

## Bio-Data of James D. (Jim) Cunningham Ed.D.

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Dr. Jim Cunningham is a *lifelong learner* with a passion – and training – to help adult learners teach adults across cultures. He has written curriculum and conducted seminars for encouraging Christians and training-trainers in numerous countries as a Consultant in Adult Education. Cunningham co-authored **Education In Christian Schools: A Perspective and Training Model** with Anthony Fortosis for the **Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)**. He helped compile **Standing Strong Through The Storm (SSTS)** for Open Doors International (ODI) with his lifelong friend Paul Estabrooks. They also wrote the **SSTS Study Guide and Teacher’s Guide**. Jim also gave oversight to the development of a Seminary Course for Bible Colleges in Sri Lanka entitled: **A Theology of Persecution and Discipleship**. His recent publication **The Art of Education: A Biblical approach to Training – Teaching - Discipling Adults**, is used in East Africa to cover a wide range of education topics from a Christian worldview.

Jim graduated from **Lakeshore Teachers College** (Toronto, ON) in 1963. After committing his life to Jesus Christ in 1964, he finished teaching Elementary School and pursued a ministry career at **Tyndale University College** (formerly London College of Bible and Missions - London, Ontario). He graduated in 1968 with a BRE (Bachelor of Religious Education) degree. (In 2017, he was honored as **Distinguished Alumnus of the Year**.) While training leaders for ten years in the ministry of **Christian Service Brigade**, he received his Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree in Adult Education from **Northern Illinois University – DeKalb, IL**, in 1976. In 1979-80 Cunningham completed a year of doctoral research in Jerusalem prior to receiving his Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Adult Education from the **University of Toronto** in 1981.

In 1982 “Dr. Jim” joined the faculty of **Trinity Western University** [www.twu.ca](http://www.twu.ca) a private Christian university – in Langley, British Columbia where he taught **Philosophical Foundations in Education** until 1990 (part-time till 2002). He serves as a Consultant to **Open Doors International** [www.od.org](http://www.od.org) in developing field-training models for teaching SSTS. His travels include diverse regions such as **Algeria**, Australia (2x), **Azerbaijan**, **Bangladesh (2x)**, Belgium, **Bhutan (2x)**, China (5x), **Colombia**, Cuba (3x), **Egypt**, **England (3x)**, **Ethiopia (6x)**, **France**, Germany (2x), Greece (2x), **Holland (4x)**, Hong Kong (10x), Hungary, **India (3x)**, **Indonesia (4x)**, **Iraq (Kurdistan)**, Israel (1 year + 7xs), Jordan, **Kazakhstan (2x)**, **Kenya (5x)**, **Malaysia (4x)**, Mexico, **Philippines (2x)**, **Russia (4x)**, Singapore (3x) Scotland, Slovakia, **South Sudan (2x)**, **Sudan**, **Sri Lanka (9x)**, **Tanzania**, **Tajikistan**, **Tibet**, **Turkey (2x)**, **USA (44 States + Alaska (2x) & Hawaii (6x))**, **Uzbekistan**, **Ukraine**, **Yemen**, **Zanzibar** – and **Canada (10 Provinces/2 Territories) - (Bold = Teaching Adults)**.

From 2007-2015 Jim served as a faculty member of **Wycliffe Bible Translators Canada** at the **Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL)** <http://canil.ca/> on the campus of TWU, teaching **Training Adults Across Cultures**. He is currently the Executive-Director of **Go Teach Global Society**, [www.goteachglobal.com](http://www.goteachglobal.com) a not-for-profit society that trains adult educators across the globe. He teaches **Theology of Persecution and Discipleship** at selected seminaries and “Trains Trainers” for **Trauma Healing Seminars** (in South Sudan/Ethiopia).

Jim and his wife, Rita married on Canada’s Centennial Day, **July 1, 1967**. They attend Willingdon Church [www.willingdon.org](http://www.willingdon.org) where Jim served many years as an Elder. They have two grown sons—and two gracious daughter-in-laws—who are mothers of their five grandchildren. Jim and Rita make their home in Langley, British Columbia, Canada. Jim’s life verse is 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 “*It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God. <sup>6</sup>He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant...under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.*” (NLT).

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