

85 Suggested Missions Books

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★ Very important

★★ A must

★★★ Possibly one of the best!

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1. BIOGRAPHIES

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>A Chance to Die</i> (The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael)	Elisabeth Elliot Fleming H. Revell Company 382 pages	★★★ A classic study on a life lived for the glory of God!
<i>Amy Carmichael</i> (Let the Little Children Come)	Lois Hoadley Dick Moody Press 160 pages	★★
<i>Five Pioneer Missionaries</i> (David Brainerd, William Burns, John Eliot, Henry Martyn, John Paton)	<i>Different authors</i> The Banner of Truth 345 pages	★★★ Great lessons from five missionary heroes of the past.
<i>Gladys Aylward</i> (The Courageous English Missionary)	Catherine Swift Bethany House Publishers 128 pages	★
<i>Isobel Kuhn</i> (Missionary to the Lisu in China)	Lois Hoadley Dick Bethany House Publishers 157 pages	★
<i>John G. Patton, Missionary to the New Hebrides</i> (Vanuatu)	John G. Patton (autobiography) The Banner of Truth 524 pages	★★
<i>A Man in Christ</i> (The Story of J. Hudson Taylor)	Roger Steer Harold Shaw Publishers 374 pages	★★★ One of the best biographies in print today!
<i>Mary Slessor</i> (Heroine of the Calabar)	Basil Miller Bethany House Publishers 139 pages	★
<i>No Sacrifice Too Great</i> (The Story of C.T. Studd and Priscilla)	Eileen Vincent WEC Publications 253 pages	★★ Even with his faults, we can learn much from and praise God for C.T. Studd!
<i>Shadow of the Almighty</i> (The Life & Testament of Jim Elliot)	Elisabeth Elliot Harper & Row Publishers 256 pages	★
<i>Storming the Golden Kingdom</i> (Adoniram Judson, Apostle to Burma)	John Waters InterVarsity Press 190 pages	★★

<i>The Legacy of William Carey</i> (A Model for the Transformation of a Culture)	Vishal & Ruth Mangalwadi Crossway Books 153 pages	
<i>William Carey</i>	S. Pearce Carey The Wakeman Trust	*** One leading pastor says this is one of the best books he has read.

2. GENERAL

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>2020 Vision</i> (Practical Ways Individuals and Churches Can be Involved)	Bill & Amy Stearns Bethany House 234 pages	*
<i>African-American Experience</i> (in World Mission: A Call Beyond Community)	Edited by Vaughn J. Walston and Robert J. Stevens William Carey Library 192 pages	
<i>The Church is Bigger Than You Think</i> (The Unfinished Work of World Evangelization)	Patrick Johnstone WEC Publications 314 pages	*** Excellent update on the task of the church.
<i>Communicating Cross-Culturally</i> (2 nd Edition) (An Introduction to Missionary Communication)	David J. Hesselgrave Zondervan Books 672 pages	*
<i>Crisis and Hope in Latin America</i> (An Evangelical Perspective)	Emilio Antonio Núñez C. William David Taylor William Carey Library 526 pages	**
<i>Eternity in Their Hearts</i> (Startling Evidence of Belief in the One True God in Hundreds of Cultures Throughout the World)	Don Richardson Regal Books/Gospel Light 223 pages	*
<i>Go and Make Disciples!</i> (An Introduction to Christian Missions)	Roger S. Greenway P&R Publishing 190 pages	*** Excellent challenge.
<i>How to Be a World Class Christian</i> (You Can Be a Part of God's Global Action)	Paul Borthwick Chariot Victor Publishing	*
<i>Let the Nations Be Glad</i> (The Supremacy of God in Missions)	John Piper InterVarsity Press 240 pages	*** Puts God back in the center of missions.
<i>Lords of the Earth</i>	Don Richardson YWAM Publishing 320 pages	*
<i>Marching to a Different Drummer</i> (Rediscovering Missions in an Age of Affluence and Self-Interest)	Jim Raymo Christian Literature Crusade (WEC International Publications) 216 pages	*** Possibly the best practical missions book printed in the last five years. Deals with controversies well.
<i>A Mind for Missions</i> (Ten Ways to Build Your World Vision)	Paul Borthwick NavPress	*

