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**Diaspora (Scattered Peoples)**


IOM’s annual *World Migration Report* is essential for studying current trends in world migration. It provides up-to-date analysis of regional migration issues, policies, and global demographic trends. The current theme is: Communicating Effectively about Migration. It is an invaluable tool for missions students, missiologists, and filed workers who are reaching out to migrants.


One significant result of Diaspora is massive urbanization and the growth of the city. *Arrival City*, written by one of Canada’s leading journalists addresses the diversity of a people who are coming upon the ‘city’. He takes readers on a tour of today’s great cities, and discusses the change that migrants are bringing to the community.


*Exceptional People* looks at the history of migration, and its impact on societies and countries. It will give missions enthusiasts a vivid overview of migration and where it has brought us today.


Significant migration and the founding of diaspora communities are transforming the global landscape. These two first-rate resources by internationally-recognized experts orient the reader to basic definitions, the history of sociological and anthropological research, regional trends, and the diverse realities faced and created by these populations. Those interested in the multi-disciplinary field of diaspora missiology will inform their own research and efforts by such works.

There are a growing number of research centers that are dedicated to diaspora and migration studies, which offer helpful and up-to-date information and case studies on diaspora theory, diaspora communities, and migration realities. Several academic journals focus on these topics, including *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies,* and *International Migration Review.* Some journals concentrate on certain regions or populations, such as *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal* and *Notes and Records: An International Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies.*

There are multiple internet sites tracking migration and diaspora movement and communities. Many are group or geographically specific; others offer a more general view. Note, for example, http://www.migrationinformation.org/GlobalData/ and the United Nations website on International Migration http://www.un.org/esa/population/migration


Hanciles argues that the demise of the Christendom model worldwide, economic globalization, the changes in the profile of global Christianity, and the South-North migration of millions together have triggered an unprecedented missionary reality. Newly arrived Christian communities from the African continent visualize themselves in America as the vanguard of a fresh missionary movement of God in the world. This volume combines excellent historical research and missiological analysis with impressive case studies.


An important work about the shift of the center of the Christian faith to the Global South, now in its third edition. Jenkins raises awareness of the changing face of the Christian church, with theological emphases and religious practices different from what usually is seen in the West. This book can serve as a primer for those who want to get an initial feel of the kind of Christianity that is impacting the church in unexpected ways worldwide.

*Korean Diaspora and Christian Mission* provides an overview of the Korean Diaspora’s role in global missions. It contains Korean Diaspora case studies that will inspire other diaspora groups to strategize and mobilize for diaspora missions. This is a multi-author work on Korean diaspora movements and their missional implications. Its 21 articles cover historical, biblical, theological, and missiological explanations regarding global diasporas in general and Korean diaspora in particular. It is divided into three sections: Korean diaspora mission’s (1) theological foundations (2) related subjects such as Korean Evangelicals and Muslim neighbors, and multi-ethnic ministries, and (3) case studies. A significant and useful resource for understanding and evaluating diaspora mission studies, especially in Korean diasporic contexts.


*Scattered*, defined ‘Diaspora Missiology’ as ‘a missiological study of the phenomena of diaspora groups being scattered geographically and the strategy of gathering for the Kingdom’. It was the first volume to address the Filipino Diaspora and its role in global missions. *Scattered* explores the historical, biblical, theological, and practical aspects of Filipino Diaspora in global missions. A classic text on Diaspora Missiology and a must read for diaspora missions students.


This four-part collection of essays is an introductory volume on the theory, methodology, and practice of diaspora missiology and its sub-fields. It describes the new global demographic realities that have given rise to this new multidiscipline paradigm in missiology, which is different in significant ways from traditional missiology. In addition to a biblical and theological orientation, eight case studies demonstrate the need for and the challenge of diaspora missions as a new mission strategy. Contains extensive bibliography.

Lausanne resources: *The Lausanne Movement* has hosted a series of consultations on diaspora


and has produced *Scattered to Gather: Embracing the Global Trend of Diaspora* (Manila: LifeChange Publishing Inc., 2010), which is available for download on the internet. Also note Lausanne Occasional Paper #55, *Diasporas and International Students: The New People Next Door*


Published in 2004, LOP #55 continues to provide missions students with a context for Lausanne’s Diaspora initiative. The *Scattered to Gather* booklet contains a strategy for reaching the ‘people on the move’. It was presented to the participants of Cape Town 2010. It includes a theology of Diaspora Missiology, and practical suggestions for participation at a local level. Assembled by the Lausanne Diasporas Leadership Team.

The Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People has resources at

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/migrants/index.htm

Because this is a burgeoning field in missiological circles, articles on migration, diaspora communities, and diaspora missiology appear in scholarly missiological journals, such as *Global Missiology, Transformation, Mission Studies, Missiology, International Review of Mission*, journals dedicated to geographical regions, as well as more popular level publications like *Evangelical Missions Quarterly.*


In 2010, Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, dedicated two of their journal volumes to the issue of Diaspora. These papers are vital to developing a framework for diaspora missions.


*Dying to Live* highlights the journey of Mexican migrant workers who take great risks ‘to live.’ In this film, Catholic priest, Daniel Groody explores the search for God amid the struggle.