

How Are Evangelism And Mission Related

This exhaustive theology of missions focuses on theory and biblical mandates for missions as a vital part of theology. George Peters, a foremost missions authority, considers both liberal and conservative views, although his own stance is solidly evangelical.

What happens when the definition of missions becomes murky? Everything becomes missions and everyone becomes a missionary, but are we really fulfilling the Great Commission? Denny Spitters and Matthew Ellison tackle this provocative question and challenge readers to reexamine their definitions and recommit to a biblical vision of global evangelism.

This book comes out of years of reflection, failures, and some successes in the task of reaching out to others with the gospel. Many Christians think of the task of mission as an entirely verbal activity, when perhaps the best kept secret of New Testament teaching about mission is that it involves a whole range of activities that explicitly promote Christ to the world and draw others to him, and only a few of them involve speaking. Without diminishing or downplaying the importance of speaking the gospel, John Dickson shows that, on the other hand, downplaying the range of activities that promote Christ to the world has its own set of problems. It can make those who are not confident about speaking—of anything, let alone Jesus—feel inadequate and self-conscious in the task of reaching out to others. Equally, it can make those who do have a flair for speaking feel as though they are fulfilling Christ's mission just by talking. But the reality is that the Lord wants our whole life, not just our lips, in the task of bringing the gospel to the world. Every facet of our lives can be used by God to promote the news of his power and mercy. In this practical guide to the biblical art of sharing your faith, John Dickson offers refreshing insight into the ways that all Christians can and should be involved in spreading the good news of Jesus. While not all Christians are called and gifted to become evangelists, we are all called to promote the gospel through a wide range of activities—prayer, financial partnership, good deeds, godly lives, public worship, daily conversation, etc.—with and without our lips. As readers engage with this book, grapple with its arguments and hear the stories of people coming to faith, they will be inspired to see the whole of life as significant for bringing the gospel to the world, and they will be liberated out of guilt and self-consciousness in evangelism into becoming perfectly natural promoters of Jesus Christ.

The explosive growth and rapid expansion of the Hispanic population is transforming the social, economic, and religious panorama of America. Hispanic Americans are now the largest minority group in America and are projected to comprise one fourth of the American population by the year 2050. According to the latest Census Bureau report, "the U.S. Hispanic population passed the 42 million mark and accounted for half of the growth of the US population since 2000, indicating that the nation's largest minority group is increasing its presence even faster than in the previous decade." This book analyzes these realities and explores their implications for leading Hispanics to a personal experience of salvation in Jesus Christ, establishing biblically sound, culturally relevant, reproducing congregations among them, enabling these congregations to experience healthy growth and meaningful ministry in their communities, and encouraging them to participate in the implementation of the Great Commission by sending Hispanic missionaries to highly strategic parts of the world

The Evangelization of the World

Let the Nations be Glad

Transformation After Lausanne

A Biblical Vision for Transformation among All People

Miraculous Movements

Defy the Odds

Hispanic Realities Impacting America

Evangelical theology is a burgeoning field. This volume surveys the state of the discipline on topics of greatest importance to evangelical theology. Each chapter has been written by a theologian or scholar who is widely recognized for his or her published work and is considered a leading thinker on that topic.

"A wonderful picture of how God can use any person regardless of their past." —Roma Downey, Emmy®-nominated actress and producer Pastor Benny Tate never faced a time that wasn't filled with obstacles. Each season of life came with setbacks that often seemed insurmountable: the abusive father figure who tormented Benny and his mother, the lack of guidance in his early adulthood, and the illness and infertility he and his wife battled in their marriage. Yet in every crisis, God was there to redeem pain for glory, transforming Benny's life into a moving testament to His power. Through his struggles, Benny's faith grew as he saw how God provided him with the strength, wisdom, and resources he needed to overcome each staggering challenge placed before him. In parts a memoir that will tug on your heartstrings, a guide to get you through tough times, and a reminder to never see yourself as the victim of your own life, *Defy the Odds* will inspire your soul as it proves that you follow a God who can—and will—see you through the impossible.

