

2017-2012 Education For Mission

2017 Education for Mission

Selections can be from the 2012-2017 reading lists if not included in previous reports, children and youth titles can be read for credit in all plans of the Reading Program. Brenda Thompson Reading Program Specialist UMW Communications

Bonus Books - Bonus Books count as two books. They are only used in the Social Action and Education for Mission categories. They count either as two books in the same category or as one book in each of the two categories.

2017 Education for Mission

Boundless What Global Expressions of Faith Teach Us About Following Jesus. Bryan Bishop. Baker Books (2015) 239 pages

Through colorful firsthand accounts, the author explores how fresh expressions of faith from American youth, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Native Americans who are experiencing and following Jesus outside the boundaries of traditional Western Christianity can revitalize our own faith journeys.

2017 Education for Mission – **Bonus Book**

Faith Ed. Teaching About Religion in an Age of Intolerance. Linda K. Wertheimer (BONUS BOOK) Beacon Press (2016) 224 pages

From Texas to Tampa, Florida; Wichita, Kansas to California; there is controversy around teaching religion in public schools. This fascinating investigation into the debate and how to best teach children religious literacy and tolerance reveals a public education system struggling to find the right path forward while offering a promising roadmap for raising a generation of religiously literate Americans

2017 Education for Mission

Liberating Black Church History: Making it Plain. Juan Floyd-Thomas Abingdon Press (2014) 163 pages

This book bears witness to the transformation of black faith and culture from enslavement and emancipation, through segregation, civil rights, Black Power, and to the age of Barack Obama. Liberating Black Church History is an indispensable tool for understanding the African American religious experience in a historical and cultural context.

2017 Education for Mission

Love Casts Out Fear: A Jihad Survivor's Journey from Revenge to Redemption. Brother Nathan and David Culross. Baker Books (2015) 192 pages

As a boy in Egypt, Brother Nathan witnessed an unthinkable attack on his father, a Christian pastor in a Muslim-majority country. Love Casts Out Fear tells a gripping, true story of danger, overwhelming anger and forgiveness that is beyond comprehension. Through Nathan's experiences in his beloved homeland, you'll see firsthand the joys and difficulties Christians face in the persecuted Middle Eastern church. You will marvel at God's ability to change hearts and care for those who follow the call.

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Wherever the River Runs: How a Forgotten People Renewed My Hope in the Gospel

Kelly Minter. David C. Cook (2014)

253 pages.

Journey down a river teeming with piranhas, caimans, machete-wielding mothers, heroic pastors, faith-filled children and miracles too seldom experienced in many parts of the world on this beautiful adventure through the jungles of Brazil. Kelly Minter rediscovers Jesus among a forgotten people living well beyond the corners of her previously defined faith—a people who draw her back, their pain and their hope, again and again.

2017 Education for Mission – Recommended Reading

A History of Religion in 5 1/2 Objects Bringing the Spiritual to Its Senses. S. Brent Plate

Beacon Press (2014)

A History of Religion in 5½ Objects takes a fresh and much-needed approach to the study of that contentious yet vital area of human culture: religion. Arguing that religion must be understood in the first instance as deriving from rudimentary human experiences, from lived, embodied practices, S. Brent Plate asks us to put aside, for the moment, questions of belief and abstract ideas. Instead, beginning with the desirous, incomplete human body, he asks us to focus on five ordinary objects—stones, incense, drums, crosses, and bread—with which we connect in our pursuit of religious meaning and fulfillment. As Plate considers each of these objects, he explores how the world's religious traditions have put each of them to different uses throughout the millennia. Religion, it turns out, has as much to do with our bodies as our beliefs. Maybe even more.

2017 Education for Mission - Youth – counts for all reading plans

Live to Give: Letting God Turn Your Talents into Miracles. Austin Gutwein

Thomas Nelson Publishing (2012) 199 pages

God gave each of us unique talents for a reason. When we offer the gifts we've been given, they are transformed into something bigger than we could have ever imagined. Austin Gutwein started his own journey with one simple gift: he liked to play basketball. He founded Hoops of Hope, which has grown to 40,000 members and has raised nearly \$3 million for AIDS relief in Africa. Discover your gifts and see what God has planned for you.

