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1. The Irresistible Advance: 1500's-1700's

- **California**

- * 1595 *Onate*- colonize "New Spain" spread RC, establish missions, often cruel

- * 1713 *Junipero Sera*- 14 Catholic missions from San Diego- San Francisco- well-meaning, effective, but condescending

- **Canada**

- * 1625 *Jean de Brebeuf*- Learned customs & Language of Hurons- wrote first Huron Dictionary- Later martyred by a warring tribe

- * 1656-1680- *Kateri Tekawitha*- born in NY State- early native am. Convert to Catholicism- ministered in Canada

- **New England Puritan/Protestant**

- * 1646 *John Eliot*- teaching elder at First Church of Roxbury- Preached first sermon to Indians.

- * *Jonathan Edwards*- 1703-1758 Great Awakening in Northampton. End of career - to Stockbridge to Housatonic

Native American Missions

- * *David Brainerd* - (1718-1747) New York and New Jersey) After years of work- a revival broke out- nearly 150 converts, died of TB at 31.

- * *Eleazer Wheelock* (1743) Brought Samson Occum into home-educated him. Bring Indians and Whites together for missionary training. Still did not treat Indians as equals.

* *Samson Occum*- One of most successful of Indian ministers: the Montauk Indians & New England Tribes. Unequally treated compared to white ministers

* *Marcus and Narcissa Whitman* (1836- 1844) - Burdened for Reaching Indians of the Far West- Travelled to Oregon- later martyred by 2 unhappy Indians.

2. The "Great Century": 1800's

The Golden Age of Missionary Explosion:

- Evangelical Protestantism on the rise
- Decline in non- Chr. religions: Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam
- Roman Catholicism on the decline, particularly in Europe (less missions focus)
- Prot. Denominations developing rapidly, SS grows rapidly
- Relative world peace- less obstacles to enter foreign fields
- Better travel and communication
- Political Secularism - State church influence wanes
- Individual responsibility increases to share gospel
- Age of Enlightenment (Reason) morphs into Age of Romanticism- emotions, vision- Dream big!
- Reform movements spring up to change societies ills
- Christian Orgs. reach out with volunteers as never before
- Founding of many major Mission organizations

1810: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM)
graduates of Williams College, MA Sent missionaries overseas- China, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, & Thailand and to the Cherokee in AK

Notable missionaries:

- *Ellen Stetson* (1861) First single female missionary to Native Americans. Dwight Mission School in AK. to Cherokee children.
- *Betsey Stockton*- (1798-1865) Born into slavery- Wanted to be a missionary to Africa, applied to ABCFM. Said she could only

go as a domestic servant, but was considered "qualified to teach." When her masters left Hawaii, she had to as well.

1832- American Home Mission Society - Mission to the Am. Frontier

1865- China Inland Mission

1890- The Ev. Alliance Mission
(TEAM)

1886 Student Volunteer Mvmnt.

1887- Christian & Miss. Alliance

1893- Sudan Interior Mission

1890- Central Am. Mission

1895- Africa Inland Miss. (AIM)

Notable Missionaries:

South Central Asia: *Adoniram Judson:* Burma (Myanmar) "Zayat" evangelism. Translation work. Paid a high price personally and physically.

Black Africa: *Henry Stanley* (Of "Livingston, I presume!" fame)

China: *J. Hudson Taylor* Adopted native dress and hair. Learned language & customs. *The Goforths-* Open-house evangelism

The Pacific Islands: *Hiram Bingham-* Hawaii- Turning point when HI queen is baptized. Natives still thought to be "inferior."