"Lausanne '74 inspired evangelicals around the world to take seriously the full implications of the Gospel for mission. This was especially true of a worldwide network of radical evangelical mission theologians and practitioners, whose post-Lausanne reflections found harbour in the notion of "Mission as Transformation". This missiology integrated evangelism and social concern like no other, and it lifted up theological voices coming from the Two Thirds World to places of prominence. This book documents the definitive gatherings, theological tensions, and social forces within and without evangelicalism that led up to Mission as Transformation. And it does so through a global-local grid that points the way toward greater holistic mission in the 21st century."--BOOK JACKET.

Jesus sends us into the world just as God the Father sent him - and yet Christians continue to disagree on what this involves. Some believe that the focus of Christian mission is evangelizing and 'saving souls'. Others emphasize global justice issues or relief and development work. Is either view correct on its own? John Stott's classic volume, first published forty years ago, presents an enduring view of Christian mission that is just as needed today. Newly updated and expanded by Christopher J. H. Wright, *Christian Mission in the Modern World* provides a biblically based approach to mission that addresses both spiritual and physical needs. With his trademark clarity and conviction, Stott illuminates how the Great Commission itself not only assumes the proclamation that makes disciples, but also teaches obedience to the Great Commandment of love and service. Wright has expertly updated the original book and demonstrates the continuing relevance of Stott's prescient thinking. This balanced approach to mission encourages current and future Christians to embrace an unconflicted and holistic model of ministry.

Signs of Life

Christian Mission in the Modern World

Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth

The Church on Mission

Introduction to Evangelism

A History of Christian Mission

How Hundreds of Thousands of Muslims Are Falling in Love with Jesus

What will it take to accomplish Christ's mission in our lifetime? That's the question evangelicals have been asking for over a century, but our efforts to reach the unreached and finish the task have often sacrificed the important for the immediate. The greatest challenge in evangelical missions isn't a lack of urgency, but a lack of discernment. As we've prioritized movements that are simple and reproducible, the gospel and faithful churches are now threatened. Our mission itself could be disqualified. In Mission Affirmed, Elliot Clark seeks to reshape our motivation by considering the example of Paul the missionary. The desire for God's approval is what formed his ambition and directed his methods, and it should guide ours too. In these pages, we rediscover how pursuing God's praise can both motivate and regulate our gospel ministries. We also refocus—as missionaries, pastors, churches, and individuals—on what matters more than a mission accomplished: a mission God affirms. Published in partnership with the Gospel Coalition.

Michael Green draws from a lifetime's experience in this seminal work on the theory and practice of evangelism. The best means of communicating effectively the good news of Christ is through the local church, he contends. He seeks here to stimulate vision and remove the hang-ups which so often accompany the very mention of evangelism. "Here is down-to-earth, tested wisdom, set forth with mature expertise and British brilliance, on the strategically vital theme of turning every Christian congregatio into an active evangelistic unit. I do not know any manual on congregational evangelism that is half as good as this one." -J. I. Packer "Out of his rich experience as pastor, evangelist, and theologian, Michael Green has given us a magnificent book packed full of nuggets of truth and practical advice. This should be must reading for all those concerned for evangelism in the loca church." -Leighton Ford Michael Green is the highly respected author of more than fifty books. He has been Principal of St. John's College, Nottingham, Rector to St. Aldate's Church Oxford, and Professor of Evangelism and New Testament at Regent College, Vancouver. He now serves as Senior Research Fellow at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University.

Every local church should be engaged with global missions, even if most individuals in the church aren't called to go overseas. But what does this engagement actually look like? How can local churches train, send, and support missionaries well? Unpacking principles from the Bible and applying them in the context of real life in a local church, this new book in the 9Marks: Building Healthy Churches series is filled with practical steps and advice for supporting missionaries, forming international partnerships, sending short-term teams, and engaging with the nations here at home. This book casts a vision for the local church as the engine of world missions—for the joy of all people and the glory of God.

