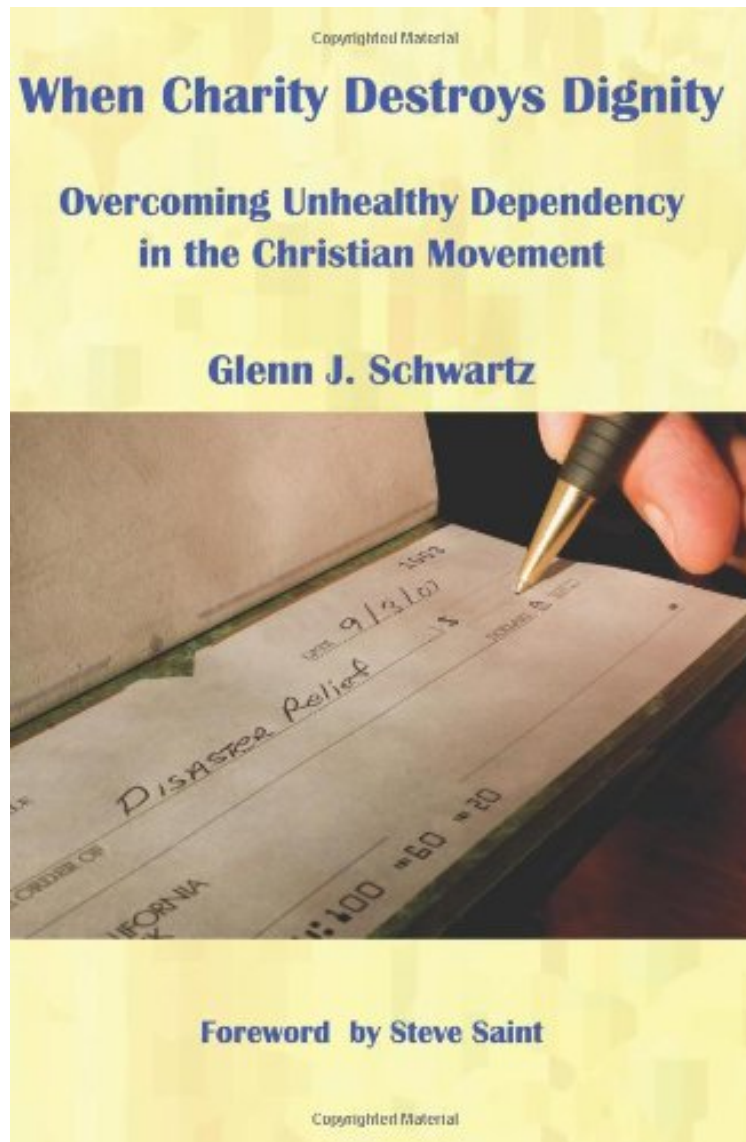


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"Short Term Missions." I do everything I can to share that chapter and its principles with short term groups heading to visit us in Papua New Guinea. 0 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Couldn't Finish It By Nicole Decker I wanted to read this book as preparation for the beginning of my life as a missionary, but I couldn't get through it. It was so boring! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An impressive piece of work By Luke B. Townsley I read it with the intensity of an action thriller. (really) The thing is it lays out the problem very well (100 years of African missions, and we don't seem to have solved anything), but it doesn't really offer much by way of solutions. Still though, understanding the problem is half the battle. And yes, most people will find it boring. It isn't a casual read (See Steve Saint's book, *The Great Omission: Fulfilling Christ's Commission Completely* for a more accessible read), but it is an impressive piece of work with a LOT to chew on. A MUST read for anyone managing foreign non profits, even non-religious aid work, especially in the African context, but it is still broadly valid for work in many areas.

This book is about avoiding or overcoming unhealthy dependency in the Christian movement. It contains a description of the dependency syndrome, its historical development and how to overcome it. Though unhealthy dependency is widespread, the basic premise of this book is that it does not need to be considered an incurable illness. The reader will be introduced to churches that were once victims of unhealthy dependency but learned how to overcome it. There are many practical illustrations and suggestions for those in Christian service who face the challenge of avoiding or overcoming unhealthy dependency. Other issues dealt with include medical mission institutions, short-term missions and, most significantly, long-term missionary service. Several chapters are a basic introduction to cross-cultural issues for missionaries and church leaders. The author welcomes interaction with those who want to seriously deal with the mentality of dependency in the Christian movement.

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