



**Herman Alexander
+20 years missionary
experience**



Herman (centre, back) on a mission trip to Cambodia

I first came to know Kevin and Catharine Carson in 1997 when a group of students from the Center for Christian Education and I were with them in the beginning phases of the work in Klaipeda, Lithuania. After that initial effort some students and I returned each summer during the Carsons' tenure in Klaipeda. Our students were given the wonderful experience of a one-on-one communication of the gospel cross-culturally. Those were memorable – and wonderful – days.

Once I heard Dr. W. B. West (founding Dean of Harding School of Theology) fondly describe one of his fellow professors in this manner: "He has the heart of a missionary." This is how I would describe Kevin Carson: he has the heart of a missionary!

There are many and varied books on all the different issues involved in mission work. Without denigrating any of these, this is what I would say to any person -- or family -- contemplating mission work: "You must read this book by Kevin Carson."

As Kevin has said, this is not a "how-to" book on mission work. Yet it is so very practical as it relates to the myriad of matters that have to do with making plans to enter the mission field and with learning to adjust to a culture different from one's own.

May the Lord use this book to inspire others with a "missionary heart" to go into the field with joy!