

Reading List 2014

- Partnership, Solidarity, and Friendship: Transforming Structures in Mission by Philip L. Wickeri. Companion piece to Presbyterians Do Mission in Partnership policy statement of the PC(USA). The author critically assesses the history of "mission in partnership" and proposes new directions for the future. Available in Spanish by contacting the E&MP Office: (888) 728-7228, x8185. \$2.95 / PDS #7420003002
- 2. And Who is My Neighbor? Poverty, Privilege and the Gospel of Christ by Gerald W. Schlabach & John M. Perkins. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1990.
- 3. *Culture Shock: Dealing With Stress in Cross-Cultural Living by Myron Loss.* Middleburg, PA: Encouragement Ministries, 1983.

4. Having an Excellent Adventure

Published by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Division for Global Mission, copyright 1992. The cost is \$4.50 and may be ordered from the Presbyterian Distribution Service 1-800524-2612. Or visit http://store.pcusa.org/

- 5. *International Travel Health Guide* by Stuart R. Rose, M.D. Available from Travel Medicine, 1-800-872-8633, 351 Pleasant St., Suite 312, Northampton, MA 01060. (Or better yet, go to your public library or local bookstore and look at the few pages relating to your particular country.)
- 6. **Living Media** is a 60 minute audio cassette tape designed to give people who travel to the Third World the skills and confidence to use the media to share that experience. Skills that can assist your fundraising efforts before you go and help you share your experiences when you return. It is produced by Peter Wirth and Chris Bolt. To order, write to G/W Associates, 702 S. Beech, Syracuse, NY 13210. Phone 315-476-3396. The cost is \$9.99 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.
- 7. **Making a World of Difference: Creative Activities for Global Learning** is published by the Office of Global Education, Church World Service and Witness 2115 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-5788. Phone 410-727-6106; Fax 410-727-6108. The cost is \$16.95.

8. Planning an Excellent Adventure

This 20 minute video offers a guide for groups planning mission trips. It is produced by the Ecumenical Exchange Office of the Worldwide Ministries Division PC(USA). The cost is \$9.95 and may be ordered from the Presbyterian Distribution Service 1-800-524-2612.

- 9. **St. Francis and the Foolishness of God** by Marie Dennis; Joseph Nangle, OSM; Cynthia Moe-Lobeda; and Stuart Taylor. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 1993. This is particularly useful when working with groups.
- 10. **Tales of the Heart: Affective Approaches to Global Education** by Tom Hampson and Loretta Whalen. New York, NY: Friendship Press, 1991. Many educational resources for educators who seek support in their effort to broaden the world of their constituency, and for everyone who aches for a more just and peaceful world.
 - 11. A Journey Together: A Resource for Mission Volunteers and Their Congregations is published by the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (USA), copyright 1995. It is for short-term volunteers and their congregations, providing helpful questions and ideas for support; practical information; and resources of commissioning

- services. The cost is \$2.00 and may be ordered from the Presbyterian Distribution Service 1-800-524-2612.
- 12. **Tourism: Paradise in Peril. Facts Have Faces Sheet** is a helpful four page document published by the Office of Global Education, Church World Service and Witness 2115 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218-5788. Phone 410-727-6106; Fax 410-727-6108.
- 13. **People, Places and Partnerships: A Workbook for Your Mission Trip Abroad** by Sally Campbell-Evans. Worldwide Ministries Division, Presbyterian Church (USA), 1-800-524-2612.
- 14. When God's People Travel Together: Three Volume Set. Item # 2435807014 available separately or as a packet from Presbyterian Distribution Services (PDS) @ 1-800-524-2612. Or go to store.pcusa.org
 - a. When God's People Travel Together: A Trip Leader's Planning Manual (Vol. I) by Debby D. Vial. This resource helps trip leaders plan a successful mission trip by providing guidelines and procedures to follow before, during and after the journey. Item #7027099009.
 - b. When God's People Travel Together: Reflecting and Acting on Mission Trip Experiences (Vol. II) by Barbara Battin. Methods and tools for facilitating the group's processing and reflection on trip experiences in light of the gospel; prompts for individual and group journaling about experiences; integration of experiences into daily life; follow-up activities for after the trip. Item #7027099022
 - c. When God's People Travel Together: Bible Studies for Mission (Vol. III)
 Through Bible stories and contemporary examples, participants in this study will hear
 God's call to mission, discover what mission is and the importance of partnership in
 mission, and learn how one's life is transformed through active discipleship. Each of the
 five sessions includes discussion questions and conversation starters. Item#7440099083
- 15. When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself. Steve Corbett, Brian Fikkert. Moody Publishers, 2009.
- 16. Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It). Robert D. Lupton. HarperCollins, 2011.

