

# Resources



## what is missions?

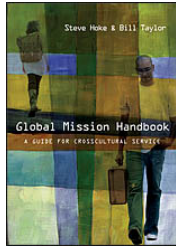
<http://www.reallifeboston.com/getinvolved/LetTheNationsBeGlad.pdf> Article by John Piper from his foundational book "Let the Nations Be Glad"

www.gotquestions.org article "What is Christian Missions?" <http://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-missions.html>

**Global Mission Handbook A Guide for Crosscultural Service** by Steve Hoke and Bill Taylor

© 2009 InterVarsity Press Order at <http://www.ivpress.com/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/code=3717>

*A must for anyone considering entering into missions as a career.*



Veteran mission professionals Steve Hoke and Bill Taylor offer a practical guide for preparing for intercultural missions. They provide resources for personal spiritual preparation as well as crosscultural skills and hands-on missionary training. They outline the process for finding actual placement with a sending church, mission agency or organization, with key questions you should be asking along the way.

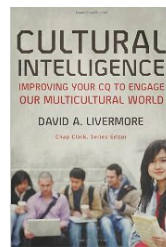
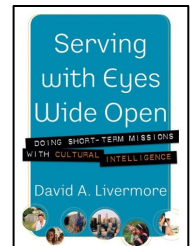
A summary of the content can be found in an URBANA article at:

<http://www.urbana.org/articles/overview>

## cross-cultural sensitivity

**Serving With Eyes Wide Open** by David Livermore © 2006 Baker Books

A cautionary tale for opening our eyes to the reality of short-term missions, Western assumptions and how mistakes and naiveté of participants can hamper effectiveness and relationship building. Describes how to create Cultural IQ (knowledge, interpretive, perseverance, behavioral) so that the experience blesses the participant and respects the receiver. Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (or .ca), local Christian bookstores.

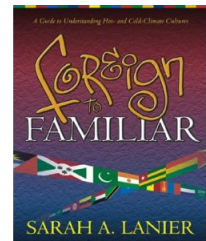


**Cultural Intelligence: Improving Your CQ to Engage Our Multicultural World** by David Livermore © 2009 Baker Academic

The book takes challenging information and perspectives and presents them in ways that are easy to understand and embrace. It includes numerous stories that illustrate the issues, and is low on jargon. It is a great resource for those who desire to be sensitive to cross-cultural issues while engaging in important ministry whether in North America or abroad.

**Foreign to Familiar** by Sarah A Lanier © 2000 McDougal Publishing

This small and easy read explains the differences between "hot" and "cold" climate cultures and how each sees parts of their culture and world differently. Topics include community versus privacy, indirect communication, time and planning, hospitality, relationship versus task, and more. This book is a must for anyone planning to live cross-culturally. Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



## discerning a call to missions

"ASK JACK" section on the URBANA website: <http://www.urbana.org/next-steps/ask-jack/answers/2007-1-3-annie> and [/2006-12-20-mark](http://www.urbana.org/next-steps/ask-jack/answers/2006-12-20-mark) and [/2006-12-17-julie](http://www.urbana.org/next-steps/ask-jack/answers/2006-12-17-julie)

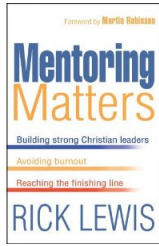
Blog by John Pellowe, CEO of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities "Discerning Your Call" posted March 1, 2010. <http://www.cccc.org/blogs/john/2010/03/01/discerning-your-call/>

Article "Discerning a Call to Ministry" by Susan R. Garrett, FUTURES newsletter by the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. December 2005. [http://www.lpts.edu/admissions/Newsltr\\_Futures\\_Dec05.pdf](http://www.lpts.edu/admissions/Newsltr_Futures_Dec05.pdf)

## mentoring resources

Christian Reformed World Missions webpage on Mentoring that references books, articles and webpages:

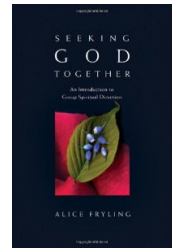
[http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm\\_mentoring\\_basics.cfm](http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm_mentoring_basics.cfm)



Christian Discipleship Resources – Mentoring (lists other mentoring books and resources) <http://www.christian-discipleship.com/christian-discipleship/christian-discipleship-resources.html#a-mentoring>

*Mentoring Matters* by Rick Lewis © 2009 by Monarch Books

*Seeking God Together: An introduction to Group Spiritual Direction* by Alice Fryling © 2009 InterVarsity Press



## spiritual gift survey

*Discover Your Gifts And Learn How to Use* by Alvin J. Vander Griend from Faith Alive Resources (CRC denominationally produced). To order:

<http://www.faithaliveresources.org/Discover-Your-Gifts-Leaders-Guide>

*Spiritual Gifts Survey*: by the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto (has almost identical categories to the Faith Alive survey). Available on-line

[http://www.mcctoronto.com/Documents/spiritual\\_gifts\\_booklet.PDF](http://www.mcctoronto.com/Documents/spiritual_gifts_booklet.PDF)



## finding a reputable agency

Membership with *The Missions Exchange*: <http://www.themissionexchange.org/> “get information” tab, “members” page

*CRCNA Denominational Yearbook*, see page: “Agencies Recommended For Financial Support 2010” -> copies available for viewing at any CRC local congregation

## fundraising

Booklet: *The Spirituality of Fund-Raising* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Order at:

[http://www.henrinouwen.org/home/fundraising\\_booklet/](http://www.henrinouwen.org/home/fundraising_booklet/) This is a great resource for anyone who will be engaged in fundraising. Nouwen frames what fundraising is all about – not begging for money, but rather ministry. “Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.”

Book: *Friend Raising: Building a Missions Support Team that Lasts*, Seattle: YWAM Publisher, 2003.

Book: *People Raising: A Practical Guide to Raising Support*, Chicago: Moody Press, 1993.



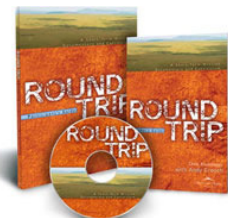
## short-term missions

DVD Curriculum: *Round Trip* This five-session curriculum on short-term missions includes engaging video footage balanced between a documentary showing the experiences of two teams (one from North Carolina and one from Kenya) and interviews of missions experts.

Emphasis is placed not only on how a team should go, but also on how to process the experience, and what to do with it when returning home. Order at

<http://store.churchlawtodaystore.com/roundtrip.html> .

Website: Round Trip Missions - <http://www.roundtripmissions.com/> Includes lots of articles on rethinking short-term missions, planning trips, fundraising, safety, and much more.



**The Missions Education & Engagement Team at Christian Reformed World Missions** offers a host of services and resources to help CRC congregations in their calling to fulfill the Great Commission. For more information or to explore what this journey could like for your church, visit [www.crwmm.org/resources](http://www.crwmm.org/resources) or contact:

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