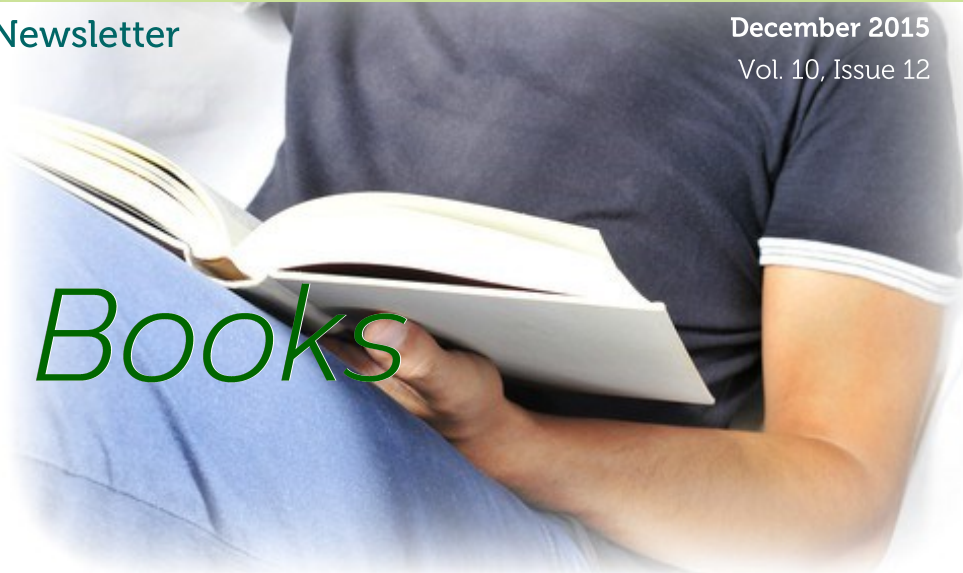


Best Missions Books of 2015



Mobilizers recommend this year's "must reads"

Last year's vote for best mobilization books produced some clear favorites. This year fewer people submitted titles, and only one book was nominated by more than one person. Because the whole list was worthwhile, we have included one recommendation from each participant.



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Discipling



One Thing: a Gospel-Centered Life on Mission

Ben Harrell with study guide

I used this book to train a short-term team going into an area of unreached peoples. The holistic Bible study allowed each person to examine themselves first as a disciple and then as a disciple-maker. The personal illustrations make it very real and sometimes raw.

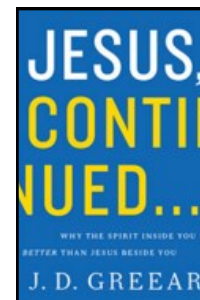
—Debbie Stephens, *Equipped to Go*

Jesus Continued

J.D. Gear

This book is a study not only on the Holy Spirit's work in your life, but also about using your gifts to let Jesus work through you to bring others to Christ.

—Caryl Mallory, *JAARS*



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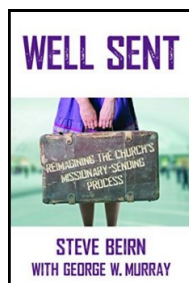
Missionary Sending & Care

Well Sent

Steve Beirn with George W. Murray

Steve has written a book that many of us in local churches have longed for. Through biblical insights, mission realities, and personal experience, this book presents practical lessons to incorporate into the missions DNA of your church.

—Bruce Huseby, *Calvary Church, Grand Rapids*



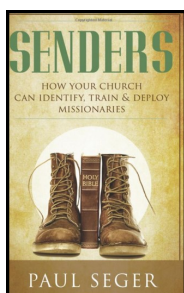
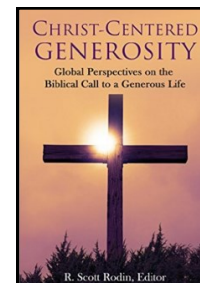
Generosity & Stewardship

Christ-Centered Generosity: Global Perspectives on the Biblical Call to a Generous Life

R. Scott Rodin, editor

Inspiring stories on giving from around the world. This theologically sound, biblically-based resource focuses on our call to be faithful stewards who live lives of generosity and joy.