2017 Education for Mission – Children - counts for all reading plans

Journey with J.W. John Wesley's Ride Through Methodist History. Daphna Flegal

Abingdon Press (2015) 88 pages

In Journey with J.W., elementary school-aged children will ride through Methodist history with John Wesley and the early Methodists. Children will learn about our Methodist heritage and how it has shaped us as people of faith, how God inspired John Wesley and other early leaders of our church, and how God still calls us to tell the world about Jesus today.

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Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land. Ruth Everhart

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (2012). 176 pages. E-book available

Ruth Everhart jumped at the offer to travel to the Holy Land as one of several ministers taking part in a documentary about pilgrimage. Little did she know just how demanding and rewarding her transformation from Presbyterian minister, wife and mom to pilgrim would be. In these pages she writes about her trip into the dust and beauty of Christianity's cradle.

2016 Education for Mission

Coffee, Tea, and Holy Water: One Woman's Journey to Experience Christianity Around the Globe. Amanda Hudson

Abingdon Press (2015). 224 pages. E-book available

In *Coffee, Tea, and Holy Water*, Amanda Hudson provides a personal touch to profound questions about the nature and practice of faith as she travels to Brazil, Wales, Tanzania, China and Honduras. This book is about the places we meet what we share, and learning that the steps we take to cross geographical, cultural and personal borders make all the difference.

2016 Education for Mission - Recommended

Hope Runs – An American Tourist, A Kenyan Boy, A Journey of Redemption. Clair Diaz-Ortiz & Samule Ikua Gachagua.

Revell (2014). 208 pages, E-book available.

Claire Díaz-Ortiz arrived in Kenya at the end of an around-the-world journey, she decided to stay the night, climb Mount Kenya, and then head back home. She entered an orphanage and met Sammy Ikua Gachagua who had lost his father to illness, his mother to abandonment, It's about how God can change your life in the blink of an eye.

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Latin America – People and Faith - Geographical Study

United Methodist Women. 128 pages

Latin America: People and Faith is an overview of the richness of Latin America and its people for readers on the North American continent. The study examines the history of the region from pre-Colombian times until colonization and the struggle for independence. It also explores the current challenges of the nations, along with their rich art, culture and the ongoing contributions of women. The role of religion is woven throughout the pages and will help the reader understand how Latin America has been influenced by various religions and faith traditions. Photos by missionary Paul Jeffrey offer a glimpse of the work of The United Methodist Church in the region

2016 Education for Mission – Youth – Bonus Book – all plans

Our Rights: How Kids Are Changing the World

Janet Wilson

Second Story Press (2013). 32 pages

Here are true stories of kids just like you who are standing up for their rights and making a difference. Learn about Dylan Mahalingam from the United States, who started an online charity to raise money to fight child poverty, and child-bride Nujood Ali Mohammed from Yemen, who inspired other girls forced to marry too young. All of these young people are making a difference for children's rights, and you can, too.

2016 Education for Mission - Bonus Book

Unbound: The Transformative Power of Youth Mission Trips

Jann Treadwell

Huff Publishing Associates (2014). 136 pages

This is an essential guide for leaders and adult volunteers who want to create transformative experiences for young people and help them use their gifts to be a blessing to others. Filled with practical insights and ideas for navigating the details of planning and leading a mission trip, this book is theologically grounded, builds community and creates memories that will last a lifetime.

2016 Education for Mission

The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan. Jenny Nordberg

Broadway Books (2015). 384 Pages. E-book available

In Afghanistan, where the birth of a son is celebrated and the arrival of a daughter is mourned, a bacha posh (meaning “dressed up like a boy” in Dari) is a third kind of child — a girl temporarily raised as a boy with all the opportunities and freedoms boys enjoy. Written by the reporter who broke the story of this phenomenon for the New York Times, this is the story of Azita, a female parliamentarian who sees no other choice for her fourth daughter — but what happens when the girl refuses to change back?

2016 Education for Mission – Bonus Book

Uprising: A New Age Is Dawning for Every Mother’s Daughter

Sally Armstrong

Thomas Dunne Books (2014). 288 pages. E-book available

Meet the game changers, from Asia and Africa to America. From New York to Nairobi and from Kabul to Caracas, women are altering the status quo and organizing to protest rape, honor killings, polygamy, stoning and a dozen other religiously or culturally sanctified acts of violence against females. Author Sally Armstrong says “the earth is shifting” when it comes to the status of women.

