western church, that I think it really takes the full two original books to make sense of it all for disciples (most of us) steeped in that tradition.

***The Rules of Engagement* by Kraft and DeBord**

From scripture and the authors’ extensive experience, outlines the laws and rules that God seems to have laid down that govern spiritual warfare, both from our standpoint and that of the enemy. Kraft was a worker in northern Nigeria and subsequently a seminary professor.

***Identity Thief* by Robbie Dawkins**

Written by a pastor whose simple faith and obedience to the ways of Jesus led his church in Aurora, IL to be a conduit for God to transform the city from a hotbed of severe gang violence; He now travels the world, mostly in creative-access Muslim countries, equipping national disciples to do the works Jesus did. Describes how one of the enemy’s most effective schemes is to confuse us about our true identity in Christ; has some pretty wild stories that may be outside your theological box, but just hang with him until the end; you will be equipped and empowered.

***The Evangelical’s Guide to Spiritual Warfare* by Charles Kraft**

 Covers a wide breadth of practical spiritual warfare topics from an evangelical perspective.

***I Give You Authority* by Charles Kraft**

The concept of the disciple’s authority in Christ and the important role it plays in personal, relational, and strategic spiritual warfare.

***Mental Illness or Demonisation?* by Lim and Koh**

By two Singaporeans, one a psychiatrist and the other a deliverance minister; a level-headed take on telling the difference between mental illness and demonization; has many practical clinical pearls.

***The Bondage Breaker* by Neil Anderson**

Simple but powerful biblical concepts toward personal and relational freedom from the oppression of the enemy and bondage to sins.

***Spiritual Warfare Strategy* by C. Peter Wagner**

 Strategic-level spiritual warfare

***Taking Our Cities Back for God* by John Dawson**

 One of the first major books to describe strategic-level spiritual mapping and intercession.

**“Power Encounter Among Folk Muslims.” Rick Love. *IJFM* 13:4. Oct-Dec 1996.**

The importance of the confrontation between the power of God and the enemy in reaching Folk Muslims or any culture who believe in and acquiesce to the dark side of the spirit world. Love was a field worker in Indonesia for many years, then the director of F, the largest missions agency devoted to reaching Muslims.

**Storytelling**

**“Church Planting Movements Among Oral Learners.” Pam Arlund. *MF.* Nov-Dec 2013.**

Written by a former field worker and PhD linguist in Asia and now a trainer of movement catalysts to oral cultures; takes the principles of CPM and applies them to oral-only cultures; includes case studies from CPMs in oral cultures.

 **“Communication Bridges to Oral Cultures I For Neighbors: A scripture-based narrative approach for disciple makers” by Scriptures in Use**

Scriptures in Use is an organization that has spent the last three decades honing storytelling to be used as a powerful tool in disciple-making and catalyzing movements to Jesus. This is the written form of their training to reach Muslims (whom they call “Neighbors”). Really excellent for understanding why it is so important to do oral discipleship among oral learners; tons of practical tips when learning and telling stories; as well as multiple Bible story sets to be used as evangelism or discipleship in multiple different situations. There are also videos that accompany the written lessons.

**“Bridges II for Neighbors: A Scripture-based Advanced Narrative Approach for Workers Among Our Neighbors of the Muslim World” by Scriptures in Use**

 Continues the above training in using story to catalyze disciple making movements; includes training on using story to influence worldview and how story groups can become healthy house churches.

**“Bridges for Women: a course to facilitate a narrative ministry among women of oral cultures” by Scriptures in Use**

 Concepts as in the above two manuals, but specifically for women.

***story4all* Podcast**

Many of these have awesome tips for learning to tell Bible stories effectively. Many of us don’t realize how crucial this is, that most of the world’s 2,000 remaining Z Groups are oral learners, and that we must learn storytelling as an effective way to share the Kingdom.

[**bibletelling.org**](https://www.bibletelling.org/)

 Tons of great Bible storying resources. They have lots of workshops in-person and online as well.

