

gifts which women bring to the service of the Bible Societies, and we pledge ourselves, men and women, to full partnership in the Bible cause.

We thank God for the growing interest in the effective use of the Bible by the Churches, and we commit ourselves again to our task of serving all Christian Churches and confessions, and also of challenging them with the task of both using and sharing the Bible in their work of evangelism and Christian nurture.

Those of us who are representatives of national Bible Societies will define and carry out these programmes in the years to come in terms of specific goals set by each Society. Those of us who are UBS committee and staff members pledge ourselves to develop global and regional strategies which will provide creative assistance to each Society. All of this we shall do together, and helping us.

To God be the honor and the glory! It is our prayer and our hope that as a result of the commitment into which we now enter, vast numbers of people in all corners of the globe will name Jesus Christ as Lord, and will grow in their faith, inspired by God's Word, the Word of hope for all.

"May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in Him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Summary Report of 5 Tracks

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We acknowledge the complexity of our world, its peoples and cities. Yet we believe it our duty to present to the Christian world a clear, unambiguous statement of the extent to which the Biblical goals of reaching the nations, peoples and cities of our world have been achieved. We present our primary goals in simple terms, yet allow for further goals to be set which more clearly define local settings. We desire this to provide clear and compelling vision of the means to achieve these goals.

We therefore call for the following:

1. A global status report to be presented, including a clear description of the definitions we use to describe the segments of the world population, such that all parts of the Body of Christ—whether denominations, local churches or agencies—be inspired to expedite their evangelization and discipling.
2. Interdenominational and interagency task forces with the aim of establishing a church planting movement with a missionary vision within every people by the year 2000. The gospel should be communicated with relevance in the language of every people on earth.
3. Research and publish a locally-verified listing of the world's known 11,500 ethnolinguistic peoples and descriptions of the estimated 2,000 unreached peoples as soon as possible. Further research of the latter may re-

- veal as many as 12,000 smaller unreached people groups within these larger peoples.
4. Adequate research of the more than 300 megacities of the world, with priority given to those with major non-Christian populations. This should include locally-verified lists of ethnolinguistic peoples and sociological subsegments of their populations.
 5. Mobilization of global prayer and information networks for each of the unreached peoples and cities as soon as possible.
 6. Coordination of the most effective use of supportive ministries appropriate to expedite these goals—such as Bible translation, literature, audio and video cassettes, radio, TV, film, etc. as an essential component of these networks and task forces.
 7. All Christians to embrace the noble enterprise of world evangelization as their primary task and to work together for its accomplishment, that the Lord Jesus Christ may be known and glorified throughout the earth. Further, to raise vision and hope among all Christians that they may act in full confidence of God's purpose—there will be a living testimony of His Kingdom among every tribe, language, people and nation.

The Relationship Structures Required and their Functions Defined

We recommend:

1. The formation of non-hierarchical, global, multilingual, multinational structures which we define as networks. Such would minimize costs and maximize flexibility and initiative at every level.
2. The setting up of a representative, international committee of reference to endorse and review strategic developments of the global goals. This could be an ad hoc group representing all like-minded global movements.

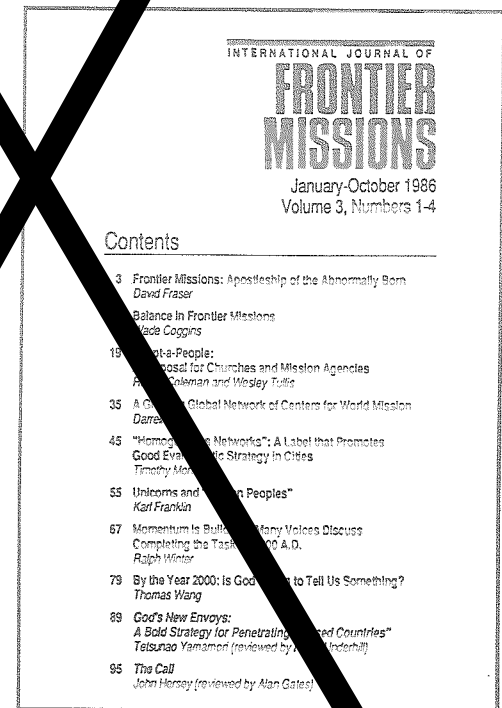
3. The teams now developing global databases to cooperate in:
 - a. facilitating the setting up of regional and national research functions where none exist.
 - b. producing a simple yet comprehensive explanation of definitions and numbers relating to all the peoples and people groups of the world.
 - c. refining and locally-verifying the current list of ethnolinguistic peoples by Dec. 1990.
 - d. relating to regional and national research bodies for updating database information.
 - e. sharing and disseminating information (within the limits of security considerations) with research bodies and mission agencies.
 - f. producing an annual global update on progress.
 - g. retaining a regularly-updated list of global prayer coordinators for specific peoples, cities, etc.
 - h. presenting research information in a style and form that will give grassroots/frontline workers the means to plan and work strategically.
4. That all regions and nations (where possible) set up Research and Mobilization Centers or Functions, or encourage existing research entities to initiate national surveys to discover the present status and give description of evangelization in all territorial sub-divisions, peoples, cities and communities of the nation or nations by:
 - a. Encourage the involvement of the churches and agencies in the nation.
 - b. Producing or facilitating the production of:
 - i. Single-page profiles for each people and city,
 - ii. Strategy profiles for each people and community,to motivate and mobilize Christians, churches and agencies nationally and internationally.
 - c. Maintaining and updating the information for the Body of Christ in the region/country, and producing an annual progress report.

- d. Maintaining close relationships with the global database teams and prayer coordinators.
5. The mobilization of informal global prayer and information networks for each of the unreached peoples and cities with major non-Christian populations which will:
 - a. Have one or more global prayer and information coordinators for each people and city or suitable grouping thereof. The coordinator(s) will relate to the research centres and all agencies, churches and individual missionaries involved for the national distributors to send out locally.
 - b. Be a network of individuals who distribute these prayer reports in the countries and languages required.
 - c. Feed back new information gained to the local research function.
6. The maximum level of inter-agency/church cooperation in mission task forces with the aims to:
 - a. Coordinate all ministries so as to avoid duplication.
 - b. Employ the best use of supportive ministries appropriate to expedite the goal. These supportive ministries are to be seen as an essential component of these task forces.
 - c. Enable the production of strategy surveys for reaching the peoples, cities, etc.
 - d. Set intermediate goals as appropriate.
 - e. Ensure the provision of accurate, up-to-date information to both regional/national research bodies and appropriate global prayer coordinators.
 - f. Carefully define levels of information security needed.
7. The establishment of national and international training ministries so that Christians worldwide understand the people group approach and the application of research to the task of evangelization. These ministries should seek to awaken and mobilize all churches, denominations, mission agencies and educational institutions, involving believers at the grassroots level.

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