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"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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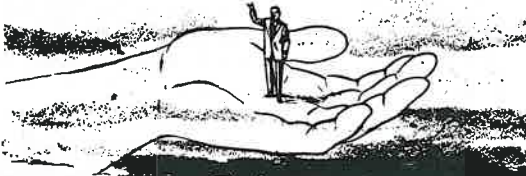
JESUS CHRIST

GOD OF THE MULTITUDES



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. JOHN 3:16

GOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL



THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE-NUMBERED. MATT. 10:30

BELIEVE ON THE LORD

AND THOU SHALL BE SAVED

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

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THE UNCHANGING COMMISSION*By Joseph Watkins*

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Missionaries traveling about the United States challenging the Christians for missions use one of the so-called "Great Commissions" — Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-17 or II Corinthians 5:16-20. The most commonly used are Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-18 because they contain the words "go" and "world". The commission in II Corinthians 5:16-20 is used most by the missionaries who believe that in Paul's epistles alone they find the doctrine, position, walk and destiny of the church. In attempting to follow a commission it is very important that we teach and preach the message that the commission commands. Let us consider briefly each of these commissions.

1. Matthew 28:18-20 — In this passage of scripture Jesus Christ commanded the eleven disciples to teach "all things whatsoever I (Christ) have commanded you." Christ taught many things in the gospels but never the message that Paul taught. Christ

commanded the disciples to start at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47) and then go to the rest of the world. The scope of this commission was the world, but they had to begin at Jerusalem.

2. Mark 16:15-17 — This is the same commission found in Matthew 28:18-20 but it tells of the signs that followed those who believed the message of the eleven. This commission was given at the same time (after the resurrection of Christ), the same place, and to the same people. The wording is different, however, because these two books do not have the same writers.

3. II Corinthians 5:19-20 — "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . ." This commission was given to the Apostle Paul by Jesus Christ many years after He gave the commission of Matthew and Mark to the eleven disciples. This message was to be preached to Jews and Gentiles alike. Paul does not command us to start at

Jerusalem, but anywhere the Name of Christ can be proclaimed. The message is of faith and not of works.

The outstanding fact about these commissions is that they all include the world — never a certain group of people or a certain part of the world. Some may say, "What about the Jews? Didn't God limit the gospel to the Jews only at one time?" No, God's whole purpose in dealing with the nation of Israel was to enable Him to have a channel through which to bless the whole world.

There are five great events that I would like to consider in order to prove that God's "unchanging commission" has always included the world. These are outstanding; they could be considered a short summary of the Bible.

1. Adam — Genesis 1:28 — God has always wanted His righteousness to spread across the face of the earth, never has God wanted sin to cover the earth. God placed Adam in the garden of Eden and commanded him to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. What did Adam do? Instead of doing what God commanded, Adam stopped long enough to listen to Satan. He obeyed Satan rather than God. Thus, this one act of sin brought sin to every person. We see the result of Adam's sin. He was driven out of the garden. Next, we see Cain slaying Abel. So we have the start of sin covering the earth, not the righteousness of God.

It is important that Christians be concerned with the world. When they are busy getting out the gospel they won't have time to listen to Satan.

2. Noah — Genesis 9:1-7 — Because sin had covered the earth God repented that He had made man. (Genesis 6:7) There was only one man who found grace in God's sight and that man was Noah. God commanded Noah to build an ark because He was going to send a flood which would

destroy all flesh upon the face of the earth. Noah obeyed God and built the ark. The flood came and because of Noah's obedience he and his family were kept safe within the ark. This brings us to the second command from God to man. It was the same command that God gave to Adam. "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth." (Genesis 9:1) What did Noah do? Noah planted a vineyard and became drunk from the wine. Through this act a curse was put on Ham. Thus we see again that man did not do as God commanded.

Because of man's disobedience we see God confusing the tongues of men at the tower of Babel so they will scatter abroad upon the face of the earth.

