MISSIONS – MS 518  
Fall Term 2013; Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
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Course Overview

As an introductory course in Missions we will look at the biblical basis for mission and consider its historical expansion while briefly dealing with some of the leading personalities. We will consider how to develop an effective mission program for the local church as well as investigate what is required for those called to missionary service.

Assignments

1. Read the Textbook From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya, by Ruth A. Tucker. In order to keep current with class discussion, kindly read on average 40 pages each week.
2. Read chapters 1, 2, 3 of Let the Nations be Glad, by John Piper.
4. Read a biography of a missionary (not an evangelist or church leader) of at least 200 pages. The biography should deal with a person you know very little about. On September 18, 2013 the student’s selection should be turned in (typed with student’s name, missionary’s name, title of book, author, publisher and number of pages.) Write a report of no more than two pages with copies for each class member. Note the contributions made by the missionary for the advancement of the Gospel. The report is due October 30, 2013.
5. Read the Book of Acts and write a 3 or 4 page report (bullet points acceptable):
   a. Identify and describe the principles of the mission and outreach program of the New Testament church.
   b. With those principles in mind formulate a mission program you could implement in your church. (Due November 27, 2013.)
6. A short-answer final exam will cover material in the text book (From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya) and class discussion. Among the questions asked will be three: Have you read the assigned books?
   a. From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya
   b. The three chapters from Let the Nations Be Glad
   c. Chapter 33, Volume I of John Murray’s Collected Writings
Field Trip to S.I.M.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. the class will meet at SIM (Serving in Mission) International Headquarters at 1838 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC. We will be met by Rev. Gary Corwin, associate editor of *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* and Missiologist serving with the International office of SIM. He will give us a brief tour and an introduction to the ministry of SIM, as well as speak to some of the issues facing Missions in our day. Please be prompt. Attendance is required. The Field Trip will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

Class Participation

Each class period will begin with prayer led by students. The focus will be on a country named in *Operation World* by Jason Mandryk. Prior to prayer a three minute introduction to the country will be given (eg. percentage of Christians in the country, major mission agencies working in the country, etc.). Keep the summary concise, and then lead in prayer. (Assignments will be distributed during the first day of class.)