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**Profile of a Gangsta**: A Commentary

by Lawrence V. Hernandez

Larry Hernandez has been a gang counselor and a proclaimer of the Gospel to the street gangs in the San Francisco, Central and Southern California areas for the last 24 years. His working home-base has been the United Methodist Church in Merced and Los Angeles counties, and The Bridge (a counseling center) also in Merced county.

O ur society is confronted with radical groups of all kinds which are continually starting fires and bombing structures, terrorizing, shooting and killing, maiming, and beating innocent people. The common presupposition in our cities is that of freedom, but with a perverse twist—the freedom to suffer, kill, and die.

As our society has evolved, it has succumbed to the internal strife of its angriest people: "the gangstas." The apocalypse has dawned, the red sun has risen and the gun has become the "lethal" denominator in which this group of people communicate their most vile hostilities to the outside world.

I use the street term "gangsta" because I have seen a definite "gangsta" profile emerge from those people who see themselves as a "contraculture," or that group of individuals who have a common group of norms which they adhere to, which are not part of greater society, and which choose to live against the mainstream of society.

Random violence and killing is, at best, futile and absurd in essence. It is this corporate characteristic that perpetuates and nurtures the mind-set of: "terminal thinking."

Terminal thinking is the mind-set, in particular, for the Hispanic gang member. There is no future, no life, no love, no loyalties, no meaningful, no joy, no acceptance, and no honor outside the barrio enclave. To "be down" for your barrio is to die or kill for it. Other characteristics of the barrio gangsta’s mentality

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by Dr. Dean S. Gilliland,
SWM Professor and former United Methodist missionary to Nigeria for 21 years.

We are a missionary family; there is no question about that. Lois and I have been married forty three years. Half of those were African years. Three of our children were born there and all five think of Africa as their home. Our memories of Africa are a family treasure. Not all see the treasure as pure gold, but all place their special kind of value on it.

Missionary family begins with husband and wife

Having a solid and happy marriage can be difficult on the mission field. The stress that come with "other-culture" living often causes awkward behavior and odd responses.

You’re not "at home", especially at first, and relational values get out of balance. Thinking back, I was so fascinated with being a missionary that I didn’t work on husbandly things as I should have. Often one spouse is more intense about being a missionary than the other. Sometimes one is better trained, or learns the new language more quickly. Working as a couple in missions sometimes seems to shut down the right of one partner or the other to make an honest complaint about their relationship. This is hard on any marriage.

The surprises that a dedicated couple can have upon settling into missionary life often defy the imagination. Relationships will go one way or the other. They can pull the strands of an inexperienced or insecure marriage almost to (Continued on page 2)
The Gilliland Family. L to R: Dean Jr., Dale, wife Lois, Douglas, Dr. Gilliland, Barbara, and David.

Missionary families

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the breaking point or they can be handled in a way that will provide that deeper happiness we all want in our marriages.

Yet there is another side of it. Being so far away from the home and family of both partners and living in radically different surroundings, is an opportunity to know, enjoy and appreciate each other. The longer we lived in Africa, the more attached we became to African people and to each other. Our missionary years have become an almost unconscious definition of who we are. It is as though our family members have been lovingly branded—and the mark always shows, regardless of what they are doing now as independent adults.

WHEN FAMILY INCLUDES CHILDREN

Thank God the missionary kid is getting little more attention now than ever before. Missionary children are put into an unusual situation. I have already said that our five grown children are attached in many visible and indirect ways to Africa. This attachment is on a scale of, “I don’t regret it,” to, “I cherish the experience and always will.” In today’s world, the bi-cultural person is not quite the exotic odd-ball that he or she used to be. While we have to recognize the problems, the positive things about growing up on the mission field lie in the background of everything.

I learned some things the hard way as a missionary father. The first is that the family (wife and children) must come first. We hear so much about “quality time with the family.” Believe it! During those years, I could easily become occupied with an African child while my own little son stood by trying to get my attention.

There is little gained by idealizing about the missionary vocation to one’s children, thinking that they will surrender you as a parent “to serve the Lord.” If we could just see this simple fact: Family is the most highly prized gift God has to give. The family comes first. That, in turn, affects the big questions: Should we go back after furlough? Should the children go to boarding school? Will we put them first before any controversy that might arise in the work? How can we show them, each one, how precious they are?

