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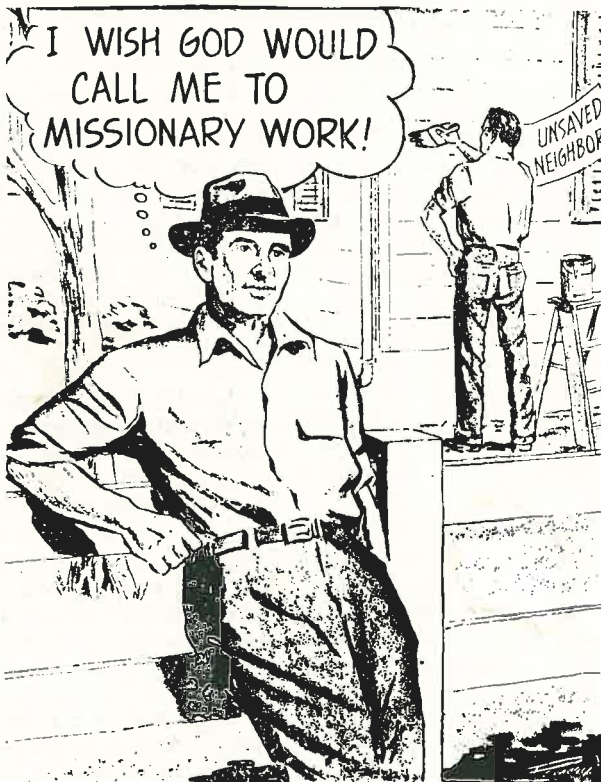
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ANSWERING GOD'S CALL*By Hubert A. Johnson*

It has been requested that I write an article to inform the friends of Things To Come Mission of the Lord's leading in the lives of my family and myself, especially concerning our being led to work as missionaries to the Philippines.

It is difficult to know where to begin, as it seems our whole lives have been part of a great blue print, especially since turning our hearts to God do we see a definite pattern separating us unto the work whereto He has called us.

We might begin back in 1952 when I was sent to Korea as a soldier for the United States. I know many Christian friends were praying for me at this time and God was surely hearing and working in answer to those prayers. Since it was war time, many hearts were turned to spiritual things. On the trip over I picked up a pocket Testament and began carrying it with me always; later, I also began to read it. Upon setting up life in Korea I was struck by the immorality among the

American soldiers, also by the hopelessness of our mission there. I thought how much better it would be if the U. S., considered a Christian nation, would send Christian soldiers armed with the sword of the spirit to do warfare on foreign shores such as Korea. How much better would be the result.

Amidst such thoughts I received a letter from my mother, urging me to become a Christian. I wrote back and said next time she saw me I would be. Certainly this was a beginning for me, but I didn't understand what real salvation was with assurance and all, therefore it wasn't long and I was again living much as the rest of the world and with no Christian testimony.

Upon arriving back in the U.S. it wasn't long before God led me to good Christian believers who again influenced my life and established me more as to the real meaning of the Gospel.

About a month after my discharge from the army, April of 1953, I took a job in Minneapolis. Here I could hear the good news from the Northwestern Bible School's radio station. I was hungry for the Gospel and listened to such programs as Wilbur Nelson's morning chapel hour. At the same time I was influenced by another group of Christians.

In October of 1953, the real crisis came and I finally yielded to the Lord and began to experience a living relationship to God. I got up from that experience singing, "I'll go where you want me to go, I'll say what you want me to say, and I'll be what you want me to be." I now had something real, very real, to tell people about.

Soon after that I began to apply to go to school and thus enter full-time service. In the meantime I was able to lead my fiancée, who later became my wife, to the Lord. We were married in June of 1954, thus bringing together two lives which have complemented and fulfilled each other. This union has been blessed by two lovely girls, Naomi, age two and a half, and Sharon, age two months.

We began school in Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute in September of 1954. We attended there three years, receiving a sound training in basic Bible truths. We were challenged for missions often there and during our first year we felt God's call to the South Sea Islands. We were challenged many times for other fields of service, yet the conviction remained that we should be missionaries to the Island world.

Some time during the first months of 1957 we were confronted with a decision to be made concerning the proper meaning of Bible baptism. We had studied this question ever since we were saved. A 73 year old widow, whom God sent our way, presented us with the literature of the G.G.F.

We felt this was the answer to our problem. When presenting the new truth to others we found it was not well received and so the next year we found ourselves in Milwaukee to complete our fourth year of school at the Milwaukee Bible College. Our year in Milwaukee was a blessing and a real complement to our studies and education.

Our connection with Things To Come Mission begins here. We felt this background was necessary in order to see fully the Lord's leading.

Our first week in Milwaukee we attended Fundamental Bible Church. A visiting missionary was the Sunday School teacher. His name was Vernon Anderson. He challenged us for missions via the Pauline message and also told of the need for missionaries to the Philippine Islands. They had looked for two years for someone, but not one person had come to stand in the gap. My wife and I both felt immediately, that this was further leading for us in God's call to the South Seas. The actual need was for teachers to instruct national missionaries more perfectly in the way of God. We had a burden more particularly for the great needs of New Guinea, but we felt that these needs could be met better by trained natives. Our hopes have been fulfilled on hearing that one of the P.I. nationals who will be starting school this year desires to go to New Guinea.

How we rejoice as we see God's leading in those days being brought to fruition. We hear that the school in the Philippine Islands will be completed soon. God has provided another dedicated couple, the Watkins, for teachers also. He has sent the Andersons to do the difficult work of establishing mission headquarters. He has led us so we now have been able to set our sailing date as March the 13th. If our trust was in man we

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GRACE AND WORKS

By Pastor H. Van Hassel

We firmly believe that one of the great necessities to a correct understanding of the Bible is the principle of "rightly dividing the word of Truth".

This principle is clearly seen, that is, the necessity of it, in distinguishing between Grace and Works.