	167 pages	
<i>Missions in the Third Millennium</i> (21 Key Trends for the 21 st Century)	Stan Guthrie Paternoster Publishing 205 pages	***
<i>The New Global Mission</i>	Samuel Escobar IV Press 2003 192 pages	** The new realities of our global world and a changing mission field.
<i>On Being a Missionary</i>	Thomas Hale William Carey Library 422 pages	** Deals with problems, struggles ...of missionaries ... to best prepare for joyous, rewarding ministry!
<i>Operation World 21st Century Edition</i> (The Day-by-Day Guide to Praying for the World)	Patrick Johnstone Christian Literature Crusade 824 pages	*** Maps, statistics, culture, missions, evangelism and discipleship in each country of the world.
<i>Out of the Comfort Zone</i> (Grace! Vision! Action!)	George Verwer OM Literature 154 pages	*** Excellent book on challenge and vision for missions.
<i>Peace Child</i>	Don Richardson YWAM Publishing 288 pages	**
<i>Planting Churches Cross-Culturally</i> (A Guide for Home and Foreign Missions)	David Hesselgrave Baker Book House 462 pages	*
<i>Scripture and Strategy</i> (The Use of the Bible in Postmodern Church and Mission)	David J. Hesselgrave William Carey Library 192 pages	* Are our methods and strategies based on the Word of God?
<i>Serving as Senders</i> (How to Care for Your Missionaries While They are Preparing to Go, While They are on the Field, When They Return Home)	Neal Pirolo Emmaus Road International 208 pages	** Very practical help for evangelical "sending" churches.
<i>Six Dangerous Questions</i> (To Transform Your View of the World)	Paul Borthwick InterVarsity Press 129 pages	** "Borthwick has exposed important issues in missions that pastors,...and leaders, need to grapple with." (Jim Reapsome)
<i>A Vision for Missions</i>	Tom Wells The Banner of Truth 157 pages	** The missionary vision must begin with the vision of God and to "declare His glory among the nations."
<i>You Can Change the World</i> (Volumes 1 and 2) (Learning to Pray for People Around the World; The Children's Version of <i>Operation World</i>)	Jill Johnstone WEC International (Vol. 1 - 126 pages - out of print)	*** Excellent for children, young people, and family prayer time.

3. HISTORY OF MISSIONS

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>A Concise History of the Christian World Mission</i> (2 nd Edition) (A Panoramic View of Missions from Pentecost to the Present)	J. Herbert Kane Baker Book House 216 pages	**
<i>From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya</i> (A Biographical History of Christian Missions)	Ruth A. Tucker Zondervan Books 512 pages	**
<i>A History of Christianity in Africa</i> (From Antiquity to the Present)	Elizabeth Isichei MARC Publications (World Vision) 431 pages	*
<i>A History of Christian Missions</i> (Pelican History of the Church, Vol 6)	Stephen Neill Viking Press 528 pages	*
<i>On Their Way Rejoicing</i> (The History and Role of the Bible in Africa)	Ype Schaaf Paternoster Publishing 254 pages	*
<i>The Story of Faith Missions</i> (From Hudson Taylor to Present Day Africa)	Klaus Fiedler MARC Publications (World Vision) 428 pages	*

4. LEADERSHIP IN MISSIONS

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>Dynamic Spiritual Leadership</i> (Leading Like Paul)	J. Oswald Sanders Discovery House Publishers 223 pages	*** Excellent
<i>Future Leaders</i> (Spirituality, Mentors, Context and Style for Leaders of the Future)	Viv Thomas Paternoster Press 189 pages	*
<i>Spiritual Leadership</i> (Second Revision)	J. Oswald Sanders Moody Press 190 pages	*** Remains the best book in print on spiritual leadership!

5. MINISTRY TO NEEDY CHILDREN

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>Children in Crisis: A New Commitment</i> (War Traumas, Street Children, AIDS Orphans, Sexually Exploited, the Girl Child, Child Laborers)	Phyllis Kilbourn, Editor MARC Publications (World Vision) 272 pages	***
<i>Restoring Children of the Streets</i> (A Ministry Guide for Taking the Street Out of Street Children)	Jeff Anderson, Editor Action International Ministries 92 pages	*** The best in its category
<i>Healing the Children of War</i> (A Handbook for Ministry to Children)	Phyllis Kilbourn, Editor MARC Publications	*** Excellent for ministry to children in crisis.

Who Have Suffered Deep Traumas)	(World Vision) 318 pages	
<i>Reaching Children in Need</i> (What's Being Done—What You Can Do)	Patrick McDonald with Emma Garrow Kingsway Publications 190 pages	*** Excellent for information for networking in ministry to children in crisis.
<i>Sexually Exploited Children</i> (Working to Protect and Heal)	Editors Phyllis Kilbourn and Marjorie McDermid MARC Publications (World Vision) 324 pages	***
<i>Street Children</i> (The Tragedy and Challenge of the World's Millions of Modern-day Oliver Twists)	Andy Butcher Gabriel Publishers 201 pages	*** An emotional, biblical, informative book on reaching street children with the gospel. Excellent!
<i>Street Children</i> (A Guide to Effective Ministry)	Phyllis Kilbourn, Editor MARC Publications (World Vision) 253 pages	*** Practical steps in ministry to the world's neglected 150,000,000 street children.