If you had a ladder made of splinters, would you stand on it? Unfortunately, the mission practices of most churches stand on weak foundations. Life on Mission gives gospel-centered, biblical, practical foundations for how missions was meant to be: an everyone-together effort. Life on Mission is a thorough yet simple guide for everyday missionaries—electricians, lawyers, church planters, students, etc.—that equips them with truths and practices for living out the gospel within their own community. Adaptable to any context, Life on Mission functions great as both an individual and small-group study. Threaded with engaging stories and probing reflection questions, Life on Mission will help you and your community take bold steps to living life on mission.

Mission Between the Times

The Lost Art of Disciple Making

Life on Mission

Missio Dei

Biblical and Strategic Insights for the Church Today

Recovering the Missionary Motivation of Paul

Immigration, Migration and Mission

Eight Cardinals each give papers on the key themes for the modern world: mission and evangelization. They are better placed than most to give good reasons for missionary enterprise to find a new validity and purpose.

Traditionally, mission was about Western people bringing the truth to "less fortunate" people. But now white people in the Roman Catholic Church constitute a minority and the fastest-growing areas of population for the Catholic Church are South America and most particularly the African continent. The whole theory and theology of mission has to be rethought and this is one of the greatest challenges that the Roman Catholic Church has to face.

Evangelism and MissionsXulon Press

In this scripturally rich exploration, senior missiologist Craig Ott unpacks the mission statement of the church: to glorify God by multiplying transformational churches among all people. This concise yet robust biblical-theological treatment focuses on God's glory, a strong ecclesiology, the importance of Scripture, and practical implications for congregational and mission practice. Ideal for launching discussion and reflection, the book helps readers refocus their vision and reignite their commitment to fulfilling God's purposes for their church or mission.

Archbishop Kwashi's towering experience as a frontline practitioner in the Mission of the Church over several years is condensed in this book. This is a compelling companion to all obedient disciples to the Supreme mandate of Jesus Christ to the Church as far as the eternal destiny of the lost is concerned.

Vision Bearers

Life On Mission As Strangers In Our Own Land

Evangelism Through the Local Church

An evaluation of the mission strategy effectiveness in Vietnam

Implications for Evangelism & Missions

Acts to Action

A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions

This revised version includes a new essay on the contemporary history of integral mission, a history that began with the Latin American Theological Fellowship, progressed within the Lausanne Movement, is bearing fruit globally through the Micah Network, and challenges evangelicals to address the major issues of our day. By almost any measure, a bold and confident use of the Bible is a hallmark of Christianity. Underlying such use are a number of assumptions about the origin, nature and form of the biblical literature, concerning its authority, diversity and message. However, a lack of confidence in the clarity or perspicuity of Scripture is apparent in Western Christianity. Despite recent, sophisticated analyses, the doctrine is ignored or derided by many. While there is a contemporary feel to these responses, the debate itself is not new. In this excellent study, Mark Thompson surveys past and present objections to the clarity of Scripture; expounds the living God as the Guarantor of his accessible, written Word; engages with the hermeneutical challenges; and restates the doctrine for today.

How do the people most resistant to the transformative power of the gospel come to be its most devoted followers? Miraculous Movement recounts an amazing change taking place within Muslim communities where the truth of Jesus Christ is turning around the lives of many thousands of Muslims from more than twenty people groups. Discover through the sometimes humorous, often sobering, but always enlightening and encouraging true stories how imams, sheikhs, and entire mosques are forsaking Islam and embracing Christ. This close look at what the Lord is doing to spread the gospel highlights the key scriptural principles that help Christians reach out in love to share the gospel in their own community. The authors outline the principle of service to others that opens doors of opportunity to the work of the gospel. Author Jerry Trousdale works with CityTeam Ministries, an organization dedicated to helping disciples make disciples through CityTeam's own ministry and through training other ministries in more than thirty countries. Features include: Outlines important principles on how to share the gospel with non-Christians Explains how ordinary people can lead neighbors to Christ in love and humility Tells many exciting and encouraging stories of Muslims who have accepted Jesus Describes CityTeam's unique program focused on God's work through disciple-making movements, a strategy that harnesses the power of disciples making disciples and churches planting churches