Grace may be defined as the act of God whereby He bestows His favor on one who does not deserve it. Grace must always take this place, for it does not consider whether one is worthy to have it bestowed upon him; rather, it is God's gift to all who will receive it.

Works are the products and efforts of men. The first clear instance of man bringing his own works to God as an offering is found in the account of Cain. He brought an offering to the Lord in which there was no evidence of substitution or sacrifice, it was all what he had produced. Therefore God rejected it.

In the matter of the salvation of the sinner, all work or effort on the sinner must cease. We mean by that, that any effort of man to gain heaven is useless. Such as trying to do the right thing before God and our fellowman. Or, because one thinks he is pretty decent because he goes to church occasionally or helps in some of the civic affairs of the community. Do not misunderstand, these things are all right as far as they go, but God will not accept them as a means of salvation.

It is surprising that so many people answer when asked; "Are you sure of heaven?" "I hope so." Perhaps you are one of them. You hope you will get to heaven, but you are not sure. This is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. The Bible teaches that one can be sure of heaven. Just as sure of it as one is sure that he is alive at the present time.

Here are the words of Scripture to prove that this is sound Biblical doctrine. We read in I John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Mark it well; "that ye may know that ye have eternal life." This should remove all doubt. This clear, simple statement from the Bible is the infallible word of the eternal God. It is final and conclusive.

Now, then, if one's works cannot make him fit for heaven, what can? Here is where the Grace of God comes in. We are going to present two verses of Scripture to you, that we trust you will take at their face value. Memorize them, repeat them often, mark them in your Bible. They are Eph. 2:8, 9, where we read: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." How can one be saved and sure of heaven? By receiving God's grace by faith. Does it say works are included? No! It says works are excluded: "Not of works, lest any man should boast." This is God's way of saving people. He sent Christ into the world to die. But what was His death for? Surely not for Himself. Or because He was guilty of some offense against humanity! His death was to pay for the sin of the human race. God wants to shower His grace upon the guilty sinner, and that one, by believing what Christ has done, can be sure of heaven.

But the question may be asked: "Isn't there some place in the program of God for the works of man? We reply: by all means there is. But we would clarify that statement just a little. God acknowledges the works of man after he is saved, not before.

And never as a means of salvation.

The believer in Christ has the greatest job of all men. That one becomes a worker for God. For faithfulness he will receive a reward from the hand of the Saviour by and by. But we want to say again, he works because of salvation and not for it.

This leads us to something else. The believer, trusting Christ as Saviour and Lord, sure of heaven, sure of eternal life; can he be sure of that all the days of his life? How does that one remain sure of heaven, by grace or by works?

Some affirm: "We are saved by grace, but keeping our salvation depends on ourselves." We are not going to mince words. This means that salvation is a mixture of grace and works. But Eph. 2:8, 9, says that it is of grace, and not of works. How then can the initial act of salvation be by grace, and the keeping of it be by works? Did we not read: "By grace are ye saved through faith? What man then, has the right to add works to that?"

Read what the Scriptures say concerning this matter. We read in Rom. 11:6, "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." You see, there cannot be a mixture of grace and works. The one excludes the other.

This being true, we can arrive at only one conclusion: salvation is by the grace of God, all of grace, and only by grace. This makes salvation and the keeping of salvation, dependent on the Lord and not the believer. If this were not true, how could the words of I John 5:13, "That ye may know that ye have eternal life", be true? If one was in danger of losing his salvation, he never had the right to say he had eternal life. Anything that can be lost is not eternal, it is only temporary.

The words of our Lord as they are

recorded in John 10:28 should clinch this argument. He said, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Let us analyze this verse. First He says, "I give them eternal life." What is eternal life? Is it not a quality of life that will never end? Can man change this to something uncertain? Or, to the time they commit some sin? When man has a nature that sins continually!

In the second place, the Lord said, "They shall never perish." This means of course in regard to eternal punishment. This is a positive statement. The word "never" means just what it is supposed to mean: "Not at any time." That means that believers will never perish.

In the third place, the Lord said, "Neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." This is the greatest assurance of all. Who is stronger than the Lord? Can the powers of hell themselves separate the believer from Christ? Rom. 8:35-39 declares that nothing can. Can man himself separate himself from God? The answer to that is found in Eph. 4:30. God has sealed us by His Spirit until the day of redemption. Notice, it is God who does the sealing, and not man.

In closing, let me remind you to keep these two things: grace and works, in their proper places. Grace is the means of salvation; works can only be exercised after salvation.

In regard to the works of the believer we read in I Cor. 3:13 that "Every man's works shall be made manifest." Thus you see, there is a place for works. And this is true, the more we experience the grace of God, the more effort we will put forth to do things for Him. God's grace is the motive that makes us want to do things for Him. When we think of how undeserving we are, how we should praise our Lord for His matchless grace, and thank Him for the privilege of working for Him.

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

By B. Mathews

Missionary TCM India

Once when I was travelling by train in one of my preaching tours, I observed several blind men entering the compartment where I was seated. They began begging, one after the other. Each was unaware of the fact that other blind men had already visited the very compartment, and each thought that he was the only blind beggar. If only their eyes had been opened, they would not have deceived themselves. Then I thought that like these blind men, many blind preachers are going about, not knowing that each one is blind to the will of God for this Age of Grace. Each one thinks that he alone knows the will of God and is preaching the right message. By this attitude they deceive themselves and their work becomes a total failure.

It is of great comfort and encouraging to know the "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation — and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Cor. 5:18, 19. Two very important and most valuable tasks are entrusted to each one of us, who are saved by Grace through faith: (1) The ministry of reconciliation; (2) The Word of reconciliation. We who have received this ministry must be careful to discharge this duty faithfully to the very satisfaction of God and for His Glory. St. Paul writes to Timothy telling him to commit to the faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim., 2:1, 2. This ministry does not end with us, but continues to the end 'till the Body of Christ (the church) is raptured.