GUATEMALA RELATED BOOKS

- The Guatemala Reader: History, Culture, Politics (The Latin America Readers)
 by Greg Grandin, Deborah T. Levenson and Elizabeth Oglesby. Duke University Press,
 2011.
- 2. Shattered Hope: The Guatemalan Revolution and the United States, 1944-1954. Piero Gleijeses. Princeton University Press, 1991.
- 3. Bitter Fruit: The Untold Story of the American Coup in Guatemala.

 Stephen Kinzer & Stephen Schlesinger, Doubleday, 1982, 255 pp.

 Details the 1954 coup which involved the CIA and the United Fruit Company; very helpful for understanding the current reality.
- 4. I, Rigoberta Menchu (An Indian Woman in Guatemala). Rigoberta Menchú, Ed. Burgos-Debray, Thetford Press Ltd., 1984, 247 pp. Autobiography of the 1992 Nobel Peace Laureate.

- 5. Stubborn Hope: Religion, Politics, and Revolution in Central America.
 Phillip Berryman, Orbis Books, 1994, 244 pp.
 A comprehensive analysis of the dynamic interplay between religion and politics in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.
- 6. Silence on the Mountain: Stories of Terror, Betrayal, and Forgetting in Guatemala. Daniel Wilkinson. Houghton Mifflin, 2002.
- 7. Re-Enchanting the World: Maya Protestantism in the Guatemalan Highlands.
 C. Mathews Samson. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2007.
- 8. The Art of Political Murder: Who Killed the Bishop? by Francisco Goldman. Bishop Juan Gerardi, Guatemala's leading human rights activist, was bludgeoned to death in his garage on a Sunday night in 1998, two days after the presentation of a groundbreaking church-sponsored report implicating the military in the murders and disappearances of some two hundred thousand civilians. Realizing that it could not rely on police investigators or the legal system to solve the murder, the church formed its own investigative team, a group of secular young men in their twenties who called themselves Los Intocables (the Untouchables). Known in Guatemala as "The Crime of the Century," the Bishop Gerardi murder case, with its unexpectedly outlandish scenarios and sensational developments, confounded observers and generated extraordinary controversy. In his first nonfiction book, acclaimed novelist Francisco Goldman has spoken to witnesses no other reporter has reached, and observed firsthand some of the most crucial developments in the case. Now he has produced *The* Art of Political Murder, a tense and astonishing true detective story that opens a window on the new Latin American reality of mara youth gangs and organized crime, and tells the story of a remarkable group of engaging, courageous young people, and of their remarkable fight for justice. 2008.
- **9. Gift of the Devil: A History of Guatemala.** Jim Handy, South End Press, 1984, 319 pp. Very readable.
- 10. What Prize Awaits Us: Letters From Guatemala.

Berniece Kita, Orbis, 1988, 213 pp. Through her letters, a North American nun shares what it was like to live in an isolated Mayan village from 1977-1983 through some of Guatemala's worst years.

- **11.Threatened with Resurrection: Prayers & Poems from an Exiled Guatemalan.**Julia Esquivel, Brethren Press, Elgin, IL, 1982.
- **12.The Certainty of Spring: Poems by a Guatemalan in Exile.** Julia Esquivel, EPICA, Wash, DC, 1983.
- 13. Guatemala: Politics of Land.

Margarita and Thomas Melville. Penguin. (Also under the name **Whose Heaven and Whose Earth** by Orbis Press, 1971)

14. Robbed of Humanity, Lives of Guatemalan Street Children.

Nancy Leigh Tierney, Pangaea Press, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1997.

15.Love in a Fearful Land, A Guatemalan Story.

Henri Nouwen. 1985. True story of two priests in Santiago Atitlán.

16. The Grandaughters of Ixmucané; Guatemalan Women Speak.

Emilie Smith-Ayala, Women's Press, Toronto, 1991. Interviews with Guatemalan women, many of whom are still visible in public life in 2000.

17.America's Watch for Human Rights Annual Report on Guatemala. 212-972-8400.

18.A Beauty that Hurts: Life and Death in Guatemala.

Lovell, W. George. Between the Lines, Toronto, Canada, 1995.

19. Conquest and Survival in Colonial Guatemala: A Historical Geography of the Cuchumatan Highlands.

Lovel, George. McGill-Queen's University Press; Kingston, ON Canada, 1992.

20. The Wounds of Manuel Saquic: Biblical Reflections from Guatemala.

Manley, Jim. United Church Publishing House; Ontario, Canada. 1997.

21.Bridge of Courage. Life Stories of the Guatemalan Compañeros & Compañeras Harbury, Jennifer. Common Courage Press; Monroe, Maine. 1995.

22.Guatemalan Women Speak.

Hooks, Margaret. EPICA; Washington, DC. 1993.

23. The Long Night of the White Chickens.

Goldman, Francisco. Grove Press, New York. 1992.

