Guidelines for Contributors
“My Pilgrimage in Mission”
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The purpose of the “My Pilgrimage in Mission” series is to pass on to coming generations lessons learned by the present generation of mission scholars and church leaders. Contributors should aim to give their reflections an overall personal autobiographical quality. (The editors wish the series to offer more than purely theoretical, “objective,” or academic exposition.) Elements of personal spiritual “pilgrimage” will be particularly appropriate. What moved or motivated you at significant turning points in your career or spiritual journey? Early experiences from your youth and experiences that were formative in setting you on a path of mission service should not be overlooked. For example, the late Bishop Stephen Neill once recalled a time of reflection on the meaning of the Cross, when he was twelve years of age, that helped determine his lifelong commitment of service to Christ. Early experiences in one’s missionary service are also appropriate, as when Donald Jacobs recalls a dream in which he had an impulse to bathe in a river in Africa upstream from where his African colleagues were bathing, thus exposing the reality of prejudice that inhibited his fellowship and effectiveness in East Africa.

People (including teachers) who modeled mission service and thinking for you, books that opened up new insights and vistas, conferences that had an impact on your understanding, encounters with national believers (or unbelievers) that proved to be life changing—all such components and milestones that shaped your mission service and thinking are appropriate. Early in the article, please give the place and year of your birth. It is well, also, briefly to situate yourself in terms of your family, education, and early goals or ambitions.

The final product, however, should be more than merely a personal chronology. Rather, the purpose is to disclose and analyze how you came to the understanding and implementation of mission you presently hold. In particular, how has your mind changed and what caused your mind to change about mission? Readers should be able to come away from the article with a greater appreciation of the nature and demands of faithful service in the Christian world mission.

Contributors can familiarize themselves with these guidelines by perusing articles already appearing in this series. The nearly 100 articles that have already appeared in the “My Pilgrimage in Mission” series can be accessed online at www.internationalbulletin.org. The registration required to log in to the site is free.

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