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GC 501/502 Introduction to Global Ministry*
BETHEL SEMINARY SAN DIEGO

Course Description:

“The biblical basis, operational strategy, and the local and global challenges to the mission of the church will be studied. Basic issues, strategies, programs, and models for discipling people of other cultures will be discussed.” (Bethel Seminary Catalog)

Students in the MATS and MACE degree programs should enroll in GC 502, while MDiv students and MATS with GC concentration are required to register for GC 501. While the class sessions are the same for both 501 and 502, MDiv students have additional assignments and reading.

Course Objectives:

As an outcome of taking this course, a student will be prepared to:

1. Articulate the biblical and theological bases for the global mission of the Church of Jesus Christ
2. Broadly trace the history of the expansion of the church and explain conditions which contributed to its status in many contexts
3. Define the current issues, needs and programs found in cross-cultural ministry today and the strategies being used to address them
4. Understand the time-sensitive challenges of the church global in our day
5. Propose contextually sensitive strategies for cross-cultural ministry in this country and abroad
6. Become aware of resources for Christian mission in print and on the www
7. Develop and further cultivate conversations of theology in and from a global perspective
8. Embrace the call to become a world Christian who submits the authority of Jesus Christ as the Builder of the Church
9. Envision local church missionary structures that facilitate cooperation with the missio Dei.

Course Texts

Allen, Roland. *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church*. (Available on-line @ http://www.gospeltruth.net/allen/spon_expnofch.htm or <http://go2southasia.org/downloads/Roland%20Allen's%20Spontaneous%20Expansion%20of%20the%20Church.doc>)

*An electronic copy of the syllabus can be found at <http://blackboard.bethel.edu/>. Students are required to monitor this site for announcements, on-line discussions and grade information.

Carey, William et al. *The Serampore Compact*. (Available on-line @ <http://chi.gospelcom.net/pdf/serampore.pdf>)

Corbitt, J. Nathan. *Global Awareness Profile*, GAPtest Booklet. Yarmouth, Maine: Intercultural Press, 1998. (Available through the Bethel Book Store.)

Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, "The Lausanne Covenant: An Exposition and Commentary by John Stott Lausanne Occasional Paper 3c" (Available on-line @ <http://www.lausanne.org/lausanne-1974/lop-3.html>)

Moreau, A. Scott. *Introducing World Missions*. Baker Academic, 2004. ISBN: 0801026482 (Available through the Bethel Book Store.)

Suggest Additional Texts on Reserve (optional, not required)

Allen, Roland. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1962. ISBN: 0802810012

Dyrness, William A. *Learning About Theology From the Third World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 1990. ISBN 0310209714

Engel, James F. and William A. Dyrness. *Changing the Mind of Missions*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000. ISBN 0830822399

Escobar, Samuel. *The New Global Mission: The Gospel from Everywhere to Everyone (Christian Doctrine in Global Perspective)*, InterVarsity Press, 2003. ISBN-10: 0830833013

Kraus, C. Norman. *An Intrusive Gospel?* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1998. ISBN 0830815465

Moreau, A. Scott. *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

Neill, Stephen. *A History of Christian Missions*. New York: Penguin Books, 1990.

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1989. ISBN 0802804268

Newbigin, Lesslie. *The Open Secret: An Introduction to the Theology of Mission*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995, revised. ISBN 0802808298

Robert, Dana. *Gospel Bearers, Gender Barriers: Missionary Women in the Twentieth Century*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2002.

Tucker, Ruth. *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya*. Grand Rapids, MI.: Zondervan, 1983.

Walls, Andrew F. *The Cross-Cultural Process in Christian History*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2002. ISBN 0567088693

Walls, Andrew F. *The Missionary Movement in Christian History*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1996. ISBN 1570750599

Winter, Ralph D. (Editor) *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader*. Gabriel Resources; 3rd edition, 1999. ISBN: 0878082891

Course Evaluation

To successfully complete the course, the student will exhibit on-time attendance, participate in an informed manner in all class discussions and complete the assigned readings and writing assignments as presented in the syllabus.

Grading:

Weekly questions – 20%

Book Review- 15%

Analysis of a Mission/Social Outreach – 15%

Bibliographic or Regional Research Project and Presentation- 30%

Participation- 5%

Global Awareness Profile- 5%

Reading Report- 10%

Grades for assignments submitted after the due date will reduce one letter grade per day late. The grading scale will be as follows:

95–100 A	78-79 C
91-94 A-	76-77 C-
88-90 B+	74-75 D+
85-87 B	72-73 D
82-84 B-	70-71 D
80-81 C+	Below 70 is an F

Explanations of Major Written Assignments

1. Reading

Complete the reading of all textbooks and other materials distributed in association with the class activities. Each week you are to submit 3 questions to pose to the rest of the class on the reading. **Please post your discussion questions on Blackboard before each week's class.** These are due each week and you must be present (prior to the discussion) to receive credit. Questions, without your presence or submitted late (by the next class), will receive half credit, otherwise no credit will be given.