In this ministry there is warfare against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness

in high places. Eph. 6:12. We are warned to take the whole armour of God — Eph. 6:13 — to enable us to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand. Each one of us is a spiritual Joshua. When the Lord commissioned Joshua, He had warned him that if his way were to be prosperous; and if he were to have good success, then he must be strong and very courageous to follow all that is committed to him by Moses and promised to give him every place that his foot toucheth. Josh. 1:1-9. This promise is for us too. So let us be strong and courageous to rightly divide the Word of Truth, preach and teach the Grace Gospel. 2 Tim. 2:15.

We have found grace in the sight of God to be His Ambassadors. Let us remain faithful. Like King Saul, almost all have failed God. King Saul was asked by God to utterly destroy the Amalekites. Saul, who received this order, proceeded faithfully to carry out the task; but he failed in his mission miserably and brought great loss upon himself and the people and at the end his dear sons perished along with him in the battle. I Sam. 5:1-9; 31:6. Many missionaries of various denominations have gone to various countries to preach the Gospel, but have failed the Lord, like Saul, in not obeying the Word of God (i.e., not rightly dividing the Word of Truth. II Tim. 2:15). Thereby they have blocked the progress of the ministry.

God asked King Jehu to execute judgment on the house of Ahab, and he did please God in his doings. II Kings, 10:30, 31. But afterwards he departed from following God. There are ministers who are faithful like Jehu for a while, but gradually get cold and depart from the Truth.

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WILL GOD KNOW I LOVE HIM AS YOU DO ?

An Article From Osterhus Publishing House, Inc.

She was an ordinary woman of the city of Seoul, of the little war-torn land called Korea. She had been employed as Bible-woman for some years by the missionaries, at a salary of \$3.50 a month, when this incident happened, according to Minerva Guth-apfel.

The missionary had said, "We'll go down on the district for a ten days' visit to the people."

"It will be well," was the answer, and three days before this they had started. A pony with the food box containing the missionary's food strapped on one side of the saddle, her cot and bedding on the other, went before them.

They had travelled thus for many miles, a different village containing a Christian community, being their stopping place each night. There they had preached the Word until late hours of the night to crowds of waiting women, some eager to hear, others merely curious, but all attentive.

And now the third day had come. They decided to walk the ten miles to the next meeting place. The Bible-woman with a quiet, "It will be well", led the way.

Three miles, four miles—"My, how long the way seems", thought the missionary. Six miles, seven miles—the Bible-woman seemed very quiet. Eight miles—suddenly she sank to the ground and big tears rolled down the dark cheeks. The missionary, amazed, exclaimed:

"Why, Madeah, what is the matter?" The reply was only a sob for a few moments, then a pathetic voice greeted her as if in apology:

"Nothing, Pou-in (lady), only my feet!" The missionary, whose back was aching, said gently: "What is the matter with your feet? Let me see them." The missionary's heart sank.

Blistered on the first day, and the second day, and on the third day, ulcerated and swollen! In horror the missionary said:

"Madeah, bathe them quickly in this pool of water; why did you not tell me this morning? You could have remained at the last village until your feet were well. Don't you know that Jesus is not pleased when we try to serve Him without a well body? Oh, why did you not let me know! How can I get you the other two miles?" The tears were choked back as Madeah caught hold of the pitying hand laid on hers.

"No, no! Pou-in, don't say that Jesus is not pleased. Oh! it was for His sake I came all the weary miles. This morning I wanted to tell you I couldn't go on, but just in time I remembered Whom it was for — the traveling — remembered that you do not speak our language well and I was needed."

The missionary groaned, knowing that it was true. "I remembered how American people must sacrifice like this to send all the money for my salary, and to send you Pou-ins to teach us. I remembered just in time and came on. Pou-in, for Jesus' sake, I am willing to suffer this way, but do you think I shall ever suffer as much as Americans do for Him?"

"Will He know that I love Him as much as your people do?"

The Pou-in turned away and thought of her American people. Something seemed to choke her. She gulped it down and said: "Yes, I think He will, but never mind about the American people; you must not do this again. Jesus wants well bodies to serve Him. How shall I get you to the village?"

These cool waters must have helped for the \$3.50 Bible-woman said: "Let's

sing, Onward, Christian Soldiers!’” They did, although the Pou-in’s voice was shaky, the thing in her throat would not go down. At the last verse the woman tried to rise, but could not stand.

“Don’t worry, Pou-in” she said: “I know a stronger hymn than that. Let’s sing, ‘Soldiers of Christ, Arise!’” It was sung, and at the last verse, Madeah was on her feet! The two miles were plodded over; the crowds of people were met. A meeting was held late, for the people would not leave, and Madeah, smiling faintly as they put poultices upon those brave feet, said: “Don’t worry, Pou-in, it’s all right for Jesus’ sake. He’ll know that I love the Lord like Americans do, will He not?”

What is your answer to her question, my American sisters and brothers? Did she earn her wages? Does Jesus think she loves Him as we do? Are her sacrifices equal to ours, for His dear sake? Nay, rather, are ours equal to hers?

Thousands of Korean and other heathen await your answer. The answer that will ring out to them through the voices of new tract missionaries and literature they are begging for — if you give of your “sacrifice” money to send them.

In 1954 there was a daily birth rate of about 250,000, while the daily death rate was about 120,000. The world’s population is increasing by about 130,000 per day, or about 47,000,000 per year; and Christianity is not keeping up with this increase.

In the world today, there are 400,000,000 more people who have not heard of Christ than there were 30 years ago. At least 750,000,000 people of the past generation have passed into eternity without ever having heard the Gospel.

If the church of Christ lets down and fails to wait upon God for victory

over the forces of evil, this may be the end of all missionary literature work in the Orient. Shall we admit that two thousand years of Christianity are ending in abject failure, that the Church has lost her power?

