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**COLLECTION 143: Material from World-Wide Faith Mission,
1950-1985**

Administrative Information

Title:

Material from World-Wide Faith Mission, 1950-1985

Collection Identifier:

CFT00143

Creators:

Miller, Basil (1897-1978)

Size:

6 Boxes, 5 linear feet

Repository:

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Biography

The Basil Miller Foundation was founded in 1950 in Altadena, California. Its name was changed to World-Wide Missions in 1960. “Religious, charitable, benevolent,” read the original statement of purpose, “to promote production and distribution of Christian literature, to further the training of ministers and other religious workers... and to furnish their support, to conduct religious services, and to improve the moral and social conditions of humanity.”

The organization evolved gradually from the prolific publishing career of its founder, Dr. Basil Miller, a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. When several of his books on missionary themes were published in the 1940s, Dr. Miller received a number of requests for assistance from gospel workers in various nations. As a result of this correspondence, he founded World-Wide Missions as an independent interdenominational faith mission based on the principle of national leadership.

World-Wide Missions began with a mailing list of 200 names, with cramped workspace in the basement of Dr. Miller’s home, and with no financial support other than royalties from his books. By the end of the first year, mission work had been established in 20 different countries. That number was to quadruple by the mid-1970s.

After Dr. Miller’s death, World-Wide Missions was led by his daughter, Esther Howard, until the Board of Directors appointed the Reverend Fred Johnson as President and CEO in 1985. The headquarters was for many years in Pasadena, California, then briefly in Sierra Madre, and finally was moved to Redlands in 1995.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a small number of personal papers of Basil Miller, his daughter Esther Howard (Remington), documents of transfer of leadership of World-Wide Missions, photos of the Pasadena office and its volunteers and several ministry trips taken by Basil Miller as well as Esther Howard. Also included are newsletters of the World-Wide Missions ministry, Newsletters from Twin Wells Indian School and a collection of books published by World-Wide Missions. The full run of the bi-monthly periodical published by WWM, *World-Wide Missions*, has been separated to Archives Periodicals, a cataloged collection.

Subjects:

- Missionaries
- Missions

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 6 boxes as follows:

Box 1: Basil Miller

Box 2: World-Wide Missions Papers

Box 3: Oversize Photos and Certificates

Box 4: Books

Box 5: World-Wide Missions Brochures

Box 6: Twin Wells Indian School Newsletters

Box Inventory

Box 1: Basil Miller

| Folder | Item |
|--------|--|
| 1 | M. A. Thesis USC, 1920 |
| 2 | Master of Sacred Theology, Pacific School of Religion, 1921 |
| 3 | Historical Studies and Christian Doctrine – typed manuscript |
| 4 | Basil Miller – Biographical information, Resume, time line, papers |
| 5 | Tax file, Dr. Miller's property |
| 6 | Basil Miller property, Texas |
| 7 | Basil Miller passport and memorial article in <i>World-Wide Missions</i> |
| 8 | Letter from Paul Gray to Esther |
| Book | Basil Miller Memories book from Mountain View Cemetery |
| Slides | Packet of slides from Basil Miller's 78 th birthday (or 79 th) |
| 9-24 | Photos: Basil Miller, Esther Howard, Betty Mendies, Carlos Rocha, Shirley Carnell, Jean Carnell, William LaSor and Mrs. LaSor, Villa San Juan & La Paz, Bolivia, World-Wide Missions office in Pasadena, unidentified group shots. |

Box 2: World-Wide Missions Papers

| Folder | Item |
|--------|---|
| 1 | World-Wide Missions "A Brief History of World-wide Missions" [website, 2013] |
| 2 | Auditor's Report 2001 [blue file folder] |
| 3 | "Esther's Resignation 10/87 ECFA |
| 4 | WWM – Board Organization |
| 5 | WWM – Canadian Board Meeting 1991 |
| 6 | WWM – Esther Remington file of minutes & papers |
| 7 | WWM – Esther Remington: "Memorandum of Agreement re: B. Miller rights" Jan 1980 |
| 8 | WWM – Organization: misc. minutes & correspondence |
| 9 | WWM – Overseas Workers Reports/Correspondence |

