



# Columbia Bible College Library

## Library Resource Guides

### Missions/Intercultural Studies

Website: <http://www.columbiabc.edu/library/>  
Click: RESEARCH GUIDES

#### Step 1. The On-line Catalogue

Use the on-line [Library Catalogue](#) to find a listing of books, ebooks, DVDs, and music CD-ROMs held in Columbia's Library. Sample keywords to search are:

Missions	Urban mission
Missionary	Third World
Intercultural	Poverty
Cross cultural	Specific religion (Islam, Judaism, etc)
World Religions	Specific place (North America, China, etc)

You can also combine search terms to get more specific results. For example, searching "North America missions" might be more helpful than searching either term alone.

#### My Library Account

You can renew, place holds, and check your library account from the [Library Catalogue](#). To set up "My Account" click on "[My Account](#)" at the bottom of the [Library Catalogue](#) menu screen. System prompts for username or barcode which is your Library or ID Card number and password. If you do not have a password, click on "*Forgot your password*". System generates password and emails it to the address on that account.

#### eBooks

Use the [Library Catalogue](#) to find a listing of eBooks held in the library. Go to the library website at: <http://www.columbiabc.edu/library/> and click on [Library Catalogue](#). If you're accessing the catalogue from home or off-campus you will be asked to enter your ID card number and your *Library Account password* (see [My Library Account](#) above).

#### ***Ethnographies - eBooks***

*Go to the [Library Catalogue](#) and search for ethnographies. Many ethnographies are located in the stacks, and current ethnographies are available as eBooks.*

#### Step 2. Reference Books

Reference books are non-circulating and are shelved in the Reference area of the library. They include encyclopedias, directories, biographical sources, dictionaries, commentaries and concordances. Overnight check-out of Reference books begins 1 hour prior to library closing time and are due back one hour after opening on the library's next open day.

Reference books provide useful background information on your topic. Examples of reference books include:

<i>Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries</i>	REF 266.003 E56 2007
<i>Brill Dictionary of Religion</i>	REF 200.3 M596 v.1-4 2007
<i>New Encyclopedia of Judaism</i>	REF 296.03 E56 2002
<i>Dictionary Of Mission Theology</i>	REF 266.003 D554 2007
<i>Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions</i>	REF 266.003 E92 2000

### Step 3. Journal Articles

Journal and newspaper articles can be useful sources of information for your research topic. These articles may be found by using online journal databases.

#### A. On-line Full-Text Databases at Columbia:

Go to Columbia's [Library webpage](http://www.columbiabc.edu/library/) ([www.columbiabc.edu/library/](http://www.columbiabc.edu/library/))  
Click on [Journal Articles](#)



[Academic Search Premier](#) (EBSCOhost) Fulltext - Excellent for ALL programs, largest scholarly multidiscipline full- text database. Excellent for CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, and INTERCULTURAL STUDIES topics.



[ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials](#) (EBSCOhost) some Fulltext - Excellent for MISSIONS and **INTERCULTURAL STUDIES** topics.



[ProQuest Religion Database](#) (Proquest) Fulltext - Excellent for CHRISTIAN and **WORLD RELIGIONS** and **INTERCULTURAL STUDIES** topics.



[CPI.Q.](#) (Canadian Periodical Index Quarterly) (Gale Info Trac Web) – some articles on cross cultural topics from a Canadian perspective.

### Step 4. Periodicals (print titles available at CBC):

Mission Focus  
Mission Frontiers  
Witness MBMSI  
Interreligious Insight  
Team Horizons  
Beyond Ourselves- Mennonite Mission Network

### Step 5. Internet Resources

The world wide web is a tremendous resource, use it carefully and critically. The key to the whole process is to think critically about what you find and if you use it you are responsible for ensuring that it is reliable and accurate. You might wish to confirm with your *instructor* whether he/she will accept internet resources other than online articles from journal databases.

## Missionary Biographies

### [Worldwide Missions Missionary Biographies](#)

Has a number of biographies and further information (i.e. writings, quotations, etc) on several old-time missionaries (<http://www.wholesomewords.org/missions/bioindex.html>).

### [Missionary Biographies](#)

Has many biographies on old-time missionaries, more than the above site, but less extra information (<http://www.missionarybiographies.com/>).

### [Missionary ETexts](#)

Once again, contains many biographies of missionaries from long ago. The neat thing about this site is that it contains info on **really** old missionaries, including Paul and St. Patrick, including some of their writings (<http://www.missionaryetexts.or>).

