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Gary L. McIntosh, Editor

Church Growth has always had a strong research component, as all of the articles in this issue illustrate. For example, noted church growth author Kent Hunter has been researching church growth for twenty-seven years, and he shares some of his insights gathered from hundreds of churches in *The Church With Ten Windows*.

Healthy Church Growth Happens When Pastors Stay A Long Time, by first time contributor Russ Green, reports the findings from his study of pastoral tenure and church growth. Pastoral tenure has always been considered a necessity for church growth, a truth that this study among the Evangelical Free Church confirms.

Major criticism of the Church Growth Movement has come from the Gospel and Our Culture Network. However, many people have had a difficult time understanding the real issues involved. Timothy Peck completed a thorough study of the two viewpoints, and his article *The Church Growth Movement and the Gospel and Our Culture Network: An Ongoing Dialog* presents a helpful comparison.

Robert Logan has been one of the key leaders in the field of church planting for nearly two decades. Yet, little has been written about his life and ministry. Seeing a need to provide biographical information on this well-known church leader, J.D. Payne took the time to study Logan and write *A Brief Biography and Missiology of Robert E. Logan*.

This issue also includes the end of the year index listing all of the articles published in the *Journal of the American Society for*

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Church Growth from its founding. Copies of all past articles are available from the JASCG editorial office.

—Editor