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Praise & Prayer Notes



23 BRAVE AMERICANS ARE “LANDING” IN LEYTE - These are members of the EXITE Team arriving in Cebu City on July 1st and returns to the U.S. on the 14th. With the U.S. team is *Don TenHoeve*, Director of Field Operation, Grace Ministries Int'l. Upon arrival in Cebu, the team will be housed in a hotel. The next day, the group will tour the city, and leave for Ormoc City by boat in the evening. A welcome and orientation gathering for both foreign and local volunteers will be held at the Grace Gospel Church of Christ in Lanipga, Villaba. Some 30 local youth volunteers will join the U.S.

team in the reconstruction of the typhoon-damaged church buildings in the following places: Camporog, Hibulangan, Jordan (barrios of Villaba, Leyte), and Maticaa, near Ormoc City. THE JOINT TEAM (25 plus 30) will be divided into four groups and simultaneously work on the rebuilding construction in the target communities. The volunteers will spend time working on the construction in the mornings. Afternoon activities (and perhaps some evenings, too) will be devoted to mission-related activities, which will include: feeding the children, teaching in the public schools, tract distribution, open-air meetings, and medical mission. A special Sunday will be designated, and the volunteers will be organized and given assignments (e.g. singing, giving of testimonies, playing an instrument, teaching, preaching, etc.) to participate in the Sunday services of nine (9) churches, which include the four target communities. At least four vehicles will be available for the transportation of the members of the joint team. INCLUDED IN THE TWO-WEEK “EXITE” PLAN is the Appreciation & Thanksgiving Fellowship a day before the departure of both foreign and local volunteers. In both opening and closing fellowships/ceremonies, the national leaders of TCM will be present. Church members of the four local target communities will sponsor the fellowships.



IGBI-OZAMIZ SCHOOL BOARD EXPANDED - 27 church leaders representing five districts (MOCZAN, Salug Valley, Lamisor, Bag-Land, and Sea-Gold) met last March 31 in Lupagan, Clarin, Mis. Occidental to prepare the school for SY-2014-2015. Co-chairmen of the meeting were: Pastor Socrates Abueva (re-elected Chairman of the expanded school board and Supervising Minister of Salug Valley) and Pastor Felix Rosales (in-coming director of the school). Top in the items discussed during the meeting were: expanded participation of the churches of the five districts

in supporting the school, wide representation of members in the school board from the five districts, and election of officers. New elected officers of the school board were: Pastor Socrates Abueva, Chairman; Ally Galaroza, Vice-Chairman; Pastor Jonathan Ramada, Secretary; Mrs. Leonila Bermejo, Treasurer; Elder James Salig, Auditor; Jemuel Salig, Bus. Manager; Pastors Ernesto Raboy and Dan Jacosalem for Moczan, Pastors Ludevito Calumba and Rolando Labrador for Bag-Land, Pastors Ludevico Apelacio, Roseller Zaragoza, and Rene Luchavez for Sea-Gold, Pastors Reynaldo Yamedo and Herodotus Galamabao, Jr. for Lamisor, and Pastors Neil Ballares and Jobert Medez for Salug Valley, Public Information Officers (P. I. O), respectively. Joint meeting of the school board and faculty members is scheduled during the proposed BRIGADA ESKWELA in May. (The Brigada Eskwela Program brings together school officials, parents, students, and private organizations in an effort to clean and repair schools in time for enrollment and start of classes.) Almost 50 people representing the five ministry districts of TCM Mindanao A (MOCZAN, Salug Valley, Bag-Land, Sea-Gold, and LAMISOR) participated in the Brigada Eskwela last May 9.