Pray! Give! Go!

Answering God’s Call

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would not leave on that date, for it is Friday the 13th; but our trust is in God and He tells us not to observe days. So we rejoice that we can fight Satan even as we begin to sail.

The Philippine school year begins in June and runs through December. We must confess this job is new to us and will be trying, especially the first year. We plead with you, Pray For Us. A great and effectual door has been opened to us, but there are many adversaries. Pray, that Satan may not hinder us. We need you. A hand can not fight alone, it needs the rest of the body. You members of Christ’s Body, stand by us. We want to do as much as possible on the ship, also, so pray. Now we stand on the brink of our deputation tour, we want to have our oldest daughter with us. Pray that we may have wisdom, patience, and health; and most of all, that the saints will be stirred, blessed, and edified. Pray that the prayer partners of God’s choice will be given us. Pray also for yourselves, that your heart will be pliable before God to know His will and way. God bless you. Maranatha!

Ministry of Reconciliation

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Let us be faithful like Moses, who was faithful in the affairs of God. Heb. 3:2. “I give thee charge in the sight of God who quickeneth all things and before Christ Jesus, Who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession, that thou keep this commandment without spot unrebukable until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Amen. I Tim. 6:13, 14.

Letters to the Editor

BRAZIL

CHRIST IN THE CEMETERIES

By Henrique Schmidt

We have been very busy holding meetings, both in the open air and in believers' homes, as well as our regular services. The most outstanding activity around this time of year in Brazil is the preaching in the cemeteries. This is the time of year for All Saints activities and everyone goes to the Cemeteries to remember their dead and to pray over the graves. We see many sad faces with tears streaming down the cheeks. It is a sad sight. Many are crushed in the minds and spirits and they tumble over the graves. This is a very good occasion to testify of the Risen Christ and every year we come here to preach in the Cemeteries and hand out tracts.

I made 20 speeches during these days and handed out 6000 tracts which I had especially printed for this occasion. While traveling on a bus the other day I handed out tracts to all who were on the bus. One of these was a R. C. priest and I gave him a tract also. He immediately began to ask me questions and I had a chance to testify to him while the whole bus full of folks listened carefully to all I had to say. The priest seemed deeply impressed and told me he was glad to know that I had a personal experience with Christ since so few professing Christians have such an experience.

We have a small Gospel tent that we use when the weather is favorable. Those who express their desire to know more about God's Word in these meetings are given a free copy of the Gospels. Our meetings are held in neighborhoods where the poor people live and those who cannot afford to buy the Gospels are given copies free but to others we sell for a very small

price, copies of the New Testament. In this way the Word of God is available to all these poor people. Many come and are amazed to hear about this "New Religion", but I tell them that neither new nor old religion can save them, only CHRIST ALONE, through His shed blood, can save them. Some express their hopes that things will be better with their religion now that they have a new Pope in Rome, but I make it clear to them that the ONLY WAY to heaven is and remains our Saviour Jesus Christ and that there is no mention of Popes in the Holy Scriptures.

Yes, brethren, we have much opposition and Rome is trying hard to regain its lost power here. With earnest prayers we struggle on, remaining near HIM, WHO IS VICTORY in our daily lives. All honor we give to HIM.

GREECE

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

By Andrew Vergopoulos

I was happy to receive your letter and the financial help. I really thank the Lord for the way He supplies our needs. The past week has brought many blessings and we had two new souls saved last month. I want to praise Him for the way you and TCM have assisted the work here in Greece. We shall never forget the way you answered our request, and the financial help you sent will cover our needs and our plans will soon be in action. Soon we shall have some new tracts. I am translating some now, also I am translating the Constitution of the TCM. Pray for the translating work, as all the work I do for the Lord is after eight hours work at the American Base in Athens. Pray that the Lord will give me strength and that Satan will never make me tired or keep me from this work.

The Lord has given us many blessings. In the last meeting there were more than 100 people in attendance. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us. Two of our young people have just returned from the missionary journey, and I will send you a report as soon as I can. We have for our daily song, II Cor. 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." We pray and trust on II Cor. 9:6, ". . . He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully."

As for the tax that we must pay, I have to tell you that if we do not pay this tax we shall not have the authority or the permission to have our church. The Constitution of Greece does not guarantee that every one is free to worship God as he wants, but there are some articles that have been added under which we can have our church by paying said tax. Even though we pay the tax we are still watched very closely and have been examined very much. The government wants to know all about us and how we operate. They feel that all Protestants are supported by the U.S.A. and on this myth they make their basis to fight us. You need much wisdom to work for the Lord here in Greece. If we do not pay the tax or obey the law, they will take this opportunity to persecute us, and persecution means to destroy us. The first opportunity they find they will "Katigorize" us because we proselyte the people. Praise God we have a very good lawyer who works very hard and does not charge us much.

We trust that you will pray for and do all you can for the work of the Lord here in Greece. We do not want money or help for ourselves; we need it for the Lord's work. All your help will be appreciated and we will not

use one cent or drak for anything other than the Glory of our Lord.

May the Lord bless you and the Mission and all who are working under TCM.

ARGENTINA

BATTLE OF THE AGES

By Nicholas Sabich

I am still in the great Buenos Aires, although I would prefer to be out in the field. Circumstances do not permit me to leave here just now, so I am hoping that the Lord will open a door for more active work.