2016 Education for Mission – **Children** - counts for all reading plans

Twenty-Two Cents: Muhammad Yunus and the Village Bank

Paula Yoo and Jamel Akib (Illustrator)

Lee & Low Books (2014). 40 pages

This is the biography of Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who from a young age was determined to make a difference in the world and eventually revolutionized global antipoverty efforts by developing the ground-breaking economic model of micro-banking.

2015 Education for Mission

Chasing Chaos: My Decade In and Out of Humanitarian Aid

Jessica Alexander. Random House (2013). 400 pages

In this honest and irreverent memoir, Jessica Alexander introduces readers to the realities of life as an aid worker. We watch as she manages a 24,000-person camp in Darfur, collects trial evidence in Sierra Leone and contributes to the massive aid effort in Haiti; we also hear about parties, romances, burnouts and self-doubt while struggling to do good in places that have long endured suffering.

8 print copies public library

2015 Education for Mission

Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain: Hope for a Planet in Peril

BONUS BOOK [one book in Education for Mission and one book in Social Action]

Benigno P. Beltran. Orbis Books (2012). 192 pages

Smokey Mountain is a vast garbage dump in Manila, the Philippines. For some, it is a metaphor for a planet choking on garbage and waste, but for Benigno Beltran, who served as chaplain to its 25,000 scavengers for 30 years, it is a metaphor of hope, a symbol of the will to survive and the ability to create joy in the midst of abject poverty.

2015 Education for Mission

The Golden Cage: Three Brothers, Three Choices, One Destiny

Shirin Ebadi Kales Press (2011). 256 pages

History is best described through life stories told in simple ways by appealing to what human beings hold in common: the love of life and country. The Golden Cage is the story of three brothers, as told by their sister, who each subscribes to a different ideology that tears Iran and their lives apart.

2015 Education for Mission – Bonus book [two books in Education for Mission]

*good God, lousy world and me: The Improbable Journey of a Human Rights Activist From Unbelief to Faith*

BONUS BOOK – [two books in Education for Mission]

Holly Burkhalter. Waterbrook Multnomah (2013). 208 pages

For years, Holly Burkhalter was a heartbroken idealist working on the front lines of change around the world. A witness to brutality and injustice, she found herself — often angrily, sometimes hilariously — at odds with a God who seemed distant at best and tyrannical at worst. Her riveting faith memoir will spur you to explore your own questions about God's presence — and seeming absence — in our broken world.

2 print copies public library

2015 Education for Mission

What's so Blessed about Being Poor? Seeking the Gospel in the Slums of Kenya

BONUS BOOK [one book in Education for Mission and one book in Social Action]

L. Susan Slavin and Coralie Salvador. Orbis Books (2013). 176 pages

In this inspiring exploration of how happiness and holiness can exist in the midst of poverty and illness, two women, one a Maryknoll lay missionary, the other a New York attorney who left her law practice to become a lay missionary, tell their stories of living among the poor in East Africa.

2015 Education for Mission – Youth – all plans

A Girl Called Problem: A Novel

Katie Quirk. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (2013). 256 pages

Despite her family problems, 13-year-old Shida is excited that her people will be moving to a nearby village where she will have the opportunity to go to school and learn from a nurse to become a healer. However, after a series of puzzling misfortunes, Shida must prove to the elders that moving was the right decision and that they can have a better life in their new home.

7 print copies public library

2015 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all reading plans

*Deep in the Sahara*

Kelly Cunnane (author). Hoda Hadadi (illustrator). Random House Children's Books (2013). 40 pages

Lalla wants to wear a malafa (the veiled dress worn by Muslim women) and doesn't understand why she can't. She sets out to find out why and learns what the garment represents.

27 print copies public library

2015 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all reading plans

My Name is Blessing

Eric Walters (author). Eugenie Fernandes (illustrator). Tundra Books (2013)

32 pages

This is the true story of Muthini, a young Kenyan boy with a physical disability. There is plenty of love at home with his grandmother but never enough money or food.

Muthini is too young, and with his disability he needs too much. His grandmother must make a difficult choice to help him, and they set off on a journey that will change both of their lives.

