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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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FAITH COMETH BY HEARING



HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD

*How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?
How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?
How shall they hear without a preacher?
How shall they preach, except they be sent?*

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"PROVE ME NOW, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS . . ." Mal. 3:10

—Vernon Anderson

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One year ago we set out to do just this, to prove that God still demands and respects faith. We felt a missionary could go to the foreign field without promise from mission board, church or individual or financial backing. More than one person let us know such a plan would never work and it was against common sense and sound business practice. But the more we studied God's Word in regard to this matter of faith, the more we were convinced God's promises were sufficient to send us and also keep us on the field. God revealed to us that we were going to be a test case. Many wanted to see just how this radical change from common practice would turn out. At that time we could make no bold statements nor claims as we had not tried that which we were teaching. Now we have made the test and find God does demand and respect faith. With the Word of God and some practical

experiences we set forth our views on missionary faith work in hopes others will accept the challenge and go adventuring for Christ by faith.

God's ways are not our ways and so in determining what God expects of us, we must be careful our reasoning does not take the place of God's revelation. God has given us The Book as a guide and to this Book we must go if we are to do things in God's way.

Too often our views are colored by common practice, common knowledge, and common sense. And all the time we're dealing with a very UNcommon commodity — FAITH. A true faith is not the least bit common or ordinary, but a certain mysterious treasure only understood upon finding out its secrets. Tradition and sentiment get in the way of sound scriptural truth. Scrupulously we form our doctrinal stands by examining every Greek preposition of the Word of God,

but when it comes to following practices and principles, we flee from the Scriptures and try to go on our own judgment. Personally we feel every aspect of our Christian life should have a scriptural foundation.

So then, our question boils down to this: is it scripturally and dispensationally correct for a missionary to set sail for a foreign field without having a guaranteed income from churches or individuals? Or: is it pleasing to God to go out as a missionary trusting His promises alone?

If we were going to use common sense as our guide, certainly such a move would be unwise and even foolhardy. If we were to use common practice as the rule, again the overwhelming majority of missionaries go out with fully adequate guaranteed human support. But what saith the Word? Here there can be no doubt. The Word tells us of a good number of missionaries whom God sent out and we can prove absolutely and conclusively that they had no guarantees except from God. Paul, who calls himself a pattern and truly he is, was the founder of missionary practices and principles. From Paul's own words we know he had no guaranteed income. He lived by faith and had to lean wholly on God for his needs. Sometimes God would send funds through Christians; sometimes God provided an occupation; sometimes he would allow Paul to go hungry and suffer for the gospel's sake. There is only one way God can be pleased. "Without faith it is impossible to please God!" What then is faith? We may say faith is really blindness or not being able to see that which is ahead! For faith is "not by sight." Faith too must contain the element of human impossibility. We are saved by faith which means it is humanly impossible to save ourselves. To believe in the resurrection of the dead takes faith because it is an act that

goes beyond human possibility. Whenever we speak of a great act of faith, we always imply there was a great risk involved; the greater the risk, the greater is the faith needed.

What does the Bible call an act of faith? Abraham, it is said, is the human father of faith. Abraham, believing God even tho against common sense and judgment, did impossible acts. He, believing only God, left the Ur of the Chaldees, "and he went out, not knowing whither he went." God purposely allowed Abraham and Sarah to pass the age of parenthood so their child would be of faith, beyond sight, beyond the human possible. The children of Israel crossed the Red Sea by faith. Again they crossed the Jordan by faith. The walls of Jericho fell by faith. David by faith slew Goliath. Paul by faith took the message of the grace of God to the heathen world. All against common sense, against common practice, common judgment and common rules. Faith has always been laughed at, ridiculed and scoffed at by the common sensers. Faith demands that we leave the human crutches and trust wholly in His promises. It demands that we attempt the human impossible.

*Faith, mighty faith, the promise
gives,
And looks to God alone.
Laughs at impossibilities,
And shouts, "It SHALL be done!"
Got any rivers you think are
uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel
through?
God specializes in things thought
impossible.
Jesus can do what no other friend
can do.*

One has said that a missionary who goes out without human promised support has always to think about his support and must be in a constant

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HIDING GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS

By Hubert Johnson



Hubert and Eileen Johnson, missionaries of Things to Come Mission, with their two children are now on their way to the Philippine Islands where they will be helping Brother Joseph Watkins in the Teaching and Administrative work of the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines.

The Bible teaches that through hiding God's Word in our hearts we may avoid sin.

Some verses come to mind which the writer feels would help many of us from committing grave sins of omission. Let us consider the following:

- 1.) Matthew 16:25 "For whosoever will save his soul shall lose it, but whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."
- 2.) II Corinthians 5:10 — "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body."