NEW APPOINTMENTS - In line with the strengthening and transition of leadership and due to the expanding ministry of the Mission, the TCM Executive Committee has unanimously approved the appointment of the following to serve as ASSISTANT DIRECTORS of the TCM Field Ministry: *Pastor Salvador C. Nabus*, for LUZON (Regions I & II – Norlag, Clag, Bigcor, Palawan, & South-western Luzon); *Pastor Jesus G. Crescencio*, for the VISAYAS (Regions III & IV – Neg. Oriental, Neg. Occidental, & Panay Island); *Pastor Reynaldo L. Centino*, for MINDANAO A (Regions V, VI & VII – Moczan, Salug Valley, Bag-Land, Sea-Gold, Lamisor, & Bukidnon); and, *Pastor Bernardo Pesidas*, for MINDANAO B (Regions VIII, IX, & X – Caraga I & II, Davao I, II, III, Cotabato, & Maguindanao). APPOINTED REGIONAL DIVISION COORDINATORS are: *Pastor Dan C. Banac*, Region I (Norlag, Clag, & Bigcor); *Pastor Ortes J. Condrillon*, Region II (Palawan & South-Western Luzon); *Pastor Jimmy Escobar*, Region III (Neg. Oriental, Neg. Occidental, & Panay Island); *Pastor Joel B. Indino*, Region IV (Cebu, Bohol, & Leyte); *Pastor Rinan B. Suico*, Region V (Moczan & Salug Valley); *Pastor Eddie M. Edama*, Region VI (Bag-Land & Sea-Gold); *Pastor Reynaldo B. Yamedo*, Region VII (Bukidnon & Lamisor); *Pastor Hildegard A. Acha*, Region VIII (Caraga I & II); *Pastor Elie Enate*, Region IX (Davao I, II, & III); and, *Pastor Joed T. Amlon*, Region X (Cotabato & Maguindanao). These men were installed to their positions at the Tagbilaran City TCM conference. Please uphold these men in your prayers as they assume and perform their ministry responsibilities. (Just recently, new TCM Executive Director *Morito P. Rebana* appointed *Pastor Gerson S. Bermejo* director of TCM Mission Department and *Pastor Salvador C. Nabus* Executive Secretary, respectively.)



52 TCM IGBI STUDENTS GRADUATED THIS YEAR - 31 young men and 21 young women, or a total of 52 students, marched for graduation on their respective campuses this year. These young people were trained for four years in four of TCM's resident Bible schools to become pastors and Bible women. These new graduates will join more than 600 TCM pastors and Bible women who are already serving the Lord under various department of the Mission. About 85 percent of TCM

workers are involved in ministry activities in the field, while about 15 percent are involved in ministry activities through the other Mission departments (Finance, IGBI schools, Radio, Youth, Missions, Literature, and Children). The four Bible schools this school-year has a total enrolment of 186 students, from first year to fourth year. Other students are also being trained in the field through the Field Bible School – a training program that reaches out to laymen in the local church for local church leadership. We sincerely acknowledge the hard work of our workers who are involved in training men and women for the expansion of the ministry. We also recognize the individual members, churches, and brethren – both local and foreign – for their great contribution in supporting the needs of these Bible schools.



23 NEW TCM CHURCHES PLANTED IN ONE YEAR - Nine of the 23 TCM Ministry Districts in the Philippines planted 23 new churches from January 2013 to March 2014. This was reported by the supervising ministers of the districts. Locations of these new congregations are found in the following places: Gingoog City, Mis. Oriental; Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay; San Isidro, Pitogo, Zamboanga Sur; Pagtilaan in Surigao Sur; Kalingayan in Agusan Sur; Mabaros in Compostela Valley; San Andres, Quezon; Bagtingon in Marinduque; Sta. Maria, Sibuco, Zamboanga Norte; Tibyawan, Ayungon in Negros Oriental; Nasunggan & Matauta in Tayasan, Neg. Oriental; La Union & Kauswagan in Cabadbaran City, Agusan Norte; Ampayon in Butuan City; Himamaug in Taganaan, Taganito in Claver, & Gasipan in Sison, Surigao Norte; Tanglaw, Sta. Maria & Mitudlong, Taguranao in Cotabato; Malinis, Malungon in Sarangani; Tupi, South Cotabato; and, Sumilil, Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat. Last year's conference in Manila, 22 new churches were reported planted from January 2012 to March 2013. With this 23 new churches this year, the total number of TCM churches in the Philippines is now 465, from 442 last year. What a blessing from the Lord - a good reason to rejoice in Him, indeed!



