

Mission Resources

Research, Resources & Recommended Reading

"The LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts" (1 Chron. 28:9 NIV).

It's pretty astounding that search engines can instantly go out and scan millions of web sites around the world and bring back the information we are looking for. True, it is incredible. But putting things into perspective, all the web pages in the world are still less than 3 billion. In other words, God is searching twice as many people as the your browser searches web pages. He isn't just combing through pages of stale data, He is researching heart history, working out plans, giving guidance, and individualized instruction for 6.5 billion breathing changing people. The web is a wimp in comparison to God. Most of all, God cares; the web just performs.

As you start digging into mission research remember, God does His "research" for the sake of saving real people. Do your research with that "real people" mentality, too. Don't get lost in the numbers and the cool graphics; the bottom line is, "Is this changing anybody's life?"

Today, there are hundreds if not thousands of web sites featuring missions. To save you a bit of time, here are a just a handful of helpful sites. With some time, creativity and [Google](#) you can find your own resources.

MISSION BOOKSTORES

[William Carey Library](#)

This is the largest "missions bookstore" in existence. From basic mission stories to courses in anthropology, you can find it here.

[Voice of the Martyrs](#)

Real life stories of modern martyrs and Christian persecution are vivid pictures that strengthen the faith of any growing Christian. The site provides an opportunity to help persecuted believers. Features online and subscription newsletters, books, video seminars, and a kids section. Once you are on the site, select the Newsroom or Media tab.

[Adventist Book Center](#)

Adventist Book Center carries several favorites on missions, including stories for children.

[YWAM Publishing](#)

Carries a wonderful set of the hero biographies, *Christian Heros: Then and Now*, for both young and old alike.

PRAYER

[Operation World](#)

Join people from every nation, praying for people in every nation. Learn about who is yet to be reached, what their lives are like, what their beliefs are, and learn specifically how you can pray for them. Annual book and DVD are also available.

[Global Prayer Digest](#)

The Global Prayer Digest is a key tool in a movement to help fulfill Christ's commission to make disciples of all the peoples of the earth. This movement involves a daily discipline of learning, praying, and giving to help reach the world's nearly 10,000 unreached people groups.

RESEARCH

- [Global Mapping International](#) Understanding the problems, the people, and the possibilities. One of the best lists of mission research links on the web. A plethora of excellent mission maps and statistics on different CD's, posters, and books describing the needs and peoples of the 10/40 window.
- [Operation World](#) Learn about who is yet to be reached, what their lives are like and what their beliefs are about. Very detailed. An annual book and DVD are also available.
- [Joshua Project](#) Joshua Project is a research initiative seeking to highlight the ethnic people groups of the world with the fewest followers of Christ. Accurate, regularly updated ethnic people group information is presented. Details on how the indigenous people groups live, their history, and their beliefs. Prayer points are supplied. See the people group of the day, or research your own people group.
- [Ethnologue](#) The gospel travels through language. To learn how Adventist Frontier Missions and other missionary organizations lay plans for reaching the over 7000 languages and the tens of thousands of dialects in the world. This site is made by the famous Wycliffe Bible translators to help us understand the relationship of different languages.

REFERENCE

- [MisLinks](#) A collection of links to service organizations, articles, news & resources around the world.
- [InterVarsity Ubana 12](#) From their 2012 conference, you will find a variety of articles, books and online media on mission subjects ranging from missionary biographies to reaching the unreached to building bridges to the worlds most poor. To see a full listing of their books, [visit their online bookstore](#). InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an evangelical campus mission who want to see campuses renewed and world changers developed.

VIDEOS

- [Adventist Frontier Missions](#) A powerful library of 19 real life 30 minute movies about the lives of AFM missionaries and the risk and reward of frontier mission work. Featuring the unique culture and beliefs of the tribes and people from the missionaries' labor. Other short [mission videos are available online](#).
- [Maranatha Mission Stories](#) Maranatha International builds churches and schools during short mission trips. See and hear their mission stories firsthand. Select the News & Publications tab. They also offer downloadable podcasts.
- [Adventist Mission](#) Official SDA Church missions site. Watch mission stories online or order the DVD.
- [Pioneers](#) Online video, audio and mission stories. Their resources also include a collection of mission-oriented DVDs on a variety of topics.