AICOME WORKSHOP:

MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOLS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The organizers of the ALL INDIA CONGRESS ON MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM through a circular letter dated 30 November, 1987, have kindly requested my response to the Coordinator's proposals for the above Workshop. I am grateful to them for this opportunity. My few, brief comments which follow are unable to deal adequately with an important and neglected subject, but I offer them for the serious consideration of the organizers and delegates.

1. My first and underlying conviction is that there is no need for AICOME to create another structure or organization! Surely a major evangelical error of our day is the creation of unnecessary organizations and conferences. Let AICOME not fall into that trap. Better stick to the announced purposes of AICOME.

2. Some of the Bible and other training institutes are related to Serampore. But in addition to Serampore affiliation, there is the possibility of accreditation through ATA (Asia Theological Association). In India there already exists an association for those interested, i.e. the AETEI (Association for Evangelical Theological Education in India). AICOME should not propose formation of yet another structure.

3. More than 80 training institutions exist in India. These have not been invited to AICOME. Therefore it would be inappropriate for AICOME to propose an agenda for these agencies. Initiative should come from the institutes and should be spontaneous.

4. Discussion needs to be well-informed. Facts, not mere opinions, are needed.

5. A major survey is under the sway of 'MISSIONOLOGY AND MISSIONARY TRAINING IN THEOLOGICAL AND BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTES IN INDIA', 1987. This effort is being carried out by CGRC and is planned to contribute to a world survey
being done by Prof. Olav Myklebust of Norway as a revision of his monumental work, *The Study of Missions in Theological Education* (Volumes I & II). A good response is being received and will give us the needed information. The findings will be compiled and made available by CGRC.

6. In addition to the survey results, CGRC is receiving requests from a number of training institutes for assistance in training faculty. In response, the CGRC McGavran Institute will be offering a two-week course, especially for faculty members, April 17-30 1988, in Pune.

7. Copies of the survey questionnaire and related correspondence are attached and may be duplicated for distribution to the Workshop members for their information if so desired. Any further response to the survey will also be appreciated by CGRC.

Respectfully submitted for circulation to the Workshop participants.

Roger E. Hedlund,
Coordinator and Lecturer
CGRC McGAVRAN INSTITUTE

cc: Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj (AICOME)
Rev. S. Vasantharaj Albert (CGRC)
Rev. P. J. Meshramkar (Nazarene Bible College)
30 November, 1967.

Dear Brother,

Greetings to you in the Lord's name. The enclosed sheet is a small part of the study material for a particular workshop group in AICOME.

Eventhough, you are unable to attend this Congress we send this material to you, as we consider you as one of the very responsible leaders interested/involved in these issues.

The interest of this workshop group goes beyond the event of the AICOME Congress, to the formation of national level networking or to establish certain standards of performance.

In this regard we would very highly value your frank suggestions, opinions, criticisms etc. Your input will enrich the level of discussion at the workshop and enhance the outcome of the AICOME Congress.

Kindly respond, before Christmas, directly to this workshop Leader (whose address is given in the enclosed sheet). We will very highly appreciate your input.

With much Christian regards,

Yours in the Lord's service,

Ebeneser Sunder Raj

EBENEZER SUNDER RAJ
Coordinator

Rev. Dr. THEODORE WILLIAMS
Chairman

Dr. THEODORE SRINIVASAGAM
Associate Coordinator

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1476, H-BLOCK, ANNANAGAR
MADRAS-600 040
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We have taken much effort to form the Workshop Groups, to enable the groups to have an effective level of discussions. We trust you will begin to progressively appreciate this fellowship with your group members. To facilitate this we have sent you the full details and address of your group members. We request you to begin to interact with them from right now. Post to them material introducing your ministry. Write to them putting your thoughts on paper on the topic and the concerns of your Workshop Group. Make copies of your write up and circulate by post to your group members.

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The following are some random items that may relate to your group's discussion. They do not represent the official stand of AICOME but they are mentioned here only for the purpose of provoking thinking and initiating interaction among your group.