2. 6-8 pp. analysis of Roland Allen's *Spontaneous Expansion*.

Due date: April 21

3. Become familiar with a San Diego mission, social outreach or evangelistic program. This process should include reading the organization's materials (print and electronic) and visiting its office or one of its ministry sites. While there you are to interact with the people who work/volunteer or visit. Write a three-page analysis of the mission. Explain the mission, vision and goals. What challenges do they face? Explain their theological and missiological orientation. Would you want to work for this mission? Why or why not. Would you support this organization? Why or why not.

Due date: June 2

4. Research Paper.

Option A: Write a 10-page paper on a key person listed below who is of interest to you. Your reflection and writing should discuss the relevant historical data and the most important missiological insights. Your work should examine the applicability of your findings to your particular ministry situation.

You should consult 2-3 primary sources (if available) and 3-5 secondary sources (including 1-2 journal articles). You may want to submit your thesis statement and research questions to the instructor for feedback prior to writing your paper.

Option B: Integrative Project—Regional Focus on a People Group. 10-15 page paper

Part 1: Guiding Questions

1. Choose your people:
2. Support the choice of this people according to the following a historical perspective: What are some major historical facts concerning your people that might affect their receptivity to the Christian message?
3. Have any attempts ever been made to evangelize this people? Which mission agencies have worked near or among your people? What was the outcome?

Part 2: Understanding Your People: Guiding Questions

1. Where do they live? Describe the overall geography
 - A. Are they concentrated in one location, in different countries, or in significantly different regions of the same country?
 - B. Where are they migrating to and/or from?
2. Think about your peoples' awareness of the gospel. In what ways is their understanding of Christianity accurate? In what ways is it inadequate?
3. If you asked members of that society how things are changing for them, how would they respond? What are the implications for their evangelization?
4. What is the status of religion among your people?

Part 3: Mobilizing the Needed Resources: Guiding Questions

1. Develop a tent making strategy for your team allowing you to stay until a church planting movement is established. Include the following issues:
 - A. What employment roles might be available that would engage members of your team with your people group at points of felt needs?
 - B. How might these jobs enable you to build gospel bridge relationships?

- C. How might these jobs hinder engaging in close relationships with them?
- D. What type of relationship will your team pursue with an experienced mission agency. Why?
- E. What additional missionaries might you need.

Part 4: Development and Resource Mobilization

What does God want to accomplish among this people? In addition to a 4-Self Church, what social concerns are immediately pressing?

You will also consider how God may raise up the intercession, human resources and money needed to bring about a missiological breakthrough among your chosen people. List critical needs your people face in physical, political, or social realms. How might their need be addressed prior to, or without the proclamation of the gospel? How might it be addressed in the context of a fully flowering church in the midst of your people?

Part 5: Contextualization

Guiding Questions

1. Describe a flourishing gospel movement within your people in these areas: What might corporate meetings look like? Where would they gather?
2. What happens when the believers gather?
3. How will converts evangelize their families, friends, and co-workers?
4. How will the church be led? Include, but think beyond church meetings.
5. In what ways might the new churches relate to already existing, perhaps ancient, churches that are geographically near, but ethnically distant?
6. What are some likely first efforts at missionary activity for the new church? When and how will this come about?
7. List ways in which the church will purposely differ from the church you presently attend. Why?
8. What sufferings might the new church endure?

Due date: May 19

Class Guidelines:

Students taking **GC 502** **will not** be required to do “Analysis of a Mission/Social Outreach” (15%) or the “Bibliographic Research Project” (30%).

Attendance: Successful completion of the course objectives depends upon the student's active presence and participation in all classes. Students will be expected to have prepared for each class by reading and/or completing all required assignments prior to class.

Late Work: Papers are due on the date assigned at the beginning of the class period. Any papers will be graded down one full grade for each week or part of a week that it is late. There will be no extensions for work in this class except for extenuating circumstances, family emergencies or medical reasons.

If the student has not submitted all required work by the last class period, an incomplete contract, available in the office of the Registrar, must be drawn up and dated prior to the end of the class.

DISABILITIES Any student who because of a disability may require some special arrangements to meet course requirements should contact the instructor or the Access Coordinator for the Bethel Office of Disability Services by the second class period to discuss reasonable accommodations. Please see the *Student Handbook*, p. 22

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Written material submitted must be the original work of the student. Academic dishonesty constitutes a serious violation of scholarship standards at Bethel and can result in denial of credit and possible dismissal from the school. Academic dishonesty includes cheating on assignments or exams, plagiarism, fabrication of research, multiple submissions of work in different courses, misrepresentation of academic records, the facilitation of academic dishonesty, and depriving others of necessary academic resources.