14 SEMINARS UNDER CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM - This instituted program provides opportunities for planning the ministry and is designed to achieve the following objectives: *to motivate* the enhancement of advanced leadership skills of workers and lay leaders; *to provide* a forum on special problems workers and leaders face in the ministry; *to cultivate* deeper team building spirit among fellow workers and leaders; *to refresh* the commitment of workers and leaders to the existing plans and programs, policies, guidelines, and other Mission documents; *to intensify* the effectiveness and

efficiency of workers and leaders in the ministry; *to offer* an opportunity for periodic learning and sharing of ministry experiences among workers and leaders; *to encourage* free and intelligent discussion of issues affecting the constituency and ministry of the Mission; and, *to discover* new ideas that would contribute to the expansion of the ministry. Training under this instituted program is done through seminars under the Grace School of Biblical Studies (GSBS). Featuring under this program is the advanced leadership training of workers and laymen covering a period of five years (2012 to 2017), after which students who could meet the prescribed requirements will be conferred with titles according to educational levels. Close to 500 TCM workers and laymen are presently enrolled in this school. 14 seminars are scheduled in various strategic places this School-Year 2013-2014. This five-year plan of training is in consonance with “TCM Impact: 7,725 & 115 by 2017” – a five-year church growth plan of the Mission. This training seeks to cope with the need of more workers to help in the edification ministry of the growing number of members in the TCM churches..



SPIRITUALLY IMPACTED CONFERENCE - 318 workers and delegates registered and attended the TCM national conference in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, April 15-18, 2014. Though the number of delegates was fewer than the previous conferences, but the spiritual impact upon the attendees was great and strong! The messages and lectures were boldly declared and expounded by both local and foreign speakers. Well-prepared singing groups from different TCM ministry districts reinforced the clear teaching of the Word. Informative reports on the

ministry activities of the various departments presented a stronger challenge among the delegates to support the work. At the closing ceremonies, 34 pastors and Bible women were recognized as new TCM workers, plus the ordination of four pastors. Foreign guest participants were: Ben Anderson, Executive Director of TCM International; Tim Heath, Missionary to Malaysia; and Nathan Killion, Missionary to Thailand. The same guests participated also in the TCM SUMMIT, April 14-15, where the five-year flagship program on church growth of the Mission was reviewed and evaluated. The Summit also clarified relationships and authorities of positions based on the present organizational structure of the Mission. The Lord blessed the hard work of the different conference working committees led by SM Pastor Vernon Batabat, conference executive chairman.



50th ANNIVERSARY OF A HILL TOP CHURCH – More than 500 people attended and witnessed the special celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Grace Gospel Church of Overland, Buenavista, Bohol, April 19-20, a day after the TCM national conference in Tagbilaran City. Golden shirts worn by the members added more colors and excitement to the celebration. The event included special services, age-level presentations, recognition of past workers, dedication ceremony for 20 children, and the anniversary thanksgiving service. Pastor Noel Villaro of Lanao

del Norte, Pastor Tim Heath of TCM-Malaysia, and Pastor Ben Anderson of TCM-USA were the main speakers. Pastor Gerson Bermejo with his wife Marietta and the mayor of Buenavista also graced the occasion. Church anniversary's theme was: “*Faithfully Teaching & Sustaining the Mystery*”. Members from the church who have already migrated to Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao were instrumental in starting five congregations (one in Luzon, three in the Visayas, and one in Mindanao). The hill top church (building is built on an elevated location in the community) has more than 30 families in her membership roll. The church in Overland is one of the 18 TCM churches in the island province of Bohol under SM Pastor Vernon Batabat. Overseeing the church are: Pastor Edsir Ferrer and Pastor Ely Viva with the assistance of Elder Teodoro Taghoy.



NGYO 2014 CONVENTION - Registration convention desk confirmed 250 paying delegates at the biennial nationwide gathering of Grace young people at Keith Williams' Bible school campus, Davao City, April 21-26. Actual attendance was more than 300, including the non-paying delegates. On the second night, more than 20 young people, either professed salvation or recommitted their lives to the Lord. Sixteen young men and women came forward at the end of the last message to acknowledge their desire and commitment to take the gospel to the unreached

beyond the borders of their own country. Missionary Nathan Killion from Thailand gave the closing challenge with the theme, *Status: In a Relationship with God*. Nathan writes, "God is good! Let's keep praying that the Lord of the harvest will send out these and others as workers into His harvest." Aside from Killion, Ben Anderson, Executive Director of TCM International, served also as main speaker. Other speakers included the following: Youth Director Jun Cadelina. Joel Molina, Sonny Sumilhig, and Jun Pielago.



