AVAILABLE
MISSION RESOURCES

Descriptions & Reviews
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BASIC CURRICULUM
MATERIALS

OPERATION WORLD
The Day-by Day Guide to Praying for The World
by Patrick Johnstone
(Zondervan Publishing House) $12.99

If I could have only one resource book on world missions today, this would be the one! Operation World is arranged as a daily prayer guide for the world, although it has become so much more. Many missionary organizations use this excellent book as a practical resource for information and strategy ideas, while others use it as a mini "briefing" before an actual mission outreach.

My husband and I have used Operation World for many years. The first version was printed in 1974; the 1993 version is complete, including statistics on the Eastern Bloc countries. Operation World is arranged as a daily prayer guide moving from an overview of the world to the major continental areas. These areas are divided more by culture and not necessarily along continental boundaries. For example, northern Africa is included with the Middle East because of the Muslim influence. There is also an alphabetical arrangement of every country, packed with current information and specific spiritual needs.

Currently containing 662 pages, this book is filled with detailed maps, interesting charts and graphs, basic geographical and political backgrounds, cultural traditions, historical facts (and how these relate to the spreading of the Gospel), and statistics or population, literacy rate, official languages, number of languages with scriptures, and major religion percentages (including estimates of evangelical Christians).

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
AND ACTIVITY BOOKS 1 and 2
Learning to Pray for People Around the World: The Children's Version of Operation World
by Jill Johnstone
(Zondervan Publishing House) $14.95
Activity Books 1 & 2
(OM Publishing) $6.95 set

Teaching with God's Heart for the World: Volume II
This book has everything you can think of for an introductory children's book about world missions: beautiful full-color illustrations, maps, real-life stories, daily prayer ideas, a summary of each major religion of the world (including Animism and Ancestor Worship, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam), and a word list, containing typical missions-terminology explained so that even a child can understand them.

This 126-page book is arranged in alphabetical order, and highlights 26 countries and 26 people groups. Because there are 52 sections all together, it is arranged to cover one section per week, with seven specific items for daily prayer. Some of these countries or people groups are well-known (such as Japan or Greece); others are virtually unheard-of (such as the Minangkabaus of Sumatra, Indonesia, or the Jolas of Western Africa).

The two activity books correspond with the countries and people groups you are studying in You Can Change the World. For each of the 26 countries and 26 people groups, the activity books have pictures, maps, and flags that can be colored.

These materials are excellent for homeschool!

FROM JERUSALEM TO IRIAN JAYA
A Biographical History of Christian Missions
by Ruth A. Tucker

This excellent book contains detailed biographies of approximately one hundred missionaries throughout the world from the early church in Jerusalem, to modern missions in remote places like Irian Jaya, Indonesia. Ruth Tucker holds a Ph.D in history and teaches at a Bible school and a Divinity school. Much of her writing would be too difficult for younger children to comprehend.

This is a resource book that no homeschool family with a heart for missions should be without. It is over 500 pages long and includes many photographs, illustrations, maps, and detailed timelines.

I HEARD GOOD NEWS TODAY
Stories for Children
by Cornelia Lehn
(Faith and Life Press) $8.95

This hardcover storybook contains 90 short biographies of missionaries from around the world and throughout history. Scattered throughout 148 pages are pen sketches. Each story is written for children, and is the perfect length for a read-aloud family devotion time or a bedtime story.


STREAMS OF CIVILIZATION, VOL. 1 and 2
by Dr. Mary Stanton and Dr. Albert Hyma
(Christian Liberty Press) $19.95

Streams of Civilization is the fruition of a four-year contract sponsored by the Institute for Creation Research. It presents history as it actually happened—from a knowledgeable, unbiased view—and was designed for use in both public and private schools. It is extremely balanced and objective, representing a wide variety of philosophical, political, and religious beliefs. For example, the main points of both creation and evolution are presented as the two most common beliefs of how man was formed.