2 print copies public library

2014 Bonus Books

A Twist of Faith counts as **two books** in Education for Mission or as one book in Social Action and one book in Education for Mission. ***Finding Higher Ground*** counts as two books in Social Action or as one book in Education for Mission and as one book in Social Action.

2014 Education for Mission

Awake : Doing a World of Good One Person at a Time. Noel Brewer Yeatts. 212. 176p. Baker Books.

This compelling, story-driven book urges readers to open their eyes to the needs of a hurting world. It is a gripping, to-the-point challenge to get involved in realistic, positive change--one life at a time.

Building on more than twenty years of experience in humanitarian relief efforts and community development around the world, author Noel Brewer Yeatts urges readers to realize that working to build a better world is not about guilt, handouts, or charity. It is about justice, compassion, and personal investment. She encourages readers to live a life fully awake . . . and doing a world of good. 2 print copies Public Library. 1 ebook.

2014 Education for Mission

A History of the Romani People. Hristo Kyuchulov and Ian Hancock. 2005. 32p. Boyds Mills Press.

A thousand years ago, a group of people driven out of India took to traveling the world, adopting cultural customs and religious beliefs from those they encountered. They integrated these beliefs with their own and created the unique Romani culture. This book takes us deeper into their lives, past and present, helping us understand and appreciate their distinctive culture.*

2014 Education for Mission

On this Spirit Walk: The Voices of Native American and Indigenous Peoples. Henrietta Mann and Anita Phillips. 2012. 128p. Abingdon Press.

What sets this **resource for small-group study** apart is the list of Native American United Methodist writers who contributed to the work. This diverse group, including activist and human rights advocate the Rev. Liberato Bautista, embraces a cross section of tribes and nations, ages and life experiences, and provides a powerful depth of vision to these voices.*

2014 Education for Mission

Radio Shangri-La: What I Discovered on My Accidental journey to the Happiest Kingdom on Earth. Usa Napoli. 2011. 304p. Crown. [young adult readers]

. The stories of the wildly popular station are charming and gracefully revealing as Napoli shares her experiences of Bhutan's magnificent landscape, fiery cuisine, and openhanded daily life in a society that measures its achievements not with a Gross National Product but, rather, with Gross National Happiness. Napoli's engaging, keenly observed, and informative chronicle captures Bhutan midmetamorphosis as it transforms itself into a democracy and as media and the Internet redefine the Bhutanese concept of contentment. Booklist review

2014 Education for Mission

A Twist of Faith An American Christian's Quest to Help Orphans in Africa [Bonus Book]. John Donnelly. 2012. 200p. Beacon Press

Foreign affairs reporter Donnelly follows the mission work of one man, an evangelical Christian named David Nixon, who attempts to make a difference in the lives of AIDS orphans in the African nation of Malawi, which gained some visibility in America when Madonna adopted an orphan from that country. Nixon's backstory includes an evangelical religious awakening that helps him straighten out a youthful mess of a life that included addiction. His talents and zeal take him to Malawi, where he gets an education in how to do things the right, and wrong, way. In telling Nixon's story, Donnelly also sketches a much larger picture of the difficulties and necessities of cross-cultural interactions between well-intentioned Americans and Malawians skeptical of those intentions. There are no easy answers in this closely observed, eye-opening book. (July) Publisher's Weekly

2014 Education for Mission

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe. Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. 2011. 288p.

Most books that cover women's lives in Afghanistan under the Taliban recount suffering and loss, but journalist Lemmon wanted to shed light on the untold stories of enterprising women who found ways to take care of themselves and their families during the five oppressive years the Taliban was in power. Kamila Sidiqi's hopes of using her teaching degree were dashed when the Taliban overtook Kabul and its suburbs. As the oldest unmarried daughter, Kamila knew it was up to her to find a way to provide for her family. Realizing women still need clothing to wear under their *chadris*, Kamila asked her older sister to teach her and her younger sisters to sew. With her younger brother in tow, Kamila approached local merchants and found buyers for the clothing she and her sisters made, until she found herself with a plethora of orders and a number of neighborhood women who wanted to take part in the business. An inspiring, uplifting story about one woman's extraordinary courage and ingenuity in the face of adversity. Booklist review

2014 Education for Mission

St. Marks and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965.