During the past month, and except for our meetings here in Villa-Ia-mante, I attended several other meetings, two in Valparaiso Street, Villa Alsina, two in Murgiondo Street, two in Matanza Buenos Aires City, and one in Catamarca Street. The majority of these groups are independent, where I can present the Grace Message. Last week I preached in one church about Eternal Security. The people were very much impressed. Many churches have opened their doors to the Gospel of Grace, but today we are facing two extreme classes, formalist and fanatics. The situation is far more complex and as we present the Grace message among these two classes, we do not see immediate results. I must tell you that the battle for the truth is not so easy here in Argentina. The devil as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour. The political situation in Argentina is not so tranquil. Religion is mixed with politics. The battle of the ages. St. Paul's exhortation is needed today for Argentina: "That prayers and intercession be made for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness." Although this be true, the Lord is blessing His Word. Just past yesterday we had a special meeting here in Villa-Diamante with a good attendance and some new people. Two souls accepted

the Lord as their personal Saviour during this meeting. One was our new neighbor, who came with tears in his eyes, and the other was a German woman who about four months ago came from Germany.

I have received a letter from South Argentina in which they extended me an invitation to come there for some meetings. I have a good friend there who is very near the Grace Message and has a clear understanding about many things. He is a man with whom I can have real fellowship. I hope to have the opportunity to go there soon. I see there is a real need for the true Gospel in that area. In the north it is not easy because of the lack of any effective workers, although there is a great opportunity of a future work among the people on the islands where I worked some years ago. Here in Buenos Aires I have as my best friend and co-worker, Rev. Ivanchenko, the converted Orthodox priest. He is strong in the Pauline Doctrine, and I was surprised to know how far he has come in the Dispensational Truth. This is due to much schooling and preparation. We are looking for a location here where we can have our center and perhaps print some literature. Brother Ivanchenko can speak several languages but he does not speak well in Spanish. He is studying this language now. I believe in the future we can have a good work here, although the beginning is never easy.

I have given out the booklets "God's Clock of the Ages" printed in Spanish, that you sent to me. These booklets are very much needed and we could use all you could send.

INDIA

WE ARE WILLING

By W. T. Cherian

It is a great joy to let the brothers abroad know that the TCM work in

India is progressing rapidly and we are having divine blessings upon our work.

September was a month of great importance because we could open a new working center at Kalavoor, a suburban area of Alleppey, six miles north. We have already started a Gospel hall and a reading room there. The formal opening was held on September 28th. A bit-notice (hand-bill) had been distributed and there was a large crowd, eagerly waiting to attend the meeting. We were surprised to see that Christians as well as their leaders from various denominations of the neighboring places came there to attend the function. It is another extra-ordinary thing that the room next to our Gospel hall is the office of the local Communist party. The opening function was held in the Gospel hall; but due to the overflowing crowd, many people were forced to remain outside. We had rented a public address system for this meeting and it was very useful. After the opening function we held an open-air meeting in the street. It was a great time of blessing, as the people showed a real interest in hearing the message of God's Grace. We were forced to extend our meeting until 9 p.m. that night. At the end of the meeting many Hindus, Muslims and Catholic approached us and expressed their desire to have a good knowledge of this message of God's Grace. Many asked for Bibles and New Testaments, but we could not supply the demand. We did supply them with tracts and booklets and promised to supply Bibles in due course as the Lord provides.

We have entrusted the Gospel center in the hands of a fine evangelist, Mr. V. K. George. He is conducting meetings nightly in which a good number of people are showing a genuine interest. A regular assembly of boys, called "Bula Sawaj" are meet-

ing at the Center also. We visit this place from the headquarters twice a week. There is a great need in this place for Bibles and New Testaments and the people are showing a real interest in the Grace Message.

We are also working at Kanjiram-chirai, in the beach of Alleppey, which is a Hindu locality. We are praising the Lord that here we have more than 150 Hindu children attending our Sunday School regularly. The classes are held in a temporary shed and there are various needs in connection with this Sunday School. We need mats and benches for the shed; books, note-books, pencils, etc., to encourage the children. Remember this need in your prayers.

Our usual program is continuing. We have a Bible class and prayer meeting every Tuesday, with many Christian friends attending regularly. Each morning two or three evangelists go from house to house, telling the people about the Lord Jesus Christ. We do experience a wonderful response and many blessings from this work. In the afternoons we spend a few hours in prayer and then go out to preach the Gospel in our open-air meetings held in the streets. Here too we often times have many blessings as we see souls receive Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour in response to the message of God's Grace.

We have received two special guests who came all the way over from Malabar to see me and ask about the possibilities of starting working centers in their area. They showed a real appreciation of the TCM's beliefs and doctrinal statement. Another request has come in from Kalapancodu, a small town about 20 miles north of Alleppey. Here too we could start a good work IF the needed funds were available. Some very important news came in the mail today. I received an invitation from a gentleman in Bom-

bay to visit that place and start a TCM working center there. This gentleman, Mr. Kurian J. Palamattan, is very capable and influential and has offered all his services to promote this work.

We feel there is an urgent need for a Public Address System and a magic lantern set for the proclamation of the Grace Message. We have other needs at this time also; one typewriter, funds for literature, funds for more sheds, etc. The expences of the headquarters will amount to a lot and the added expenses of the new working center and Gospel hall. We now have five full time workers in the headquarters including myself and Mrs. Cherian, two missionaries, Mr. P. C. Thomas who is fully supported by me and Mr. K. K. Baby, whom I am now giving a small allowance, but will have to increase this as his family burdens are increasing. We have a General Secretary, Mr. John Thomas who has been doing voluntary service, but now finds it difficult to proceed without some support. Mrs. Cherian is not in good health as we expect a little one will come into our home very soon. Please remember Mrs. Cherian in your prayers, as well as the work here. There is a great task before us. Many villages in India are still in darkness where the Gospel of Christ has not yet been preached. Let us awake, pray and cooperate in this great task of reaching these people before it is too late.