Certainly if only these two verses were firmly impressed in our hearts, our lives would daily be becoming

more Christ-like as we more and more take our place in Christ's Body and thereby build it up.

The first one deals with the self-life. How many of us are truly living according to the principle that we must die to self daily? How many are trying to actually avoid obtaining their own desires? Losing their life? Losing their own desires so that they may fulfill Christ's desires.

This verse also teaches us that only those who thus lose or give up their own desires really find life. Isn't it true? Those who desperately try to gain this world's goods and pleasures become more and more shriveled inwardly; and those who lose it all for Christ's sake, and the gospel's, really find what living is, because Christ fills their lives with joy from within. You can better remember the meaning of joy by realizing that it comes only by living for *J* - Jesus, *O* - Others, and lastly *Y* - Yourself.

It is not only sensible to live for Christ while we live on Earth, but the second verse of our consideration teaches us that after this life we shall appear before Christ to receive an eternal portion of what we did in our earthly life. Oh, that believers had this verse hid in their hearts! So that we would **LIVE** with eternal values in view. What a pity that wherever one may go today he sees some of the best Church leaders living in luxury. Not at all thinking of losing so that Christ and the Gospel may gain.

Our conclusion shall be only: May the Holy Spirit etch these two verses on our hearts.



God's work done in God's way, will not lack God's supply.

Prove Me Now

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state of worry. Actually what is said is the one who goes out with human guaranteed support has greater assurance than one who just looks to God. Otherwise the promises made by men are more dependable than the promise made by God "that He shall supply a'l our needs!" The Bible says, "Let God be true and every man a liar!"

There is one great reason why more missionaries won't go out just trusting God. It is the great fear of suffering privation. We all know God does not give us what we want but just what we need. It is also true as proven by all the heroes of faith that God leads us into hardship, distresses, nakedness, peril, sword, hungerings, thirstings, fastings, etc. If one goes by faith, he must go through what God has for him. Before one can adventure by faith, he must be willing to take just what God has for him. God does not guarantee \$300, \$200, or even \$100 a month. He guarantees our needs whatever they may be. We all realize our needs are much less than our appetites and this is where the flesh rebels. One does not care to purposely put himself into a position where his appetites cannot be satisfied and so he feels this human guarantee will give him the security he desires. One of a Christian's greatest needs is to suffer so he may be as a tempered and tested piece of metal. God will not force us into this life of suffering. This, like salvation, must be entered into through a willing heart. Never must we come to the place where we believe hungerings and thirstings are not a part of our ministry. Paul testifies to this fact in II Cor. 11:27: "In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." God is the one to determine our needs and if He believes we need to go hungry, let us accept His decision, trying to learn His lesson, not striving to be free of His

leading. Paul said he knew how to abound and he knew how to go without, proving his income was not stable. He also came to the place where he could be content in whatever state God put him. With just food and raiment he could be content. If we are to live by faith, we too must be willing to have just food and raiment and if need be even forsake these for a time for the gospel's sake. You cannot hide from the fact: a life of faith is a life of sacrifice and suffering, a Christ-life. Unless we are willing to admit and accept this condition in our lives, we can never go it by faith. The flesh rebels at the faith life; the mind wants human security.

Another objection raised against going out without promised support is that God's calling is indicated by human promises or human guarantees. This statement would prove that the prophets, apostles, Paul and multitudes of others who have been the pioneers of all missionary endeavors were not called. We all realize that there are some men very adept at raising money while others are not able to raise any. Platform ability can sway an audience to give most anything, but this ability is not found in all. Yet does this determine missionary ability? Certainly not, for missionaries do not use such ability to bring the gospel to those who have never heard. Then too, many missions are so financially backed that the missionary is automatically assured of all support.

A missionary convinced that God has called him and willing to trust all His promises, certainly indicates God is calling him. One would not quickly venture thousands of miles from all human security unless he was pretty well convinced God was sending him. A great number of modernistic and Catholic missionaries have gone to the field under guaranteed human support. Does this indi-

cate God's calling? Yet men like Hudson Taylor went out without one month's income humanly guaranteed. Is this an indication they were not called? The Scriptures certainly do not teach God's will is determined by the amount of human backing one has. Usually the contrary is true.

It has been said that when missionaries working together on a field do not receive the same income, there is a tendency for discouragement and resentment. In no field of endeavor, whether Christian or secular, is there equality of income. Only under a very strict communism will you find any equality at all. Even students studying in schools will vary in their ability to meet their needs. Teachers are not all given the same salary. Pastors are all paid on different scales. We have seen where there is true Christianity practiced that money will flow to the lowest level. One of the true tests of Christian character is charity. The Church has almost forsaken any sharing plan at all. Everyone believes what he has is his own. We have lived in a number of situations where people have been practicing the faith principle. Never have we seen such strong bonds of love and friendship. Sharing one another's burdens became the very cement of the fellowship. Our Lord Jesus Christ in instituting the Lord's Supper laid down the greatest Christian principle, sharing one with the other. Paul rebuked the Corinthians sternly for their attitudes of covetousness and selfishness.