Elen Blue. 2011. University of Tennessee Press.

St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans tells the story of a community center and the women who staffed it over seven decades. Motivated by their faith, these white, middle-class, southern women lived among New Orleans's poor, became involved in their lives, and served their spiritual and physical needs. Ellen Blue's presentation of these women and their work upends many received assumptions about the character, chronology, and regional basis of the Social Gospel movement, and it makes important contributions to gender, religious, and civil rights history. In particular, scholars often identify the Social Gospel too exclusively with northern male leaders—thinkers and writers like Walter Rauschenbusch, Josiah Strong, and Washington Gladden—and end the movement with the onset of World War I, when these leaders died.

2014 Education for Mission

Zimbabwe Bound: A Woman's Journey Through Africa. Larita Killan. 2010. University of Indianapolis.

"Born to an orphan train child, Anna escaped her troubled roots as a Chicago nurse, but big-city glamour was not for her. After a blind, seven-year correspondence, she married a South African rancher, moved to the banks of the Orange River, then homesteaded in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Anna and her husband made the bricks for their home, battled the leopards and baboons that threatened their crops, and negotiated the terms of daily existence with Natives. Tragedy led them to Mt. Selinda Mission where they labored to improve medicine and agriculture for all Rhodesians. Through Anna's letters, we share the tragedy and inspiration of her African journey"--P. [4] of cover.

2014 Education for Mission

*The Roma of Europe* [Mission Studies / Geographic]

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Mission Studies can be reported in the Reading Program in the following categories: spiritual growth, education for mission and social action. 9/9/2013 1:31:54 PM

2014 Education for Mission – Youth [include with all Reading Plans]

*Growing Up Muslim: Understanding the Beliefs and Practices of Islam.* Sumbul Ali-Karamali. 2012. 224p. Delacorte. Grades 5-8

The American author, born to parents who had emigrated from India, discusses in broad outline some facts and facets of Islam and looks at Muslim identity in contemporary Western society. The book supplies historic context for some Islamic prohibitions, differentiates between religious context and other cultural influences, and keeps the narrative moving quickly. For kids without much knowledge of Islam, this short book can be a starting point, perhaps of most value to students who lack any direct knowledge of Muslim peers and/or have research needs to satisfy. It also will bring up more focused questions that readers can explore elsewhere. Booklist review

2014 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all Reading Plans

Tara's Lookout. Eugene R. Caputi. 2012. 32p. Self-Published.

Tara is a young girl with developmental disabilities who spends most of her time observing the world from her family's terrace. Home-schooled, she's lonely and bored until one day she gets a chance to save a life. The story exposes readers to day-to-day life in India and serves as a gentle reminder about acceptance of those who are differently abled.*

2014 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all Reading Plans

The Coyote Under the Table. Joe Hayes. 2011. 136p. Grades 2-5

Once again Hayes intrigues and amuses with this charming compilation of 10 classic tales from the Latino communities of northern New Mexico. The collection—which has the most in common with Hayes' picture book *A Spoon for Every Bite* (1996)—expresses the magical realism of many Latino traditional tales and the vibrancy of protagonists within the oral tradition. Like in *The Day It Snowed Tortillas* (1995), Hayes retells in both Spanish and English, capturing the authenticity of characters such as *el perro viejo* and *el coyote*, who enjoy pozole and tortillas under a family dinner table. Another tale features Gallo Pinto, a guardian cat who loyally aids his owner, Juan Cenizas, in outwitting his greedy brothers. Each of the tales, structured as individual chapters, opens with a beautiful full-page pencil sketch by Castro. With Hayes' talent to entertain, each chapter can stand on its own as an intermediate elementary classroom read-aloud or as a vehicle through which to study Latino folklore.

– Booklist review

2013 Education for Mission

Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation: Responding to God's Justice Initiative. William K. McElvaney. iUniverse. 2009. 150p

Designed as an ecumenical study guide for local congregations and groups. *Becoming a Justice Seeking Congregation* is based on sound biblical, theological and liturgical grounding, and offers practical know-how strategies from McElvaney's ministry and from the experiences of others addressing justice issues in a variety of settings.

