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**ASIAN ACCESS** Doug Birdsall has been a missionary in Asia for 27 years. From 1980 to 1999, Doug and his wife, Jeanine, lived and worked in Japan, serving with Asian Access/LIFE Ministries. Since 1991, Doug has been serving as the president of Asian Access, a mission organization focused on leadership development and church multiplication in twenty countries of Asia.

**GORDON-CONWELL** He also serves as the Director of the J. Christy Wilson, Jr. Center for World Missions, a center which he helped to establish in 1999 on the campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary near Boston, Massachusetts.

**LAUSANNE COMMITTEE FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION** Doug has been associated with the Lausanne movement since his senior year at Wheaton College (1974-75). At that time, he was introduced to the new movement by two of his mentors, Dr. Hudson Armerding, President of Wheaton College (one of the five authors of the Lausanne Covenant), and by Dr. Donald Hoke, Director of the 1974 Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization. In 1987, Doug participated in the LCWE Singapore '87 Conference for Younger Leaders. In 1989, he served as the assistant to the Conference Director for Lausanne II in Manila. In 1999, he became a member of the Lausanne International Administrative Committee, serving as the chair of the Leadership Development Working Group. At the 2004 Forum in Pattaya, Thailand, Doug was installed as the Executive Chair of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

**ROLES IN JAPAN** During his years in Japan, Doug served on the executive committees of the Japan Evangelical Missionary Association and the Japan Evangelical Association, affiliates of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). He also participated in the first three Asian Mission Conferences sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of Asia. Additionally, Doug was a participant at the convening consultation for the A.D. 2000 Movement, held in Singapore in January, 1989.

**EDUCATION** Doug is a graduate of Wheaton College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Harvard University. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.

**AFFILIATION** His denominational affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church (PCA) where he serves under the auspices of the denomination's mission arm, Mission to the World (MTW).

**PERSONAL** Doug is married to Jeanine Kay (Rowell) Birdsall, a graduate of Wheaton College, Fuller Theological Seminary and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. They have three children, Stacia, Judson and Jessamin, all born and raised in Japan. Doug's father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all ministers of the Gospel. His two brothers, Brent and Brian, have served for many years as missionaries in Sierra Leone and in Ukraine.



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He also serves as the Executive Chair of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, as well as the first Director of the J. Christy Wilson, Jr. Center for World Missions at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Doug has been associated with the Lausanne movement since his senior year at Wheaton College (1974-75). He was captivated by the mission statement of the Lausanne covenant, “the whole Church taking the whole Gospel to the whole world.” He participated in the LCWE Singapore ’87 Conference for Younger Leaders, and also served as the assistant to the Conference Director for Lausanne II in Manila (1989) and as the chair of the Leadership Development Working Group in 1999.

Doug is a graduate of Wheaton College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Harvard University. He and his wife, Jeanie, have three children – all born in Japan. Stacia graduated from Princeton University in 2002 and Yale School of Nursing in New Haven, CT in 2006; Judd graduated from Wheaton College in 2006; and Jessamin is a student at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA.. Doug’s father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were all ministers of the Gospel. His brothers, Brent and Brian, have served for many years as missionaries in Sierra Leone and in Ukraine.

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