

# New Initiatives in Adventist Mission

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Adventists have always done mission with zeal. Our far-flung worldwide mission demonstrates that we have been serious about reaching the world with our message. We have not always been as serious about thoughtful reflection on why and how we have gone about the task. To encourage and support such reflection as well as bring renewed mission action, two new entities have been founded. The first is **The International Fellowship for Adventist Mission Studies**. (IFAMS)

This Fellowship has four specific purposes:

1. To create opportunities for fellowship and networking.
2. To facilitate dialogue between individuals and Adventist mission organizations.
3. To foster academic scholarship in mission issues.
4. To mentor and encourage those interested in mission.

More details about this organization are available on request by writing to the Department of World Mission, Andrews Univer-

sity, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 or the Institute of World Mission at the same address.

Another initiative of IFAMS is to begin publishing a journal – **The Journal of Adventist Mission Studies**. You hold in your hand the very first issue. Beginning a journal entails a great deal of hard work. The editors and contributors are pursuing this venture because they feel a passion for mission and desire the church to be a good steward of her mission and message.

We hope that you will read this journal carefully and benefit from it. We dream further that you will actually join in our endeavor and help us by giving feedback and making suggestions. Submit to the journal an article that has grown out of your research, study, or experience. Join us in working and praying that these two new mission initiatives may further God's Kingdom.

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