There is one verse constantly used against the faith principle: I Tim., 5:8 — "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Again the theological surgeon has severed this verse from its context and read into it something that God never said. It is quite evident that Paul is talking about supporting widows, a recurring

problem during those early days. He is emphasizing the fact that a widow should not become a burden to the church but to the family in which she belongs. If one is not willing to support his own flesh and blood, truly he is an infidel and has denied the faith. This verse plainly teaches that children are responsible for their parents when the parents can no longer help themselves. Now let us go on in this chapter to verses 17 and 18. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the labourer is worthy of his reward." God does not expect his labourers to have to provide for their own needs. He that preaches the gospel is to live by the gospel. God is the husbandman, we are His laborers. If earthly laborers expect and receive their daily wage, how much more for those who labor in God's vineyard? We must remember this, we are God's own and if God expects humans to provide for their own, then certainly He will provide for His own.

A perplexing problem bothered me for some time; the fact that there are missionaries in the States ready to meet the needs of the lost. All they lack is guaranteed support which their mission board requires. How can this be? We have thought, prayed and studied this matter for some time and we now have a conclusion. God demands faith; He wants us to step out into the waters of Jordan just trusting Him to give us the dry land. Until missionaries and mission boards are willing to take that step of faith, that gap between the U.S. and the foreign field will never be bridged. It was no different thousands of years ago at Kadesh-Barnea. If we are not willing to go in and possess the land against all common sense, the land will never be taken. We'll live

and die in the wilderness, and sadly enough, so will the heathen!

We may ask the question why this guaranteed support is not coming in for these waiting missionaries. We believe one of the main reasons is the allowances which mission boards are requiring their missionaries to raise. Recently this has been brought to our attention several times. A missionary couple with two children sailed from Los Angeles on the President Wilson for the Philippine Islands. They were traveling first class along with several other missionaries. Their monthly support was \$420.00. Here is the reason why there are still missionaries in the U.S. awaiting support and passage. If these missionaries would be required to travel third class, which is very comfortable, one other couple could have accompanied them for the same amount. If their support would have been set at \$200.00, which is a very good income in the Philippines, the other couple could also be supported. If these missionaries would have gone out trusting God alone for their support and were willing to suffer somewhat, three couples could have gone. This is no exaggeration. We are missionaries living in the Philippines and without suffering any hardship or making any real sacrifices have been able to live and also pay our field expenses on much less than \$200.00. The Philippines is rated by mission boards as one of the most expensive in the world. The allowance set by one mission board per missionary in Mexico is \$75.00 compared with \$140.00 in the Philippines. We can rightfully say then, a missionary family on almost any field could live on \$200.00 or less. It is a matter of economizing and living on a standard that is closer to the people. A government worker in the Philippine Islands lives on \$60.00 to \$100.00 a month; the average Filipino lives on much less than this.

Thus you see that for every missionary going out under the present setup, two or three could be going. This still does not excuse those who stay behind to hold the ropes. If those at home would apply these same faith principles and would be willing to suffer a little, we could make these three couples grow to six. God is supplying all that is needed to evangelize the world. The only thing is the gross misappropriation of funds — spiritual embezzlement.

What about these government requirements? We feel this way. If we guarantee a government by trusting in the promises of a church or an individual, then we should also be able to make the same guarantee trusting in the promises of God. Again it is a matter of whose word is surer, man or God's. Psalm 118:8-9 should forever settle this question. "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." No mission board can make any guarantee relying on its own power to fulfill the needs of its missionaries. The mission makes the guarantee but only does so trusting in the words of failing men. It is no secret that thousands and thousands of dollars of support have been promised by individuals and churches which never came to be or were only partially fulfilled. This you cannot say about God's promises. If one is looking to a man or a church for salvation that man or church must be the one to save him. The same is true in trusting for our needs. If we look to churches and men, then churches and men must be the ones to supply.

How thankful we are for the men, women and churches that God has raised up to supply our every need. And truly it was God that touched those hearts without any pleading or begging on our part. We believe in moving men through prayer. We

can be thankful and praise God for men but our trust must be in the Lord, and to Him *alone* we must look for our daily needs. How many times have missionaries been terribly discouraged and disappointed when those who promised them support failed to do so. In fact a great number have retreated from or not even gone to the field for this very reason.

We realize that God uses men and churches to provide for His laborers, but we must not limit God in this respect. God does not want us to look or put our trust in the channels that He uses nor does He want us to limit the channels He can use.