The greatest advantage of this history book is that unlike almost all historical information currently available, it does not side-skip Christianity. Both volumes include
cartoon illustrations, maps, graphs, and “fill-in-the-blank” questions. Because of the workbook format, the manual would be great for older children, especially if they are serious about the study of world missions.

These three paperback manuals (about 135 pages each) are divided into the following parts: Volume I: The Biblical/Historical Foundation, Volume II: The Strategic Dimension, and Volume III: Cross-Cultural Considerations.

PRAYER

ALONE WITH GOD
A Manual of Biblical Meditation
by Campbell McAlpine
(Bethany House Publishers) $7.99

Biblical mediation is an important part of our devotional time with the Lord. This prayer guide is divided into two sections: premeditation and meditation. He covers promises, conditions, and blessings of mediation; how to practice biblical meditation, and scripture references. It is an inspirational book suitable for individual or group study.

ESTHER NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
(Children’s Global Prayer Network, a division of AD2000 and Beyond)

Esther Network International is an outstanding prayer network for children. Their motto is Catch the Vision—Get Global, and their heart is to raise up children and young people as powerful prayer intercessors. In addition to the book, What About the Children?, they have many prayer tools, hats, T-shirts, and banners.

GLOBAL PRAYER DIGEST
(Frontier Fellowship, U.S. Center for World Missions)
$1 monthly subscription

The Global Prayer Digest is a monthly international prayer magazine. Its concise format is easy to use for a time of family devotions or for a personal daily prayer time. Each day has a short story, small maps, a mission prayer focus, and a short Bible devotion. It has current information about what God is doing around the world, urgent mission reports, and exciting “hidden people”
descriptions. Many families read this digest around the dinner table. It is very appropriate for a devotional time for any mission-oriented homeschool family.

**PERSONAL PRAYER DIARY AND DAILY PLANNER**
(YWAM Publishing) $12.99

Each year, *Youth With a Mission* (YWAM) publishes a Personal Prayer Diary and Daily Planner including monthly calendars, yearly planners, places for personal notes, journal entries, and weekly prayer responsibilities. There is a Bible reading plan, an international prayer focus, a memory verse, and general information on various countries.

The planner also contains maps of the world, and profiles of four or five different unreached people groups each month. A mini-library of teaching materials on various Christian principles (i.e. effective quiet time, intercessory prayer, relationships, worship, and the 10/40 Window).

**PRAYING THROUGH THE WINDOW**
*A Thirty-One Day Prayer Guide*
(Caleb Project) $11.95

This thirty-one day prayer guide, emphasizing the 10/40 window, enables Christians to pray more effectively for the lost. Two countries and their needs are targeted each day, with the country’s historical and geographical background given.

**THAT NONE SHOULD PERISH**
*How to Reach your City for Christ Through Prayer and Evangelism*
by Ed Silvoso
(Gospel Light Publishers) hardcover $16.99

That None Should Perish, shows the reader how to join others in bringing the Gospel to members of their community. This book contains exciting examples of the power of prayer, especially when we focus on prayer for our enemies.
TRACKING YOUR WALK
YOUTH PRAYER JOURNAL
edited by Jim and Michelle Drake
(YWAM Publishing) $9.99

For children and youth through age fourteen, YWAM has published a paperback youth prayer journal with cartoon illustrations, world maps, and international prayer features.

Because the monthly calendars are not printed with specific dates, this journal can be started at any time of the year.

There is a two-track Bible reading plan (entire Bible or New Testament and Psalms in one year) and a place for addresses and notes.

This book is a great tool for any child or youth.

WORLD RELIGIONS

EERDMANS’ HANDBOOK TO THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS
(Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.) $21.99

This handbook gives information about every major world religion with a constant referral to Christianity. Complete with charts, maps, and full color photos, this book offers very detailed information.

CHRISTIANITY, CULTS, & RELIGIONS
(Rose Publishing) $9.95 laminated $13.95

This poster compares the tenets of all major world religions using a chart format.