"The title Are You a Christian or a Disciple? boldly addresses a question that has ultimate implications for every Christ Follower, and which God seems to be pushing into the center of today's global "Christian" conversation. Well researched and presented, this book is going to challenge thinking about what it means to be a disciple-- nothing less than a fully devoted follower of Jesus! Ed Gross has given the church a very timely, provocative, and practical resource!" Jerry Trousdale - author of the best-selling book: Miraculous Movements: How Hundreds of Thousands of Muslims are Falling in Love with Jesus "With an authentic love for the church and a rigorous commitment to Biblical study, Ed takes on the task of showing us how we have lost the true meaning of discipleship, replacing it with a comfortable-living brand of Christianity that ignores how Jesus taught his disciples to be and to make disciples. This book may challenge long held notions of effective evangelism, missions, ministry, and discipleship. I've seen, in several places around the world, the 1st century brand of explosive disciple-making that Ed talks about. Can it happen here? That may depend on how we respond to the question, Are You a Christian or a Disciple?" - Dr. Dave Hunt - VP Disciple Making Movements in the Americas - CityTeam International "When Ed preaches, he preaches even to the point of tears. In this book Dr. Gross passionately pleads that you, I, the whole church will take the Word of God at face value, particularly Jesus' command to make disciples." Dr. Robert Styer, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Director of the Comprehensive Science Program, Villanova University Edward N Gross (DMis-Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is Coordinator of Strategic Alliances with CityNet Ministries in Philadelphia, PA. He has served in missions, church planting, pastoral ministry and theological education in the USA and abroad. He teaches at Back to the Bible Training College in South Africa. Ed has been married to his wife Debby for 37 years.

The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology provides a one-volume introduction to all the major aspects of Catholic theology. Part One considers the nature of theological thinking, and the major topics of Catholic teaching, including the Triune God, the Creation, and the mission of the Incarnate Word. It also covers the character of the Christian sacramental life and the major themes of Catholic moral teaching. The treatments in the first part of the Handbook offer personal syntheses of Catholic teaching, but each offers an account in accord with Catholic theology as it is expressed in the Second Vatican Council and authoritative documentation. Part Two focuses on the historical development of Catholic Theology. An initial section offers essays on some of Catholic theology's most important sources between 200 and 1870, and the final section of the collection considers all the main movements and developments in Catholic theology across the world since 1870. This comprehensive volume features fifty-six original contributions by some of the best-known names in current Catholic theology from the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. The chapters are written in an engaging and easily comprehensible style functioning both as a scholarly reference and as a survey of the field. There are no comparable studies available in one volume and the book will be an indispensable reference for students of Catholic theology at all levels and in all contexts.

How Goes the Decade of Evangelism

An Evangelical Approach

Mission in the New Testament

Strangers Next Door

Mission Affirmed

Scripture, History and Issues

'The evangelistic mandate', says Alvin Reid, 'is central to the mission of the church in any age'. In this important new book, Reid traces the essence of evangelism -- its history and character -- teaching Christians how to preach the Gospel effectively. Using methods built upon biblical, historical, and theological foundations, this exhaustive guide integrates doctrinal issues with practical matters of methodology, while developing the personal spirituality of those who seek to carry out the Great Commission. By recognizing the timeless aspects of the evangelistic task and adapting them to today's needs and the needs of the future, Reid gives Christians the tools they need to spread the Word with assurance at the dawn of the new millennium.

Suffering and exclusion are normal in a believer's life. At least they should be. This was certainly Jesus's experience. And it's the experience of countless Christians around the world today. No matter your social location or set of experiences, the biblical letter of 1 Peter wants to redefine your expectations and reinvigorate your hope. Drawing on years of ministry in a Muslim-majority nation, Elliot Clark guides us through Peter's letter with striking insights for today. Whether we're in positions of power or weakness, influence or marginalization, all of us are called to live and witness as exiles in a world that's not our home. This is our job description. This is our mission. This is our opportunity. A church in exile doesn't have to be a church in retreat.

Christians in the West are living among some of the least-reached people groups in the world and have the unprecedented opportunity to share the gospel with them. Here J. D. Payne introduces the phenomenon of human migration to the West and discusses how the Western church ought to respond.