**Miraculous**

***Authority to Heal by Ken Blue***

 Excellent book that draws on Biblical and historical facets of healing

***Do What Jesus Did* by Robbie Dawkins**

Written by a pastor whose simple faith and obedience to the ways of Jesus led his church in Aurora, IL to be a conduit for God to transform the city from a hotbed of severe gang violence; describes how he came to fully embrace and practice John 14:12, that whoever believes in Jesus would do the works he did. He now travels the world, mostly in creative-access Muslim countries, equipping national disciples to do the works Jesus did. “A real-life field guide to healing the sick, routing demons, and making a dynamic impact for the Kingdom of God.”

***Healing* by Francis MacNutt, PhD**

MacNutt is a former Catholic priest. Provides a context within which to understand healing. Includes the basis of the healing ministry, kinds of healing, and the connections between sacraments and healing (which most evangelicals, including myself, may not agree with). Discusses new discoveries of connections between the spiritual and the physical, including scientific inquiries into the healing power of prayer.

***Understanding Dreams from God* by Scott Breslin and Mike Jones**

This was written by two F field workers with many years of experience in Turkey. They originally wrote the book in Turkish, and even the English version is geared toward Muslim readers. However, it is also one of the most Biblically solid books to guide disciples in interpreting dreams for not-yet-disciples. It discusses multiple Biblical examples of God speaking through dreams, why he speaks through dreams, and how to know if dreams are from God. It ends with an extended section on how to respond to God’s revelations through dreams by following Jesus.

***Which None Can Shut* by “Reema Goode”**

Written by a field worker in a “closed” Middle Eastern country, it tells multiple true stories they have experienced firsthand of God working in miraculous ways in the lives of Muslims there.

**“Evangelism and Dreams.” Randal Scott. *EMQ.* Apr 2008.**

 A how-to article for disciples to be ready when not-yet-disciples come to them with dreams

***The Joel 2 Generation Podcast***

The host seems to have been a field worker in a major city in the Middle East. He is firmly grounded with the Church and with church history, and he has many awesome stories of the miraculous and healings while on the field and encourages disciples to push forward in obedience and discipleship with Christ. The photo on the podcast icon is the Jesus People generation preacher Lonie Frisbee--looks a little like Charles Manson-don’t let that dissuade you.

**Evangelism**

***Speaking of Jesus: the art of not-evangelism* by Carl Medearis**

Written by a former F field worker with years of experience in Lebanon then across the Middle East; “Draws on his experience of international reconciliation between Muslims and Christians to remind us of the heart of the matter: Jesus. Here he gives us tools, stories, and the foundation we need to move beyond “us” and “them” and simply talk about Jesus.”

***Power Evangelism* by John Wimber**

Wimber, one of the founders of the Vineyard movement, believed that God called rank-and-file believers to a powerful influence on the world; Drawing from the teaching of the New Testament, and with illustrations from his own experience, demonstrates how the incredible power of God can manifest in our world when we submit control of our lives to the Holy Spirit.

**Culture**

***Christ of the Indian Road* by E. Stanley Jones**

Jones was a field worker in India during the early to mid-20th century and was a contemporary and acquaintance of Ghandi. A classic of modern missions; his insights into truly incarnating Christ and the Gospel into a foreign culture were ahead of his time in terms of the modern re-discovery of such concepts. Far beyond the Indian context, shows how the Gospel can be contextualized so that people see the Good News as good news, not as a western affront to their own culture and history

***Pagan Christianity? Exploring the Roots of our Church Practices* by Frank Viola and George Barna**

Viola is a well-known figure in the modern American house church movement and Barna is, well… George Barna. Takes multiple facets of modern western Christianity and shows that many of their origins are not Biblical but are rather effects of western Christianity having been “raised” in Greco-Roman civilization. Fair warning: this book takes on lots of cherished “sacred cows” in modern western corporate Christian practice, so if you read this, don’t get mad at the authors until you’ve done your research, both in the Bible and in history. If you can get through it, it will help you strip “church” down to a more biblical model.

***Boundless* by Bryan Bishop**

“In his many travels as a researcher for Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Bishop discovered a startling phenomenon: hidden movements of Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists who are experiencing and following Jesus outside the boundaries of traditional Western Christianity; and they have plenty to teach Christians in the West.”

***Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: cultural studies in the Gospels* by Kenneth Bailey, ThD**

Raised as an MK in Sudan and Egypt, Bailey then worked as a field worker in Egypt and later taught in seminaries in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem and Cyprus for 40 years; Uniquely insightful because of Bailey’s background, this book examines the life and teachings of Jesus in their original, middle-eastern context. Understanding how we layer western biases onto the person and teachings of Jesus and removing those biases are crucial to incarnating Him well in other cultures.

***African Friends and Money Matters* by David Maranz, PhD**

Crucial for understanding views of money among cultures where social and familial ties are more important than time, money, or efficiency. The book is obviously written about African cultures, but the insights are very important and likely transfer to many Middle Eastern and Asian cultures as well. If you work among the poor, you will routinely be asked for money for all manner of things, and this book will help you navigate that.

***Mission Frontiers*, May-June 2021 “What Have You Brought Us?”**

This entire issue is about issues of dependence in missions brought on by the misuse of money by western m’s. Every article is helpful.

***Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* by E Randolph Richards, PhD and Brandon O’Brien, PhD**

Richards was a field worker and seminary professor for 8 years in Indonesia, and O’Brien is a seminary professor in the US; Helps to develop an awareness of the multiple ways we as westerners bring our own, unperceived biases to biblical texts. Addressing these biases is crucial to bringing only the Gospel, and not our western traditions, when we go to other cultures.

***Nice White Parents* Podcast, Episode 1 “The Book of Statuses”**

Fascinating, true case study of well-intentioned cultural snobbery and poor communication between affluent “outsiders” and less-affluent “locals;” how not to enter another culture of lower socio-economic status and attempt to enact change. The setting is a middle school in Brooklyn, but the implications for global missions are clear.

**Language Learning**

***Growing Participator Approach***

[www.growingparticipation.com](http://www.growingparticipation.com)

***Lexicarry***

Awesome resource with cartoon scenes from daily life that you can use with a language helper to know what to say in those situations.

**Reaching Muslims**

***Muslims, Christians, and Jesus* by Carl Medearis**

Medearis is a former F field worker for 12 years in post-civil war Lebanon. “With practical information and fascinating stories, he shares culturally sensitive ways for Christians to get to know Muslims on a personal level. Rather than focusing initially on the differences, he shows how common ground is the best foundation for friendships and for hearts turning to Jesus.”

***The Kingdom Manual* by Jeff Seeger**

This booklet is a compilation of two evangelism and discipleship tools called “Kingdom Circles” and “The Straight Path Timeline” that have born great fruit in multiple countries. The Kingdom Circles could be adapted for anyone, but the Straight Path Timeline is specifically for Muslims. These tools are a form of bridge, and they do an amazing job of helping Muslims to see that you are not attacking them or their culture, and that all of the prophets of the OT (whom Muslims revere) point to Jesus. Some find certain parts of these controversial, but they could easily be adapted to fit most views of contextualization.

**“Guide Muslims to the Bible.” “AJ Hague.” *MF*. Jul-Aug 2013**

A short outline of the Kingdom Circles (here called “Sowing God’s Kingdom”) and The Straight Path Timeline (here called the “Path of the Prophets”)

**“Fruitful Practices: A descriptive list” by Fruitful Practices Research**

This booklet is the result of years of research. “The goal was to use an inductive method to discover what God is using to grow his Kingdom among Muslims in order to better partner with him in sowing and reaping. It initially involved surveys and interviews of effective teams from 13 organizations representing over 5,800 workers in the Muslim world during the late 2000s. Then in 2007, a consultation of 25 working groups produced over 300 responses from workers representing over 30 organizations, about 2/3 of whom had already witnessed the emergence of at least one Christ-centered community in the Muslim world.”

***From Seed to Fruit* by J. Dudley Woodbury, ed.**

 This book is the extended version of the Fruitful Practices research.

**“Strategizing for Church Planting Movements in the Muslim World: Informal Reviews of Rodney Stark’s *The Rise of Christianity* and David Garrison’s *Church Planting Movements”* by Rebecca Lewis, IJFM 21:2 2004**

More brilliant analysis by Rebecca Lewis, this time of first century movements to Jesus compared and contrasted with late 20th century movements to Jesus, with lessons learned and implications for catalyzing movements among Muslims in the 21st century.