THE ROAD HOME

Missionary families have a problem about knowing where home really is. Parents may know that ultimately their children will live in the parents’ homeland. Yet children should never be made to feel that the mission home is not their real home. Children need roots. The parents’ home is not the children’s home until the children themselves make it so.

Various kinds of separation is really hard on our missionary children. Some who are older must separate from relatives and friends when they go to the field. Education in a boarding school is another whole story of separation. Leaving “home” for furloughs is confusing to them. Then there is that inevitable, final separation from much-loved places and people—which is trauma of the highest order. Little wonder that many missionary children choose to marry and raise families in the only home they know—their “mission home”.

The missionary family is little understood while highly praised, it is vulnerable while unbreakable. God must love the missionary family in a very special kind of way.
**End of the year Mission Chapels**  
*Thursdays from 11:30 - 12:15*

**"If you haven't made a mission chapel yet, you won't want to miss these!!"**

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<td>Professor of contextualized theology and African studies, Dean has served as a missionary in Africa for 22 years.</td>
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<td>Magaurite Ingram</td>
<td>President of Maranatha International Network, Magaurite has written songs on Grammy winning albums and has frequently spoken on Christian television.</td>
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<td>May 5</td>
<td>Dr. Isaac Canales</td>
<td>&quot;Urban Ministry: Problem or Promise&quot; Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo in this multi-cultural service coordinated with the Hispanic Ministries Department.</td>
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<td>Cathy Schaller</td>
<td>&quot;The Journey Further Up and Further In&quot; Cathy has had a ministry of prayer and intercession for 13 years, and leads seminars and retreats in the area of deepening intimacy with God.</td>
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<td>May 19</td>
<td>Dr. Chuck Van Engen</td>
<td>Chuck is well known to Fuller. As professor of Theology of Mission, his classes are stimulating. He has had extensive cross-cultural ministry experience in Mexico.</td>
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<td>May 26</td>
<td>Fred and Margie Stock</td>
<td>Fred and Margie have been PC-USA missionaries to Pakistan since 1956. Both are Fuller alumni, and Fred was named alumni of the year several years ago. They have had a fruitful ministry in church planting and leadership development.</td>
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<td>June 2</td>
<td>Richard Wurmbrand</td>
<td>Author of <em>Tortured for Christ</em>, (which has sold several million copies), and many other books. He survived as a pastor imprisoned for 14 years in Romania under communism. Don't miss this!!</td>
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Gangs function as a form of extended family, a means of security, a way out of isolation, boredom, and economic and barrio violations as well as drug related activities. The territorial, and turf specific. Their killing is based on territorial tactics that make up a gang. 

importantly, you must understand the composite characteristics that make up this type of lethal grouping of individuals. Most many occasions and may have wondered what our society means available and at any cost to life or limb. 

seeking after personal fame, reputation, and power by any traditions and rituals; and, the most lethal characteristic - a clinging on to the past as a way of holding on to outdated values. They willfully and despondently, and as a means to gain respect and honor for themselves. The gang is hierarchical in rank and power. Some are organized in a para-militaristic order. Their codes of secrecy, trust, and loyalty are inviolable, and if trespassed, are punishable by death without remorse or guilt.

With this insight, you must understand that one must live “with” the gangs in order to do the work of the Lord. Their trust is not given lightly. Respect must be earned and continuously proven under all circumstances. Once inside, you see them, not as gang members, but as real human beings with all the fears and feelings we all carry within us. 

As I work with the gangs, I pray for many things. I pray for guidance, wisdom, and strength. I pray for our Lord to come and put an end to this pain and misery. I also pray for community and church programs that speak to the issues that confront the victims. I pray for the community activity centers that function as alternatives to the streets. I pray for “get tough” policies that prosecute lethal offenders.

I hope that we will be able to socialize, educate, nurture, instruct, and love our children to insulate them from any negative gang influences while giving them a sense of themselves and a set of values they can live by. 