CONNECTING THE BIBLE WITH EXPERIENCES ON THE TRIP:

1. Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes.

Robert McAfee Brown, Westminster Press, 1984, 166 pp. Thoughtful perspectives given on key Biblical passages.

2. Liberation Theology.

Phillip Berryman, Pantheon Books, 1987.

3. The Scandalous Message of James.

Elsa Támez, Crossroad Publishing Co., 1990, 96 pp.

4. A Guide to Liberation Theology for Middle-Class Congregations.

Charles H. Bayer, CBP Press, 1986, 176pp. Delves into the implications of liberation theology for the "unpoor".

5. In The Power of the Spirit: The Pentecostal Challenge to Historic Churches in Latin America.

Editors: Benjamin Gutierrez and Dennis Smith. 1996. Presbyterian Distributing Service #74-240-96-003.

6. The Biblical Jubilee and the Struggle for Life.

Ross and Gloria Kinsler, Orbis Books, 1999.

7. Central America: a Nation Divided.

Woodward, Ralph Lee. Oxford University Press; New York, NY. 1985.

8. Roots of Rebellion: Land and Hunger in Central America.

Barry, Tom. Sound End Press; Boston, MA 1987.

9. Latin American Populism in Comparative Perspective.

Conniff, Michael L. Ed. University of New Mexico Press; Albuquerque, NM. 1982.

10. The Penguin History of Latin America.

Williamson, Edwin. Penguin Books; New York, 1982.

11. Let my People Live: Faith and Struggle in Central America.

Spykman, Gordon, et al. William B. Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI. 1988.

12. Pedagogy of the Oppressed.

Freire, Paulo. Continuum; New York. 1988.

13. The Wounds of Manuel Saquic: Biblical Reflections from Guatemala by Jim Manly

14. The Religious Roots of Rebellion: Christians in Central American Revolutions
Berryman, Phillip. Wipf & Stock Publishers, Jan 1, 2004

THE MAYA

1. Maya: The Riddle and Discovery of a Lost Civilization.

Charles Gallenkamp, Penguin Books, Third Revised Edition, 1985.

2. Maya Archaeology Eric Thompson.

University of Oklahoma Press. Revised, 1994. Very readable personal story of one of the important early Maya archaeologists.

3. A Mayan Life.

Gaspar Pedro Gonzales. YAX TE' press, 3520 Coolheights Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-6231. Tele-fax (310) 377-8763. Called the first published novel by a Maya. Good picture of everyday life of a Guatemalan peasant.

EXCELLENT RELATED BOOKS, INCLUDING SOME ON IMMIGRATION ISSUES:

1. Widows

Ariel Dorfman, Penguin Books, 1983, 146pp. A timeless story, written as a novel, of how some widows in places like Guatemala are not content to simply mourn the "disappeared", but challenge the system that causes this suffering.

2. War Against the Poor: Low-Intensity Conflict and Christian Faith. Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Orbis, 1988, 102pp.

3. A People's History of the United States.

Howard Zinn, Harper & Row, 1981. Presents a perspective that never made it into the history books; thought-provoking when compared to Guatemala's history.

- 4. Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother. Sonia Nazario. Random House, 2006. Based on the Los Angeles Times newspaper series that won two Pulitzer Prizes, one for feature writing and another for feature photography, this astonishing story puts a human face on the ongoing debate about immigration reform in the United States. Now a beloved classic, this page-turner about the power of family is a popular text in classrooms and a touchstone for communities across the country to engage in meaningful discussions about this essential American subject.
- 5. Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World.

 Jack Weatherford, Fawcett Books, 1988. Examines how Native Americans "gave"
 Europeans wealth, food, the idea of a federal government system, and many other innovations that are thought of as European.

6. The Devil's Highway. A True Story. Luís Alberto Urrea, 2005.

In May 2001, a group of men attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadliest region of the continent, the "Devil's Highway." Three years later, Luis Alberto Urrea wrote about what happened to them.

7. Hummingbird House.

Patricia Henley, Mac Murray & Beck: Denver, 1999. Novel about a missionary and U.S. soldiers of fortune in Guatemala.

8. The Massacre at El Mozote. Mark Danner. Vintage/Random House, 1994.

In December 1981 soldiers of the Salvadoran Army's select, American-trained Atlacatl Battalion entered the village of El Mozote, where they murdered hundreds of men, women, and children, often by decapitation. Although reports of the massacre -- and photographs of its victims -- appeared in the United States, the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador and the Reagan administration quickly dismissed them as propaganda. In the end, El Mozote was forgotten. The war in El Salvador continued, with U.S. funding.

Mark Danner's reconstruction of these events first appeared in The New Yorker in 1993. Now Danner has expanded his report into a brilliant book, adding new material as well as the actual sources. He has produced a masterpiece of scrupulous investigative journalism that is also a testament to the forgotten victims of a neglected theater of the cold war.