Course Assignments

1. Week of March 31

Syllabus Presentation

Introduction—*Toward a Biblical Theology of Mission*

God as a Missionary God

 God's promise

 God's plan

Global Awareness Profile (GAP)

2. Week of April 7

Submit “Learning Strategy Contract” from the GAP

An Overview of the History of Christian Mission, pt. 1

Reading:

a. Moreau, 1-70

b. *Hong-Jung, Lee*. “Beyond partnership, towards networking: A Korean reflection on partnership in the Web of God's mission,” *International Review of Mission*, Geneva; Oct 2002; Vol. 91, Iss. 363; pg. 577, 6 pgs. Available on-line.

3. Week of April 14

An Overview of the History of Christian Mission, pt. 2

Reading:

a. Moreau, 71-135

b. Allen, John L Jr. “Recovering Mission History--through Third World Eyes,” *National Catholic Reporter*, Kansas City; Oct 18, 2002; Vol. 38, Iss. 44; pg. 3, 1 pg. Available on-line.

c. Carey, William et al. *The Serampore Compact*.

4. Week of April 21

Mission and the Beginning of Missiology

Reading:

- a. Moreau, 136-189
- b. Robert, Dana L. "The First Globalization: The Internationalization of the Protestant Missionary Movement between the World Wars," *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, New Haven; Apr 2002; Vol. 26, Iss. 2; pg. 50, 15. Available on-line.

5. Week of April 28

Topic— Three Self and the New Testament

Reading:

- a. Moreau, 190-202
- b. Roland Allen's *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church*(on-line)

The God who sends

Fidelity of the Apostolic Witness

An emerging biblical model for church planting without extraction from culture

A Theology of Culture—God's value of peoples and cultures

The Role Apostolic Suffering in Witness

Do missionaries destroy culture?

Week of May 5—Intensive and Reading Week—No class

6. Week of May 12

Taking the Pulse of the Global Church—**Focus on China**

Reading:

- a. Moreau, 203-220
- b. "Missiometrics 2006: Goals, Resources, Doctrines of the 350 Christian World Communions." *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Jan 2006, Vol. 30 Issue 1, pp. 27-30, 4 (available on-line at BSSD)
- c. Funkschmidt, Kai Michael. "New Models of Mission Relationship and Partnership," *International Review of Mission*, Geneva; Oct 2002; Vol. 91, Iss. 363; pg. 558, 19 pgs. (available on-line at BSSD)

Toward a Basic Understanding of:

Cross-cultural communication

Social Structure

Conversion

Building Bridges of Love through an Applied Theology of

Incarnation

Identification - viable roles

Encounters - power, commitment, truth

7. Week of May 19

Topic—Toward a Biblical Theology of Missions-- Focusing on the Whole Gospel

Reading:

- a. Moreau, 221-278

b. Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, “The Lausanne Covenant: An Exposition and Commentary by John Stott Lausanne Occasional Paper 3c” (on-line)
Focus on Asia

Week of May 26

Happy Holiday! Memorial Day—No Class

8. Week of June 2

The North American Church and Mission—A Clouded Future?

Reading:

a. Moreau, 279-314

Class Discussion on Church Structures and Support of Missions

Contemporary Discussions of Missionary Strategy

Christian Development and Basic Community Development

A Current Survey of world need

House churches and people movements

Pioneer Church Planting

Saturation Church Theory

Frontier church planting

World Christian Partnership

Focus on Africa

Biographic Presentations

9. Week of June 9

Topic—Missions in a Post-Modern Context

Reading

a. Shenk, Wilbert R. “Recasting Theology of Mission: Impulses from the Non-Western World; *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, New Haven; Jul 2001; Vol. 25, Iss. 3; pg. 98, 9 pgs. (available on-line at BSSD)

b. McGee, Gary B. “Miracles and Mission Revisited,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, New Haven; Oct. 2001; Vol. 25, Iss. 4; pg. 146, 10 pgs. (available on-line at BSSD)

Topic: Sharpening the Focus of Mission through the Local Church

Turn in reading report **Analysis on social ministry or mission due**

Recommended Additional Bibliography

Allen, Roland. *Missionary Principles*. London: World Dominion Press, 1964.

Beyerhaus, Peter. *Shaken Foundations: Theological Foundations for Mission*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1972.

Bosch, David J. *Transforming Mission: Paradigm Shifts in Theology of Mission*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1991.

Dyrness, William A., *Invitation to Cross-Cultural Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1992.

Gonzalez, Justo L. *Manana: Christian Theology from a Hispanic Perspective*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1990.

Kirk, J. Andrew. *What Is Mission? Theological Explorations*. Monrovia, CA: World Vision Publications, 2000.

Pope-Levison, Priscilla and John R. Levison, *Jesus in Global Contexts*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1992.

Van Engen, Charles. *The Good News of the Kingdom*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1992.

_____. *Footprints of God: A Narrative Theology of Mission*. Monrovia, CA: World Vision Publications, 2000.

Warren, Max. *I Believe in the Great Commission*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1976.