

## EDITORIAL

The main article in this volume evaluates Open Theism – its view of God, the atonement, and salvation – in light of a theology of mission. The article looks at the writings of three Open Theists: Clark Pinnock, John Sanders, and Gregory Boyd. Their teachings are then compared against a biblical theology of mission. If one wonders how Open Theism theology plays out in missions, the article will help you think through the relevant issues.

Zdzisław Kruczek evaluates a new publication from the Melanesian Institute, authored by Philip Gibbs, presenting the status of Christian denominations in Papua New Guinea. For those interested in the current standing of the Papua New Guinean church, Philip Gibbs' research is necessary reading.

Eric Schering provides a summary of his new book dealing with ten top ethical issues in Papua New Guinea. In his book, Eric writes as an experienced missionary, hitting relevant issues head-on. Church leaders in Papua New Guinea will benefit greatly from the practicality of Eric's book.

In the final "article", we list the titles of all articles published in the Journal since its inception in 1985. We also pause to recognise the themes that have become apparent in the Journal over the last 24 years.

Not everyone will agree with the conclusions reached by the authors. However, we hope that, as you grapple with the issues, the thoughts of the authors will help you grow in your understanding of what God's Word says to your life and culture.

Doug Hanson.