SO WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?
by Fritz Ridenour
(Regal Books) $7.99

This paperback book has over 800,000 copies in print. It evaluates the major beliefs of different religions and cults in a conversational style. Religions covered include: Orthodox Christianity, Roman Catholicism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Unitarianism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Christian Science, and Mormonism.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH
AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR
Volume I: Cults Volume II: World Religions
(Moody Press) Sold in packs of 10 for $9.99


WORLD RELIGIONS
by Gabriel Arquilewich
(Teacher Created Materials, Inc.) $21.99

I found this workbook at a homeschool convention and was immediately curious. The format is ideal for classroom use, with nearly 300 reproducible worksheet

Teaching with God’s Heart for the World: Volume II
pages filled with information, attractive illustrations, maps, and world religion terminology. Unfortunately, this book is not written from a Christian missions perspective, although if combined with a book such as *So What's the Difference?*, it would be very helpful. In the introduction the author states the ultimate goal of this curriculum:..."an appreciation of the history and culture of major world religions, an appreciation of the spiritual foundations of major world religions, and a personal exploration into matters of spirituality. Of course these three translate into tolerance."

As Christians, we know that we cannot teach our children this attitude and remain consistent with the word of God. However, the remainder of the curriculum is quite unbiased toward all religions. I would not want my children to be taught this material in a secular public school format (with the purpose of getting my little ones to just accept all religions), but I would teach from this workbook with a constant referral to the word of God.

**SHORT/LONG-TERM MISSIONS**

**BUILDING YOUR SUPPORT TEAM**
by Neal Pirolo
(Emmaus Road International) $10.00

This two-hour training tape is a counterpart to *Serving as Senders*. It instructs the missionary on how to develop relationships in the six areas of support.

**THE GO MANUAL**
compiled by Michelle Drake
(YWAM Publishing) $2.99

This manual is an introduction to Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and a directory of over 300 short-term outreaches and 3500 ministry opportunities available through YWAM. All YWAM schools, outreaches, camps, and seminars are included, along with dates, lengths, and locations.

**THE GREAT COMMISSION HANDBOOK**
(Berry Publishing Services, Inc.) $5.00

*The Great Commission Handbook* is an annual guide for all ages who want to get involved in missions. It includes charts for short-term missions, career missions, and missions training. Also included are inspiring testimonies, practical how-to’s, and fabulous charts and articles. This magazine is free, although the publishers request that you cover the shipping and handling costs (about thirty cents per copy), if possible.

**MISSION TODAY**
(Berry Publishing Services, Inc.) free

*Mission Today* is a complete annual overview of world missions. It includes regional updates from around the world, thirteen featured topics, comparative charts, and thoughtful articles.

**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY MISSIONS**
(ministry information brochure) free

*International Family Missions* is a unique ministry geared for families who want to be involved—as a complete family unit—in world missions. IFM organizes cross-cultural mission trips ranging from one week to three months. An average outreach is one or two weeks, thereby allowing most families and individuals to utilize vacation and other time off for a missions experience at...
minimal cost. Outreaches include Bible distribution, evangelism, mercy ministry and service to other missions and churches. Family members are encouraged to minister alongside one another. Also available is a one-year Missions and Ministry Training School. The school is designed to meet the needs of families (although individuals are also welcome) and includes nine months in class and three summer months in a cross-cultural setting. At Family Mission/Vision, we are excited about this ministry, knowing that others have the same heart for families to be involved in world missions.

The majority of King’s Kids teams fall within four major areas: H.A.N.D.S. (Helping Alongside a Neighbor Develop and Serve) which emphasizes practical mercy missions, sports (reaching out through team games and gymnastics), performing arts (teams which share the Gospel through the use of music, movement, drama, and personal testimonies), and intercession/worship (with ministry primarily through music and prayer). Children of all ages can be involved, although those under ten (and in some cases under thirteen) must be accompanied by a parent. Families are welcome!

