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Administrative History

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, his daughter Esther Howard led World-Wide Missions 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. The collection also includes 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

Container List**Box 1: Basil Miller**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
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	Date/Note
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	October 1987
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"	January 1980
8	WWM – Organization: misc. minutes & correspondence	
9	WWM – Overseas Workers Reports/Correspondence	
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	
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Box 3: Oversize Photos and Certificates

Item	Description	Date/Note
1	Framed photo of "Dr. & Mrs. Basil Miller, Director, World-Wide Missions in 70 nations"	
2	Framed photo of Dr. Basil Miller, Founder	1950
3	Photos of Basil Miller in office	
4	Certificates of Eldership in the Church of the Nazarene	

Box 4: Books

Item	Author	Title	Date/Note
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 [autograph]</i>	1974
18	Karnga, Abba	<i>African Reaction to Change [autographed]</i>	1976
19	Lowry, Olive Grace	<i>Adventuring with the Bible</i>	1973
20	Miller, Basil	<i>A Beautiful Life: The Story of Esther K. Miller</i>	1970

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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 [reprint from Zondervan 1943]</i>	n.d.
41	Miller, Basil	<i>Patty Lou the Flying Nurse: A Story of World War II [Zondervan 1955 reprint]</i>	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 [rpt. Zon. 1942)</i>	n.d.
51	Miller, Basil	<i>Start Praising</i>	1976
52	Miller, Basil	<i>Striking Answers to Prayer</i>	1967

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53	Miller, Basil	<i>Ten Famous Singers [rpt. Zondervan 1954]</i>	n.d.
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.

Boxes 5-6: Oversize Photos and Certificates

Box	Description	Date/Note
5	World-Wide Missions Brochures – bound volumes 1965, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1981	1965-1981
6	Twin Wells Indian School Newsletters: <i>Twin Wells Indian School</i> . Newsletters in 3-ring binders: 1970-75, 1976-79, 1980-82, 1984-86 <i>Twin Wells Indian School "Warrior"</i> [yearbook]: 1983-84; 1985-86	1970-1986