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| 10 | WWM – Reports/Board Minutes |
| 11 | Miscellaneous papers in manila envelope |
| 12 | <i>World-Wide Missions</i> [miscellaneous copies of magazine in manila envelope] |
| 13 | World-Wide Missions of Liberia “Golden Jubilee Celebration” 2011 |
| 14 | World-Wide Missions of Liberia “Souvenir of the 50 th Golden Jubilee” 2011 |
| 15 | Abba G. Karnga “A Journey through the culture and educational system of Liberia” Point Loma College thesis 1976 |
| 16 | Correspondence re: WWM of Liberia |
| 17 | File “Abba G. Karanga” correspondence and papers |

Box 3: Oversize Photos and Certificates

Framed photo of “Dr. & Mrs. Basil Miller, Director, World-Wide Missions in 70 nations”

Framed photo of Dr. Basil Miller, Founder 1950

Photos of Basil Miller in office

Certificates of Eldership in the Church of the Nazarene

Box 4: Books

| Item | Author | Title | Date |
|-------------|---------------------|---|-------------|
| 1 | | <i>Beloved Missionary Hymns</i> | n.d. |
| 2 | | <i>Christmas Carols/Cantos de Navidad ...</i> | n.d. |
| 3 | Corlett, Shelby | <i>What the Bible Teaches</i> | 1970 |
| 4 | Fotland, Kristoffer | <i>Light over the Day, vol 1 (Jan.-June)</i> | 1973 |
| 5 | Fotland, Kristoffer | <i>Light over the Day, vol 2 (July-Dec.)</i> | 1973 |
| 6 | | <i>Holy Bible: Giant Print Reference Edition leather</i> | 1976 |
| 7 | Howard, Esther | <i>Thank You Lord</i> | 1974 |
| 8 | Howard, Sue & Gail | <i>Faith, Hope and Clarity</i> | 1972 |
| 9 | Howard, Sue, ed. | <i>Words for Living: Volume 1</i> | 1973 |
| 10 | Howard, Sue, ed. | <i>Words for Living: Inspirational Bible Readings (July, August, September)</i> | 1972 |
| 11 | Jowett, John Henry | <i>My Daily Meditation</i> | n.d. |
| 12 | Jowett, John Henry | <i>My Daily Meditation: Jan., Feb., March</i> | n.d. |
| 13 | Jowett, John Henry | <i>My Daily Meditation: April, May, June</i> | n.d. |
| 14 | Jowett, John Henry | <i>My Daily Meditation: July, Aug., Sept.</i> | n.d. |
| 15 | Jowett, John Henry | <i>My Daily Meditation: Oct., Nov., Dec.</i> | n.d. |
| 16 | Jun, Lim On | <i>These Are My Children: The Story of Lim On Jun: An Autobiography</i> | 1969 |
| 17 | Karnga, Abba | <i>Abba: God’s Warrior in Liberia</i> [autograph] | 1974 |
| 18 | Karnga, Abba | <i>African Reaction to Change</i> [autographed] | 1976 |
| 19 | Lowry, Olive Grace | <i>Adventuring with the Bible</i> | 1973 |

