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INTRODUCTION TO THEME ISSUE

A casual observer noting the statistical size of the Missionary Church might never realize the disproportionately large impact our denomination has had on the kingdom of God. The three main articles in this issue of Reflections provide historical overviews of three organizations through which Missionary Church influence has reached and continues to reach portions of the universal body of Christ much broader than any denominational boundaries.

First, Rev. Paul Erdel, retired career missionary to Ecuador, surveys the role played by Missionary Church people in the formation and development of pioneer Christian radio station HCJB. This "Voice of the Andes" has given the Gospel message to millions through the years, as well as serving as a pattern for many subsequent Christian radio stations around the world.

Second, Dr. Zenas Gerig, also retired after a missions career in Jamaica, reviews the ministry of the Missionary Church in and through the Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association. CETA, along with the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, which it founded, has greatly enhanced and broadly equipped the Christian church for ministry in the entire Caribbean region.

Third, Rev. Bill Malick, pastor, church planter, and now director of the Church Multiplication Training Center, highlights the brief, but amazing history of this organization. Founded by the Missionary Church, CMTC trains leaders in church planting and church revitalization for many denominations and in several languages.

In each case, it is clear that God has chosen to use a small vessel, the Missionary Church, to pour out a huge blessing on His people. May we all be challenged to expand our thinking about what God is able to do in and through us.

To God be the glory, great things He has done!

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