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We have some weighty writers in this issue. Read their thumbnail sketches. But take special note: we again have a younger author.

This journal was actually started by younger people. It was born as one of the many results of the younger, simultaneous conference to the World Conference on Frontier Missions that took place late in 1980, at Edinburgh, Scotland.

At that meeting the younger participants had their own meetings and crossed over into the plenaries. The younger group appointed two people. Brad Gill was appointed to handle on-going contact with the older mission leaders as well as the younger. Gordon Aeschliman was appointed to provide an on-going newsletter, which eventually became this journal, now in its 22nd year.

When, soon after Edinburgh, the International Society for Frontier Missiology was formed, youth were very much involved and the ISFM became one scholarly society which carried in its DNA an intergenerational reach. This simple fact was an “inconvenience” at last fall’s IFMA/EFMA/EMA/ISFM conference at St. Louis because the other three societies did not have any intention of including younger people. We of IJFM/ISFM had to rent additional rooms and put on essentially a separate youth conference in order to fulfill our founding mission.

Alas, the actual Edinburgh young people have scattered in all directions and are no longer a viable group. That is the way it is with most youth groups. But, there is a move on now to rehabilitate the International Student Leaders Coalition for Frontier Missions with a new younger generation. If those who came to the St. Louis meeting are representative it will be a vibrant group. As this emerges we will certainly report on it.

In the pursuit of His frontiers,

Ralph D. Winter
Editor
Who We Are

The IJFM is published in the name of the International Student Leaders Coalition for Frontier Missions, a fellowship of younger leaders committed to the purposes of the twin consultations of Edinburgh 1980: The World Consultation on Frontier Missions and the International Student Consultation on Frontier Missions. As an expression of the ongoing concerns of Edinburgh 1980, the IJFM seeks to:

- promote intergenerational dialogue between senior and junior mission leaders;
- cultivate an international fraternity of thought in the development of frontier missiology;
- highlight the need to maintain, renew, and create mission agencies as vehicles for frontier missions;
- encourage multidimensional and interdisciplinary studies;
- foster spiritual devotion as well as intellectual growth; and
- advocate “A Church for Every People.”

Mission frontiers, like other frontiers, represent boundaries or barriers beyond which we must go yet beyond which we may not be able to see clearly and boundaries which may even be disputed or denied. Their study involves the discovery and evaluation of the unknown or even the reevaluation of the known. But unlike other frontiers, mission frontiers is a subject specifically concerned to explore and exposit areas and ideas and insights related to the glorification of God in all the nations (peoples) of the world, “to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God.” (Acts 26:18)

Subscribers and other readers of the IJFM (due to ongoing promotion) come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Mission professors, field missionaries, young adult mission mobilizers, college librarians, mission executives, and mission researchers all look to the IJFM for the latest thinking in frontier missiology.

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