CHURCH GROWTH THROUGH EVANGELISM - "Pastor James and Agape Bermejo of Valenzuela City church in Manila invited me to teach SS and church. In the afternoon they had an hour of evangelism for which they had prepared and practiced for two months. They divided us into six groups and I was with the group which stayed in the church and prayed for the others. Men, women and youth were involved. After one hour the groups came back and reported. Thirteen people accepted Christ as Savior! I was quite amazed.

They got the contact info for everyone and will follow up this week and invite them to church on Sunday. James and Agape are very active and I am praying they will be TCM missionaries," Ben Anderson wrote on his second day in the Philippines. (Ben spent time with the Bermejoes and church brethren in Valenzuela City before he proceeded to Tagbilaran City for the Mission's national conference, April 15-18. Ben also spoke both in the Sunday morning worship service on the 28th at the Cebu church and evening joint fellowship of church leaders from TCM churches in Metro Cebu at Ala King, Cebu City.



THE KUALA LUMPUR EXPERIENCE – The highly successful *2nd Southeast Asia Grace Believers' Conference* in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 22-26, 2014, was worth-remembering to the 168 delegates who registered for the conference! The pervading exciting atmosphere at the historic event heighten since day one with heart-moving messages, worshipful singing, informative lectures, and encouraging creative reports from delegates representing ten countries. Lectures on the five stages of the "Troas Strategy" were eye-opening and vision-casting! The Kuala Lumpur conference experience is superb, overwhelming, and exceptionally unforgettable! The permeable exciting atmosphere reached its peak with heart-moving culminating activities on day four which included commissioning ceremonies, testimonies, and spiritually impacted worship service, among others. Everything at the conference was well-organized! *The warm greeting, the housing, the eating, the singing, the preaching, the worshipping, the lecturing, the reporting, the interacting, and the sight-seeing were all properly put in place.* Kudos to the organizers! Special commendation goes to the local working committee members and volunteers led by the hard-working conference chairman, Tim Heath. The name "Benjamin N. Anderson" is worth-mentioning; his dream for missions is yielding great results! Recognition also goes to the preachers and lecturers who imparted challenging insights from the Word. Thailand Missionary Genesis P. Maraat also deserves appreciation for his work of taking pictures which serve as

souvenirs for the delegates. And, above all, praise, honor, and glory to God for His rich blessings upon the Kuala Lumpur Grace Believers' Conference! (The 3rd SEA Grace Believers' Conference will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, May 26-30, 2016.)

PRAY FOR THE OPENING OF TCM BIBLE SCHOOLS – Our four main resident Bible schools start classes on June 9. They are IGBI-Cauayan City, IGBI-Bataan, IGBI-Ozamiz City, and IGBI-Tagum City. Likewise, our Grace Bible Training Center (GBTC) in Kabankalan City and Tambo will open classes on the same date. Administration and faculty members of these schools certainly need our prayers. Pray also for the students; many of them do not have adequate financial support for their studies.



NEW TCM BOARD OF TRUSTEES - The following were elected members of the Board of Trustees last April TCM conference in Tagbilaran City: Jessie Crescencio, Temoteo Bermejo, Ronnie Plale, Sr., Marvin Amlon (pastors) and Ally Galaroza (layman). These new elected board members will serve for two years; their term will expire at the conference in April 2016. The present composition of the TCM Board of Trustees is as follows: Morito P. Rebana, Executive Director (in lieu of Gerson S. Bermejo); Carlos P. Autida, Chairman of the Board (in lieu of Eufrazio H. Pielago, Jr.); Felix U. Rosales, Corporate

Secretary (in lieu of Abundio G. Boco); Jesus Crescencio, Temoteo Bermejo, Ronnie Plale, Sr., Marvin Amlon, Isaias Sarabia, and Ally Galaroza (members), respectively. Bermejo, Pielago, Boco, Osias Cadelina, Jr., and Francisco Sanchez, Jr. were no longer qualified to run for re-election last conference due to the successive three-term limit; these five members were elected to the board last 2008. These men will have to rest for two years (one term) before they can be qualified to join the electoral contest. The three-term limit is in consonance with the transition of leadership plan of the Mission.