***Muslims, Magic, and the Kingdom of God* by Rick Love, D. Min, PhD**

For many years a frontier worker in Indonesia, then the director of F, the largest major sending organization focused on reaching Muslims, Love combines a description of folk Islam, biblical perspectives, and strategies for church planting among Folk Muslims; tackles the major issues of encountering spiritual powers, contextualization, and leadership development.

***Planting Churches in Muslim Cities: A Team Approach* by Greg Livingstone**

A seminal work in reaching Muslims. This was the book in undergrad that opened my eyes to Muslims and how they were being reached for Christ at that point. Livingstone founded F.

***Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road: exploring a new path between two faiths* by Paul Gordon-Chandler**

“A compelling account of the spiritual journey of Syrian novelist, Maeher Mallouhi, who identifies himself as a ‘Sufi Muslim follower of Christ.’ Mallhouhi was raised in a traditional Muslim home and retains a deep affection for his Muslim and Arab heritage, even while his own spiritual pilgrimage has brought him to embrace Jesus as the Christ. Therein lies the immediate tension between the expectations of other Christians and his own cultural roots. Points out that many of the misunderstandings between Christians and Muslims are artificially created owing to the assumptions each has about the correctness of their own practices as related to spirituality.

**“Resurrecting the Middle Eastern Christ.” Paul-Gordon Chandler. *IJFM* 25:3. Fall 2008.**

An excerpt from Chapter 6 of the above book. Gives a glimpse of this crucial concept that Jesus lived, spoke, and functioned in a middle eastern worldview, and it is in this context that His words and actions are best understood: loving neighbor as self, hospitality, living in the presence of God, collaborating with culture, and presenting the incomparable beauty of the “eastern Christ.”

***A Deadly Misunderstanding* by Mark Siljander**

Siljander was a US congressman who, through his own study of the Bible, the Quran, and their original texts, discovered significant and often-overlooked bridges between Islam and Christianity that he began to use in his interactions with major world Muslim leaders, often openly discussing Jesus with them. He was ultimately arrested and imprisoned by the US government for trumped-up charges that resulted from his interactions with blacklisted Muslim leaders like Omar Bashir of Sudan. He continued leading many to Jesus while in prison. See below for the *Truth About Muslims Podcast*, which has an amazing series of interviews in which Siljander gives his entire testimony.

**“The C1 to C6 Spectrum.” “John Travis.” *EMQ* 34. 1998.**

This was the original publication of what is commonly called the “C-scale” of communities of disciples from a Muslim background. It was descriptive of what Travis, the pseudonym of a field worker, had seen in terms of the breadth of existing practice of Muslim-background believers. It was not intended to be proscriptive, but descriptive. The “C” is often wrongly assumed to mean “contextualization,” rather than “community.” The scale and this publication have been controversial because of the C5 designation, which describes communities of believers who call themselves “Muslims who follow Jesus.” These are also commonly known as “Insider Movements.” Understanding this spectrum is key to understanding the “Insider Movement” controversy and most subsequent works about reaching Muslims.

**“Church Planting Among Folk Muslims.” Rick Love. *IJFM* 11:2. Apr 1994**

This is a guide to the three types of encounters that we must employ among folk Muslims, which, in practice, includes at least ¾ of the world’s Muslims.

**“The Spirit-First Approach to Muslim Evangelism.” “SP Steinhaus.” *IJFM* 17:4.**

By a veteran field worker in Muslim SE Asia; describes a unique and intriguing model of evangelism in which the main focus of the first several conversations is the Holy Spirit.

***Truth About Muslims / Muslims, Christians, and the Zombie Apocalypse* Podcast**

Has nothing to do zombies! Great content about Muslims and reaching Muslims. They take a very middle-of-the-road stance on issues like contextualization. Affiliated with the Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies at Columbia International University

**Interpersonal (Team, Member Care, Leadership, Marriage)**

**Lumping these together does not reflect a lack of importance, as they are all crucial!**

**Rather it reflects a high degree of overlap.**

***How we Love* by Milan and Kay Yerkovich**

The best marriage book I’ve ever read. Very important to read for anyone who is married, or who hopes to be married. Also good for understanding teammates who may show certain unhealthy interpersonal patterns.