The previous All India Congress on Missions and Evangelism held at Devlali in 1977 did a very significant job in defining the theological and ideological base for the various types of ministry. Therefore in this Congress we will not do the same. Instead your Workshop Group will move on straight into the functional aspects.
MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOLS AND BIBLE SCHOOLS are the interest of our workshop group. The most encouraging development in the last 20 years is the remerging of evangelist training bible schools all over the land. The standard English medium (as well as vernacular) Bible schools and Seminaries (80) play a very vital role in contributing for the theological strength of the evangelical faith and in producing pastors for the urban and suburban Christian communities. They are very much needed.

However it is the small vernacular bible schools (81) often geared to the rural and suburban non-Christian context, that produce evangelist (82) who goes out to evangelise the non-Christian in his own culture and people group.

The last 15 years have seen mushrooming of scores of such bible schools (most of them run by assemblies and free churches or by interdenominational para-church organisations and the production of thousands of E1 evangelists.

The next significant development is the emergence of many small missionary training schools (82 and 83), preparing missionaries for near cultural or distant cultural evangelism. They produce the E2 and E3 evangelists for the Indian missions.

While the Bo schools have academic affiliations and associations for interaction and mutual help the B1 schools do not have any network among themselves. They do not come under the Serampore umbrella. This is a great advantage - it enables them to stick to their goal - viz producing Evangelists. But B1 schools cannot stand isolated from one another. There is great need for some networking. This will enable them to strengthen their cause, facilitate mutual help, avoid duplication etc.

Missionary training schools (82 and 83) need to come into some networking. Presently the trend is "every mission have its own missionary training centre". The result is extremely poor academic standards, lack of teachers, trainers and counsellors. The defect is reflected in the very poor performance in the mission field.

Intermission centres like Y C L T, O T I and B B I show us the viability of cooperative training centres with good academic and administrative standards, Bo schools while being strong in theological standards suffer in missions and evangelism for want of faculty members with mission experience. E2 and E3 men are the best persons to meet this need. Indian missions must spare their men to help Bible schools in this need.

Similarly B2, B3 schools while strong in missions lack academic and theological base. Bo schools can second or lend their staff for short period to meet this need.

E3 missionaries instead of trying to evangelise new people groups all by themselves, should invest most of their energy, resources and time in establishing B1 schools in every unachieved people group. The immediate goal should be - one B1 school for every district. The priority of such investment is still not fully understood by most Indian missions.

There is an imperceptible pressure on all the bible schools to drift to upgrade and get recognised as shown below:

\[ B3 \rightarrow B2 \rightarrow B1 \rightarrow Bo \]

If evangelism to the unachieved should continue, this drift must be constantly checked. Study must be made if really (and if so why) the church does not recognise the courses offered by the small bible schools. (In most cases, this opinion is wrong) If really so, is it possible to arrive at some consensus on the courses, standards etc?

Can we think of a national association which can give the needed academic umbrella to the short term bible schools without affecting their goal of evangelism. Such a national association can also provide the exchange channel for staff, can be a watch dog on academic and administrative standards, avoid duplication etc.

What has been started above on the bible schools applies fairly well to the missionary training school. Write your reflections on the above to your workshop group members and friends. His address is: Rev P J Neshankar, Nazarene Bible College, Amritsar. Coordinator AICOME.

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UNREACHED PEOPLES should continue to occupy the centre of our attention. While the Indian missions today are labouring among about 300 new, (hitherto unreached) people groups, there are still around 2,500 people groups among whom there is no congregation or an evangelist.

Evangelism cannot be initiated into these people groups unless there is information presented as to who are the unreached. There is great need for this information.

The census data does not give information on caste groups and minority people groups like the Telugu speaking Naidus in Coimbatore or the Gujarati speaking Patels in Madras etc.,

Coming closer to our basic need there is no comprehensive current data available on the Christians in India. Eventhough a volume of data can be gathered from the church records they are not for the most part current data.

Survey - the collection of such information - should be done by evangelists / missionaries. This is the most ideal thing, because it is the evangelists who will finally make use of the information. But the evangelists in the mission field, belong to various Indian missions and churches. Visualise a networking that can be formed so that a cooperative survey is made.

Evangelists do not have expertise in doing survey. They have to be trained as well as to be monitored when they do the actual survey. Networking with research and training agencies like CGRC will greatly help the Indian missions.

