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Christopher J. H. Wright (PhD, Cambridge) is international ministries director of the Langham Partnership, providing literature, scholarships and preaching training for pastors in Majority World churches and seminaries. He has written several books, including commentaries on Deuteronomy, Jeremiah, Lamentations and Ezekiel, *The Mission of God, Old Testament Ethics for the People of God* and *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament*.

His latest book, *Christian Mission in the Modern World*, is a complete revision of John Stott's classic text. This classic book presents an enduring and holistic view of Christian mission that is just as needed today. For four decades, *Christian Mission in the Modern World* has provided a biblically based approach to mission that addresses both spiritual and physical needs. The updates by Wright cover ongoing theological and missiological debates, modernizing references, and new chapters in the form of Wright's own reflections on each of Stott's original five chapters.

"John Stott's *Christian Mission in the Modern World* is a small classic and remains surprisingly relevant for today," said Michael W. Goheen, author of *Introducing Christian Mission Today* and *A Light to the Nations*. "And no one is more qualified than Chris Wright to bring the discussion up-to-date — to expand, reframe and even sometimes disagree with Stott's work on certain issues within the evangelical and biblical commitment shared by both. This will prove to be an excellent basic introduction to mission and evangelism, along with providing a biblical understanding of salvation, dialogue and conversion for Christian mission. But it will also be a helpful guide to how evangelical thinking on mission has developed in the past four decades by two of its premier exponents."

"I well remember buying *Christian Mission in the Modern World* in 1975, as a theological student in the midst of my doctoral studies on the Old Testament and ordination training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge," said Wright in the preface to this new edition. "It came in the wake of the excitement generated by the reports of the first Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in 1974 and its epoch-making Lausanne Covenant. Many of us as younger British evangelicals were taking courage from the resurgence of evangelical theology, in the face of the liberalism still dominating university theology departments. At the same time we were animated by the recovery of the historic evangelical social conscience, committed to an understanding of mission that included engagement with the social, economic, political and cultural realities of our day. And John Stott was our hero and mentor in both those realms. Had he not stood up to robustly defend a biblical, evangelical understanding of mission and evangelism in World Council of Churches gatherings? Was he not already urging us to be salt and light in society, to penetrate our culture rather than withdraw from it? This book, in

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its five pithy chapters, seemed to capture those concerns and fuel our zeal. . . . It is my pleasure and privilege to enable this fine little classic of John Stott to have a fresh lease of life, praying as I'm sure he did that it will strengthen faith, feed minds and energize biblical mission."

An ordained pastor in the Church of England, Wright spent five years teaching the Old Testament at Union Biblical Seminary in India and thirteen years as academic dean and then principal of All Nations Christian College, an international training center for crosscultural mission in England. He was chair of the Lausanne Theology Working Group from 2005-2011 and the chief architect of The Cape Town Commitment from the Third Lausanne Congress, 2010.