Ultimately, I pray for my mission as a servant of Christ in the barrio which confronts and routs out idolatrous sham and shallowness, ignorance and willingfulness, and the chaos of evil tyranny in the barrio enclave as it preys, infiltrates and devours the good in our society.
Upcoming Ministry Enrichment Seminars

"Inclusive Language"
ASC's Women's Concerns and the Office of Field Education are co-sponsoring a panel discussion on, "Inclusive Language," Wednesday, May 4, 1994 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Payton 101. Dr. Marianne Meye-Thompson, Jorge Taylor and others will discuss different aspects of the inclusive language policy at Fuller. Bring your questions, concerns, and friends! Child care will be provided. Ministry Enrichment Seminar credit will be given for this panel discussion.

"The Ministry of Reconciliation: The Role of the Church in Recognizing and Healing Abuse in the Family"
Rev. Dr. Ronn Elmore will address how church and para-church ministries can recognize and respond to child, spousal, and elder abuse in the home. He will address the Biblical responsibility of the church, present case studies of such incidences, and examine a model of how an area church responds to such issues. Dr. Elmore will present this seminar on Thursday, May 5th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Payton 101. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

"Missions Through the Local Church: A Missions Pastor's Perspective"
On Tuesday, May 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Doctor of Ministry Classroom, Rev. Bryce Little will present specific ways to mobilize members of a congregation in local and worldwide mission experiences. These mission methods are relevant for small and large size congregations. The seminar will include mission study materials, small group ideas for mission and prayer, and global networking models. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

"Issues in the Theology and Practice of the Funeral Service"
Dr. Greg Roth, Executive Pastor of Glendale Presbyterian Church, will be presenting a Ministry Enrichment Seminar on, "Issues in the Theology and Practice of the Funeral Service," on Thursday, May 12, 1994, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Payton 101. The seminar will explore a practical theology of funeral services; the role of the pastor; the role of tears and laughter; and the process of assisting the family as they go through the process of grieving. This seminar will also provide an opportunity to look at one specific funeral service in our culture today. For more information contact the Office of Field Education, 584-5377.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! ACADEMIC ALERT!
Dr. C. Peter Wagner's class, MC 552 "Spiritual Approaches for World Evangelization" will be offered this summer from July 11-15.

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MC 522 "Advanced Church Growth" as is listed on the summer schedules. Please note this error.

Worship Service Honoring Professor Ian Pitt-Watson
The seminary community is invited to a worship service in celebration of the ministry of Ian Pitt-Watson, Harold John Ockenga Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology, who will be retiring in August after fourteen years of service at Fuller Seminary. Please join us for chapel on Wednesday, April 27, 10a.m. in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. Our preacher will be Ian Pitt-Watson with colleagues from the Preaching Department leading in worship. A reception in the church parlors will immediately follow the service so that all may have the opportunity to personally greet Professor Pitt-Watson.

Commencement 94
For all you soon-to-be gratis making your June plans, Commencement is scheduled June 11, 10:00 a.m. at Lake Ave. Congregational Church.
**A CALL FOR STUDENT SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD.** They may be submitted to the Office of Student Services or Box OSS up to 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1994. Nominations of students may be made by registered students in good standing, by faculty and by staff. They are also solicited from student government, deans, the Office of Christian Community and the Community Life Program. Selection will be made by the Award Committee which is composed of a representative from each of the sponsoring offices (ASC, OCC, OSS).

The **Student Service Award** honors exceptional volunteer service to fellow students in the Fuller community. This award may be shown through attention to specific student needs or projects, by volunteer participation in student government or an unpaid internship, or by significant ministry of any kind which contributes to the process of learning to live together as the family of God. Preference will be given to graduating students and for ministry affecting students in all three schools.

The award will be presented on **Wednesday, May 25, 1994** during the Student Award Convocation at the 10:00 chapel hour. The award consists of a monetary gift and a letter of commendation. Finalists will receive a letter of acknowledgment for their contributions to student life.

Please use the form on the back of this page and tell us how your nominee has given exceptional service on behalf of fellow students in the Fuller community. Specific examples are helpful. Return this form no later than 5 p.m. on **Friday May 13** to the Office of Student Services.