1. Identify some ways and means how such networking can be done - How the financing can be done - how to raise the manpower.

2. Identify some norms how sharing of information can be done. "Our data" is the tendency which often destroys the opportunity of some one else making use of it for evangelisation.

3. Identify some practical steps how the information can be put to actual use by the Indian missions.

write down your thoughts, suggestions and proposals. Make copies and post them to your group leader and group members. Kindly do this now. Because at the Congress there may not be much time to hear all that you have to say. If you cannot make copies, send just one copy to your group leader.

LEADERS:
Rev Vasantharaj Albert
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109,6th Street
Secretariat Colony
Kilpauk
Madras 600 010

Dr Theo Srinivasagam
I E M
7 Langford Road
Bangalore 560 025

Thank you for your interest.

Yours in the Lord

Coordinator AICOME.
The external special security of the EFL, the FDR, Francis Frangipane, in anticipation of the January 1948 EFL synod lip conference, contacted the UNICEF office, requesting information about the refugee children. Unfortunately, there was not sufficient time between the request (July 1947) and the conference to conduct the intensive survey required to report in depth. Instead, the work was compiled and refiled. The information gathered on the situation of children and youth in the Catholic agencies in several countries was compiled and distributed.

The purpose of this paper is to attempt to 200 the scope of the problem and to provide a few guidelines as well as to offer some practical advice from the experience of working with young people. The analysis of the background and the implications of the situation as a whole will be examined. The analysis reveals the many situations as a central issue. The differences in methodologies in various contexts and organizations and individuals have been noted.

The analysis is presented in the form of a summary of the findings, highlighting the various issues and providing recommendations for future action.
To
Dr. Hedlund
CGRC, Madras

Dear Dr. Hedlund

Owing to some urgent work in connection with AICOME I had to change my schedule. I am free from Wednesday afternoon onwards. Can we meet on Wednesday or any time on Thursday? Please let me know. I regret the inconvenience.

Greetings

Yours in the Lord,

Eberner Sundberg

20 Oct 87
Dear Bro. Eke—

I had also planned my day (today) around our appointment at 2:00. I am sorry you have to break this.

Would next Wednesday be suitable? I will put it on my calendar for 3:00 p.m. 4th November.

Thank you.

W. Holland
09:50 A.M.
Kindly confirm by a telegram to Madras your attending the AICOME Congress to enable us to arrange things.
Thank you.
Dear Brother / Sister,

Greetings in the holy name of our Lord. The Planning Committee is happy to inform you that you are selected as a participant to the AICOME Congress.

We request your fervent prayer for the Lord’s blessing on the Congress. We also request your kind co-operation in the following matters so that we can serve you better:

1. Please fill up the enclosed Railway Reservation Form and send it along with the amount, on or before 20th of October to Mr. Paul Samuel, Delhi. Reservation requests received after end of October cannot be entertained. No alterations in reservations, in any form, will be entertained.

2. Please send Rs. 25/- as Conference Registration charge to Mr. Paul Samuel, Delhi, before the 30th of October. (The balance of Rs. 125 can be paid on arrival at the Congress).

All payments can be made by MO, crossed DD or cheque drawn in favour of the “Evangelical Fellowship of India”.

There are several persons on our waiting list, desiring to attend the Congress. Therefore please ensure your participation, by sending in the registration charge, on or before the 30th of October.

The AICOME Planning Committee decided, after considerable discussion, not to provide stalls at the Congress. Instead there will be a common display hall where you can keep your free literature, introducing your ministry. This display space is free of charge. This display hall will be kept open only during the off session hours and therefore no attendants will be necessary.

The first meal of the Congress is lunch on the 4th and the last meal will be lunch on the 8th January 1988.

Those official participants, who for their organisational business, need to stay on the UBS campus, before or after the above mentioned period, should make official arrangement with the Principal of U.B.S.

Address: Dr. Wintle, Principal, Union Biblical Seminary, Bibwewadi, Pune-411 037

The Congress programme schedule will be mailed to you in October, along with the details of the workshop group in which you will participate. (We regret this unavoidable delay because, the last date of receipt of the applications was extended by one and a half months.)

