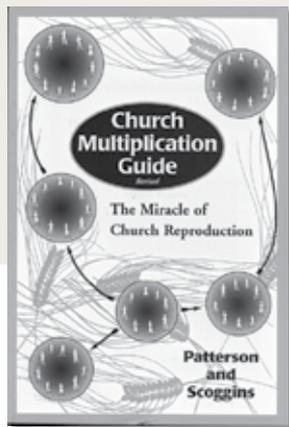
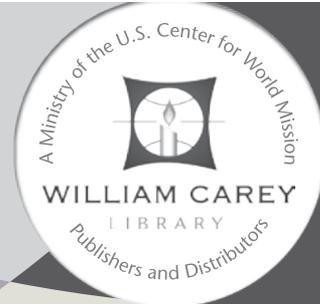


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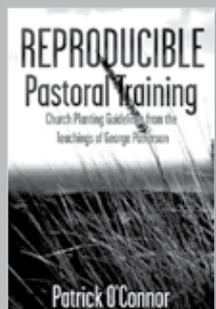
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Dear Reader,

This issue, as usual, is full of excitement. Cliff-hanging issues revolve around things explained, proposed and suggested here.

One book mentioned, *Unshackled and Growing: Muslims and Christians on Their Journey to Freedom* (see page 86), underlies, in one sense, the majority of all the documents IJFM presents and has presented. The very title of the book turns on the assumption that present-day Christianity is not the norm to which we are seeking to draw all men, so to speak. Christianity today is an authentic Biblical tradition which nevertheless has been wrapped in so many layers of culture that, at this point in history, even though authentic, it must be seen as only one flavor of Biblical faith, not the only flavor. This is why it is both arbitrary and unnecessary for Muslim followers of Christ (or anyone for that matter) to take on the faith we call Christianity as currently clothed. But such a view will meet earnest opposition in the next issue.

It is not too soon to look forward to our fall meeting of the International Society of Frontier Missiology, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies (EFMA). Note the announcement on page 45.

This year a high point of the meeting will be the presence of Dr. Dudley Woodberry, who is one of the world-level scholars of Islam, and also Gary Corwin, who is Associate Editor of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, whose insights range over the entire sphere of mission. Their views diverge in fascinating ways. We can expect a real treat from them and other speakers and seminar leaders. The ISFM meeting will be in the same place as the annual meeting of the EFMA, but begin the evening before. Remember, the ISFM is the only intentionally intergenerational scholarly society of missiology. Students are especially welcome. See [www.ijfm.org/isfm/annual.htm](http://www.ijfm.org/isfm/annual.htm) for more details on this meeting.

Finally, don't miss the report on page 45 of a strategic partnership you'll want to know about.

Enjoy,



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