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MISSIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Tom Telford

Getting Your Church into the Game

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Baseball and Missions

Tom's book is finally out. I read it clear through the night it came, even though I had read it already in draft form. It's just fun to read. Besides, Tom is my mentor in local church missions and I'm familiar with almost all his stories. The book is full of stories: baseball stories, stories about Tom, stories about people. Tom ran a school for baseball umpires and he pictures everything as baseball. The book is couched in baseball images and lingo. Between chapters are real life baseball stories.

Tom's stories are legendary and they keep you going, right through the book. The substance of the book is missions and the role of the local church and it includes much that Tom teaches in his workshops.

Chapter titles:

The Home Team (the local church)

Scouting the Minor Leagues (recruiting missionaries from your church)

Spring Training (preparing your people to become missionary candidates)

Play Ball! (effective missions conferences)

Keeping Players Healthy (caring for returning missionaries)

The Big Leagues (mistakes agencies make)

Integrating the Game (partnering with African-American churches and third-world missions)

Staying with the Fundamentals (Motivational Biblical truths)

The Hall of Fame (Tom's list of top ten missions churches)

Bibliography (Tom's list of must reading)

To get the book, e-mail Tom at Internet: 76163.3177@compuserve.com or call
ACMC-ChurchMart at 1-800-798-ACMC.