Sponsored by:
- The All Seminary Council
- The Office of Christian Community
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STUDENT SERVICE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

NAME OF NOMINEE ________________________________
SCHOOL________________________________________

Please provide a detailed description of how he/she has given exceptional service on behalf of fellow students in the Fuller Community. This may include ministry in residential buildings, special student projects, participation in student government activities, unpaid internships or any other means of contributing to the living and learning together environment we share. Preference will be given to those students who are graduating this year or who have contributed in ministries affecting students in all three schools here at Fuller Seminary.

Return this form no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 1994** to:
Ruth Vuong
Office of Student Services
FTS Box OSS
(If additional space is needed, please attach)

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Nominating office/individual ______________________________
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Cool Stuff

From the International Student Services Office.

Help, help, help!!!! We are desperately looking for jewelry, crafts, and art vendors for the International Festival coming up very soon next month. If you know of anyone who sells any of these type of items, please ask them to get in touch with our office as soon as possible at (818) 584-5395 and ask for Brenda Acosta. By doing this, you will help us provide an opportunity for anyone who may want to display foreign artifacts, etc, and make this event even more joyous.

Career Services

Career Services Resume Writing Workshop

Rev. Bruce Ervin, former Assistant Director of Ministry Development, will be conducting two workshops on Saturdays, April 30th 10:00-11:30 am & Monday, May 9th 7:30-9:00 pm. The workshops will be offered at the Faculty Commons. This is for anyone needing to write a resume for ministry or non-ministry related positions. No registration or fee required. Please join us for this informative and practical session. For information, call 584-5576.

PC (USA)

On April 25, Keith Edwards from I.W.A., a mission group working with Japanese churches on evangelism, will be with us to talk about his work in the Presbyterian Church and about Evangelism in the local church. Join Us.

Chapel News

Wednesday, April 27, First Congregational Church
10:00-10:50 a.m.

This Wednesday at our Chapel service we will celebrate the ministry of Professor Ian Pitt-Watson and his upcoming retirement after fourteen years of service at Fuller. Professor Pitt-Watson will preach a message from John 12: 20-33 entitled “Two Revolutionaries.” There will be a reception following the service in the Parlor of the church.

Chapel - Thursday, April 28, Travis Auditorium
11:35 - 12:15 p.m.

Our guest speaker at the Thursday Chapel will be the Reverend Marguerite Ingram of the Maranatha Community Church in West Los Angeles speaking on “Praise and Worship.” There will also be special songs presented by the Fuller Gospel Choir led by Camille Russell. Come be blessed during this special time of worship.
PRIORITIZING OUR PURPOSE

Time is just flying this quarter. I am so conscious of all the things that should be done; but finding the time with only a few weeks to go is quite a challenge. So in my monthly meeting with the Graduate Union presidents and vice-presidents, we analyzed the main student issues during the last two years. We wanted to prioritize the time that we have remaining in service to you. We decided that the top three advocacy focuses in this last quarter would be course evaluations, spiritual formation and processing this year’s ethical issues.

Last year’s Theology Graduate Union (Pat Anderson and Chandra Mallampalli) were instrumental in bringing our attention to the need to upgrade the process of course evaluations. Bringing this continuing concern before the deans of the Schools of World Mission and Theology will be undertaken this quarter by Mark Stoscher with Brian Goke (SWMGU), and Deborah Kehe with Anthea Butler (TGU). The School of Psychology, on the other hand, have the ideal arrangement where every course is evaluated by the students each quarter, with the results available to the student representatives.

The Union presidents are also committed to spiritual formation being an essential part of our seminary life and not an optional aspect of graduate study. In this regard, we fully support the prayer goals of the Spiritual Life Committee and its new chairperson, Dr. Doug Gregg (director of Christian Community). We acknowledge that our Lord lead us into spiritual renewal and that our hearts be quickened for prayer and intercession; that God would guide Fuller Seminary in this time of change and gaining identity, and fresh vision; and that we continue to learn to be a caring community. Consequently, the Union presidents have been invited to participate in a newly formed Worship Committee whose function will be to help facilitate the above goals.