***How we Love our Kids* by Milan and Kay Yerkovich**

***How we Love for Singles* by Milan and Kay Yerkovich**

***The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni**

“A Leadership Fable” of a CEO of a struggling firm who took control of a dysfunctional executive committee and helped its members succeed as a team; offers explicit instructions for overcoming the human behavioral tendencies that corrupt teams (absence of trust, fear of conflict, lack of commitment, avoidance of accountability and inattention to results). A very easy read, but crucial concepts to understand. Lencioni explicitly meant for this to apply not just to the corporate world but for churches and Christian workers as well. He is, himself, a Christian.

***Crucial Conversations: tools for talking when stakes are high* by Joseph Grenny, et al**

Secular, but really powerful for team dynamics and interpersonal communications and coaching; “gives you the tools to handle life’s most difficult and important conversations; covers preparing for high-stakes situations with a proven technique, transforming anger and hurt feelings into powerful dialogue, making it safe to talk about almost anything, and being persuasive, not abrasive.”

***Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni**

***The Advantage* by Patrick Lencioni**

***Finding God* by Larry Crabb**

Helps you delve into tough questions about your intimacy with God, especially in difficult circumstances, what keeps us from knowing God intimately despite His constant pursuit of us, and how to pursue God rather than constantly only look for human solutions to problems in our lives.

***The Peace Pursuit Handbook: Biblical, practical, and accessible tools for resolving interpersonal conflicts* by John Shindeldecker**

***A Vision of the Possible: pioneer church planting in teams* by “Daniel Sinclair”**

Written by a F worker and field director with many years of experience in the middle east; a practical guide to CP in teams, including matters to consider when building and working in teams, focusing on the team being fruitful for catalyzing movements.

**Belbin Roles** [**www.belbin.com**](http://www.belbin.com)

Belbin Roles are a concept similar to personality types, but rather identify what role you best play in a team setting working toward a goal. Very helpful in team-building and even in helping to resolve team conflict by identifying what roles each person most naturally fills (and shouldn’t fill). There is a fee to take the assessment, but it is well worth it. This would also be useful for house churches and for clinic staff.

***Forged on the Field; letters from global missions leaders*, executive editor TJ MacLeslie**

Short and long “letters to new leaders” from 74 real-world mission team leaders, arranged into 42 days of readings, as if you’re having coffee and lunch with a different leader each weekday. “Provides a clear account of the ups and downs of leadership” via “letters from the trenches intended for front-line leaders:” Most leadership books are written for other contexts, including corporate, military, or even short-term missions, but this is one of the few leadership books in existence written specifically for the context of the long-term missions team. Many of the team leaders work in Europe or east Asia, however a few work in the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia. Many of them are leaders in PI, but almost none of them are individually labeled with agencies.

***Leadership Proverbs* by David Stevens, MD**

Long a field worker in Kenya where he helped develop Tenwek Hospital and a large and successful community health and development program, and then the CEO of the CMDA for 25 years, Stevens created short, pithy proverbs that capture important leadership principles

***Influencer: the new science of leading change* by Joseph Grenny, et al**

Written by the same guys that wrote *Crucial Conversations*, this is a secular, but very good, look at leadership. It takes findings from behavioral science in the areas of how leadership works in terms of influencing changes in behavior, illustrates them form real-world examples, and applies them to situations from small teams to large corporations.

***At the Table with Patrick Lencioni* Podcast**

Excellent leadership podcast in which the author of multiple excellent leadership books is joined by members of his team to go deeper on multiple leadership and team dynamics concepts.

***Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast***

 Pastor of Life Church, a multistate US church, and longtime leadership student and practitioner with pearl after solid pearl of leadership.

**Personal Discipleship**

***Spirit Walk* by Steve Smith**

“Gleaning insights from implementation in dozens of Acts-like movements around the world, Spirit Walk ‘lifts the hood and shows us the real secret behind apostolic, disciple-multiplying movements…’ The Spirit Walk path has helped thousands of ordinary people shift from a fundamental reliance upon *methods* and *self-helps* to the essential reliance upon the Spirit who empowers both.”