Paul was the director of the first mission board. God used him to raise up and send out many a missionary. Paul offered these co-laborers nothing more than the hardship and suffering that was so much a part of his own ministry. His call was, "My God shall supply all your needs." We have the same God Paul had. There is no record that Paul had power to feed the five thousand or find money in the fish's mouth. He had to eat the same as we. His needs had to be supplied in the same way. God did supply for him through faith in His word. He will supply for us also, but we first must be willing to get our feet wet.

I Cor. 4:16 — "*Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*" Paul, the missionary to the heathen!

Psalms 37:25 — "*I have been young, and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging bread.*" David, a man after God's heart!

Psalms 146:3 — "*Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.*" The Holy Spirit.

SIXTY DAYS TO BUILD A LIBRARY

International Grace Bible Institute must build a library in the next sixty days. A Bible school library would cost several thousand dollars if the books were to be purchased. There is a way that we can overcome this large expense, but it will mean that each and every one who receives the "International Harvest" cooperate. There is hardly a home that does not have one or two books that are not being used, but could be greatly used in the Philippine Bible School. These books include: Doctrinal, Biography, Science Education, Autobiography, History, Commentaries, Encyclopedia, Dictionary, Bibles (various translations), Theology, Devotional, English, Christian Fiction, Story — in fact almost any good book could have a place in this library.

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Letters to the Editor

SWITZERLAND

Always Forward

By *Albert Widmer*

T.C.M. Missionary

I am busier than ever, since I am receiving invitations from different places for evangelization, especially in R.C. centers, where the Evangelicals wish me to bring about a break thru in the black-robed strongholds. I have evangelized in Spain, France, Italy, Tyrol, Austria and Germany and of course all across Switzerland.

As to our coming to North America, we had been warned not to travel with our family in the winter, and since we had so many invitations and open doors, we decided to stay over the winter in Switzerland. I was continually on the move as I had invitations from Eastern German speaking Switzerland and Germany also inviting me to gather scattered groups of believers (mostly new converts and shallowly rooted) formed by a famous German industrialist - Evangelist, Hermann Zaiss. He held revival meetings in many places where German is spoken. This man died suddenly in a car accident and his groups were scattered without leadership.

During the Christmas and New Year season I held meetings in many Eastern German refugee camps. Our little daughter played her accordion and sang Gospel songs. We saw many tears rolling down the faces of those poor people who suffered so much under Communism and lost everything they had in life, including their beloved children.

I have just returned from a series of pioneer meetings in a famous fortress of R.C. bishopry in the town of Chur. We had a wonderful victory there. I held three meetings daily over the Carneval Holidays and these

meetings were better attended each day until we had the largest hall of that sizeable town filled. On one evening we had as many as 17 seeking souls coming forward for acceptance of Christ, of these more than half were young people. And that during the Carneval days!

As our plans are now we hope to arrive in Halifax, N.C., Canada, on May 9th and work our way across the North American continent and embark for New Guinea from Vancouver on July 10th.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

We Met An "Angel"

T.C.M. Missionary

Arturo S. Chavez

The Lord of all Grace has been so good to us, especially in the series of meetings we have just had with Brothers Anderson, Undag and Watkins. The TCM team arrived in Buriason November 19th, but the meeting started in the evening of the following day. As was scheduled, the revival campaign ran through the 30th of November. There were indications of blessings we observed during the first nights, for in spite of the inclement weather, still many came out to the meetings. Brother Anderson brought a series of studies primarily for believers during the evening services, followed also by Brother Undag with the unbelievers as his target. All services were held in the Christian fellowship chapel. Brother Watkins entered the scene when Vernon left for the home base. Then for the believers, Brother Anderson conducted another series of Bible studies on "The Highway of Life", then followed by Joe Watkins' "Seven Great Themes of the Bible" and "God's Dwelling



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7. Spiritual KNOW-HOW for the curriculum, lesson plans, administrative policies!

Place". There is no doubt in my mind that those who faithfully attended the classes to the end of the lessons have been edified and grounded on the many perplexing questions and teachings in the Bible. Much light has been given them concerning the present dispensation, and on that troublesome doctrine of Water baptism.

There was another part in the schedule that also proved a blessing to the campaign as a whole — and that was the Question Box at 4:00 o'clock every afternoon. We entertained sensible questions, and Brother Undag and I took turns in answering them. But prolonged series of meetings would sometimes prove harmful and ineffective unless some kind of variations are inserted. And one that really proved to be a good variation was provided just a few days before the close of the campaign—just the kind everyone likes — a debate! The local group of the so-called "Church of Christ", otherwise known as the "Manalista" (said group being founded and headed by one Felix Manalo) challenged us for a debate. An "angel" (for that is how they call their ministers) was summoned by the local group from the infernal regions of the "archangels" (Manalo's domain), to debate with Brother Undag. The "Angel" then arrived with a pair of boxing gloves — that is, that the so-called "Church of Christ" founded by Manalo in 1914 is the true church, and that Felix Manalo is an Angel; a brand for marking the people's forehead (Rev. 7:3) and of course, a tank of water to quench the victim's thirst when they go to Hades, or to remove the filth of the flesh. No doubt there were other weapons with him, but for the occasion the ones mentioned were to be used.

