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"Cam" Townsend is rightly known as the visionary founder of the

Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) and the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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This joint effort is now the largest Protestant mission organization in the world, a mission which has dramatically changed the culture of what used to be known as faith missions. Townsend revolutionized Protestant missions by emphasizing that missionaries needed to learn the language of the people to whom they were sent and to live among them in order to understand their communities. His system stressed training the missionaries