A YEAR OF BLESSINGS

By Philips P. Varickanickel

We have had many special blessings in the past three weeks and I would like to tell you of some of our meetings. On the 17th we went to Thiruvella where we held a four day meeting. Every night we preached to crowds of two hundred to four hundred people. On the 17th there were eight souls who professed Jesus

Christ as their Personal Saviour. Five of these were young people and we praise the Lord for them. On the 18th we did house visitation and visited about fifty homes in the poor section and distributed Gospels and tracts. On the 19th we did more house visitation and in the evening we held a meeting for the business men of the area. This was a spiritual meeting and a great blessing for all. On the 20th we met for prayer with the local believers and with the newly converted people and in the evening we held our best service, having about five hundred people in attendance, and when the invitation was given, eighty five souls received Jesus Christ as their Saviour. This was the most blessed sight, to see all these people coming to know Jesus as their Saviour. We could feel the presence of the Spirit with us this night.

I returned to Ernakulam on the 23rd and met with the local workers for our prayer service where we also discuss the past and future work and praise the Lord for His blessings. On the 25th I went to South Kerala to conduct some special meetings. I was there about five days, having meetings with ladies' groups, children's classes and open services for all.

I have been thinking of the past year of blessings and thinking of this being one year since I received my first check from TCM. This was truly a leading of the Lord that I join with TCM and would like to give my report of the past year as to how the Lord has blessed the work here. I can say first that all of the results are by the Grace and Mercy of God. We are nothing in this work as it is God's doings and using us as we are willing to completely surrender ourselves for His Glory. There was much prayer behind this work and much financial help from the TCM, U.S.A., but as always it was not enough to meet the great need. We could have done much

more had the finances been available. Yet as we look back we can see and hear many souls say, "We were saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, but we didn't know about Him until you came and preached unto us."

In October, 1947, my work officially began for TCM. From that moment on we have given ourselves to the task of this ministry and have done our best by His Grace. Within this past year we have visited about three hundred Christian families and about one thousand Gentile families with the message of Salvation which is by the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through His shed blood. Thru this house to house ministry there were about one hundred people who received Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour. We conducted about two hundred open-air meetings where innumerable people heard the message of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. We distributed about a hundred Gospels, five Bibles, and thousands of tracts.

Another phase of our work is among College students. This past year I visited twelve Colleges and conducted meetings. Through these meetings in the colleges, about fifty students came to a decision to accept Jesus Christ. Also, we do much village work and we have visited and preached in fifty different villages, establishing permanent works in ten of these, and conducting Sunday Schools in three others.

Our most important evangelization work is done through our Gospel team. We have, in this team, seven well educated and dedicated people who are always touring South India carrying the Gospel to those who have never heard.

Along with this ministry, as mentioned above, we also are conducting hostels in Ernakulam for young men who want a real Christian atmosphere. All this was done through His

mercy and grace, and we praise Him for it all. We are in His hands and we look forward to many more blessings in the years to come. Pray for this work and help us as much as you can as we have many needs.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

TRUSTING HIM

By Felicisinio Mangubat

Greeting you in His most precious name. Again I must report that we are being persecuted by the Roman Catholics here in Maigo. One of our members, a tenant, was asked by his land lord if he was going to remain a Protestant. If he does he will be fired from his job. Pray for these members as they are poor and it will mean very much to them to stand faithful to their belief in Christ Jesus. All our members are very poor and it is all they can do to buy some food for their daily consumption. Sometimes they only eat young bananas. During my visits to them, I sometimes miss my breakfast or sometimes I eat house to house. This is one of the testings that the Lord has given us, but we praise the Lord for everything. Rom. 8:18, I Cor. 15:58. I have taught my members to give and they understand their obligation. They are willing to help as they can and to give as they can. I don't like to disturb my members, because I know how hard up they are. We plan to erect a chapel and have some material ready, but the other material—I don't know yet. We pray that the Lord will supply us everything.

As for the work in the area of Maigo Laanao, we thank God for the growth we have had. I have had an invitation to hold meetings in Kolainibugan, a town about 8 Km. south of Maigo. The men there are United Church of Christ of the Philippines in denomination, but they asked me many questions about our doctrine, especially water baptism and the

Lord's prayer. To answer them I opened my Bible and showed them the way of salvation, by grace alone and not of works. Eph. 2:8-9, II Tim. 1:9, and Titus 3:5. After three hours of study they understand and asked me to come every Friday to have a Bible study with them. I was thankful for the offer to come and teach them for I know this is our obligation, to preach the grace gospel in every barrio, town and place we can. Three weeks later I received another invitation. This time in Ka-uswagan, 13 Km. to the north of Maigo. -So pray that God will open the way for us so that we might make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, Eph. 3:9, which was not before made known to the sons of men. Eph. 3:1 - 9.

A DAY AT A TIME

By Joe Watkins

We do praise the Lord that He has seen us through two months on the mission field. He has done nothing but good for us. We have seen Him work in many wonderful ways, strange ones, too, but His ways are not our ways. He is the one to be praised, not man. He is the One we look to. He shall supply all our needs. He takes care of us each day, not a month at a time, but A DAY AT A TIME.

I have been quite busy with the School. The contractors are trying to finish it by next week. We were short some materials and I had to run all over trying to get them, but it is not easy to get things in a hurry here. You have to order about three weeks in advance, and then you are not sure of getting it. There are so many odds and ends that have to be done in getting the building finished. The cottage for Paulene and I will be completed next week so this too is another concern. We had a well driven this week and found good water at

about 60 feet. There will be no running water here, unless you run to the well and run back. No more electric lights, either. We will use lanterns (gas). There is still much to be done and more money needed before the school is ready. Just getting the building is not all there is to the school. We will need books, tables, etc., and the other equipment, and this all costs money. We plan to make the tables and chairs, but will have to buy the materials to make them. Books will be the big item so we must really pray about this. It is God for whom we labor and if God be for us, who can be against us?

We are looking forward to seeing Hubert and his family. He will be a big help here. Pray for them as they will find it rather hard with the baby being so small.