The sun was blazing in the Western sky when the debate started, with

Brother Undag taking the defensive side, armed with nothing else but that weapon with a strange initial, S.O.S. — meaning "Sword of the Spirit". But to the "Angel's" camp it could mean nothing else than "save our souls". For indeed they are drifting to the brink of hell, and in dire need to flash "S.O.S.". People came to witness the debate and the number grew as the debate went on for it was announced in the morning through the P.A. system, with the station wagon that travelled about 12 kilometers one way, passing through several barrios informing and inviting people to come to hear the debate. So the "Angel" took his first stand for 25 minutes trying to prove before the great crowd that his church is the true church, its name being found in the Bible. Soon his time was over and our Brother asked a few questions within a five-minute period. To the people's amazement the angel could not answer. Then our Brother started with his first stand for 25 minutes; and when he was through the "Angel" asked some questions and our Brother handled each one fairly. Twenty-five minutes was again spent by the Angel for his second stand, and with all his ability and wisdom tried to prove that Manalo is an Angel! He was quite positive that he had won his case. Then again our Brother Undag took his second 25-minute stand with great ease and confidence. Brother Undag has just barely gathered his wits and proceeded to marshal his arguments against the "Angel's" claim — that Manalo is an Angel — when an uproar started in the latter's camp. Sensing that he (Angel) was losing in the debate, after Brother Undag tore to pieces every argument of his opponent, the Angel went down from his box and went near us challenging for a fist-to-fist fight — without boxing gloves! And he preferred not to use his weapons any more, for they prov-

ed impotent when clashed with God's "S.O.S." Since he lost his temper and was unable to talk sensibly, he not only left his box but also his garrison. Had it not been for the peace officers who stayed around that afternoon, they would have caused more than a little commotion before they left. Nevertheless Brother Undag continued with his second stand (for the debate was just half-way when the "Angel" gave up), but this time he was to debate with an empty chair! The people who intently listened to our dear Brother as he exposed Manalo's false teachings, were given food for thought on the issue about the true church. The debate has again accomplished its purpose and that is to check the progress of this hell-dragging false cult that victimized thousands of souls.

Now back to our revival campaign. All in all, 27 souls responded to the invitation given from time to time during the evening services, although it remains to be proven how many really meant business with their soul's eternal destiny. (Six other meetings were held in different places and were fairly attended). Some were followed up before Sunday came (Dec. 4th). And others showed up in the services yesterday. The rest need to be seen yet and that remains to be my great task. Already a Bible class has been arranged to be held weekly in a new convert's home. I hope to see souls edified and converted through the Bible class. I'm also looking for more openings to preach and teach the Word of Truth rightly divided. The Team left Monday morning of December 1st, leaving the place with every one in this community (at least those who were reached by the P.A. system) having had the chance to hear the Gospel of the Grace of God several times before passing into eternity.

Brother, you know that when God sends down His blessings Satan also works to thwart God's purpose. That is true with us down here; for even while the meetings were going on yet, one who comes from a nearby town frequented the place since then to proselyte the new babes in Christ. Somehow he is trying to convince the young ones to his idol — water baptism. However, he has not succeeded yet in drowning one with his immersion "theory", for which we praise the Lord.

The congregation has grown in two ways: spiritually and numerically. Christians have been edified and several have been added to the local church. And as long as the Lord continues to tarry, I shall count it a privilege to minister unto their spiritual needs and win souls to His Body.

May the Lord help us in our endeavors to glorify Him.

P.S. The Proselyter is putting up a tent this day just in front of our chapel. He and company will stay for one week. He is going to expound on the value of his idol (H₂O) for he is a Baptist!

Prayer request: Pray for the young converts here, that they won't be carried by every wind of doctrine.

ARGENTINA Blessings Out of Disorder

By Nicholas Sabich

T.C.M. Missionary

This is the third day of the general strike and transports, stores, and public offices including the Post Office, were closed. For two days we did not have bread and meat. Some of the people were suffering due to the shortages. Today a part of the city is active again and we are looking to the Lord to work out the problems in the Government and end this delicate situation.

Even in this delicate situation we

were blessed in spiritual things, for which we are grateful to our blessed Lord. It was almost as a surprise to have some of the people in this area come asking for our meetings. Some of these people that came had been affected by our "good neighbors".

This last Sunday we had a very good attendance at our meeting in Villa-Diamante. Several people came to me and manifested their desire to belong to our group, and said they were in agreement with our doctrinal position. Others also manifested a real interest in our work here and we are praying for wisdom to teach them according to the Biblical truth.