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| 20 | Miller, Basil | <i>A Beautiful Life: The Story of Esther K. Miller</i> | 1970 |
| 21 | Miller, Basil | <i>Arms around the World: Missions World Wide</i> | 1971 |
| 22 | Miller, Basil | <i>Augustine</i> | 1968 |
| 23 | Miller, Basil | <i>Bible Sermon Outlines ... Prayer</i> | n.d. |
| 24 | Miller, Basil | <i>Christ Still Heals</i> | 1963 |
| 25 | Miller, Basil | <i>Dope Is a Killer</i> | 1970 |
| 26 | Miller, Basil | <i>Dreams Fulfilled: My Mission Career, Book 3</i> | 1971 |
| 27 | Miller, Basil | <i>Florence Nightingale: the Lady with the Lamp</i> | 1947 |
| 28 | Miller, Basil | <i>Fundamentals of Christian Faith</i> | 1968 |
| 29 | Miller, Basil | <i>George Muller: Standing on God's Promises</i> | 1941 |
| 30 | Miller, Basil | <i>God in Human Experience: Volume One</i> | 1972 |
| 31 | Miller, Basil | <i>God Is Able</i> | n.d. |
| 32 | Miller, Basil | <i>God Rides upon the Storm</i> | 1967 |
| 33 | Miller, Basil | <i>Gold under the Cross</i> | 1966 |
| 34 | Miller, Basil | <i>Golden Key of Prayer</i> | 1966 |
| 35 | Miller, Basil | <i>Good Morning, Lord: Morning and Evening Prayers: Jan., Feb., & March</i> | 1973 |
| 36 | Miller, Basil | <i>Good Morning, Lord: Morning and Evening Prayers: Apr., May & June</i> | 1973 |
| 37 | Miller, Basil | <i>How to Get Your Prayers Answered</i> | 1966 |
| 38 | Miller, Basil | <i>Koko on the Yukon</i> | 1965 |
| 39 | Miller, Basil | <i>Moral Breakdown: On Collision Course</i> | 1970 |
| 40 | Miller, Basil | <i>Moses</i> [reprint from Zondervan 1943] | n.d. |
| 41 | Miller, Basil | <i>Patty Lou the Flying Nurse: A Story of World War II</i> [Zondervan 1955 reprint] | n.d. |
| 42 | Miller, Basil | <i>Principios Fundamentales de la Fe Christiana</i> | 1971 |
| 43 | Miller, Basil | <i>Rainbows of Hope...Daily Devotions: January, February, March</i> | 1972 |
| 44 | Miller, Basil | <i>Rainbows of Hope...Daily Devotions: April, May, June</i> | 1972 |
| 45 | Miller, Basil | <i>Rainbows of Hope...Daily Devotions: July, August, September</i> | 1972 |
| 46 | Miller, Basil | <i>Rainbows of Hope...Daily Devotions: October, November, December</i> | 1972 |
| 47 | Miller, Basil | <i>Roses from God's Garden</i> | 1967 |
| 48 | Miller, Basil | <i>Searching the World's Greatest Book</i> | 1962 |
| 49 | Miller, Basil | <i>Soar from Prayer to Prayer</i> | 1977 |
| 50 | Miller, Basil | <i>Songbird of the Sierras</i> [rpt. Zon. 1942) | n.d. |
| 51 | Miller, Basil | <i>Start Praising</i> | 1976 |
| 52 | Miller, Basil | <i>Striking Answers to Prayer</i> | 1967 |
| 53 | Miller, Basil | <i>Ten Famous Singers</i> [rpt. Zondervan 1954] | n.d. |

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| 54 | Miller, Basil | <i>Ten Great Preachers</i> | 1967 |
| 55 | Miller, Basil | <i>The Gypsy Fiddler</i> | 1969 |
| 56 | Miller, Basil | <i>The Radiant Life</i> | 1969 |
| 57 | Miller, Basil | <i>Those Were the Days: Remembering My Youth</i> | 1970 |
| 58 | Miller, Basil | <i>Una vida Hermosa: La historia de Esther K. Miller</i> | 1971 |
| 59 | Miller, Basil | <i>Walking with Glad Steps</i> | 1969 |
| 60 | Miller, Basil | <i>What Does It Take to Make a Rose?</i> | 1977 |
| 61 | Miller, Basil | <i>Why Worry: Christ Is the Victory!</i> | 1973 |
| 62 | Miller, Basil | <i>With Loving Hands and Tender Hearts: The Story of Dr. and Mrs. Olave Bjorgaas</i> | 1975 |
| 63 | Miller, Basil | <i>Years to Remember: Winning My Wings, bk2</i> | 1971 |
| 64 | Miller, Basil | <i>You Cannot Bankrupt God! ... Pray</i> | n.d. |
| 65 | Miller, Esther K. | <i>Falling Petals</i> | 1967 |
| 66 | Miller, Esther K. | <i>Korky on the Farm</i> | 1966 |
| 67 | Miller, Esther K. | <i>Thoughts that Cheer</i> | 1969 |
| 68 | [Moody, Dwight L.] | <i>Moody's Amazing Grace</i> | n.d. |
| 69 | | <i>Old-Time Favorites: Glorious Gospel Songs</i> | n.d. |

Box 5: World-Wide Missions Brochures

8 bound volumes (1965, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981)

Box 6: Twin Wells Indian School Newsletters

Twin Wells Indian School. Newsletters in 3-ring binders: 1970-75, 1976-79, 1980-82, 1984-86

Twin Wells Indian School "Warrior" [yearbook]: 1983-84; 1985-86