

Missionaries Have a 'New Voice' in North America

A new independent effort called Mission Nation Publishing Company will "give a voice to the missionaries to America," people who are often marginalized in the church. There are "refugees and immigrants God has sent to us, on the order of the missionaries who went to Antioch after the stoning of Stephen. These are men and women starting new missions in the United States, and they need our affirmation. We intend to publish 100 biographies...on missionaries to America," reports Dr Robert Scudieri, retired director of LCMS missions in North America.

There will be books and other resources (videos, pictures, and ways to be involved with these missionaries) at the website - www.missionnationpublishing.com. "The website goes live in January. Before that start-up, people can contact us at MissionPublisher@aol.com or at www.missionariestoamerica.com when it goes live."

Mission Nation Publishing will be a predominantly online publisher, searching out missionaries God is sending to America, interviewing them orally and in video format, putting these interviews on a website (www.missionpublishing.com), along with a blog telling stories of these missionaries, resources of sermons and Bible studies on mission, articles on mission work in America, as well as arranging conferences to learn from their experiences.

Online publishing and paper publishing on Amazon's "CreateSpace" are new technologies that open up more cost effective avenues for making books available. ■



Pastor Gregory Seltz of The Lutheran Hour was involved in some of the interviews for the new effort.