I am sure, my dear brother, that it was your continuous prayers, along with ours, that gave to us this little victory in the Lord's work here. We too have been constantly praying for and working toward this kind of victory for the Lord. Please continue to pray for a great victory of the Grace message in this country during the year 1959, according to our common desire.

BRAZIL

Working While Waiting

By Henrique Schmidt

T.C.M. Missionary.

Dear Brethren, it is God's will that His work be done, not only at home but also in the foreign fields. It is a great privilege that God's people in Christian lands are cooperating to spread the Gospel Message in places where still spiritual darkness prevails and where political conditions are not favorable. It is of utmost importance that we take the opportunity to enter into the open doors in this vast country, where the people seem to be hungry for the Evangel truth. By His infinite grace we are able to contact many new places. Precious souls are finding peace in Christ Jesus' Salvation and are cleansed in His precious

blood. Besides the spoken Word, there is much literature spread as well and we know that His Word will not return void.

On our last evangelistic tour we traveled over some very dreadful roads and the 1929 model Ford could not take it. We broke down several times and parts for this model car are hard to get in Brazil. We had to wait several hours for parts to come and while waiting the time was spent in distributing tracts and giving personal testimonies. We always found willing ears and open hearts and made new friendships for the Gospel.

Finally we reached the fishing village which was our destination, and put up our small tent. Lodging in this area is otherwise impossible as the fisherfolks live in tiny straw huts. We spent the day going from hut to hut, making personal contacts and handing out Scripture portions and inviting the folks for the evening meeting. Many came to the meeting and these folks are friendlier and simpler than the highland Brazilians. We had to speak to them in parables and illustrations. These people are full of superstitions and a low type of spiritualism. We have a good group of believers in this area already and we are anxious to see them grow in grace and understanding and we pray they will be kept close to the Lord and become true witnesses of His Saving Grace.

Spiritualism is becoming very influential in Brazil and its agents are very busy sowing their creed among both the intellectuals and the humble Brazilians. The statistics tell that Brazil has already over 10 million adepts at spiritualism and it is this country's second largest religion next to the R.C. church. Formerly the spiritualists were very friendly towards the Evangelicals, but since they have become powerful, they have started to hinder the Gospel cause.

The Lord's work must go on. We do feel that it is not always easy to carry the burden, but we wish to follow all the way and do His will. His full truth has to be made known even in adverse circumstances, even if there are enemies who try to hinder us, some of them even under the cover of christianity.

INDIA

A Challenge and Responsibility

By W. T. Cherian

General Director

T.C.M., India

Greetings from the harvest fields of India. It is a pleasure and privilege to let you know that the last two months have been a time of blessings and revival. God has enabled us to present the Grace message before thousands through oral preaching and through the Grace Literature. Many hundred copies of Grace literature have been sent to the different parts of this vast land. We have received reports from many who have found light through these pages. We are grateful to all our friends and brethren who have helped us through their prayers and financial gifts which enabled us to go forward in this battle field with the banner of the Cross.

I had the privilege of presenting the grace message in two large Gospel conventions in Kerala. God has blessed the message and many hundreds came to the Lord. It was a thrilling scene to see souls in crowds, saved through the preaching of the Cross, rejoicing in the free gift of God's Salvation without any works on their part.

I am faced with many requests from young men and women who want to learn more about the dispensational truth of the Bible through a Bible Correspondence Course. Many expressed the desire to get a systematic Bible Training to prepare themselves

for the Lord's Service. It touched my heart to pray for a Grace Bible School in India to train young people for His Service.

It is wonderful to forward to you news concerning the primary school which we have started in our Gospel Shed in the Beach area. Not only are we educating the children of this area, but this is another good opportunity to lead these precious little lives to the Saviour and teach them the Scriptures along with the other subjects.



The Sunday School shed under construction at Kanjiran Clurrai, Alleppey



A group of Sunday School children at Alleppey

Two fine young evangelists have joined us in this ministry to teach these children in this school.

I trust you are remembering our Gospel Hall at Kalavoor in your prayers. Two fine high class Hindu young men received Jesus Christ very recently through the ministry in this hall. They are regularly attending our Bible Classes and other meetings. God is blessing the Grace Movement in India and doing great things. There

are great challenges and tremendous problems facing this ministry in India. We would ask you to stand with us in your prayers and gifts so that together we may press forward to reap a mighty harvest for our soon coming Saviour.