Note: it is difficult to find free contemporary missionary biographies online. Much information on older missionaries is part of the public domain and freely available.

## Missionary Stories

### [Mini Missions Mag](#)

This site has many stories from missionaries all around the world, most of which involve miracles (<http://www.missionsmag.com/>)

### [Africa Missionary Stories](#)

This site has missionary stories from all over Africa. These are more in the style of mission updates than of miraculous occurrences (<http://www.globalministries.org/africa/missionaries/>)  
Note: the parent site (globalministries.org) has stories from all over the world, not only Africa.

### [Agape Flights Missionary Stories](#)

This site contains links to blogs by missionaries serving with Agape Flights. You may have to press Ctrl when clicking on the links to go the blogs, depending on your browser (<http://www.agapeflights.com/missionary-stories.html>)

### [CMA Stories](#)

This site is run by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. It has videos, photos, and stories from many of the missionaries serving with the CMA. (<http://cmastories.com/>)

## World Religion Sites

### [BBC- Religions](#)

Information on all the major religions and some on the smaller ones. Information is presented in short articles and split up into different categories, such as Beliefs, History, and Rites and Rituals (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>).

### [Religion Facts](#)

Extensive information on all the major religions and many smaller ones. Easy to use and well presented. (<http://www.religionfacts.com/>)

### [Sacred Texts: World Religions](#)

This website is different than the others. It contains online copies of the major works of a religion. For example, for Mormonism it has the Book of Mormonism, the Pearl of Great Price, etc. You can read them all online. They are divided by chapter as well, so you don't have to scroll through them. Has texts from all the major religions and a few smaller ones (<http://www.sacred-texts.com/world.htm>).

### [World Religions- Infoplease](#)

Shows the religious make-up of every country in the world. For example, Botswana: Christian 72%, Badimo 6%, None 21% (<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0855613.html>).

## **Missions Organizations and Associations**

### **Christian and Missionary Alliance**

The Alliance Church's missionary organization. Includes info on the organization, missions opportunities, and the latest news about it (<http://www.cmalliance.org/>).

### **Mercy Ships**

Humanitarian organization committed to a three-fold purpose of mercy and relief, training, and ministry ([www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org)).

### **MB Mission**

Mennonite missionary organization website, has info on its programs, missionaries, and more ([www.mbmission.org](http://www.mbmission.org)).

### **MAF**

Missionary Aviation Fellowship. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed (<http://www.maf.org/>).

### **MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)**

a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. (<http://www.mcc.org>).

### **SIM (Serving in Mission)**

An international (not just in Mission) missions organization, SIM partners with churches to evangelise, disciple, and minister (<http://www.sim.org/>).

### **OM (Operation Mobilization)**

Operation Mobilisation is an international missions body that does short and long term missions ([www.om.org](http://www.om.org)).

### **Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada**

A leading organization in Bible translation and literary development worldwide. This site has info about the organization, Bible translation, and mission opportunities ([www.wycliffe.ca](http://www.wycliffe.ca)).

### **YWAM**

Youth With A Mission is an international volunteer movement of Christians from many backgrounds, cultures and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world ([www.ywam.org](http://www.ywam.org)).

## **Missionary History**

### **Christian Missions Historical Time Line**

A long list of short descriptions of mission activity from 30 A.D. until 2006 (<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/line.htm>).

## **Intercultural Info**

### **Library of Congress Country Studies**

Authoritative site that has a lot of in-depth information about many foreign countries. There is basically an online book for each country. They include information on geography, politics, history, society, and so on. They are very comprehensive.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/>

### [The CIA World Factbook](#)

The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 267 world entities. Extremely good resource for basic country information and it's FREE! (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook>).