***Journible 17:18 Series***

Named after Deuteronomy 17:18, which required that future kings of Israel would handwrite their own copies of the law, these are journals made specifically for transcribing your own copies of scripture. Each edition is specific for a certain book(s) of the Bible. Include study questions that are several notches above the norm in terms of depth and insight compared to those usually found in daily devotions and Bible study books. Awesome for doing personal Obedience-Based Bible Study.

***Spiritual Formation Exercises* by Spiritual Formation Equipping Group**

Booklet of old and new spiritual discipline exercises that will help you learn to listen to God more effectively

***The Insanity of Obedience: walking with Jesus in tough places* by “Nik Ripken”**

The fruit of Ripken’s multi-year personal research into being a fruitful disciple in the face of intense persecution and incredible obstacles. The sequel to *The Insanity of God*, listed below in Biographies. “Ripken” was sent through the Company.

***An Approach to Extended Memorization of Scripture* by Andrew Davis, PhD**

Davis is a former worker in Japan and now a stateside pastor. This is a very short book that describes a method of, well… extended memorization of Scripture. John Piper credits it with inspiring him to memorize Romans Chapters 1-8.

***Paying Ridiculous Attention to Jesus* Podcast**

Discussions of doing just what the title suggests based on the Gospels.

**Healthcare Missions and Poverty**

***Preach and Heal* by “Charles Fielding,” MD**

Chuck’s amazing book on integrating addressing peoples’ physical needs with making reproducing disciples. One of the only books in existence that actually combines health care missions with Church-Planting Movement (CPM) concepts. “Fielding” and his wife were sent by the Company. In my opinion, though he is often self-deprecating, Chuck is also one of the greatest missions thinkers of our time.

***Beyond Medicine* by David Stevens, MD, MA**

 Dr. Stevens’ 20 years of medical missions and leadership experience distilled into a single book.

***Health for All: The Vanga Story* by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH**

Dr. Fountain and his wife were medical m’s in the Congo from 1961-1996. In one sense this is Dr. Fountain’s autobiographical story of the rejuvenation of a mission hospital and the creation of an accompanying community health network in the Congo. In another sense, this is a simple yet brilliant textbook, largely told in Fountain’s lucid storytelling, of medical anthropology, cross-cultural communication and education, community health, holistic health, and integrating the principles of God’s word with health. Fountain was a genius and was 20-40 years ahead of his time in regard to these concepts.

***Let’s Build Our Lives* by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH**

This is the distillation of the health worker program Dr. Fountain and his colleagues developed from his hospital in Congo. Awesome concepts, but would require modification for using among Z Groups, as the stories assume the people involved already at least claim to be Christians. We have modified several of the concepts to use among Muslim Z Groups. Told in a story format that would be easily adapted and reproduced with other cultures.

***Principles & Practice of Community Health* by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH**

Intended to be the workbook for a 30-lesson course, this book is packed full of important insights for doing community health for Kingdom advances. It especially focuses on understanding a culture’s worldview assumptions and discovering the links in the peoples’ minds between traditional assumptions and biblical and scientifically based health concepts. It also includes many important practical concepts like assessing community health and training local lay health workers. Could also be adapted to use in the US.

***Let’s Restore Our Land*, edited by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH**

Written in a story form and from a biblical perspective like *Let’s Build Our Lives*; describes many environmental and agricultural practices that are easily reproducible and sustainable by the poor that can decrease malnutrition and improve health.

***Primary Diagnosis and Treatment* by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH**

***Infirmier, comment traiter votre malade* by Dan Fountain, MD, MPH et. Al.**

***Infirmier, comment bâtir la santé: manuel de santé Communautaire* by Dan Fountain, et. Al.**

***Chaos is Not God’s Will: The Origin of International Development* by Beth Snodderly, PhD**

This book hones an integrated theology of God’s will and the origins of life, disease, suffering, missions, and development that was developed incrementally by multiple scholars, the most well-known being Ralph Winter. It is a synthesis of concepts that is unique in explaining the “Why” of development in places where chaos still reigns. It is academic, and parts may be “outside the box” from most evangelicals’ worldviews (skip Chapter Two if you’re not a fan of academic Biblical textual criticism). Snodderly was the president of William Carey International University and the Chair of the Roberta Winter Institute. (available as download)

***Helping Health Workers Learn* by Werner and Brower**

Secular, but covers deeply and broadly the process of finding and training lay health workers in a setting of poverty. Many of its examples are from Mexico, but it could also be adapted to use in most cultures of the world and even the US.