Paulene and I have both had dysentery, but after treatment by the doctor, and medicine, we are feeling much better. We count it a privilege to suffer for Him. Pray for us that God will give strength and wisdom to do His will.

We do praise God for the blessings over the week-end. We were in Bariason for three days and God added twenty-four souls to the Body of Christ. I had the privilege to lead six of them to the Lord. The blessed thing is that most of them were young people. This is the life line of the church in the Philippines and of the Grace Message. Oh, there are many doors open here. Pray that God will send workers.

SATAN IS EVER ACTIVE

By C. L. Caadan

We are planning to enlarge the church in Ditay and will put up a beautiful sign so that when you come for the missionary conference, you can see the strong faith. We are having an open forum on every Wednes-

day on the FUNDAMENTALS OF DISPENSATIONALISM. The people like this study very much as they see this is the Dispensation of the Grace of God given to the Apostle Paul.

When we were in Balagan, during the revival, there was the family of Brother Paras who received the Lord as Saviour. Brother Paras said that if we assign a worker in Balagan, he will donate a lot of one and a half hectares for the Church house. We must pray for a church in Balagan.

In Ditay, near the school, we had a debate with the Jehovah's Witnesses. There is a pioneer of this organization in Tabaab, Zamboanga del Sur, that came from Davao. When I answered all his false statements, all the people listened and it was so quiet. The head of the Witnesses got angry because they do not have any influence with the people, and the judgment of the people was against them.

In Pasadian there were Seventh Day Adventists and I debated with Mr. Dubo. His mother-in-law was saved during the last missionary conference here. Maybe you remember her. The Seventh Day Adventists I had the debate with did not have much to say and the people laughed at them. Another victory for the Lord.

The Christohanon, who before were so active, are now getting weak. I am always trying to get them to listen so they can learn more, but until now there is no answer. Near the School I have advertised that those who want to ask questions must come to the church each Wednesday because there we will be studying the Fundamentals of Dispensationalism. As of now they are weakening. Pray that they will come to know the truth. Pray for us that we might be strengthened. Pray for the work as it is growing very fast here. Pray that the Lord will supply our needs.

I'LL GO ANYWHERE

By Victoriana Palagan

We are praising our Lord Jesus for all our answered prayers in regards to the Bible School here in the Philippines. I believe that God is with this Mission, because all things are provided through our loving Lord Jesus Christ as we wait upon Him. I am praying for all missionaries and workers throughout the world, that they will stand until our hope is realized and the rewards are received from Him to whom be glory and honor for ever and ever.

I can witness for the work in the Philippines that it is growing in number and we look forward to an even greater growth. Even though I am still a student, I look forward to the day when I can do the Lord's work. I will finish my second year of high school this year and after this I pray that the Lord will show me which is the best mission field for me to work in. I can't wait to finish my high school, I want to take the truth to the people who are still in darkness. I can't wait two more years so please pray for me. I am praying to start work in Negros Oriental and Cebu after my Bible School work is finished. I visited these places once and saw the hunger of these people for the truth. Even here in Misamis Occidental there are still many places to be reached with the Gospel of Christ.

Our child evangelism classes are growing and we are looking to the time when we can reach every corner of the Philippine Islands for Christ. We need your prayers for the students from the different countries as they come here to prepare themselves for the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in order that they can spread the truth to the other countries. I am asking this of our Heavenly Father, to send students from any of the other countries who are willing to serve

Him, that they may be trained to minister the word in their own countries.



Laurel Anderson and Victoriana, both having the desire to live for the Lord. Victoriana interprets for the Child Evangelism Classes, explains the customs and comments for Mrs. Anderson, and plans to be a missionary to her own people.

Last week I was glad to be able to discuss the Bible with my class mates who are taking religious instructions in Roman Catholicism. I was trying to explain more clearly the teaching about water baptism and that it is not able to wash away sins. My Home Economics teacher was listening to our discussion and I believe that the Lord is leading in the lives of these people. Pray for these people and for me as I am willing to witness for the Lord at all times.

Earlier in the year the Religion class was the largest class in our high school but now it is growing less and less in attendance. Only 10 to 15 students are in this class now. How I praise Him for the way He shows these blinded people the truth as we discuss their doctrine in the light of the Holy Words of God.

(Editor's Note: Vickie, as she is known by those who love her, is the one to whom most of the praise would go if Vern and Darlene Anderson were asked to name one person in the Philippines who has done the most to make their time there more profit

able for the Lord. Vickie has been staying with the Andersons and she is the one who has given them the insight into the ways and customs of the people. She and Darlene have been holding Child Evangelism classes in the barrios around Ozamis City and she has accompanied them on Evangelistic tours. The zeal and love of the Lord this young girl possesses, has been an inspiration and challenge to all who know her. Pray for Vickie as she prepares to carry the Gospel of the Grace of God to the unreached people of the Philippines and let us join her in praying for the countries of this world, that are still in darkness, that in these the Lord will raise up a testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

VICTORY IN THE WORD

By Isaias Lopez

In the past weeks we have been working on our chapel and have most of the work done. On the 10th we worked on the benches and were able to finish them. The Lord has been blessing here and in our last service there were 38 adults, 6 visitors and 22 children. I have been visiting the members who have been absent from our services for two Sundays. I was talking to some of our neighbors in the afternoon, today, talking about the Word of God. One of them understood the message of Salvation and accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. Last week two nephews of my wife came to my house and I explained to them the words of God. One of them believed the message of Salvation and gladly received the Lord as his personal Saviour. After a few days I found out that there is a great discussion between the two. One standing in his old faith, but the other stands in the Word of Truth.

I pray that God will bless the words that were planted in the heart of this one who has received Jesus as Saviour.