3. Abraham — Genesis 12:1-3 — God gave up the Gentiles at the tower of Babel. (Romans 1:24-28) Now, in order to have a channel for His righteousness God called Abraham out of the Ur of Chaldees and told him He was going to make a great nation out of his seed. He would curse them that cursed Abraham and bless them that blessed him. God kept His promise because out of his loins came the nation of Israel. This nation was to be the salt of the earth to prevent moral decay of the world but the salt lost its savour. From the 12th chapter of Genesis to the saving of Paul in Acts 9 we have God's dealings with the nation of Israel.

Christ could be considered one of the great events in the Bible but I feel that the proper place for His ministry is in the time of Abraham, because He came to confirm the promises made unto the Father. (Romans 15:8) I am not placing Christ under Abraham as far as position is concerned, because Christ is the center of all the Bible. But according to the dispensational aspect He belongs in the period covered by the nation of Israel.

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TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN

By Vernon Anderson

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."

"Having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better."

"As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all *these things* we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Sunday, April 12th, we experienced for the first time in our lives what it really meant for God the Father to offer up His only begotten Son. For on this day we were asked to give our first born, Laurel Jane, back to the Lord. As we read again of the anguish and sorrow of our Lord Jesus, we too could know that same pain. It was a perfect sacrifice when our Lord poured Himself out on the altar of sacrifice — it gave Him the Name which is above every name. God gave to Laurel and us this grace that we also might make such an offering to see souls saved. We too could ask, even as the Lord Jesus, "Is there some *other way*?" And yet we would receive the same answer from the Father, "No, no other way, this cup must not pass." Some would mock, "Come away from the cross, don't give your life for people who hate God and you." But again to these shallow men, we answer, "There is no other way but God's way." When will we finally realize that there is only one way to bring salvation, and that through taking up the cross? The cross means one thing: DEATH — to self and to personal dreams and finally it means death to these physical bodies.

"Absent from the body to be present with the Lord" — how true and

real it is to us now, for at 7:45 A.M. the cords of life broke and Laurel was *free* to go to her eternal happiness with Him. The physical cause for Laurel's death was Meningococcus Meningitis, but the spiritual cause was love. She died because she loved the Lord Jesus and the people for whom He died. She had no fear and suffered quietly, a brave soldier of Jesus Christ. Don't pity Laurel who gave, rather pity and pray for those who will not give, who fear to drink that cup. And much rather pity those who are dying with no hope of Heaven!



Laurel and her Filipino sister, Vicky

There are two ways in which the death of our Laurel Jane is viewed. Some will weep and cry, "Tragedy!" A few will say, "A privilege afforded to the faithful." The latter however, would be considered cruel and unfeeling by the majority. To one who has made this world his home with all its luxury, glitter and glow, death is a terribly depressing prospect: "Too much to leave behind; too much to give up; nothing to gain!" And certainly it is true if one has all his investments in this world: worldly knowledge, worldly honors, worldly accumulations; to leave is a tragedy.

To such a one death can never mean anything but loss and unfinished desires. But to our Laurel who slept on a thin woven mat under a mosquito net on the floor, who left only a well-worn Bible, a few used clothes and books, and a ukelele, death means gain. Every investment in her short life here was in spiritual, eternal things. She knew where her permanent home was, and she did everything possible to furnish that home. Ever since I can remember, she had one aim: to be a missionary nurse. She had no ambitions to make herself comfortable in this world. No matter where we took her in the Lord's work, whether on the sea, in the valley, or on the mountain, she never said, "I want to go back." At eleven years old she was a soul winner, a daily prayer warrior and a Bible student. At the time of her departure she was reading the biography *Borden of Yale*, a young missionary who died of meningitis, the same disease which took her. The last week of her earthly life was spent in singing at evangelistic meetings in our barrio. At the



Laurel singing in an evangelist service

last meeting she insisted on singing, "Lord, I'm Coming Home", — little did she realize the truth of her song. The world has lost a beloved missionary, we have lost a wonderful daughter, but Laurel has gained her better home in a better land and the Lord has gained a trophy of His grace!