6. PREPARATION, RAISING SUPPORT & FURLOUGHS

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>52 Ways to Teach Missions</i>	Nancy S. Williamson Rainbow Books 64 pages	*
<i>Friend Raising</i> (Building a Missionary Support Team that Lasts)	Betty Barnett YWAM Publishing 178 pages	*
<i>Getting Sent</i> (A Relational Approach to Support Raising)	Pete Sommer InterVarsity Press 202 pages	***
<i>Lambs Dancing with Wolves</i> (A Manual for Christian Workers Overseas)	Dr. Michael Griffiths Kregel Publications 384 pages	***
<i>Manual for Missionaries on Furlough</i>	Marjorie A. Collins William Carey Library	*
<i>Missionary Care</i> (Counting the Cost for World Evangelization)	Kelly O'Donnell William Carey Library 360 pages	*
<i>People Raising</i> (A Practical Guide to Raising Support)	William P. Dillon Moody Press 255 pages	**
<i>Raising Resilient MKs</i> (Raising MKs to Love God and Follow Him)	Joy M. Bowers, Editor Mission Training International 510 pages	*
<i>Re-Entry</i> (Making the Transition from Missions to Life at Home)	Peter Jordan YWAM Publishing 150 pages	*
<i>Send Me!</i> (Your Journey to the Nations)	Steve Hoke Bill Taylor	**

	William Carey Library 136 pages	
<i>Survival of the Fittest</i> (Keeping Yourself Healthy in Travel and Service Overseas)	Dr. Christine Aroney-Sine MARC Publications (World Vision) 121 pages	* A good handbook for healthy travel and ministry.
<i>Too Valuable to Lose</i> (Exploring the Causes and Cures of Missionary Attrition)	William D. Taylor, Editor William Carey Library 308 pages	** Excellent resource.

7. SPECIALIZED

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>Answering Islam</i> (The Crescent in the Light of the Cross)	Norman Geisler Baker Book House 336 pages	*
<i>Communicating Christ in Animistic Contexts</i>	Gailyn Van Rheenen William Carey Library 344 pages	*
<i>Evangelization and Church Growth</i> (Issues from the Asian Context)	Roger Hedlund William Carey Library 260 pages	**
<i>Global Missiology for the 21st Century</i> (Reflections from the Iguassu Dialogue)	William Taylor, Editor Baker Book House 564 pages	
<i>Ministry to Muslim Women</i> (Longing to Call Them Sisters)	Fran Love & Jeleta Eckheart William Carey Library 288 pages	*
<i>Planting Churches in Muslim Cities</i> (A Team Approach)	Greg Livingstone Baker Book House 271 pages	*
<i>Reaching Muslims for Christ</i>	William Saal Moody Press 224 pages	*
<i>Secrets of the Koran</i>	Don Richardson Gospel Light Publishers 144 pages	
<i>Serving with the Poor in Africa</i> (Cases in Holistic Ministry)	Tetsunao Yamamori Bryant L. Myers Kwame Bediako Larry Reed (Editors) MARC Publications 230 pages	*

8. THEOLOGICAL ISSUES IN MISSIONS

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>A Biblical Theology of Missions</i>	George W. Peters Moody Press 368 pages	*

<i>Contextualization</i>	David J. Hesselgraves Edward Rommen William Carey Library 291 pages	*** "This classic brings together the meanings, proposals, and tasks involved in contextualization...explores the history of contextualization in the Bible...while also examining the proposals of prominent thinkers on this subject."
<i>If Jesus Were Mayor</i>	Bob Moffit Harvest Publishers	**
<i>Ministering Cross-Culturally</i> (An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships)	Sherwood G. Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers Baker Book House 125 pages	*
<i>Missionary Methods</i> (St. Paul's or Ours?)	Roland Allen Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 179 pages	*** The strategy of the apostolic method—trust in the Holy Spirit indwelling converts and the churches of which they are members.
<i>Mission on the Way</i> (Issues in Mission Theology)	Charles Van Engen Baker Book House 306 pages	* Author masterfully articulates the contours of mission theology. Excellent bibliographic sources.

9. URBAN MISSIONS

Book Title	Author and Publisher	Comments
<i>Cities</i> (2 nd Edition) (Missions' New Frontier)	Roger S. Greenway Timothy Monsma Baker Book House 280 pages	***
<i>Cry of the Urban Poor</i> (Reaching the Slums of Today's Megacities)	Viv Grigg MARC Publications 295 pages	*
<i>Discipling the City</i> (2 nd Edition) (A Comprehensive Approach to Urban Mission)	Roger S. Greenway, Editor Baker Book House 302 pages	**
<i>Planting and Growing Urban Churches</i> (From Dream to Reality)	Harvie Conn, Editor Baker Book House 272 pages	*
<i>Research in Church and Mission</i>	Viggo Sgaard William Carey Library 260 pages	*

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