3. The Expanding Involvement: Late 1800's - Early 1900's

Close of the 1800's - early 1900's: profound world changes impact missions:

- Europe is becoming less "Christian"
- Colonialism and imperialism being challenged and resisted
- Relative world peace ending (WWI and WWII)
- Rise of Marxism/Socialism/Atheism
- Women entering work force in larger #s- less men, more opportunities
- Theological Liberalism- (although less liberals are missionaries)
- Social Gospel gaining momentum- address broad human social needs
- A new breed of missionary: committed to keeping the faith pure
- Home base of missions shifts from England to the US

Single Female Missionaries

- Able to use spiritual gifts overseas they couldn't in the US
- Outlet for adventure and excitement.
- Raised their station in life
- Feminism = equality : Women's suffrage, the vote, more education, more opportunities.
- * Expertise in fields of medicine, education & translation work
- * Notable missionary: **Lottie Diggs Moon (South. Baptist)**
VA born, educated, 1873 to China. Outspoken, prolific writer

Student Volunteer Movement

- Begun at Mt Hermon, MA in 1886 (Mt. Hermon 100- like Cambridge 7)
- Targeted college students with broad educational backgrounds
- Many forsook professional careers, wealth & comfort to serve abroad
- YMCA- formed to meet social needs and spread foreign missions
- Notable Missionary: **John R. Mott**- Missionary Statesman, organizer, unifier in world mission movement, conservative stance

"Faith" Missionaries

- Usually unconnected to denominations
- Evangelism is highest priority
- Notable Missionaries-
 - **CI Scofield**- The Latin American Mission LAM
 - **Joe Moreno** - New Tribe Mission (Bolivia) 5 martyrs 1943
 - **Jim Eliot** and Operation Auca (Ecuador) 5 Martyrs 1956

4. The Call for Specialization- Mid 1900's

- **Medical Missionaries**- "the greatest humanitarian effort the world has ever known." **Ida Scudder**- from a missionary family that produced 42 missionaries in 4 generations- 50 years in India - Vellore Hospital

- **Translators and Linguists**-Eliot to the Algonquin's, Judson to Burmese, Hudson Taylor to the Chinese. Wycliffe and SIL: Goal:" Provide the Word of God in every language."
Notable Missionaries:
Wm. Cameron Townsend- Guatemala- "Why, if your God is so smart, hasn't he learned our language?"
Rachel Saint- Sister of the martyred MAF pilot, Nate Saint, to the Auca.
- **Radio and Recordings** HCJB- (Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessing)
Voice of the Andes- Quito Ecuador Trans world Radio
- **Missionary Aviation**
Notable Missionary: *Elizabeth Greene*- founder of Missionary Aviation Fellowship and its first pilot- flew missionaries with Wycliffe in Peru, later to Irian Jaya in Papua New Guinea.

5. The Shift Toward Nationalization: Later 1900's

- Focus on more national leaders and missionaries
- Turbulent change- the world no longer safe for missionaries.
- Twentieth Century Martyrs: **Stamms, Olson, Bitterman**

A New Generation- 2000 and beyond

Current Trends in Missions in the United States and World-wide:

- Less career missionaries, more short term missionaries.
- Questions about the long-term impact of mission trips.
- More partnerships- more equality between west and mission fields
- The west is shifting from the driver's seat to the passenger seat in missions - the nationals set the vision, not the western missionaries.

- "Glocal" mindset- think globally, act locally. Ex. Fair trade coffee
What we do here affects what happens there and vice versa. More back and forth.
- Holistic ministry- the whole gospel. Serving both body and soul- clean water in Peru, faming initiatives in Malawi
- More cooperation between secular NGOs and Christian missions groups to accomplish change in the world- HIV/Aids, BONO- the One campaign
- Technology and Communication is revolutionizing missions- Heaths in Chad with Wycliffe, Ramez Attalah in Cairo with the Bible Society.
- Center of gravity for number of Christians has shifted from the north and west, to the global south: Latin America, Asia, Africa. Most conversions, most revivals and vitality are in the global south.
- Missionaries used to come from the west (US) or the North (Europe, now missionaries come "From Everywhere to Everywhere."
- South Korea sends out more missionaries than anyone else, except the US, but it will soon surpass the US
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