***Where There is No Doctor: a village health care handbook* by David Werner**

Well-known, secular; its place to really shine is when developing content or curriculum for teaching lay health workers, as it is already written in a very simple form with concepts and methods that are relevant to the less educated and the poor. Its concepts could be adapted to most cultures of the world.

***Setting Up Community Health Programmes: a practical manual for use in developing countries* by Ted Lankester**

**“Poverty: Getting to the Heart of the Matter.” Rick Wood. *MF.* Jul-Aug 2011**

 A plea to empower the poor through biblical principles as we catalyze CPMs among them

***MedicalMissions.com Resources Podcast***

Recorded plenary and breakout sessions from the Global Missions Health Conference in Louisville, KY.

**Biographies & Memoirs**

***Adventures in Saying Yes: a journey from fear to faith* by Carl Medearis**

Medearis and his family were workers with F in Lebanon during the volatile time just post-civil war. He tells many amazing, sad, and funny stories that show how God brought them from fear to faith. He includes practical spiritual exercises for the reader to also move from fear into saying “yes” to God.

***You’ve Got Libya: a life serving the Muslim world* by Greg Livingstone**

An amazing and movingly written autobiography of how God took someone unwanted at birth and born out of wedlock and took him to being a church-planter among Muslims and then on to found F, the largest modern missions agency focused on reaching Muslims.

***God’s Smuggler* by Brother Andrew**

The 1960 classic autobiography, reprinted multiple times, that tells how a young Dutch man ran an expanding underground system of smuggling Bibles and encouraging believers across then-Communist Europe. He went on to found Open Doors, one of the major ministries to the persecuted church today.

***Is That Really You God? hearing the voice of God* by Loren Cunningham**

This autobiography and “practical guide to hearing God's voice shows how an ordinary man who was committed to hearing God and obeying Him became the founder of the largest interdenominational missions organization in the world (Youth With a Mission-YWAM). Cunningham's dream began with a vision - waves of young people moving out across the continents announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the whole earth. Decades later, Loren's vision has grown into a movement dedicated to presenting the Gospel to this generation.”

***Three Years in Afghanistan: an American family’s story of faith, endurance, and love* by “Matthew Collins”**

“Collins” was a worker in an NGO who worked alongside two of Christ Community Church’s early sent-out workers in Afghanistan during the mid-2000s. While it doesn’t really delve into church-planting, it is full of first-person insight regarding suffering and facing persecution and adversity and is an awesome memoir full of wild stories from the wartime Afghanistan countryside.

***Filling Up the Afflictions of Christ: the cost of bringing the Gospel to the nations in the lives of William Tyndale, Adoniram Judson, and John Paton* by John Piper**

Awesome narrative theology of suffering as only Piper can pen, and how that theology played out in the lives of three pioneer field workers. Helps us see these centuries-old true stories as the riveting, Kingdom-advancing drama that they were.

***The Insanity of God: a true story of faith resurrected* by “Nik Ripken”**

“The Insanity of God is the personal and lifelong journey of an ordinary couple from rural Kentucky who thought they were going on just your ordinary m. pilgrimage but discovered it would be anything but. After spending over six hard years doing relief work in Somalia, and experiencing life where it looked like God had turned away completely, and that He was clueless about the tragedies of life, the couple had a crisis of faith and left Africa asking God, ‘Does the gospel work anywhere when it is really a hard place?’” “Ripken” was sent through the Company.

***Lives Given, Not Taken: 21st Century SB Martyrs* by Erich Bridges and Jerry Rankin**

“Immediately following the deaths of workers murdered in Yemen, Iraq, and the Philippines, the Company received an outpouring of support and consolation. But it did not take long for the questions to come. “Why do m’s go to dangerous places?” “How can the Company be so irresponsible to send m’s to places where their lives will be endangered?” Yet, those who died gave their lives as a witness to their faith and testimony to their obedience and devotion to their Lord. They died because they were willing to be in a place where their lives were vulnerable—because offering eternal life to others was more important than maintaining their own earthly lives.” Intense stories of life and death in the service of the Kingdom

**“A Genius for God: Ralph Winter’s Recasting of World Evangelism.” Harold Fickett. *IJFM* 31:2 Summer 2014.**

Fickett describes, in vivid prose, how Ralph Winter refocused modern missions thought and practice on unreached people groups.

