

PERSPECTIVES STUDY PROGRAM ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

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The Fact Sheet

"Perspectives is absolutely essential for anyone interested in missions!" ~ GEORGE VERWER, Founder, Operation Mobilization

Over 70,000 people worldwide have now completed the Perspectives Study Program and as a result have impacted churches and un-reached peoples. The nature of the course is the primary reason of its hard-hitting effect.

Excellent Opportunity for Growth:

Perspectives Study Program is not simply an academic course designed to help mission-minded Christians learn more about missions. Rather, this course has helped open the eyes of people of all walks of life to discover the BIG picture of what God is doing globally. It is an informative course that equips you to determine how your gifts and abilities can be most strategically utilized.

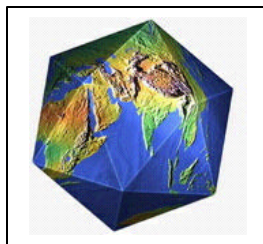
Participants will gain form and substance in their understanding of world evangelization and will gain access to tools and resources which will help them design personal strategies to see God's plan for the nations fulfilled through their lives. Many call it the most helpful, **life-changing** course available.

Excellent Teachers:

This program which examines four major 'perspectives' - biblical, historical, cultural & strategic - is brought to life by outstanding professors, top missions leaders & dynamic strategists, each an expert on the topic for his/her session. These teachers offer insight on their area of expertise as well as practical resources for further exploration. Over and over again, you'll walk away from a class at Perspectives Study Program having discovered profound new truths, insights about God, His global plan and exciting strategies for joining Him on His mission.

Comprehensive Studies to Stimulate Mind & Spirit:

The equivalent of a college course in missions, Perspectives Study Program was developed by the U.S. Center for World Mission with the help of Dr. Ralph Winter as a follow-up for students attending **Urbana Mission Convention**. Together with Steve Hawthorne and other mission leaders, a curriculum was designed to provide the most comprehensive, unique course on missions. The Perspectives Study Program is fully endorsed by Tyndale College & Seminary, Toronto and academic credits are available through this institution.



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The Impact:

The main test of this course's impact is the lasting effect it has on the participants' lives. The following reveals the exciting results of a survey sent to 200 randomly selected alumni to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the Perspectives Study Program:

***Increased Understanding * :**

Of those surveyed, 53% began Perspectives Study Program with a 'minimal understanding' of missions or 'no understanding' at all. 90% of these people left the class with a 'good or exceptional understanding'.

21% of all respondents felt they had a good understanding of missions 'before' the class but 96% left with a good or exceptional understanding 'after' the class.

***New Commitment* :**

Of the 53% who began the Perspectives Study Program class with a 'minimal or non-existent' understanding of missions, 80% are now 'strongly or 100%' committed to world missions.

Of the 21% starting with a fair or better understanding of missions, 91% are now strongly or 100% committed.

***Influenced Careers* :**

Overall, 64% were at least partially influenced by the course in later career decisions while the rest were 'substantially or very strongly' affected.

***Long-Term Plans* :**

66% plan on long-term (2 years or more) cross-cultural missions involvement.

***Current Missions Involvement* :**

Of the 172 respondents to the survey, 165 alumni classified their current missions involvement as follows:

- 88% support missions work financially
- 74% read missions periodicals or books
- 73% have a regular prayer time for missionaries
- 42% are currently involved in cross-cultural outreach
- 36% are preparing for cross-cultural work
- 29% serve on a church missions committee
- 28% are involved with a mission agency
- 27% find frequent opportunity to share about frontier missions
- 25% are part of a missions prayer group
- 11% have signed the Caleb pledge to commit their lives to the Great Commission.

What Now ???

If you are interested in taking the Perspectives Study Program in your area, please check out the registration and other information at

www.PerspectivesCanada.org