

9. MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Just as Evangelism is very much part of a Christian's walk with God, so Missions is integral to most studies in BGST. A large task force of lay persons serves either in evangelism or in missions. We seek to minister to these and the emphasis here is on a careful examination of the principles and issues relating to the winning of souls and the establishment and advancement of mission work.

ME101 INTRODUCTION TO EVANGELISM AND WORLD MISSION

(3 credits, offered bi-annually)

This course seeks to provide a Biblical basis for the task of world missions so that God's universal purposes for all nations are seen to be integral to a sound Biblical faith. For many in the Christian church an inadequate understanding of Scripture has led to worldwide mission becoming an optional extra both in their theology and in their Christian life. This course aims to examine God's purpose not only for Israel, but also for Gentiles of all races and background. The course includes a look at some of the missiological controversies which confront the church today and in the practice of worldwide cross-cultural mission. All these will be translated into down-to-earth practical reality in effective mission.

ME325/ CHRISTIANITY COMES TO ASIA

CH325 (1.5 credits, available for Private Studies)

Home to almost 60 percent of the world's population and the birthplace of all the major religions, Asia was resistant to the gospel for centuries. Apart from the Philippines which has a Roman Catholic majority, most of the other countries have had a Christian population of 1 percent and below. However, in the last three decades remarkable church growth has been noted in a number of countries, including Korea (25 percent), Singapore (14.6 percent), Indonesia (13 percent), and China (3 percent). In the case of the last, the Christian population has grown from 3.5 million in 1949 to what has been estimated at above 30 million today, almost a tenfold increase.