On the 15th all the members of the Depalausan TCM church were invited to a birthday party of the son of Mr. Teofilo Rible. He is a Roman Catholic. After dinner, they gave us a chance to have a service. Brother Requieroso delivered the message and I gave a testimony of my life. After this I explained "The Highway of Life" from the chart. I described the difference between the Law of Moses and the Grace of God, explaining that this is the message for this present age. Most of the people understood the message of Grace.

On the 21st I had a visit from Brother Gabero who invited me to have a debate with Mr. Palinar, who is a Seventh Day Adventist. This man is trying to capture the Uncle of Brother Gabero who is a Roman Catholic. I challenged Mr. Palinar to a debate, to be held in the house of Mr. Puertis. The topic of the debate was pertaining to the Seventh Day. Mr. Palinar took the first stand to prove that the Seventh Day is in force today. I proved in my stand that the Seventh Day was not needed in this present Dispensation. Now that I have proven book by book, verse by verse, I gave Mr. Palinar a chance to speak the second time, but he jumped from place to place and off the topic. I rebuked him not to touch the dietary law because this is another topic and not included in our debate. Still he jumped from one subject to another until he came to the Ten Commandments. I closed the debate, saying, "Dear Brethren, Mr. Palinar has nothing more to say about the Seventh Day because he is trying to get away from our topic." Mr. Puertio then judged that the Adventist teaching is false. Our debate started at 3:30 P.M., and we finished

at 7:00 P.M. Since I challenged him to a debate, Mr. Palinar has never visited Mr. Puertio again.

Pray that the Lord will bless His Word as it is preached and that many souls will come to Him as their personal Saviour. We praise the Lord for all He has done for us and look to Him to give us all things.

LOOKING TO THE LORD

By Joshua Gonzaga

Greetings in Christ Jesus. I am happy to tell you that God has given me good health in His service as I preach the message of His grace.

With regards to my work in Bangyamu, I am glad to tell you that God helps me to do his will. Every Sunday we have a service in the house of Brother Quirino. After the service I visit our members to study the Word of God, especially the Grace Gospel, because I find that they are still mixing this message with the Kingdom Gospel. I am doing my best to instruct them in rightly dividing the Word, II Tim. 2:15, and they are coming to understand the Paulene Doctrine. Now some of them are standing for the truth of this dispensation of Grace as revealed by the Apostle Paul.

In Bangyamu I have encountered several debates with the Seventh Day Adventist pertaining to the Ten Commandments. I challenge them because they are disturbing our members and the outsiders. I was thankful for the book, "Moses and Paul" that you sent me. It has been a great help to me.

We are planning to go to Damulog within a month to secure land for a Chapel. The members in Bangyamu are all tenants and are very poor. This is why we could not have a chapel in Bangyamu and decided to transfer to Damalog, if we find that there is a place vacant. We are looking to the Lord to supply us our every need. Pray for us as we pray for you.

SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

By Evelyn Peters and Gwen Melger
Missionaries of Bible Christian Union
(*Ed: Last year Miss Melger and Miss Peters were in Lourdes, France, during the 100th anniversary of a shepherd girl's visits by Mary, the "Queen of Heaven"*)

For two days we mingled with the people at Lourdes. We saw many sick and afflicted. Some were in wheel chairs; others on crutches and still others were borne along on stretchers by loved ones or attendants. These and many more found their way, or were transported every day to the grotto for the special masses. Later, in long lines on either side of Rosary Square they waited outside the great Cathedral, built in honor of Mary, for the blessing of the Bishop and priests. As the golden canopy covering the "Holy Eucharist" was carried past us during the procession, the thousands everywhere about us knelt in idolatrous worship. Our hearts bled for them, as our ears rang with the chant of their praise. This is a daily procedure and always there is the dramatic climax as the chanting, which is done in seven different languages, reaches a feverish pitch.

Never had we seen such religious fervor, no, not even in Rome! Sincere desire, hope, expectancy, eager anticipation were written on many faces. One devout worshipper said to our missionary from Marseille, "I came away not with physical healing but spiritually strengthened." Yes, many are emotionally stirred and feel the effects for some days, but there is no deep abiding peace nor assurance of eternal life which comes to those who are "in Christ Jesus." They are lost in their spiritual darkness! We must introduce them to the only mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The missionaries of God have many enemies as they carry the Gospel of Salvation into the far corners of the world. Satan is ever active, waging spiritual war-fare and attacking the lives of the faithful in physical ways. We would ask that you pray for each missionary, that the Lord will strengthen them spiritually and physically. We would ask special prayer for our Brother Vern Anderson at this time. He is in need of rest. In a recent letter he stated, "Suffering and Discipleship can not be separated. To give Spiritual Life means to give Physical Life, to stop Spiritual Suffering it takes Physical Suffering." This is true of all missionaries, we at home or those taking the Gospel to the foreign fields. Let us not close our eyes at night until we have asked the Lord to supply health and strength and spiritual victory to all missionaries serving in the far corners of the world. Pray for them by name, and for their special needs.



Should there be those wishing to support, or help support, a National Missionary in South America, India, or the Philippine Islands: TCM has several nationals who are a real asset to the Lord's work, and who need financial assistance while they give of their lives to bring the message of Salvation to their lost people. National Missionaries can be supported for \$15.00 to \$50.00 a month, depending on their needs, locality, and qualifications as full time evangelists. For further information, write to: DIRECTOR, THINGS TO COME MISSION, INC., 745 Yampa Ave., Craig, Colorado.

Brother Hubert Johnson, his wife and two small daughters, will sail for the Philippine Islands on March 13th. Brother Johnson will serve the Lord as an instructor in the Bible School which was just completed, near Ozamis City. Brother Johnson is a graduate of Milwaukee Bible College and has attended the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of North Dakota. This young couple is stepping out on faith, trusting in the Lord to supply their every need. This work will be new to the Johnsons and they will need your prayers in order to carry out the work the Lord has called them to do. Let us hold them up before the Lord as they hold up the Lord before the students in the Missionary Bible School of the Philippines.



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