Michael Goheen gives us a full-scale introduction to mission studies today in its biblical, theological and historical dimensions. Goheen covers the full horizon of major issues in mission, including its global, urban and holistic contexts. This text shows how the missional church encounters the pluralism of Western culture and global religions.

How the Local Church Goes Global

When Everything Is Missions

Dynamic Evangelism in the 21st Century

The New Testament's Guide to Evangelism and Mission

Essays on the Kingdom

Journal of Mission and Evangelism

Introducing Christian Mission Today

This mid-point audit of the Decade of Evangelism provides resources and encouragement for churches, PCCs, home groups, evangelism and mission organizations, and others responsible for shaping the Church's engagement in mission. It includes case studies of good work already being done.

Mission is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate.' John Piper's contemporary classic draws on key biblical texts to demonstrate that worship is the ultimate goal of the church and that proper worship fuels missionary outreach. Piper offers a biblical defence of God's supremacy in all things, providing a sound theological foundation for missions. He examines whether Jesus is the only way to salvation and issues a passionate plea for God-centredness in the missionary enterprise, seeking to define the scope of the task and the means for reaching 'all nations'. Let the Nations Be Glad! is a trusted resource for missionaries, pastors, church leaders, youth workers, seminary students, and all who want to connect their labours to God's global purposes. This third edition has been revised and expanded throughout and includes new material on the 'prosperity gospel'.

A handy evaluation of workable evangelism strategies Clear steps to achieving fruitfulness How to attain the biblical wisdom of winning souls A invaluable guide on how to plant churches in virgin, unreached areas Clear instructions applying the keys of persistence and shamelessness in God 's work Hints on how to break out of comfort zones in order to reach the lost A timely discourse of the

Kingdom of God An authoritative presentation of the urgent call to evangelize the world One night while studying in a remote town of Ghana, God miraculously anointed Dag Heward-Mills as he waited upon the Lord. He supernaturally heard the words, From now on you can teach This supernatural call is what has ushered him into a worldwide ministry. Today, his Healing Jesus Crusades are conducted throughout the world with thousands in attendance and many accompanying miracles. These phenomenal miracles, attested to by medical doctors have included the opening of the eyes of the blind, the restoring of hearing to the deaf, the emptying of wheel chairs and even the raising of the dead. Dag Heward-Mills, an author of several bestselling books also founded the Lighthouse Chapel International has become a worldwide denomination. His radio, TV and internet programs reach millions around the world. Other outreaches include pastors and ministers conferences and the renowned Anagkazo Bible and Ministry Training Center. Dag Heward-Mills lives in Accra, Ghana with his wife Adelaide and their four children: David, Joshua, Daniella and Paula.

This book presents a comprehensive articulation of New Testament teachings on mission from a contemporary American evangelical standpoint. Mission in the New Testament contributes a fresh statement of the biblical foundations of mission, serving as a catalyst for completion of the church's universal mission in this generation. After investigating the historical background of the idea of mission in the Hebrew Scriptures, inter-testamental Judaism, the life of Jesus and the beginnings of the church, the book proceeds in a roughly canonical order through the New Testament. Essays analyze the works of Paul, the Synoptic gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the General Epistles, and the Book of Revelation. Well-versed in the historical-critical method of biblical interpretation, editors and contributors alike offer a cogent argument for recovering the "missional horizon" of the New Testament.

Missions

Making Sense of Social Justice, Shalom, and the Great Commission

Did the Apostle Paul Expect the Early Christian Communities to Evangelize?

How God Can Use Your Past to Shape Your Future

Mission and Evangelisation

The Supremacy Of God In Missions

The Best Kept Secret of Christian Mission

Did Paul expect his churches to engage in evangelistic activity which mirrored his own? Or have modern readers of the Bible wrongly projected Paul's apostolic passion upon the communities that he founded? Such is the charge of several recent authors, and if their thesis is correct nothing could have larger implications for how the modern church engages in mission. In this book, Robert L. Plummer engages in a careful study of Paul's letters to determine if the apostle expected the communities to which he wrote to engage in outward-directed missionary activity. Plummer helpfully summarizes the discussion to date on the debated issue, judiciously handles contested texts, and provides a way forward in addressing this critical question. While admitting that Paul rarely explicitly commands the communities he founded to evangelize, Plummer amasses significant incidental data to provide a convincing case that Paul did indeed expect his churches to engage in outward-directed missionary activity. Throughout the study, Plummer progressively builds a theological basis for the church's mission that is both compelling and distinctively Pauline.