India, A Gold Mine

By *H. Beniston P. Simons*

T.C.M. Missionary, India

I again went through your last letter leisurely and thought that I should write to you again telling how we feel in not being able to secure the necessary visa for Brother Anderson in time. We feel we must make this a matter for incessant prayer that the Lord may turn out a miracle and open the door for their visit to this great country of India. A vast land like India with the teeming millions in darkness and superstition is indeed a most needy field. If Christian missionaries standing true to the Word of God should retreat and withdraw, it means giving way for modern-day cults like Modernism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists and others who are keen in availing of each and every opportunity that comes their way and win converts to their false cults even by hook and crook. To warn the wicked from their ways is indeed a great privilege but also a serious responsibility! If only we are to shoulder the responsibility wholeheartedly and lead many from darkness unto light what great rewards will be in store for us, we know not! But we could play our part only with the cooperation of our friends there and so do convey to all who make possible this ministry how much we value their help in prayer and giving.

When we read your last letter, our hearts sank, but whatever the Lord does is for our own good; who knows what great things will forthcome from

the very long and inordinate delay in the issue of necessary visa for the Andersons. It may be the Lord has a definite further plan and purpose for them in the Philippines till the visa is granted. Whatever it be, we continue to pray that the Lord may make the way all clear in His own good time. With William Carey we join to say that "Yonder in India is a gold mine but you at home must hold the ropes as we descend and dig", and we sincerely trust you are keenly interested to do the best you can to help us lead these precious souls, in India, to Christ. A retreat from India to start work elsewhere in some new field will mean leaving a gold mine in favour of a coal mine. William Carey might have called India a gold mine quite a long time ago but the same thing is true even to this day. The land of China with its teeming millions is now closed for the Gospel and among the largest countries in Asia, the door of opportunity is still open in India to continue the work through national workers and who knows when the doors will be closed even here! Let us buy up the opportunities and win these millions to Christ before it is too late. We plead with you on behalf of the teeming millions of India not to retreat but to proceed or march ahead with the Grace Gospel — NOW or never!

I am most happy to say that another dear brother has enlisted with us now and I shall send the detailed application form as soon as I receive the same from him. Since he belongs to the Teluga field in the State of Andhra, his services will be most helpful to us in developing our testimony in that State. He is an independent worker serving the Lord by faith and he fully approves our doctrinal stand.

Brother Gojer is prayerfully considering an intensive campaign to reach the non-Christians by a systematic house to house visitation and by

tract distribution. Much prayer is needed that his work among non-Christians may bear real fruit. Although the people around here are extremely poor, they will not forego drinking at any cost. On the account of continued drunkenness, many families are facing a hard situation. Only the Gospel of God's Grace can lead them from this utter darkness and life of sin.

Our literature ministry is being continually used of the Lord in winning the lost to Christ. How we are thrilled to read the many encouraging letters which we receive testifying of blessings received as a result of our literature.

Do continue to uphold us all before the Throne of Grace that the Lord may continue to bless our united testimony to the salvation of many lost souls and that we may be enabled to carry forth the message of the Grace of God to the regions beyond us unhindered.



SEED IS SPROUTING

— B. Mathews
T.C.M. Missionary

It is so very encouraging and comforting that your good self and the saints are continuously praying and interceding before the Father of Glory and the Lord Jesus, for the work in India. I am grateful to you and I am happy to say that by your prayers, the Lord in His mercy has given me the grace to establish a Church here. The seed of the T.C.M., U.S.A. was sown and it has sprouted beautifully and growing. It is eight inches in height, that is each inch represents a member. It looks very pleasant and attractive and I water it with the grace Gospel. I have full confidence that it will grow into a big tree, as our Dear Lord referred in Luke 13:19, and be a blessing to many. There are a few more members to

join us in due time, and I am grateful to all of you who have counted me worthy to be your servant and have entrusted to me the work of Stewardship. I shall do any duties faithfully and as you desire this church will be established in the pattern adhered to by the apostles. It is not in me to give you an exaggerated report or statements that would deceive you. You are not seeing me, but the Lord to whom the Church belongs is watching me, the works I do and the reports I send to you from time to time. It is fair and utmost important that you know the correct thing that is taking place here. I can although the field is fully infested not give figures in hundreds and thousands, but the harvest is plenty with fanaticism and modernism. There is much opposition and I must fight the battle like Jonathan of old. I Samuel 14:13, 14. I preach the Grace Gospel to all who will listen. It is a slow work, but a sure one, that is, one individual at a time.

The members are scattered with some living 12 to 14 miles from my place. I visit them often and encourage them. Often I stand in front of the Post Office, Government offices, bus stands, railway stations, hospitals, or coffee hotels and pick up one individual at a time to talk with him about the matchless love of God the Father and the Saviour Jesus Christ as well as the free gift of Eternal life. I follow up this work when a good contact is made.

Last Monday a dear brother visited me and I expounded in brief the Doctrinal statement of the TCM. The talk lasted two hours and this brother was very much impressed. He wants to study the doctrinal statement in detail and if he is convinced that this is the Lord's program and message for today he will join with us. He has several national workers working under him and if he joins with us we can teach and train these national

workers in the Grace message as committed to the Apostle Paul.

