

HARDING UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE SCHOOL of RELIGION
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5910. GLOBAL EVANGELISM

Course description: (3) An introduction to historical, biblical and cultural aspects of worldwide evangelism for the purpose of mission preparation and effectiveness of the missionary and sending church. Also includes a survey of principles, methods and practical aspects of developing and maintaining a missions ministry in a local church.

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Course requirements:

1. Two examinations: One over pre-session readings and interactions (to be taken on October 6 in Memphis); the other will be a take-home comprehensive examination (to be completed and in my hands by October 24).
2. Purchase, borrow or download the following books and articles, process them in the order listed and be prepared to dialog with other class members by e-mail at an appropriate time. [Textbooks are available through our book services on campus. You may order by email to bdavid@hugsr.edu, by phone at 901-432-7735 or 800-366-7481, or by fax at 901-761-1358.]

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Peter T. Obrien. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth*. "New Testament Studies in Biblical Theology 11." Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 2001.

Marty, Martin. *The Christian World: A Global History*. "Modern Library Chronicles." New York: The Modern Library, 2008.

Slate, C. Philip. Missions Handbook for Local Churches. Bedford, TX: Missions Resource Network, 2008. Order from publisher by toll-free 'phone (888-641-2229), their Web Site (www.MRNet.org) or by mail to Missions Resource Network, 4001 Airport Freeway, Suite 550. Bedford, TX 76021 (Bring this book to class.)

Glenn Schwartz, "Is there a Cure for Dependency Among Mission-Established Institutions?" www.wmausa.org/files/Store Downloads/Final cure article

C. Philip Slate, "Short-Term vs. Long Term Missions and the Stewardship of Western Missions Money"

www.mrnet.org/conent/Documents/Library/Short-term vs. long term and the stewardship of western missions money.

3. Read and write a review (up to two pages) of two articles found at either www.mrnet.org or www.wmausa.org. Select articles that you judge to be helpful to you in your relationship with global evangelism.
4. Read a biography of some missionary and write a two-page review of the missionary's work in terms of the missionary principles we will have discussed in class. Email the professor (cpsmissions@gmail.com) for a list of sample missionary biographies. Due two weeks after the class week.
5. Write a research paper, up to 15 pages, appropriately referenced on a **missionary** of the churches of Christ (check with the professor if you like), a **proposed plan** for your congregation to become responsibly involved in global evangelism, a **specialized facet** of global evangelism (like short-term work, medical missions, etc.) a **critical evaluation** of some missions enterprise or work or a **proposal for beginning a missions ministry in a specific congregation that does not have one**. In all cases your topic must be approved by the professor. .

Grades will be computed as follows: two exams (40%), research paper (30%), Internet/e-mail interactions (10%), articles reviews (5%), missionary biography review (10%) and class discussions (5%).

Students with disabilities

It is the policy of Harding University to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal and state law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodation should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Students with disabilities are also encouraged to contact Steve McLeod, the Associate Dean, at 761-1353.

Library services

If you have not taken Advanced Theological Research (5990) or took it more than a year ago, go to the HUGSR Web site (www.hugsr.edu) for information concerning library services to students. Under the "library" tab you will find a link to and instructions for searching the HUGSR online catalog (called Quest). There are also instructions for using the following databases available through the library: OCLC FirstSearch, EBSCOhost, Infotrac, and *Religious and Theological Abstracts*. Contact the library for passwords to these databases. Also available are the research guides distributed in 5990. These annotated bibliographies list basic tools you will find helpful in your research.

COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

- I. Introduction
- II. Biblical Foundations for Global Evangelization
 - A. Old Testament perspectives
 - B. New Testament perspectives
 - 1. Movement from Jewish beginnings to inclusion of the Gentiles
 - 2. The fulfillment motif in the New Testament documents
 - C. Theological implications for the 21st century church
- III. Christian evangelism in historical perspective
 - A. Overall schemes of interpretation (Latourette, Marty, etc.)
 - B. Values of reading “history of missions studies”
 - C. Global evangelizing by churches of Christ
 - 1. Pre- and Post-World War II eras
 - 2. Advantages and pitfalls of a church-sponsored approach
- IV. Current issues, principles and methods
 - A. For churches who want to do it well!
 - B. Current world issues with which to grapple
 - 1. Urbanization
 - 2. Migration and immigration
 - 3. Initial evangelization and service to third and fourth generation churches.
 - 4. Winning individuals vs. starting viable churches
 - 5. Encounters with major worldviews (philosophies and religions) and the reduction of syncretism
 - 6. Global evangelism at home!
 - 7. Promise and perils of short-term missions

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Internet Resources²

Missions Resource Network. Bedford, TX. Operated by members of churches of Christ. Many resource articles on file. www.MRNet.org

World Missions Associated. Lancaster, PA. Operated by Glenn Schwartz of the Brethren in Christ church. Specialized in issues concerning dependency and independence among missions entities. www.wmausa.org

Short Term Evangelistic Missions International. An Evangelical group that focuses on short-term evangelistic missions and has produced several useful documents. www.stemintl.org

The Billy Graham collection on missions is archived at Wheaton College. Check the collection items. www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives

² Internet resources seem to be infinite. Google "missions" or "evangelism" and be astounded. Both gems and rubbish are available.

The entire collection of articles, many very useful, in *The Journal of Applied Missiology* is available at Abilene Christian University .
www.bible.acu.edu/ministry/centers_institutes/missions/page.asp?ID=272 If that fails, then pull up “Halbert Institute of Missions” and click on “Journal of Applied Missiology.”