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# Mission from the Margins

Selected writings from the life and ministry of David A. Shank  
edited by James R. Krabill

David A. Shank reflected on the mission of the church from an Anabaptist perspective for more than half a century. His writings represent the best biblical, theological, and missiological study on the matter, shaped by two primary contexts—Europe and Africa—where his ministry took place. This collection will be of particular interest to global church leaders wanting to know more about how to contextualize the gospel message, to mission and church historians interested in examining how mission thought and practice evolves over time, and to prospective mission students and workers seeking insights from a wise elder as they prepare to serve the church through its mission efforts in the twenty-first century.

David Shank's writings are rich and original, always stimulating and sometimes prophetic, but far too little known. This splendid collection, beautifully presented and interpreted, thus comes as a boon and a blessing.  
—*Andrew F. Walls, Professor, Liverpool Hope University; Honorary Professor, University of Edinburgh*

This book will inspire readers by its compelling, deeply instructive, and well-written content. More importantly, they will discover in it a delightfully poignant reminder that God's people are citizens of an upside-down kingdom in which the meek inherit the earth, the poor are blessed, the humble are exalted, and the rich and powerful are sent empty away when God's will is done in God's way on God's earth, as it is in heaven.

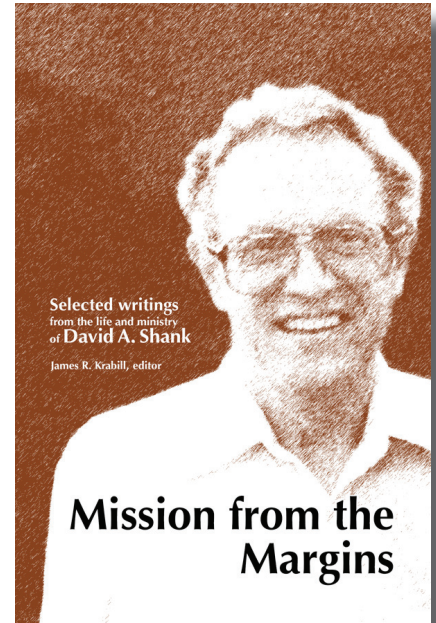
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Margins may be fragmented and ill defined. But as each essay in this collection develops a particular strand of David A. Shank's ministry and motivation, the full-orbed tapestry emerges: a picture that is at once history, vision, and a source-book for continued faithfulness as individuals and church in God's mission.

—*Alice M. Roth, Vice President, Overseas Ministries, Mennonite Board of Missions, 1990–99*

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