For all the physical arrangement details like finance, registration, travel reservation etc., please address your correspondence to:

Mr. Paul Samuel, Secretary, EFI, 803, Deepali, 92, Nehru Place, NEW DELHI-110 019
Phone: 6431133 (Office) 6413560 (Resi.) Grams: TEFOI

For all the correspondence on programme please address to:

Dr. Theodore Srinivasagam, Assoc. Co-ordinator, AICOME, 7, Langford Road, Bangalore-560 025
Phone: 579080 (Office) Grams: OUTREACH

We request you to kindly mobilise prayer for this Congress in your church / institution / fellowship. We look forward to your valuable participation in the Congress. With christian greetings.

Your servant in the Lord,

1478, H-Block, Ananagan, Madras-600 040

Co-ordinator, AICOME

Rev. Vasanthalraj Albert
Director
Church Growth Research Centre
Madras.

Dear Brother Vasanth,

Greetings to you in the Lord's name. This is to inform you that Dr. Hedlund is an invitee who represents at the AICOME Congress his overseas mission in India. If he has not yet received this intimation, he should contact his mission Headquarters in India:

Miss Ruth Lee
Baptist Mission
Paratwada - 444 805
Dist. Amravati, M.S.

Thank you.

With Christian regards,

Yours in the Lord's service,

[Signature]

EBENEZER SUNDER RAJ

cc: Dr. Hedlund, CGRC, Madras. Welcome to AICOME - I am enclosing the intimation letter on AICOME. We would value your prayers for the Congress.
We are happy to inform you on this forthcoming Congress on Missions and Evangelism. The following are some useful details:

DATE: 4 - 8 January 1988

PLACE: Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, Maharashtra

PURPOSE: To review our performance in missions and evangelism in the last 11 years, since the last AICOME in 1977 at Devlali and project plans for the next 12 years.

ORGANISING: This Congress is sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of India. The Congress is planned and organised by a national level Planning Committee of leaders drawn from different states of India.

PARTICIPANTS: There will be a total of 350 participants. Of this 300 participants will come by selection. The selection will be done by the AICOME planning Committee. The selection will be from the indigenous missions, para church organizations and from mission activists in the Indian churches.

The remaining 50 participants will come by official invitation. Of this 35 invitees will be leaders of Indian churches. The remaining 15 invitees will be representatives from international forums and national representatives from neighbouring South Asian countries.

PROCESS OF SELECTION: Each application is processed through a referee. The final selection will be done by the AICOME Planning Committee according to its criteria for selection.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: The following criteria will indicate the priority factors in selection, if not the exact percentage constitution of participants:

a) 20 - 30 years of age 25%
   30 - 40 years of age 50%
   Above 40 years of age 25%

b) Men 70%
   Women 30%

c) Task force 90%
   Theoreticians 10%

d) Persons who have never attended any national/international conference 75%
   Others

e) Field Workers 25%
   Administrators

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SPEAKERS AND GROUP LEADERS  All the speakers and group leaders will be Indians. Most of them will be under the age of 45. There will be 15 to 20 interest groups that will meet for 4 sessions each.

DISPLAY : The Congress will provide (on charge) stall space to organisations for display. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn through the display what the other missions/organisations are doing.

Also there will be general display on unreacheds, socio religious linguistic demographic data etc which will provide very useful information.

COST : The participants to the Congress must pay the following charges :

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TRAVEL SUBSIDY : Travel cost is the responsibility of the participants. However, all the selected participants will be granted, by the Congress, II class one way train fare.

MEDIUM : The medium of the Congress will be English. However, if there are a considerable number of participants who have a better knowledge of Hindi than English, arrangements will be made for simultaneous translation into Hindi.

SELECTION : The selected candidates will be informed of the selection, by July 1987. Full information along with instruction/study material will be mailed from August onwards, to selected participants.

HOW TO FILL THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Please type. If typing is not possible write in block letters.

2. In this Congress we look for participants who can actively contribute in the discussions and planning. Therefore in filling up item no 11 be very specific to indicate in what area you can contribute to the Congress.

3. After filling up the form, post it to your referee. He must be a person outside your church/organisation. He must be a prominent evangelical leader, well-known at state level or national level. He will fill up his reference on you and post the application form to our office.

