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Abstract

Missionaries, including John Kempers and Guatemalan missionaries, introduced the gospel to Chiapas, Mexico, by the first quarter of the 20th century. The RCA took over the mission from Northern Presbyterian stewardship in 1930. The collection consists of booklets, fact sheets, maps, pictures, profiles, and publications, and includes materials on John Kempers and other missionaries.

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History

Numerous missionaries introduced the gospel to Chiapas with various amounts of success in the first quarter of the 20th century. Revolutions caused a discontinuation of services. A Christian Endeavor Society was formed and John Kempers led a new missionary movement, starting in the 1930s when the RCA took over the role of a Northern Presbyterian mission. Guatemalans also introduced the gospel to Chiapas. The mission in Chiapas continues despite the revolutionary struggles that persist.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of booklets, fact sheets, maps, pictures, profiles, and publications concerning the RCA mission to Chiapas, Mexico, and includes materials concerning John Kempers and other missionaries.

Container List

Boeltin Pro-Obra Indigena, 1964
Books
  Cartilla Chol, 1974
  Dios La Quic’ot: Algunos Libros Del Antiguo Testamento, 1970
  I T’an Dios: Jini Antiguo Testamento, 1998
  Jini Tsiji’ B^ T’an: El Nuevo Testamento, 1960
  La Lac Cha’len C’ay, 1970
  La’ Laj Q’uel Yamb^ Jun, 1960
Booklets, 1937, n.d.
Booklets
  Charm and Challenge of Chiapas, 1955-1992 (2 folders)
  Chiapas Mission Messenger, 1980, 1985
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Dialogo Hermandad Maya, 1977-1980
How the Gospel Came to Chiapas (booklets), 1960, 1971
Mexico Missionary Notebook (advertisements), by Paul and Dorothy Hostetter, 1978-1980
Fact Sheets, 1948, n.d.
Photographs
  Brick Making, 1960 (9 images)
  Chiapas (postcards), n.d. (13 images)
  Chol Indians from the Villages of Ignacio Allende and Salto De Agua, 1960-1964 (12 images)
  Huixteco Indian Boy, n.d. (1 image)
  John R. Kempers family, 1938 (2 images)
Prayer Bulletin, 1962
Publications, Intelligencer and Church Herald, 1937-1982
Songbook, Yamb^ Tsiji’ b^ C’ay, n.d.
Videotapes/DVDs
  Chiapas Para Cristo, November 1974
  Church Dedication/B.A., Bill VanderPoll, Tape #3
  The History of the Presbyterian Church in Chiaps, n.d.

Oversized Collections Drawer

Life en Español, Chiapas Mission Article, Feliz Epilogo de una Mision Altruista en Mexico,” 1965
Maps
  Chiapas, Mexico, Board of Domestic Missions, Reformed Church in America, n.d, 1960 (8 items)