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Dear Pastors and mission leaders,

Greetings in Christ. As we continue to visit many churches, we are finding the many mission teams could use a boost in their mission efforts. Some need more members, some need help in how to lead a mission team, some need help in knowing how to promote missions in the church, some need help with who to support and at what amount, some just need new ideas for growth. In the church mission letter this month, I want to focus on a number of books and other resources that you might want to take advantage of in 2012 to help grow your mission efforts.

BOOKS: Here are some mission books that I have found useful this year in my mission work.

- [In This Generation](#) by Todd Ahrend: This book looks at the Student Volunteer Movement from the past and it raises many issues on how to mobilize the current generation of young people for prayer, witnessing and cross-cultural evangelism. This is a great book to read if you are ministering to or want to mobilize college students for missions.
- [Cross-Cultural Partnerships](#) by Mary Lederleitner: Mary is on staff with Wycliffe. The book looks at money and missions. It is an excellent book for those who are in mission partnerships or looking to start one.
- [Commissioned](#) by Marvin Newell: Marv is the executive director of CrossGlobal Link. This book digs into the five different Great commission Scriptures. It provides a fresh look at the strategies that we can learn from the Great Commission passages. This book would be a good study for a mission team to do together.
- [I Want to Make a Difference Now](#) by Don Parrott: Don is the director of The Finishers Project. He focuses on how to reach the 40's, 50's or 60's for global impact. Twelve million baby boomers are Christ-followers. One-half of them are willing to consider a global impact ministry role when they retire. This is a great book to give to these people to take future mission steps.

Training Events: Training events are a great way to grow in our mission awareness as mission teams.

Below are scheduled training events for the coming months.

- Intensive Perspective Course for EFCA leaders: On April 9-17, 2012, the EFCA is hosting this course. For those who want to get a deeper grounding in your missions understanding, this course is for you. For additional details go to <http://www.efca.org/reachglobal/get-involved/mobilize/reachglobal-partnering-perspectives-course>

- Peacemaker's Training: Conflict often disrupts the local work and witness of a local church. For those interested in learning how to do conflict coaching and mediation, there are three training events in MN this coming year. For additional information go to http://www.peacemaker.net/site/c.aqKFLTOBIPH/b.1118441/k.A3A8/Training_Calendar.htm
- Mini Global Summits: We will be hosting one in Fertile, MN on March 24, 2012. Look for details coming out in January.
- Caring Friends Network training: One training weekend is being set up for churches south of the metro for this spring. For further information, please contact Derrick Skoglund on his cell at 612-240-6251.

Let us know how we can serve you and your church in 2012.

Merry Christmas,

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