Written in an engaging style and intended largely for a lay audience, *The Evangelization of the World* tells the remarkable story of how Christianity grew from an insignificant Jewish sect in the first century until, by the beginning of the twenty-first century, it had become the world's first truly global religion. The book is careful to explain historical context and mission theory, but the foci of the narrative are the great personalities of mission-- the Apostle Paul, St. Martin of Tours, St. Patrick, St. Francis Xavier, John Eliot, Count Von Zinzendorf, William Carey, Robert Morrison, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, Albert Schweitzer, and many others-- who make this account of the expansion of the church a fascinating and often dramatic tale. In addition, the book does not neglect the great mission conferences of the twentieth century, nor does it avoid the controversial aspects of mission that, in many instances, continue to vex the movement today.

"Every believer in Jesus Christ deserves the opportunity of personal nurture and development." says LeRoy Eims. But all too often the opportunity isn't there. We neglect the young Christian in our whirl of programs, church services, and fellowship groups. And we neglect to raise up workers and leaders who can disciple young believers into mature and fruitful Christians. In simple, practical, and biblical terms, LeRoy Eims revives the lost art of disciple making. He explains: - How the early church disciplined new Christians - How to meet the basic needs of a growing Christian - How to spot and train potential workers - How to develop mature, godly leaders "True growth takes time and tears and love and patience," Eims states. There is no instant maturity. This book examines the growth process in the life of a Christian and considers what nurture and guidance it takes to develop spiritually qualified workers in the church.

Winner of a 2019 Illumination Book Award! Jesus' first disciples and modern-day Christians face the same question: How do we share the good news of Christ that we have experienced with the people we meet in the course of our daily lives? The Book of Acts details how the early disciples overcome the challenges of spreading the gospel in the midst of failing institutions, theological differences, and widespread uncertainty. With a focus on Acts Chapter 8, editors Susan Brown Snook and Adam Trambley and contributors from across the Episcopal Church discuss how these lessons from Christ's earliest followers apply to the mission Jesus still gives us today: to be his witnesses in our churches and neighborhoods and to the ends of the earth. The authors explore essential elements of church mission, including worship, proclamation, loving and serving, repentance, and knowing the community. Framed by reflections from church leaders Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows and Gay Clark Jennings, the book provides encouragement and practical suggestions to help individuals and groups move from Acts to action.

Contributors include: Joseph Alsay, Carrie Boren Headington, Frank Logue, Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Steve Pankey, and Holli Powell

Are You a Christian Or a Disciple?

A Biblical Theology of Missions

Promoting the Gospel with More Than Our Lips

Paul's Understanding of the Church's Mission

The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology

Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission

Evangelism and Missions

The ESV Global Study Bible is a one-volume study resource for globally minded Christians everywhere. It has been designed to be highly accessible and priced for distribution on a global scale.

This book captures the essence of what it means to advance the mission of the Church through dynamic witness and evangelism. It both inspires and issues a challenge to Christians to move from passivity to an active ministry of bold proclamation.

Social justice and mission are hot topics today: there's a wonderful resurgence of motivated Christians passionate about spreading the gospel and caring for the needs of others. But in our zeal to get sharing and serving, many are unclear on gospel and mission. Yes, we are called to spend ourselves for the sake of others, but what is the church's unique priority as it engages the world? DeYoung and Gilbert write to help Christians "articulate and live out their views on the mission of the church in ways that are theologically faithful, exegetically careful, and personally sustainable." Looking at the Bible's teaching on evangelism, social justice, and shalom, they explore the what, why, and how of the church's mission. From defining "mission", to examining key passages on social justice and their application, to setting our efforts in the context of God's rule, DeYoung and Gilbert bring a wise, studied perspective to the missional conversation. Readers in all spheres of ministry will grow in their understanding of the mission of the church and gain a renewed sense of urgency for Jesus' call to preach the Word and make disciples.

