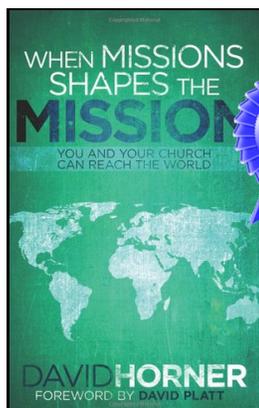


Best Missions Books 2014

Mobilizers vote for this year's "must reads"

Catalyst ran an informal, non-scientific poll of mobilizers asking them to recommend the best books they read this year. While we were looking for newer titles, we did not require

that all be published this year. We hope you enjoy the results of our survey! **A special thanks** to everyone who took the time to submit their "best reads" recommendations!



When Missions Shapes the Mission

David Horner
B&H Publishing

Written by a pastor. A great read for seeing missions at the center of your church.
[Dennis Spitters, Pioneers]



Mission Smart

David Frazier

This is the best guide out there for identifying pre-field training, preparation, and skills development needs.
[David Meade, Propempo]

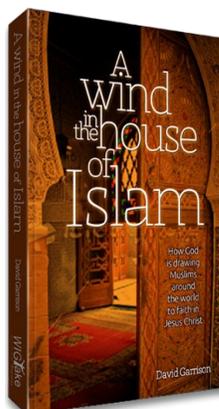
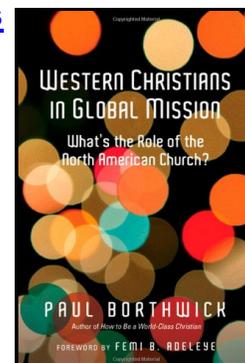


In a tie for third place:

Western Christians in Global Mission

Paul Borthwick

I took my key leaders through a discussion of this book and found it so helpful that I purchased a copy for each of my global outreach leaders. We plan to discuss the principles and ideas in the new year. I'm also hoping to use some of the concepts as a metric to help align our nine international partnerships.
[Kirk Lithander, Fairhaven Church]



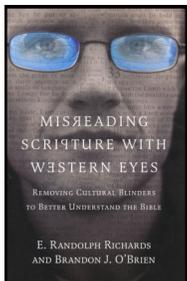
A Wind in the House of Islam

David Garrison

Some incredible stats here that give a picture of the work of the Spirit in the Muslim world. [Greg Carter, Liberty Bible Church]

Additional recommendations in various genres:

In the “cultural understanding” category:



Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes

Richards and O’Brien

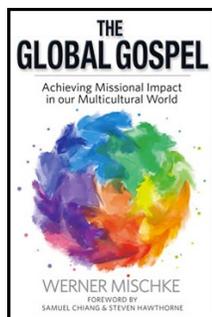
How to take off the cultural blinders to understanding the Bible. Great for every mobilizer and every cross-cultural worker.

[Dennis Spitters, Pioneers]

The Global Gospel

Werner Mischke

Now and then someone will poke a hole in the wall of culture that offers a better view of our global neighbors. Mischke has punched through to a world of honor and shame from a world that rarely talks in those terms much less thinks in those ways....he opened up not only the opportunity to understand each other better but the Scriptures as well. [Daniel Rickett, She Is Safe]

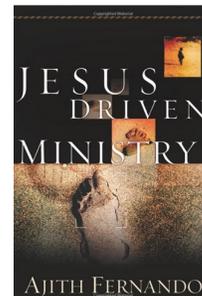


In the “fresh perspective on the basics” category:

Jesus Driven Ministry

Ajith Fernando

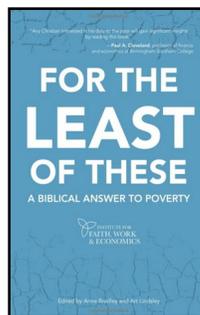
Drawing on years of ministry experience, Ajith Fernando addresses issues like calling, team relationships, discipleship, prayer, and perseverance. It's important for us to learn from non-Western leaders and Ajith's humility and Bible knowledge make him one of the best. [Bruce Wilson, College Church]



In the “deeper digging” category:

For the Least of These

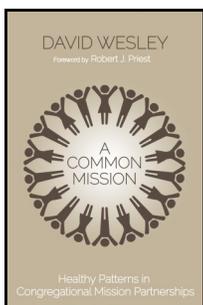
Anne Bradley



...this scholarly collection of essays attacks poverty from multiple angles, examining the way the biblical texts address the poor and how moral free economies and enterprise have proven to alleviate poverty, while efforts at

aid or redistribution have failed. A comprehensive treatment of all things poverty, sponsored by the Institute For Faith, Work And Economics. [Mike Bell, Hungry for Life USA]

In the “just hitting the shelves” category:



A Common Mission

David Wesley

This is a very accessible, research-based look at congregational mission partnerships and the healthy patterns that Dr. Wesley identified through his field study. An excellent resource for congregations looking to engage in a

long-term partnership. [Grant Christy, Nazarene Global Missions]

In this week's [Worth Considering... blog](#), Ellen Livingood writes about an unusual type of missions memoir.

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