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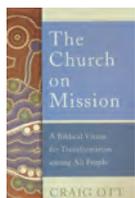
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## Best Missions Books of 2019

Readers recommend this year's "must reads"

We want to thank everyone who submitted their favorites for this year's book list. Selecting a short list of the best missions titles is difficult, and readers' votes were scattered among many books deserving mention. We have narrowed the field to titles published in the last two years and included your peers' reasons for recommending each one.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS CHALLENGE



### *The Church on Mission Integrating Missions into the Local Church*

by Craig Ott / 2019. Ott provides a refreshing and concise biblical theology on the identity and role of the Church with respect to God's mission in the world. It is a helpful resource for churches wanting to set priorities in order to maximize their efforts to fulfill both the Great Commission and Great Commandment of Jesus. *Austin Delgado, Riverstone Church*



### *On Mission Together: Integrating Mission into the Local Church*

by Rich Noble / 2019. This concise guidebook is designed to assist churches

that want to make global missions extend beyond an annual offering or a Minute for Missions. Some of the "every church should" statements will not apply to every context, but the book is a good addition to the slim library on this topic. *Marti Smith, Missions Catalyst*



### *Something Needs to Change: A Call to Make Your Life Count in a World of Urgent Need*

by David Platt / 2019. Platt argues that

personal holiness is far more important to the success of missions than anyone gives credit. He uncovers the personal challenges an individual missionary might encounter and is not afraid to help the reader face issues such as human trafficking or severe poverty. This book not only declares that

something needs to change but that you can be a part of that change. *James Wallace Jr., OMF*

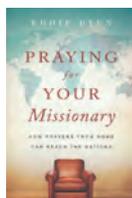


### *Christian Mission: A Concise Global History*

by Edward L. Smither / 2019. There are a lot of great mission history books out there, but this

new resource is one of my favorites. It is concise, compelling, and covers missions history from a number of angles. This is a "needed read" for anyone seeking to learn more about missions past in order to engage in missions today. *Nathan Garth, Sojourn Church*

## CHURCH MOBILIZATION



### *Praying for Your Missionary: How Prayers from Home Can Reach the Nations*

by Eddie Byun / 2018.

Comprehensive in scope,

Byun's highly practical book leaves no stone unturned when it comes to praying for all aspects of a missionary's life and work. As a former long-term missionary, I could not help but think, "Right on!" as I read chapter after chapter. *Marvin Newell, Missio Nexus*



### *Evangelism as Exiles: Life on Mission as Strangers in Our Own Land*

by Elliot Clark / 2019. Written by a former missionary to Central

Asia, this fantastic book gives a clear picture and perspective on our role as

gospel proclaimers in North America. *Michael VanHuis, Missio Nexus*



### *Scattered and Gathered: Equipping Disciples for the Front Line*

by Neil Hudson / 2019. This British book addresses what it looks

like for the church to equip God's people while they are "gathered" to be whole-life disciples "scattered" in their everyday contexts. Practical and accessible. *John Spadafora, Crossworld*



### *The Entitlement Cure: Finding Success at Work and in Relationships in a Short-Cut World*

by John Townsend /

2018. I am drawn to books that will strengthen my understanding about our ever-changing generational landscape of missionaries. Townsend provides practical tools for overcoming entitlement attitudes. *Mark Dalton, Shadow Mountain Community Church*

## CROSS-CULTURAL WORKER RECRUITMENT AND PREPARATION



### *Serving Well: Help for the Wannabe, Newbie, or Weary Cross-Cultural Christian Worker*

by Elizabeth and Jonathan Trotter /

2019. Here's a great resource to put in the hands of our missionaries or those in the pipeline. This is a handy

compilation in book form of content previously published on the web. *Marti Smith, Missions Catalyst*



### **Discerning Your Calling: Discover Your Place as a Global Worker**

by John Ward / 2018. Part of a series on navigating the

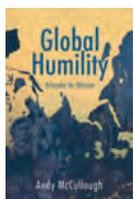
journey to global missions, this book as a stand-alone is a quick read that reminds us that a calling to missions doesn't necessarily end in going to the field. This book, ideal for mobilizers to pass along, deals with definitions, addresses misconceptions, and highlights opportunities that come with discerning a call. *Kirsten McClain, OMF*

ALSO RECOMMENDED:

*The Coach Model for Christian Leaders: Powerful Leadership Skills for Solving Problems, Reaching Goals, and Developing Others* by Keith E. Webb / 2019

*Survival Guide for the Soul: How to Flourish Spiritually in a World that Pressures Us to Achieve* by Ken Shigematsu / 2018

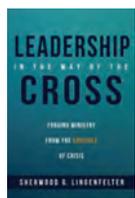
## LEADERSHIP



### **Global Humility: Attitudes for Missions**

by Andy McCullough / 2018. I wish I had written this book; I love the title and topic. Sent ones need to have certain missional

attitudes, and humility is probably one of the most important postures. A "must read" for sent ones. *Larry McCrary, Upstream Collective*

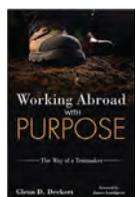


### **Leadership and the Way of the Cross: Forging Ministry from the Crucible of Crisis**

by Sherwood Lingenfelter / 2018.

Lingenfelter shares some of his most challenging lessons in leadership including leading a short-term missions team of BIOLA students to Chad. His stories and those of other leaders set a backdrop of the power of the cross and leading in a way that others will follow. *John Ward, Encompass World Partners*

## CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY



### **Working Abroad with Purpose: The Way of a Tentmaker**

by Gene Deckert / 2019. Written by a long-time practitioner using his professional

skills for global Kingdom impact, this book offers great counsel for helping mobilize non-traditional missionaries. *Dave (last name withheld)*

ALSO RECOMMENDED:

*Seek First: How the Kingdom of God Changes Everything* by Jeremy Treat / 2019

*Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion* by Rebecca McLaughlin / 2019

*The Burden of Baggage: First-Generation Issues in Coming to Christ* by Roy Oksnevad / 2018

*Margins of Islam: Ministry in Diverse Muslim Contexts* edited by Gene Daniels / 2018

*Following Jesus in Turbulent Times: Disciple-Making in the Arab World* by Hikmat Kashoul / 2018

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