Furthermore, Marsha Chung and Tim Bray (co-presidents PGU) are participating in another committee that will re-examine the content of the theology course work for psychology students so that it would better suit their particular needs and enhance spiritual formation.

Finally, another avenue to represent your needs has been made available this quarter. The provost, Rob Johnston, has formed a Student Formation Cabinet comprising himself, Doug Gregg, Ruth Vuong (director of Student Services) and the ASC president. This monthly congenial gathering will convene until the new Assistant Provost for Spiritual Formation takes her post in a year’s time. The spiritual, academic and physical welfare of the student body is their prime objective.

Warm regards in Christ,
Rob Gallagher.

ASC ELECTIONS

Elections are coming up - May 17-20. If you would like to run for a position in student government, or want to nominate someone, stop by the ASC office and pick up a nomination form. Nominations are due April 28th, so don’t delay!

CATALYST COORDINATOR

The Catalyst Coordinator position still hasn’t been filled and, the Catalyst desperately needs some care! Stop by the ASC office or call 584-5452 for a description of this position. (Remember, there are some great perks with this position. Check it out!)

CHALK IT UP!

On June 3-5, a three-day art festival and community event will take place in the Pasadena City Hall. This event will bring special attention to the issues of homelessness and the healing benefits of the arts. Volunteers are needed! Please stop by the ASC office for more info. or call 584-5452.

THANK YOU

To all you wonderful people who helped Ana Gan, ASC Events Coordinator, put on The Greatest Show of All for Fuller’s children Friday, April 8. Special thanks goes to Conrad Pinoni, Chris Yaw, Marita Viloria and Nancy Moogaw.

THE 1994/95 ASC SPORTS COORDINATOR POSITION IS OPEN

Come to the ASC office to pick up an application for this exciting job opportunity. The Sports Coordinator is responsible for setting up Fall, Winter and Spring Intramurals, coordinating student PAC and YMCA memberships and putting on any other special activities related to Athletics at Fuller. Stop by the ASC office now! (For more info, talk to Mike Rewers at x5452.)
1993-94 Loan Deadline for SWM, SOT, and MFT Students

Any students interested in taking out a loan for the current academic year (93-94) must have a completed application in the Office of Financial Aid no later than April 29, 1994.

United Methodist Church of Laguna Hills

All Methodist students interested in this scholarship should pick up an application at the Office of Financial Aid. Scholarships are awarded annually. Submit completed applications to UMC Laguna Hills by May 31, 1994.

Fukushima Memorial Scholarship

These competitive scholarships assist Masters level students preparing for Christian ministries. Applications must be requested by mail. Deadline: May 31, 1994. For more info, inquire at Financial Aid.

Orville Redenbacher's 2nd Start Scholarship

It's that time of year again and your favorite pop-corn tycoon is offering his $1,000 annual scholarships. If you are 30 or over and plan to be enrolled during the 94-95 academic year, you are lucky enough to eligible for this rip-roarin' scholarship. All you have to do is stop by the Office of Financial Aid, sing the Star Spangled Banner 3 times, and pick up an application. All applications must be postmarked by May 2, 1994.

Exit Interview for Student Borrowers

Loan program regulations now require Exit Interviews for all borrowers. If you have student loans and plan to graduate, transfer, or drop below half-time in Spring '94, you should attend a group Exit Interview at one of the times listed below.

The interviews will last approximately 40 minutes. They will include helpful information regarding borrower rights & repayment options. Bring your loan file with you to the session, as well as the address and phone number of your nearest relative and your future employer (if known).

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Office Hours

The Financial Aid Office is open Monday-Thursday 8am-noon, 1pm-5pm; Friday 1pm-5pm; We are closed for Chapel on Wednesday from 10am-11am.

Free Bonus Discount Book for Shamu Club Members!

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Save 20% on Admission

- Includes a special offer of Second Day to Sea World FREE!
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Summer Rental: One bedroom bungalow, nicely furnished, $575.00 per month, available June 5 - Sept 2, NE Pasadena. Call Jennie, 818 797-8675.


Baby-sitter and Light Housekeeping needed in our Altadena home: 27 hours a week, for an infant and a preschooler. Must have own transportation. Call 798-4027.

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