

# READING LIST

## Helpful Missions Resources (*then and now*)

**Disclaimer:** The inclusion of a book in this list does not constitute a full or unqualified endorsement of an author or title. This is merely a compilation of titles recommended by a good number of men in missions who shared some of their favorite, most influential, most helpful, or most motivational reads on the subject. I pray you will find this list helpful in your own pursuit of the glory of God as you participate and further the cause of Christ through missions!

### Then...

- 1) [\*An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens\*](#) — Carey
- 2) [\*Christian Mission in the Modern World: What the Church Should Be Doing Now\*](#) — Stott
- 3) [\*The Great Omission\*](#) — Saint
- 4) [\*The Indigenous Church and the Missionary\*](#) — Hodges
- 5) [\*The Key to the Missionary Problem\*](#) — Murray
- 6) [\*Missionary Methods: God's Plan for Missions According to Paul\*](#) — Allen
- 7) [\*My Utmost for His Highest\*](#) — Chambers
- 8) [\*The Planting and Development of Missionary Churches\*](#) — Nevius

### Now...

- 1) [\*40 Questions about the Great Commission\*](#) — Akin, Merkle, & Robinson
- 2) [\*A Biblical Theology of Missions\*](#) — Peters
- 3) [\*Anthropological Insights for Missionaries\*](#) — Hiebert
- 4) [\*Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City\*](#) — Keller
- 5) [\*Church-Planting Movements: How God Is Redeeming a Lost World\*](#) — Garrison
- 6) [\*Cross-Cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christlike Humility\*](#) — Elmer
- 7) [\*Developing a Strategy for Missions: A Biblical, Historical, and Cultural Introduction\*](#) — Terry & Payne
- 8) [\*Discovering Church Planting: An Introduction to the Whats, Whys, and Hows of Global Church Planting\*](#) — Payne & Hesselgrave
- 9) [\*Discovering the Mission of God: Best Missional Practices for the 21st Century\*](#) — Barnett & Martin
- 10) [\*Early Christian Mission\*](#) — Schnabel
- 11) [\*Firm Foundations: Creation to Christ\*](#) — McIlwain
- 12) [\*From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya: A Biographical History of Christian Mission\*](#) — Tucker
- 13) [\*Gaining by Losing: Why the Future Belongs to Churches that Send\*](#) — Greear
- 14) [\*Global Church Planting: Biblical Principles and Best Practices for Multiplication\*](#) — Ott
- 15) [\*God's Passion for His Glory: Living the Vision of Jonathan Edwards\*](#) — Piper
- 16) [\*Gospel and Mission in the Writings of Paul: An Exegetical and Theological Analysis\*](#) — O'Brien
- 17) [\*Gospel Meditations for Missions\*](#) — Anderson, Crowley, Hosaflook, Keese, & Tyrapak
- 18) [\*The Great Omission: A Biblical Basis for World Evangelism\*](#) — McQuilkin
- 19) [\*The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected\*](#) — Ripken
- 20) [\*Let the Nations Be Glad!: The Supremacy of God in Missions\*](#) — Piper
- 21) [\*The Mind of a Missionary: What Global Kingdom Workers Tell Us about Thriving on Mission Today\*](#) — Joannes
- 22) [\*Ministering Cross-Culturally: A Model for Effective Personal Relationships\*](#) — Lingenfelter & Mayers
- 23) [\*The Mission of God\*](#) — Wright
- 24) [\*Missions: Biblical Foundations and Contemporary Strategies\*](#) — Van Rheezen
- 25) [\*Missions: How the Local Church Goes Global\*](#) — Johnson
- 26) [\*Missions in a New Millennium: Change and Challenges in World Missions\*](#) — Glenny & Smallman
- 27) [\*The Next Christendom\*](#) — Jenkins
- 28) [\*The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission\*](#) — Newbigin
- 29) [\*Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation\*](#) — Mandryk

- 30) [\*Paradigms in Conflict\*](#) — Hesselgrave & Eitel
- 31) [\*Passing the Baton: Church Planting that Empowers\*](#) — Steffen
- 32) [\*Perspectives on the World Christian Movement\*](#) — Winter
- 33) [\*Planting Churches Cross-Culturally\*](#) — Hesselgrave
- 34) [\*Paul's Missionary Methods: In His Time and Ours\*](#) — Plummer & Terry
- 35) [\*Reaching and Teaching: A Call to Great Commission Obedience\*](#) — Sills
- 36) [\*Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission\*](#) — Kostenberger & O'Brien
- 37) [\*Tentmaking: The Life and Work of Business as Missions\*](#) — Lai
- 38) [\*Understanding the Great Commission\*](#) — Dever & Leeman
- 39) [\*What Is the Mission of the Church?\*](#) — DeYoung & Gilbert
- 40) [\*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself\*](#) — Corbett & Fikkert
- 41) [\*When Missions Shapes the Mission\*](#) — Horner

### **Biographies...**

- 1) [\*A Company of Heroes: Portraits from the Gospel's Global Advance\*](#) — Keesee
- 2) [\*Borden of Yale '09: The Life that Counts\*](#) — Taylor
- 3) [\*Dispatches from the Front: Stories of Gospel Advance in the World's Difficult Places\*](#) — Keesee
- 4) [\*Faithful Witness: The Life and Mission of William Carey\*](#) — George
- 5) [\*John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides \(An Autobiography\)\*](#) — Paton
- 6) [\*John G. Paton: Missionary to the Cannibals of the South Seas\*](#) — Schlehle
- 7) [\*The Life and Diary of David Brainerd: With Notes and Reflections\*](#) — Edwards
- 8) [\*To the Golden Shore: The Life of Adoniram Judson\*](#) — Anderson
- 9) [\*Sent to the River God Forgot\*](#) — Walton
- 10) [\*Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot\*](#) — Elliot
- 11) [\*William Carey\*](#) – Carey