UP-COMING GSBS SEMINARS – 14 seminars under the Grace School of Biblical Studies (GSBS) of the TCM Workers’ Continuing Education Program are scheduled for school-year 2013-14. Seven have already been conducted and the other seven are yet to hold seminars from July to September in the following districts: BAGANIAN-LAND /SEA-GOLD – Guinoman, Diplahan, Sibugay, July 29-August 1; CEBOLEY – Matlang, Isabel, Leyte, August 8-10; BUMILA - Maranding, Lala, Lanao del Norte, August 13-15; DAVAO I, II, III – IGBI-Tagum Campus, August 19-21; COTABATO-MAGUINDANAO – Cotabato

City, September 9-12; SALUG VALLEY-MOCZAN – Molave, Zamboanga del Sur; and, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL/ORIENTAL – Bacolod City, September 23-25. The round of seminars this school-year is Year 2 of this featured training program. The following subjects are covered for Level I (lay leaders): *Basic Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Evangelism, Bible Introduction, Bible History, Bible Synthesis, Missions, and Christian Stewardship*. For Level II (workers): *Principles of Leadership, Christian Counseling, Educational Foundations, Discipline in the Classroom, Mentoring & Discipling, Philosophy of Christian Education, Dynamic Communication, and Christian Stewardship*. These advanced leadership training seminars cover a period of five years (2012 to 2017), after which students who could meet the prescribed requirements will be conferred with titles according to educational levels. Close to 500 TCM workers and laymen are presently enrolled in this school. This training plan is consonant with “TCM Impact: 7,725 & 115 by 2017” – a five-year church growth plan of the Mission.; it seeks to cope with the need of more workers to help in the edification ministry of the growing number of members in the TCM churches.



TCM MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL - In a special meeting held in Kuala Lumpur with TCM leaders from the Philippines and Indonesia, Ben Anderson, TCM-USA Executive Director, strongly pushed for the creation of a mission department for each field. TCM-Philippines has already created the department, while TCM-Indonesia is still contemplating creating one. The Philippine board through the new Executive Director, Morito P. Rebana, has recently appointed Pastor Gerson S. Bermejo as director of the missions department; the board has appointed Dr. Ruth Q. Improso, mission coordinator. Leaders of both countries unanimously agreed to start a TCM missionary training school in 2015. With this

development, training of individuals – both missionary candidates and those working abroad with interest of efficiently serving the Lord – is a great possibility in a foreseeable future.

PRAY FOR THE TCM DEPARTMENT HEADS - They need our prayers as they plan, perform, and coordinate the ministry activities of their departments. Pray for the following: Ruth P. Baluyot, *Children’s Ministry*; Pedro A. Calledo, Jr., *Literature Ministry*; Osias T. Cadelina, Jr., *Youth Ministry*; Sagrado Q. Improso, Jr., *Finance Ministry*; Calixto Fermantes, *IGBI Schools Ministry*, Abundio G. Boco, *Radio Ministry*; Gerson S. Bermejo, *Missions*; and, Eufrazio H. Pielago, Jr., *Field Ministry*. All of these ministries are working together to achieve the common goals of the Mission. (Executive Director Morito P. Rebana has scheduled a meeting with all of these department heads at the Mission’s headquarters in Ozamiz City, June 10.)

“In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.” — John Bunyan

TCM VISION-MISSION: *“Things to come Mission, Inc. endeavors to follow the global ministry concerns of the Apostle Paul as he follows Christ. It envisions to establish a Grace Church in every municipality and city in the Philippines, and commits itself to win the lost, edify the saints, plant reproducing Grace Churches, and produce committed believers in the teachings of Grace whose lives are Christ-like in character.”*