RE-ENTRY
Making the Transition from Missions to Life at Home
by Peter Jordan
(YWAM Publishing) $7.99

One of the greatest challenges of any missions experience is a successful transition back to life at home. Often, the returning missionary faces “reverse culture shock,” condemnation, and a struggle with criticism toward the local church and fellow Christians. This is an excellent book—written from years of missionary experience—that is enjoyable and easy to read. Dick Hills, the founder of an international missions organization stated, “As I read the Re-Entry manuscript, I kept thinking, ‘If only Re-Entry had been written by William Carey two hundred years ago, thousands of missionaries would have been spared the shock and the difficulties of re-entry....’”

SOLUTIONS TO CULTURE STRESS
by Neal Pirollo
(Emmaus Road, International) $49.85

This is a great four-hour video series made to help the short-term missionary. Designed to prepare them for the culture stress of going and returning home, these two videos would be a great asset to any church or missionary’s library. Also included with these videos are four papers, in outline form, highlighting the material covered in these videos.

KING’S KIDS
(a division of YWAM)

King’s Kids is a division of YWAM enabling children and young people to become involved in world missions.

THE SHORT TERM MISSION HANDBOOK
(Berry Publishing Services, Inc.) $10.00

Every three years, Berry Publishing Services prints an updated Short-Term Missions Handbook. It is full-color with
nearly 300 pages of articles and photos in a magazine format. The handbook is a comprehensive guide for mission team participants and leaders, with articles on discovering opportunities, building relationships, spiritual preparation, raising support, debriefing and resources. It also contains current information on more than 200 services, and training and resource opportunities.

There are eight main sections: Introduction (to short-term missions), Preparation, On Location, Debriefing, Mission Organizations, Training for Missions (including full-page profiles of many mission schools and seminaries), Churches and Denominations, and Product and Resource Services. This handbook is a helpful resource for anyone wanting to become involved in short-term missions (with the intent of a lifelong involvement in missions).

**SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRAINING**

*Key to Success*
(Association of International Mission Services - AIMS) $10.00

This syllabus is designed to prepare a short-term missions team for an effective time of service. The manual can be used in a four or eight-week teaching format (with each meeting lasting for one-and-a-half to two hours) or as a day-long seminar. The authors recommend however, that longer outreach be given a longer period of preparation.

This training guide has weekly reading assignments for each team member and a leader's guide incorporated into the book. Topics include: Spiritual Preparation (personal prayer, team prayer and spiritual warfare), Intellectual Preparation, Cultural Awareness (including effective communication), Logistics (preparation, promotion, support raising, and practical points), Team Dynamics (types of short-term trips, team members, developing your personal testimony and resolving conflict), Culture Shock, Re-entry Stress, and Debriefing. I like this training manual because it is simple to follow and gets directly to the point. It does not include missionary organization advertisements, so you get only a basic training manual. This would be my first choice for a missions team preparation.

**STEPPING OUT**


Short-term mission trips can transform the lives of those who go, as well as the lives of those who are being reached with the Gospel. This practical how-to book is a collection of many short articles, teachings, charts, and personal experiences that will greatly benefit a short-term missions team. The stories are written in a very easy-to-read format and are applicable no matter what mission organization or church group you are planning to work with. Over the years, YWAM has sent thousands of short-term missionaries throughout the earth. I encourage you to glean from their vast experience.

**SURVIVAL KIT FOR OVERSEAS LIVING**

*For Americans Planning to Live and Work Abroad* by L. Robert Kohls (Intercultural Press, Inc.) $8.95

Although this is not a Christian book, it contains some excellent information on overseas living from an American viewpoint. The reader is challenged to look at Americans from the standpoint of other cultures. Typical American stereotypes are addressed (positive and negative), and practical instruction is given on how to effectively adapt to another culture. This book contains great information on cross-cultural communication and overseas life.