Education for Mission 2013

Everyday Justice: The Global Impact of Our Daily Choices. Julie Clawson. InterVarsity Press. 2009. 208p

Everyday Justice takes readers on a tour of everyday life and reveals how small lifestyle choices have big implications for justice around the world. The book unpacks food and clothing choices and shows the surprising costs of consumer waste, concluding that the more sustainable a lifestyle, the more just the world will be.

2013 Education for Mission

How Coffee Saved My Life: And Other Stories of Stumbling to Grace. Ellie Roscher. Chalice Press. 2009 163p

1 copy public library interlibrary loan

At 25, Ellie Roscher, a self-described rich, white North American overachiever, decided to spend a year in Lascano, Uruguay. She reveals her physical and emotional struggles for survival, and though spiritually tried and tested, she eventually flourished beautifully. This is the story of Ms. Roscher's year-long mission and how, through a multitude of grace-filled moments, she discovers that God has accompanied her all along the journey.

2013 Education for Mission

Rubble Nation: Haiti's Pain, Haiti's Promise. Chris Herlinger & Paul Jeffrey. Church Publishing. 2011. 146p BONUS BOOK.

1 copy public library interlibrary loan

Rubble Nation takes readers back to this complicated and fragile world of promise and pain. The photos and descriptions tell the story of what life is like on the ground twenty months after the earthquake.

2013 Education for Mission

I Am Hutterite: The Fascinating True Story of a Young Woman's Journey to Reclaim Her Heritage. Mary-Ann Kirkby. Gale Cengage Learning. 2011. 401p

2 copies public library/Wooster, 8 copies public library interlibrary loan

I Am Hutterite takes readers into the hidden heart of the little-known Hutterite colony in Manitoba where Mary-Ann Kirkby spent her childhood. When she was 10 her family left the colony and Ms. Kirkby describes how she adapted to popular culture, but felt a deep sense of loss. *I Am Hutterite* is a powerful tale of understanding how beginnings can define a person.

2013 Education for Mission – Youth - counts for all Reading Plans

Cry of the Giraffe. Judie Oron. Annick Press. 208p

3 copies public library interlibrary loan

Labeled outcasts by their Ethiopian neighbors because they are Jews, 13-year-old Wuditu and her family made the difficult trek on foot to Sudan in the hope of being transported to Yerusalem and its promise of a better life. Instead they are herded into a refugee camp and Wuditu is separated from her family and forced back to the border. Her only hope is to be reunited with her family in Yerusalem.

2013 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all Reading Plans

One World Kids Cookbook: Easy, Healthy and Affordable Family Meals. Sean Mendez. Interlink Publishing. 2011. 96p BONUS BOOK

20 copies public library interlibrary loan

This colorful, amply illustrated cookbook of international recipes emphasizes the educational, nutritional and social benefits of cooking with children, offering 19 recipes from as many nations. The book devotes four pages to each recipe and country, along with enriching notes on food and cultural facts. The emphasis here is on fun, collaboration, invention and food as an engaging art rather than an exact science.

2013 Education for Mission – Children – counts for all Reading Plans

Mali Under the Night Sky: A Lao Story of Home. Youme. Cinco Puntos Press. 2010. 40p

6 copies public library interlibrary loan

Mali Under the Night Sky is the true story of Lao-American artist Malichansouk Koumanchao, who walked with her family from Laos to Thailand when she was 5 years old. Due to wars not contained by borders, she and her family had to leave their home to be safe. She remembers the journey and the beauty and strength of Lao Culture.

2012 Education for Mission

*Beaded Hope*. Cathy Liggett. Tyndale House Publishing. 2010. 386p

Beaded Hope author Cathy Liggett, and Beaded Hope founder Jennifer Davis became friends in 2005, bonded by a common love of Africa and a desire to make an impact on the world. Cathy and Jennifer traveled to South Africa together in March of 2008, and from that trip came *Beaded Hope*, the novel. Cathy fell in love with the women of South Africa and the mission of the non-profit organization Beaded Hope, and now donates 20% of her earnings from the sale of the novel to the organization. Together Cathy and Jennifer work to put into action the African proverb.

