

Proposal
Protestant Missions

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Missions are a Latin Christian theological term that can be translated as the “sending of God. This writer found examples of missionary people such as Eduardo Hoornaert, who went as a missionary from Belgium to Brazil. There was Constantine, who had imperial, and force power. Missions often involve sending groups, called missionaries, across boundaries.

Protestant churches did not do much missionary work during the era of the Reformation because all their energies were absorbed in the work of organization and the struggle to exist. Earle E. Cairns denoted, “During the Counter – Reformation the great missionary work was done by the Jesuits and other orders in the Roman Catholic church.”

The Reformation unfolded in Europe in the early 16th century. For over a hundred years, occupied by their struggle with the Catholic Church, the early Protestant churches as a body were not strongly focused on missions to “heathen” lands. Instead, the focus was initially more on Christian lands in the hope to spread the Protestant faith, identifying the papacy with the Antichrist.

Protestant churches began sending out missionaries in increasing numbers, spreading the proclamation of the Christian message to unreached people. Protestant missionaries from the Anglican and Lutheran and Presbyterian traditions starting arriving in what was then the Ottoman Empire in the first half of the 19th Century.

Biography

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