Beloved friends, now is the time for

each of you to evaluate your lives. Ask yourselves, "Have I more to lose or gain by death?" Be sober with yourself and God. Have you more in this world than you have in the world to come? Have you made this world your home, so comfortable that you would hate to leave? Would death really be gain for you — or loss? As we traveled from state to state on deputation work and were in many Christian homes and environments, it seemed to us that most Christians had made themselves right at home in this world. It didn't seem as though we saw many pilgrims or temporary dwellers. Christian homes were no different than the world's homes. Usually a 'transient' is very easily distinguished from a permanent resident, he travels light, has little to encumber him, is always prepared to leave. It would be a challenging testimony to walk into a Christian home and be forced to ask the question, "Are you moving!"

Our beloved Lord had *no* place to lay His head! Paul had no certain dwelling place! The heroes of faith wandered in deserts and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth! Today's Christians consider this style of living to be sinful and not good testimony. Unless one is par with the neighbors, he is considered to have no testimony to the neighbors. He must be at home, conformed to this world!

It is just this kind of settling down to 'live' which makes death a tragedy instead of a blessing. To Laurel this world was a battlefield where fierce battles are fought with Satan every day. It meant fighting against persecution, peril, famine, heat, insects, sickness, and most of all, sin. Death brought her deliverance from this battle sphere — released to eternal peace. For those sitting far back from the front lines, this deliverance cannot be realized. And sudden death

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MEET THE MISSIONARY

By Potenciano Undag

TCM Evangelist, P.I.



Potenciano preaching the Word of God

I was born of Christian parents. My parents were one of the three families that first accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour in our barrio. During those years persecution was great in all parts of the Philippines. There was a time when Pastor Filipe Bontuyan with my father and a few other Christians were stoned. This was the first persecution my father witnessed. The second time was when my elder sister died. My parents were not allowed to bury her. The chief of the barrio with his assistant and his followers were again about to stone my father, so he only placed the coffin near the door of the cemetery, where it stayed for about four days. Had it not been for the mayor of the town she would not have been buried.

On May 19, 1916 I was born. When I was five years old I was seriously ill and at the point of death. There was no hope for me to survive except the Lord would prolong my life. My

father prayed and offered me to God to be an evangelist if He would lengthen my life. In a few weeks I was well again.

When I was twelve years old I began to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. I had many encounters as I told of the Word of God and had many discussions with the men of the area. At one time I was debating with an unbeliever and he became very angry. He had a sharp bolo and said he would cut off my head. I only answered him by saying, "I am ready to die for Christ. It is written that as Jesus Christ was persecuted, so will all His followers be." He just turned and walked away.

During the second world war I was in the army as a sergeant. While in the army I prayed day and night, promising God that if He will prolong my life I will dedicate all my remaining days on earth for His work of spreading the gospel of salvation. We encountered many hard battles. Four times I was at the point of death during the fight. One time I was about to be captured by the Japanese, because my companions retreated during the fight, leaving me behind. During the occupation by the Japanese I was with the guerilla army. I became seriously ill and was at the point of death. There was no medicine, no food to eat, and no doctor to take care of me. I had nothing to do but pray. Through all these trials God was with me and I believe that He extended my life so that He can use me in His great work of evangelizing the world.

After the war I applied as an evangelist for the United Church of Christ of the Philippines, known as the U.C.C.P. I was not received as a reg-