The church at Madras conveys their love and greetings to you, the Saints and the faithful brethren in Christ Jesus in the U.S.A. I earnestly request you pray for the great needs in this vast country of India.



VISITING THE VILLAGES

—Philips P. Varickanickel

T.C.M. Missionary

I want to give you a brief report on our work which was held during the past two weeks. We were visiting the villages where the gospel has never been preached. In the mornings we would gather for worship and then form teams to go to different places. In one village we visited, there was a population of about twelve thousand and they had never heard the Gospel of Salvation. We spent the day time going from house to house telling of the Lord Jesus Christ and distributing tracts. Many of these houses were Hindus and we did much personal work. I talked to two persons of the Hindu religion and they accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour when I witnessed to them.

We had several teams and we held many public meetings in the open air. Sometimes two or three men were speaking at the same place. There were good crowds of 150 to 400 people attending the meetings.

Tomorrow I have to go to a place called Piranam where I will speak. I'll be there three days and then go to North Kerala state where I have plans to spend two weeks for His Glory. I have 7 dedicated workers going with me so I would ask you to pray for us as we strive to bring the Lord Jesus Christ to many souls who have never heard about Salvation through His shed blood.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dan Reed and the dear friends of the Bethel Union Church at Anton, Colorado, were hosts to the T.C.M. Missionary conference, February 13th through 15th.

The Lord blessed all our hearts and souls through His Precious Word that was preached. We were given a greater vision and challenged again for greater emphasis on Faith and World Missionary Endeavor.

The following were the main speakers: Pastor Dan Reed; Pastor Eldred Sidebottom; Cope Church; Hubert Johnson, missionary of the T.C.M., who is going soon, D.V., to the Philippines to become an instructor in the International Grace Bible Institute; Mrs. Hubert Johnson; and Mr. Art Matychuck, Missionary to Bolivia, So. America, who is working with the Bethesda Mission.

It would not be a complete summary of the Lord's blessings at this conference without mentioning the young people's meeting, held Sunday afternoon, where the young people of the Anton and Cope churches gave a good account of themselves in answering the philosophical questions asked them by missionaries Matychuck and Johnson.

We of the T.C.M. are thankful and grateful to our Blessed Lord for the dear friends who took us into their hearts and homes, and for the dear women of the church who were so very thoughtful in supplying all the good food and refreshments.



There is a cry going up before the Lord for material printed in Spanish. All of South America is open to the printed page and we have no material to supply this need. Will you pray about this and ask the Lord to supply some Bible Study literature in Spanish that these hungry souls may be filled?

Some questions have been asked concerning the control of the Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. This control is in the hands of the T.C.M., U.S.A., and the administrative work of the school will be in the hands of the American Missionaries instructing in the school. When the Saints of the Philippines can help in the expenses and upkeep of this school they will be given a part in the control of the school in proportion to the support given. The school was built by gifts from the U.S.A., given for that project. Only gifts specified for the school will be used to equip and complete this project. Much equipment is still needed before classes can begin in June of this year. PRAY daily for the school.



The need of printing the Message of God's Grace in the different dialects of the Philippine Islands has been a matter of prayer for some time. God has spoken to the heart of one of His children and a gift was sent to purchase a used printing press and other equipment. Prayer has been answered and the TCM of the P.I. now have a printing outfit with which they can get the message of God's Grace into the hands of many more of the people in that country in their own language. Let us PRAISE the Lord for His faithfulness in answering prayer.



A printing press is urgently needed by the T.C.M., U.S.A. God is able to answer prayer and we would ask you to make this a matter of prayer when you go before the Throne of Grace.



Brother Rosco Kent has asked to resign from the Advisory Committee of the Things to Come Mission. We would like to thank Brother Kent for his help while a member of this committee and pray the Lord will richly bless him in his new ministry.

PRAY for the National Workers. These men are doing more for the spread of the Gospel than any number of foreign missionaries could ever do. They are living in unbelievable conditions and giving every sacrifice of themselves and their families in order to serve the Lord of Glory. Every day we receive information of other men willing to serve Christ and take the Gospel into new places where Christ is not known. Many needs and problems are facing these men and many opportunities have to be passed up due to lack of funds, equipment or personal. Satan is active in their lives and attracts them both Spiritually and Physically. You can have a great part in this ministry by praying each day for the Nationals. They are doing their part, let us not fail to do ours. God can move men to action through our PRAYERS



It is our desire that there be a Testimony to the Grace of God in every country of the World. Will you join us in prayer that this may become a reality?



Your gifts and prayers are needed to keep the Word of Life going into the spiritually darkened countries of the World. Have you asked God what He would have you do in this ministry?



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