## **New Religious Movements**

### [Center for Studies On New Religions](#)

This is an academic website for a group called CESNUR, which is an international network of scholars who study contemporary religious movements. At first blush, the site appears to be in Italian, but if you use the search bar in the upper right hand corner there are many English articles. These are usually about specific academic topics; for basic info on new religions, the sites below should be used.  
(<http://www.cesnur.org/>)

### [Apologetics Index](#)

This is a massive searchable index on many, many different religions. Use the search bar near the top of the page for best results. (<http://www.apologeticsindex.org/>)

### [Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance](#)

A huge non-profit site with a lot of information on new religious movements. The Google search bar near the top of their home page is the best way to search this site.  
(<http://www.religioustolerance.or>)

## **Theology and Mission**

### [The Place of Mission in New Testament Theology](#)

An academic article about how mission is portrayed in the New Testament.  
(<http://www.biblicalfoundations.org/pdf/NT%20Theology%20and%20Mission.PDF>)

### [An Introduction to the Theology of Mission](#)

An ENTIRE book online in pdf form. It is written from a Catholic perspective.  
(<http://www.copticafrica.org/books/Theology%20of%20Mission%20English.pdf>)

### [Biblical Theology of Mission](#)

A database of articles about mission theology. Some are free and some require payment. (<http://www.strategicnetwork.org/index.php?loc=kb&view=b&fto=1347>)

## **Urban Missions**

### [Biblical Perspectives on Urban Ministry](#)

A pdf collection of essays about different facets of urban ministry.  
([http://www.globalchristians.org/pdf/urban\\_readings.pdf](http://www.globalchristians.org/pdf/urban_readings.pdf))

### [Urban Theology](#)

A full-text collection of journal articles about urban missions. Many articles about many topics available. (<http://www.urbantheology.org/journals>)

### [Biblical Theology of the City](#)

A collection of five essays about urban missions.  
(<http://strategicnetwork.org/index.php?loc=kb&view=b&fto=3578&sf=Y>)

## Church Planting

### North American Missions

This page has a large collection of links to various church planting sites  
(<http://www.northamericanmissions.org/?q=node/244>)

### Paul's Church Planting Strategies

A fairly detailed article outlining the apostle Paul's church planting methods.  
(<http://churchtaskforce.org/resources/pauls-methodology>)

### Church Planting Village Resource Library

This site provides many church planting resources and much information about the subject. Some of the church planting topics include: finances, missions, doctrine/theology, lay church planting, and church plant models.  
(<http://www.churchplantingvillage.net/resource-library/>)

### Anabaptist Church Planting

This is a link to an article about Anabaptist values, church planting strategies, and how they fit together.  
([http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/online/aec01\\_murray\\_1-1.htm](http://www.newlifeministries-nlm.org/online/aec01_murray_1-1.htm))

### Church Planting Movements

This is a long article or short book on church planting movements around the world, freely available as a pdf.  
(<http://www.simplechurchathome.com/PDF&PowerPoint/ChurchPlantingMovements.pdf>)

## Step 6. Audiovisual Materials

**Selected** films available at the library:

Brother Sun, Sister Moon (DVD)  
Candle in the Dark (DVD)  
Reluctant Saint (DVD)  
Through Gates of Splendor (DVD)  
The Mission (DVD)  
End of the Spear (DVD)  
Rwanda Hope Rises (DVD)  
Not one Alone – The Church in Africa responds to AIDS (DVD)  
Coffee, Corn and the Cost of Globalization (DVD)  
Fix: The story of an addicted City (DVD)  
Through a Blue Lens (NFB) (DVD)  
Miss HIV (DVD)  
Montana de Luz (DVD)  
Metamorphosis (an in-depth look at the lives of former street kids) (DVD)  
Islam (PBS) (DVD)  
The Hajj (ABC News) (DVD)  
The Message: the Story of Islam (DVD)  
Inside Mecca (DVD)  
Transformations (DVD)  
Engage: Missions Mobilisation Resources (DVD)  
Missions Dilemma (DVD)  
Dafur Diaries (DVD)  
The Yali Story (DVD)  
Life & Debt (DVD)  
Uganda Rising (DVD)  
Columbia Churches call for Peace (DVD)

**Step 7. Other Libraries - Trinity Western University Library, Fraser Valley Regional Library, University of the Fraser Valley Library:**

All CBC students are eligible to register with [Trinity Western University Library](#) and [Fraser Valley Regional Library](#) at no cost. *TWU* is located in Langley at *7600 Glover Road*. *FVRL* is located a few blocks from CBC on *32320 George Ferguson Way*. Take 2 pieces of ID; one showing your current address, and the other your student card.

Students may also use the [University of the Fraser Valley Library](#) located in Abbotsford, 33844 King Rd. at no cost. To borrow materials at *UCFV*, borrowers may purchase a library card for \$25 per year. These libraries have books, videos, periodicals, and online journal databases that may supplement your research needs.

**If you would like help or further suggestions for research, please ask the librarian for assistance.**

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