**Partner and Fund Raising**

***Funding Your Ministry, 3rd Ed.* by Scott Morton**

“An In-Depth, Biblical Guide for Successfully Raising Personal Support.” An awesome resource for anyone looking to raise up partners, both financial and for prayer, for the work of the Kingdom. Helps view fundraising as partner-raising, an important opportunity and relationship to share what God is doing. It also shows how the potential partner can truly invest in the spread of the Kingdom of God by giving their money and prayer time to God, who then supplies your needs. You will no longer dread “fundraising” once you read and enact the principles. You will actually come to see partner-raising as a chance to involve hundreds more in the work that God is doing through you.

**Raising Kids Overseas**

***Setting Sail! The Family Workbook* by Emily Hervey**

This is a workbook designed to equip whole families who are planning to move overseas. Helps develop a strong foundation of communication and mutual support before entering unfamiliar territory. Topics covered include: “Individual and family identity,” “Communication,” “A common perspective,” “Preparing for departure,” “Coping with stress and conflict,” “Cross-cultural transition,” and “The long-term outcome.” Hervey was a TCK (Third-culture Kid) with her family serving in Kazakhstan.

**“Resourcing the Missional Family.” Nancy Tichy. *MF.* March-April 2012.**

**Other Audio Resources**

**(I have all of these as downloads)**

**“Planting Churches Among Muslims” by Wolfgang Simson**

This is a series Simson did on how he came to pursue missions by pursuing years’ worth of interviews with workers from all over the world who were seeing movements of house churches and the miraculous reproduce among Muslims, then how he continued to learn from and to train local and expat workers with amazing fruit.

**anything you can find by Carl Medearis**

Medearis and his family were workers with F in Lebanon just after its civil war; lots of amazing stories of saying “yes” to God in spite of fear and seeing incredible things happen

**Straight Path Timeline-Sacrifice; Working with Muslims 1-3 by Jamie Winship**

The Winships were field workers with the Navigators in Indonesia and Iraq, then Muslim ministry in the US.Outlines using the Kingdom Circles and prophet stories (in “The Kingdom Manual” above), and then has lots of stories of success and failure among Muslims in multiple fields.

**Inner Healing by Donna Winship**

Describes how to do inner healing prayer, especially with Muslims, but the concepts apply equally to anyone, including ourselves.

**Missions Training**

**Perspectives;** perspectives.org

 A 16-week, one night per week, course that lays a crucial foundation in the Biblical basis for missions. Multiple locations. Often hosted by churches.

**Training Ordinary Apprentices to Go (TOAG);** toag.net

 A ten-month “internship” that is meant to be done alongside usual work or school that is meant to develop in each intern a Passion for Jesus, a Passion for His Kingdom, and a Passion for Strategically reaching Muslims; some locations have you move into an area that has more Muslims or immigrants. Many of the concepts are applicable in any culture. In multiple locations. TOAG has largely converted into Launch groups in most areas.

**Launch;** launchglobal.org/launch

 Similar to, and modeled after, TOAG, but the focus is on any unreached people group (the founder has a background in ministry among Buddhists). Many of these are in college towns, and are geared toward college students, but they are not exclusive to students. In most locations, Launch also has full-time trainers that raise support, whereas most TOAG trainers have another full-time job. In multiple locations.

**YWAM DTS;** ywam.org/dts/

**Studio;** studiointernship.org

 A three-month residential discipleship program in catalyzing movements among Muslims and realities of field life, including training in storytelling, language acquisition, spiritual warfare, and security. The trainers have over 250 years of combined experience among Muslims, and the content is based on the Fruitful Practices research, among other research, so that the content is the most proven and high-yield possible for Muslim ministry. In 1- 2 locations per cycle, depending on need.