—Barbara Shantz, *TWR & Lausanne Sr. Associate for Resource Mobilization*



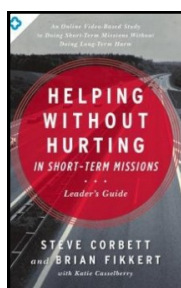
Senders: How Your Church Can Identify, Train, and Deploy Missionaries with study guide

Paul Seger

Seger defines how to do missions well by emphasizing three priorities: missions, money, and management. Any person or church serious about cultivating missions

will be challenged by *Senders*.

—Robert Zink, *Biblical Ministries Worldwide*



Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions in leaders guide and participants guide versions

Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert

In terms of helping mobilizers, I would like everyone to have this on their shelf. It's a great practical extension of their key book.

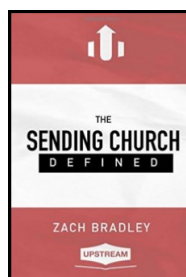
—Scott White, *Lake Avenue Church*

The Sending Church Defined

Zach Bradley

Compelling ideas around why the Church must reenter the work of sending with practical insights on how to step forward. A no-nonsense look at the why and how of churches sending well.

—RB, *North Park Community Church*

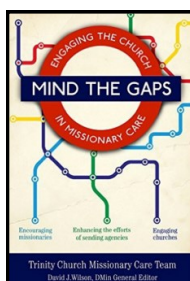
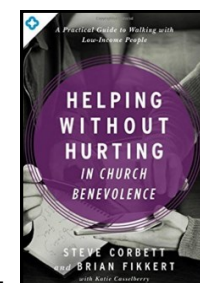


Helping Without Hurting In Church Benevolence: A Practical Guide to Walking with Low-Income People

Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert with Katie Casselberry

The Church's charge to help the poor in its community includes responsibility to understand the underlying causes of poverty. This book offers valuable insights and a practical process to follow. Downloadable resources help churches develop an effective, benevolence ministry.

—Kirk Lithander, *Fairhaven Church*



Mind the Gaps

David Wilson, Editor

The missions team of Trinity Church, Redlands, CA, shares practical insights on how to proactively care for the missionaries we send.

—Dan Crane, *Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton*

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Trends

Millennials in Ministry

Jolene Cassellius Erlacher

The future of America's impact on global discipleship depends in large part on how well we engage Millennials in God's global mission. Erlacher, an MK, helps us understand how to mobilize, mentor, and serve effectively with them.

—Steve Scaffone, Church of the Saviour

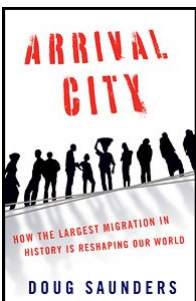


Expect Great Things

Marvin Newell

This book of short, sage statements on a variety of missions topics draws wisdom from venerable names from the past. Their advice can provide protection as you make radical statements.

—Doug Christgau, Valley Community Baptist Church

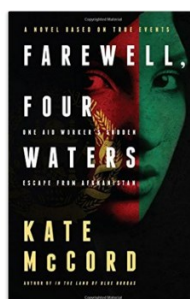


Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History Is Reshaping Our World

Doug Saunders

Written from a secular perspective, this book uses stories and analysis to look at the impact of the urbanization of our planet.

—Mark Szymanski, United World Mission



Farewell, Four Waters: One Aid Worker's Sudden Escape from Afghanistan

Kate McCord

A wonderful novel based on true events. In a challenging, cross-cultural context, a dedicated vocational field worker brings the gospel and the incarnational Jesus Christ to life.

—Jim Gibbs, Grace Fellowship Church



Other Categories

Great Commission, Great Compassion

By Paul Borthwick

Borthwick shows how the Great Commission and Great Compassion should guide our lives in today's ever-changing world. He includes lots of illustrations and stories. It's a must-read for every Christian.

—Tom Telford, retired, United World Mission



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