2012 Education for Mission

Because He Lives: Faith, Hope and Love in Action. Catherine Ritch Guess. CRM Books. 2010. 276p

A true and living example of the faith, hope and love that emerged from one of the most horrid genocides in the world's history, *Because He Lives* portrays the many ways the united Methodist Women members' supplemental giving helps not only the Methodist Mission in Cambodia but the women and children there. Bonus book [count as two books]

2012 Education for Mission

Cesar Chavez: A Photographic Essay. Ilan Stavans. Cinco Puntos Press. 2010. 96p

Mention the name Cesar Chavez and you're likely to get a wide range of reactions, depending on the age of the person you ask. Although most people recognize the name, they don't always connect it to his legacy, and not many realize that during the U.S. Civil Right Era Cesar Chavez led marches trying to improve the status of itinerant workers in the United States.

2012 Education for Mission

Forgotten Girls: Stories of Hope and Courage. Kay Marshall Strom and Michelle Rickett. InterVarsity Press. 2009. 176p.

All over the world, women and girls face starvation, displacement, illiteracy, sexual exploitation and abuse. These pages hold their stories of deep pain and suffering, inspiring courage and incredible hope. They are the stories of girls who have discovered their value in God's eyes in the midst of cultures that have rejected them.

2012 Education for Mission

It's Easier to Reach Heaven Than the End of the Street: A Jerusalem Memoir. Emma Williams. Interlink Publishing Group. 2010. 412p.

In August 2000 Emma Williams arrived in Jerusalem with her three small children to join her husband and to work as a doctor. For the next three years, she witnessed an astonishing series of events in which hundreds of thousands of lives, including her own, were turned upside down. This powerful memoir continues to bring to live the realities of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

2012 Education for Mission

We Wait You: Waiting on God in Eastern Europe. Taryn R. Hutchison. WinePress Group. 2008. 222p.

Inspiring and humorous, *We Wait You* is the real-life story of hearts transformed after the Revolutions of 1989 in Eastern Europe. History and faith will come alive as you take this riveting journey with one woman who made a difference during the unforgettable events that forever changed Eastern Europe.

2012 Education for Mission

Bamboo People: A Novel. Mitali Perkins. Charlesbridge Publishing. 2010. 272p

When 15-year-old Chiko is pressed into military service by the Burmese government, he finds himself involved in an ongoing war with the Karenni people, one of the many ethnic minorities in modern Burma. A scholar, not a soldier, Chiko soon gets wounded and finds himself at the mercy of Tu Reh, an angry Karenni boy only slightly older than he is. Will these two teens, who should be natural enemies, find a way to friendship? Perkins' latest novel—told in the individual voices of the two boys—explores that possibility while introducing a considerable amount of factual and contextual information about present-day Burma. Though occasionally didactic and a bit preachy, this is nevertheless a story that invites discussion of the realities of warfare rooted in long-standing antagonism and unreasoning hatred of “the other.”

2012 Education for Mission - Youth – counts for all Reading Plans

Lacey and the African Grandmothers. Sue Farrell Holler. Second Story Press. 2009. 164p.

What difference can a young Blackfoot girl from North America make in the lives of grandmothers in Africa? A lot, as Lacey discovers. Her decision to help will bring about amazing changes in her life and her community.

2012 Education for Mission Youth - counts for all Reading Plans

Thunder Over Kandahar. Sharon E. McKay. Annick Press. 2010. 260p.

Best friends Tamanna and Yasmine cannot believe their good fortune when a school is set up in their Afghan village; however, their dreams for the future are shattered when the Taliban burn down the school and threaten the teacher and students with death. Their future in jeopardy, the girls realize they must flee.

2012 Education for Mission - Children - counts for all Reading Plans

14 Cows for America. Carmen Agra Deedy and Wilson Kimeli Naiyomah. Peachtree Publishers. 2009. 32p.

It is June 2002 and a very unusual ceremony begins in a far-flung village in western Kenya. A gift is about to be bestowed on the men, women and children of America. The gift is as unsought and unexpected as it is extraordinary, and for a heartsick nation, the gift of 14 cows emerges from the choking dust and darkness as a soft light of hope and friendship.

2012 Education for Mission - Children – counts for all Reading Plans

Faith. Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis and Cynthia Pon. Charlesbridge Publishing. 2009. 48p.

Celebrate faith around the world in its many expressions: praying, singing learning, caring and more, and discover the common threads that bring people together in reverence and joy.