

REBUILDERS

The mission of Strategic Christian Services is to educate Christians and promote their growth; in turn they help bring transformation to their culture through the Kingdom of God. This is the goal, to give examples of God's way of living in this world He created. The fall schedule here in the U.S. shows the diverse ways SCS is accomplishing this goal.

Our first stop in September is San Francisco for a meeting of the local ICA group, Peter Wagner's International organization of church and ministry leaders which represents several million believers around the world. Then on to Boston for the first *Strategic Life Training Intensive* in the New England area. This is the last of four Intensives held this year in the United States. Sponsored by local churches, these Regional Intensives allow for greater growth by fostering local "ownership" of the program with less travel expenses. In some instances the program has been included in the training of church leadership and in high school curriculums.

In late September New York will be the site of the annual Strategic Christian Services Board meeting. This will be a particularly important meeting, as organizational changes are being considered to establish separate North American and International Boards due to our growth. Our goal is for each Board to productively focus on their area of responsibility so as to maximize the affect of SCS within their nations. Here in the U.S. we are in a season of great growth for both our flagship schools, *Strategic Life Training (SLT)* and the *Business Leadership School (BLS)*. A separate North American Board will be able to concentrate on this.

In mid October, Dennis Peacocke goes to Chicago for the annual conference of Urban Ministries International (UMI) headed by Jeffrey Wright, husband of Lakita Garth Wright. This is a wonderful opening into the African American community. UMI supplies Sunday School materials to more than 12,000 African American churches weekly. They are considering ways to integrate SCS materials into theirs.

Next, our SCS Ambassadors Event will be in Atlanta. This group of supporters use their time, talent and treasure to further what we are able to accomplish together. These events are an opportunity for both new and old supporters to fellowship and give creative input to SCS's future operations. Dennis also brings updates on the ministry with an insider perspective and always "tests" his presentation of new insights on this special SCS group.

Your funds at work

Our last and longest trip this Fall will start in Kansas City, addressing a conference of The Joseph Company, affiliated with the International House of Prayer. This is a business group active in marketplace ministries. Next stop is Dallas for a business seminar for another ICA group. Then on to Europe, which we will give a report on next time.

At home and abroad the call to encourage and train Christians to serve God in their generation is being fulfilled in this great variety of venues. Strategic Christian Services is about stimulating practical action, not just theological "theory." It's happening, and thank you all for your part in making it possible!



The SCS vision continues...

Around the world, SCS impacts thousands of believers by equipping their leadership through our schools, seminars, educational materials, and personal interaction. Since 1979 we have endeavored to serve those who are seeing God's Kingdom and seeking to express it in the whole of human life and culture.

SPIRIT TO SPIRIT

Why is a Christian Worldview so Important?

As I have said over the years, one of our greatest problems in the Church today is that we have "saved souls" but "secularized brains". In other words, we've been saved out of Egypt into salvation's Promised Land, but Egypt remains within the way we think politically, socially, and culturally. Yes, we reject sexual sin, drunkenness, theft, and the "big sins", but we remain trapped in the world's left-right political games, the capitalism/socialism economic paradigm, and a host of unexamined cultural attitudes we all caught in our secular education. All of this is powerfully reinforced by the contemporary news and opinion-shaping media. This all shows up in the constant deterioration of our surrounding culture, a culture that believers are to be biblically transforming as "salt and light".

Without an effective and applied Christian worldview, believers will continue to only sporadically and nominally affect the world. Focused on heaven, believers leave God's earth to the world-system to manage its resources and control its people.

We either are too self-absorbed to care about the culture's captivity and the people's oppression, or we don't see the fundamental differences between the world-system and the Kingdom of God clearly enough to know how to strategically engage the transformation process. Both world evangelization and church reformation dramatically suffer.

For all of these reasons and more, Strategic Christian Services is committed to spreading a Christian Worldview to the nations through our *Strategic Life Training* and *Business Leadership School*, as well as conferences, educational materials, and influence. May our passion for Christ and love for people continue to deepen and make us even more effective in this quest. Likewise, may you join us in this quest and share in the joy of seeing people set free and made more spiritually contagious!

■ Dennis T. Peacocke

God's judgment is redemptive. In Psalms we see mercy and judgment going hand and hand. The whole issue of judgment is tied to God's mercy inextricably by Jesus Christ and His work on the cross. I was talking to a man a few days ago who was utterly scandalized by the horrific crimes that have been perpetrated on children this year. I agreed it made my stomach turn. I then used the occasion to say society is not meant to take that risk again. We are to protect our young. Capital punishment is sending the situation to a higher court. God can forgive and work it out rather than putting society at risk. To my surprise, he expressed the opinion - that was not what he thought God should do. He did not respect a god being merciful to such people. He ended the conversation; I guess he knew I was speaking of the Christian God and would next be telling him of the availability of forgiveness for himself.

God's law base is for the good of His creation. He wants us to learn to rule and reign with Him. This world is our classroom. It is His clear desire that His creation be blessed. He has given us His Law and His Holy Spirit to teach and counsel us. It is also clear God considers the good of the whole when establishing laws for the human community. He knows that as individuals, we have eternity to be conformed to the image of Christ, His Son.

■ Jan Peacocke



PRAYER & EVENTS

CALENDAR

Please pray for this ministry, and for the Church to have wisdom and generosity in ministering to Katrina's victims.

SEPTEMBER

- ICA Regional Meetings:
San Francisco, CA: 6-7
- SLT Summer Intensive:
Plymouth, MA: 7-11
- Business Conference:
Kirkland, WA: 22-24
- SCS International Board Meetings:
Ithaca, NY: 27-28

OCTOBER

- UMI Conference:
Chicago, IL: 13
- SCS Ambassadors Meetings:
Atlanta, GA: 14-16
- Joseph Company Prophetic Summit:
Kansas City, MO: 21-23
- French Transform:
Toulouse, France: 29-31
- 3rd Annual Christian Teacher Conference:
Vienna, Austria: 31-Nov. 2

NOVEMBER

- Business Leadership School Taping
Biel, Switzerland: 2-4
- Jahu Church:
Biel, Switzerland: 4-6

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