4. The filled-up application form must reach our office on or before July 15, 1987.

5. For all correspondence on the Congress please write to :

AICOME 1476 H Block
Annanagar, Madras-600 040

We request you to kindly promote prayer in your church/mission/institution for AICOME.

Ebe Sunder Raj
Co-ordinator

Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj
AICOME
1476 H-Block
Anna Nagar, Madras 600 040.

Dear Bro. Ebe,

Thank you for your circular letter which I am handing on to Rev. Vasantha Raj.

This is just a note to inform you that the paper requested for distribution at the Congress is in the press. The 500 copies should be ready soon.

Warm regards and blessings of the Season.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund.

cc: Rev. S. Vasantha Raj Albert.

Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj  
Block 1476 (H)  
Anna Nagar West  
Madras 600 040.

Dear Bro. Ebenezer Sunder Raj,

Thank you for your letter of December 22nd., '87 regarding the book which is published for AICME.

It was in the month of November '87 you have discussed with Dr. Hedlund and asked him to write this book Introducing the Evangelistic Task: Unreached Peoples and Unevangelized areas of India. Today when we received the letter the book is ready except the cover design. So I do not see any possibility of deletion from the text of the book. It should have been done much earlier. As per your request we are sending 500 copies to your office in the last week of December '87.

I would like to meet you sometime after Christmas to discuss further. I am leaving Madras on December 23rd.

Yours in Him,

S. Vasantharaj Albert.

cc: Dr. R.E. Hedlund.
Dear Rev. Meshramkar,

Greetings in Jesus from CGRC Madras.

I am sending my comments and suggestions directly to you as requested by the AICOME Coordinator.

In addition to the CGRC Survey Questionnaire and correspondence mentioned, I enclose a copy of some YCLT curriculum comments sent recently to Dr. Narendra John and of possible interest to the discussion.

I regret that I will not be present. I also had not known that I was being assigned to this workshop.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund.

cc: Mr. Ebenezer Sunder Raj
    Rev. S. Vasantharaj Albert
ALL INDIA CONGRESS ON MISSION AND EVANGELISM
RESERVATION FORM
(TRAIN / BUS)

Please furnish the complete details regarding your return reservation in the below columns.

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Please send this form duly filled in by Oct. 20th, 1987, to:

Mr. PAUL SAMUEL
Evangelical Fellowship of India
803 Deepali, 92 Nehru Place,
New Delhi - 110 019

Thanking you,

Ebenezer Sunderaraj
Co-ordinator, AICOME
Conf - I'll believe in them!
(Devil's substitute preaching.
no results - no basis for
ACOME = failure (field theory)
"II = same pattern"
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5) Constructing, they're all fake!
PREMALATHA HANUMANTHIAH SESHADRI was educated at the Government College of Arts and Crafts, Madras. She was a British Council Scholar at the Hornsey College of Art, Middlesex Polytechnic, London from 1978 - '79.

In this exhibition she displays her paintings of Images 1984, Pisces 1975 and Birds 1975-76 in addition to a comprehensive collection of her graphics representing her work from 1979-1984. Premalatha's technique may be simple but there is nothing simplistic about her art. In the highly stylised flourishes of her pen and brush one can trace links with both folk art and calligraphy.
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This week will be devoted to free medical care. No sale. No data. (For follow-up). In Alep.

2. D. Antony: He was consulted.

I appreciate Antony's work.

But please advise not to yield to demands whenever they arise.

He has received more than Rs. 200.

And it is not good to give a raise now.

It seems it is in his position to do good work. He does not appreciate.
INDIA MISSIONS ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEVEL SURVEY

The meeting was held on July 18, 1987 at the Church Growth Research Centre, Madras.

Members present: Rev Dr Samuel Devadason
Rev Vasantherej Albert
Mr E Sunder Raj

Apology for absence was received from Dr Theodore Srinivasagan, Convener, who was out of India.

1. The committee decided to accomplish a minimum level of survey, to be able to present the findings, to the AICOME Congress for the sake of information and challenge.