The Study of Evangelism collects thirty groundbreaking essays on the practice of evangelism into a single volume in order to enhance serious theological and contextual engagement with this aspect of the church's mission in the world. The book lays a solid, scholarly foundation for future discourse, speaking to all who practice and study evangelism from many different Christian perspectives. By offering these thoughtful essays, Paul W. Chilcote and Lacey C. Warner aim to encourage reflective and open dialogue about the practice of evangelism within the community of faith. Contributors: William J. Abraham, Mortimer Arias, David J. Bosch, Carl E. Braaten, Walter Brueggemann, Paul W. Chilcote, Orlando E. Costas, Darrell L. Guder, Stanley Hauerwas, George Hunsberger, Bill J. Leonard, Walter L. Liefeld, Samuel Palma Manriquez, Jesse N. K. Mugambi, Lesslie Newbigin, Mercy Amba Oduyoye, Jerry Persha, Stephen K. Pickard, Dana L. Robert, Letty M. Russell, Ronald J. Sider, John Stott, J. Patrick Vaughn, Alexander Veronis, John H. Westerhoff, Hwa Yung.

The Oxford Handbook of Evangelical Theology

Evangelism as Exiles

The Study of Evangelism

Radical Evangelical Mission in Global-local Perspective

Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church

ESV Global Study Bible

Evangelism and Mission

"This project is about the theoretical basis and practical insight of the mission to Vietnam based on the historical study of 15 years and 8 months (from January 1990 till August 2005) of the ministry of the Vietnam Mission Association (VMA), of which the researcher serves as a Director of Mission. Politically, Vietnam keeps a communistic socialism structure; economically, Vietnam allows restricted capitalism; and religiously, Vietnam allows a restricted freedom of evangelism. Especially, Vietnam does not allow evangelistic activities by the foreign missionaries based on their domestic laws. . . . Reflecting the limited freedom of evangelism in Vietnam, the researcher dealt with the mission strategies of the VMA which is trying to 'Evangelize Vietnam by Vietnamese' by establishing a partnership with 'The Evangelical Church of Vietnam (ECVN),' 'Tong Lien Hoi,' and 'Tong Hoi.' He viewed the mission strategies of VMA in Vietnam from biblical, theological and historical perspectives. He reviewed similar doctoral projects, mission theories and practical applications. 'Sponsoring the local churches in Vietnam for evangelism', which is practiced by the foreign missionaries or mission societies, is one of the mission strategies. To support the purpose and theme of this project, the researcher gathered data through a survey method from the local church pastors in Vietnam who are supported by the VMA. The mission strategies in evangelizing to Vietnam are as follows: First, we should know the mission environment of Vietnam correctly. Most of the political structures in the restricted areas prohibit the evangelism activities of Christianity. If we use the appropriate mission strategy that would work in these restricted zones, we can continue the evangelism activities without stopping. Second, supporting the local churches in repairing their aged and old facilities would make those churches more active in evangelism. Since most of those churches cannot repair their facilities by themselves, helping them to repair their facilities means providing a better environment for the church members, and they would be much encouraged. Once they feel the love of the Christians from other cultures, they would be more aggressive in evangelism. Third, after sponsoring the churches to repair or to construct, we should help those churches be self-supportive. Once the churches become self-supportive, they would undertake the missionary activities. Fourth, by supporting the theological

training programs that were approved by the government, approved ministers would be provided. When these trained ministers are involved in ministry and evangelistic activities, the future of the Vietnam mission would be bright. Fifth, the medical mission and social service mission would provide the contact points with the government leaders and non-believers in Vietnam. Many of the laborers who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior while they worked in Korea returned to their home. When the VMA supported them to plant churches in the restricted areas, they planted several churches. Likewise the mission strategy was one of the mission strategies in developing Vietnam churches"--Abstract.

Joining the Everyday Mission of God

What Is the Mission of the Church?