2. The survey will be done through the help of 200 key contacts in 200 locations in India.

3. The survey will be led by the Church Growth Research Centre.

4. The depth, reference and parameters of this survey were discussed and decided on. The proforma for survey will be finalised by Rev Albert and Rev Devadason.

5. The essential data will include:
   i. Unreached people groups in each district
   ii. Partly reached people groups
   iii. Churches, missions, evangelists working among each of them.

6. The printing will be done by IMA.

7. The survey will be done from August – November 1987

8. The data will be processed by CGRC and the data will be made available to the AICOME Congress.

9. The estimated cost of survey is Rs 20,000/–.

10. The IMA General Secretary is requested to realise this amount for the survey, from AICOME as well as other sources.

11. More comprehensive level of survey will be aimed at, from 1988 onwards, based on the experience of the above preliminary survey.

* This committee was formed by IMA Executive Committee in July 1986 for steering the interest of survey, in response to the call of the Annual Conference of IMA 1986.
July 20, 1987

Rev. Vasantharaj Albert
Church Growth Research Centre
Post Bag 766
Kilpauk, Madras 600 010

Dear Brother Vasanth,

Greetings in the Lord's name. I am enclosing herewith the recording on the Survey Committee. I hope I have not missed out any point. Please let me know.

I trust by now you have received response from Dr. Devedas on the proforma.

I had a good time of discussion with Mr. Francis Jaypaul Singh who is the coordinator for survey in FMP8. I am very glad to understand that FMP8 is thinking of lending some person for the survey. We are thinking on the national level. This can be a very great help if member missions like this can second their personnel which will add to our task force with minimal cost of operation. I will also try similar arrangement with IEM and other missions. I believe that this will be a very great help in our need.

The AICOME planning Committee on the 3rd August in Hyderabad when I will be placing our financial need for the survey. Please pray that there may be provision made. I am also approaching this week a few other sources who may possibly respond.

However the printing has to start immediately for the proforma. This part of expense I can immediately undertake. Therefore send me the proforma as soon as you finalise to me so that I can send it to the press. If you can meet sometime this week that will be helpful.

Closing with greetings,

Yours in the Lord's service,

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CC: Dr. Madun – Fox for favour of information

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Dear Ebe annan,

Today I am leaving for Thailand and will be back in the last week of August. Please pray for my journey and studies.

I did not hear anything from you about the proposed meeting on July 18 with Dr. Devadass. As we understand, preparing the questionnaire is important and it should be done earlier enough to use the information for AICQME.

I am surprised to know that no invitation has been sent to Church Growth Research Centre for AICQME except a circular letter sent to me. Hope we will be invited for the historical conference. Another matter I would like to know is my assignment at AICQME. The above cited circular letter did not indicate anything specifically. So I will appreciate you if you could write to me about my definite role at AICQME.

With kind regards.

Yours in Him,

S. Vasantharaj Albert
cc: Dr. Roger E. Hedlund

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October 25, 1979

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Dear Rev. Naidu:

Your good letter of October 6th, addressed to the President of our seminary, has been referred to me for reply. Needless to say, both he and I found your letter most interesting. The Lord has certainly given you a wide-ranging and demanding ministry, for which we thank him. You should also know that we had earlier from others heard of your significant ministry.

Hence, when you expressed the desire to come here for graduate study, we could not but rejoice. Indeed, the School of World Mission has been raised up by God—we believe—to interact with men like yourself, deeply involved already in the ministry. Those who come to Fuller from missionary, evangelistic or pastoral service in various parts of the world find that when they study together in a place like this, and share their insights, enlargement of vision invariably comes to one and all. Both faculty and students are constantly involved in the enriching task of seeking to help one another become more effective in the task in which they are individually involved. So then, we trust that the Lord will make clear to you whether he wants you to come. If he sends you to us, you will doubtless do us much good. And we would hope that you will profit from the experience.

As for the details—please complete the enclosed application and return it with a $10 application fee and 3 photos of yourself. In addition, please contact all of your post-secondary schools and have them send official transcripts of your work directly to Mrs. Nancy Kelly in our Admissions Office. When we have these things, our Admissions Committee will make a decision regarding your acceptance and notify you by mail.

This letter comes to you with my hearty greetings.

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