ular evangelist because according to their church government I was not qualified. I had not graduated from a theological school, and was at that time only an intermediate graduate. With only the consent of the moderator, I was assigned as an emergency worker without any salary or gift. I was assigned to the remote barrio of Dirvon as a pioneer to this place where there was no chapel and the population was ninety percent Catholic and the other ten percent were atheist. I and my family arrived at this barrio, traveling by foot, at about 10:00 P.M. It was raining and I didn't have a centavo in my pocket. We found shelter in an abandoned house and went to sleep without supper. I applied for work as a tenant farmer and had two hectares of land on which I shared to the owner one third of the harvest. Along with the farming I also found time to talk to the people about the Word of God. After four months, thirty-two souls were converted and we were able to erect a small chapel. This church was recognized by the conference of the U.C.C.P. and at the next district conference meeting the newly organized church recommended that I be an evangelistic regular, but still I was not received by the executive committee because of my lack of education. Although I was rejected by the officers of the conference, there were two small churches that requested I be their regular worker. By the next year I was serving three churches, this was the year 1947. These churches increased in membership due to the number of new souls that were converted. In 1948 these churches again recommended that I be made an Evangelist Regular, but still I was rejected for the same reason as before. I told my wife that I would continue my high school studies. She agreed but our trouble was, How could I continue my study when we

are so poor? My father was dead at this time, and my mother was also very poor. We had thirteen and a half hectares of homestead land which was not being cultivated due to poverty. We decided to sell eight hectares out of the thirteen and a half to an Elder of the Christian Church, trusting that he is a good Christian and will not take over the other five and one half hectares. Later on, however, he did take over all the thirteen and one half hectares. I was advised to take this matter to court, but for Christ's sake I could not do this as the Lord would not want us to take a Brother to court, I just gave up the land and now have nothing.

I studied in the Christian High School where the Bible is one of the subjects taught. While in school, I was at the same time part time worker of the U.C.C.P. church. A year later I was again strongly recommended by five churches to be appointed an Evangelist Regular of the conference, and this time I was accepted. After my graduation from High School, I took a Bible correspondence course and a summer in the Theological Seminary of Sileman. I served the U.C.C.P church for almost ten years.

This brings us to the place where I came into the knowledge of the Grace Message. My wife bought a "Moody Monthly" magazine from Pastor Wiron Santiago, a U.C.C.P. Pastor. In this magazine was a call for missionary workers. My brother applied and later on a number of books arrived such as: "The Fundamentals of Dispensationalism", and "Bible Baptism re-examination". My brother studied these and told me everything he had studied. As we studied these books we saw that the fundamental and Dispensational teaching was correct so I planned to come out of the U.C.C.P. because some of their teachings are modern-

istic and I cannot swallow their modernism.

I applied to the Things To Come Mission and sent my application to Rev. J. H. Palmer and he received me. My family consist of wife, seven sons and one daughter. We look to the Lord for our strength as we seek to prevail with Him for revival and for more brave workers to carry light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

On March 5th to 10th we held an evangelistic meeting in Ditay, Malan-gas. Thirty-six adults, Roman Catholics, were converted. March 11th to 16th we went to Kawayan Alicia, eleven adults were converted, and in the town of Alicia thirty to forty adults were converted. March 20th we went to Canibongon, Tudila, where three adult Roman Catholics were converted.

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To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain

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still holds an ominous sting and hurt. For the early martyrs, death held great joy and peace because it brought this deliverance sooner.

I remember sitting in at a conference of theologians one time, discussing missions. One gentleman said, "Don't you realize missionaries have starved to death!" Whether he blamed God or the missionary, I cannot tell. The missionary's plight was considered to be shameful, a dreaded catastrophe! I would ask this question: Could that death appointment have been changed by the man storing up food ahead? Is starvation in the line of duty a sin? What greater privilege could any saint have than to die from lack of physical food while bringing heavenly food to the lost?

Christians today have such temporal standards that the driving force

in the world is the physical body! Preserve it, praise it, paint it, pad it, but above all, PROLONG it! How opposed to the early church spirit where body, soul and spirit were once committed to God and faith became its ruler! Where is the man today who has an ambition to suffer the loss of this life so that the lost may have eternal life? Where are the Pauls who can say, "Death worketh in me . . ." "I die daily . . ." "I have counted the loss of all things . . ."—Who today is giving up one comfort to comfort others?

We are calling for volunteers to take Laurel's place. But don't volunteer unless you are willing also to follow her to that same little grave in Ozamis. We want cross bearers, not arm chairers! If you can't suffer hardship, don't come. We offer you nothing at all in this world but to say: "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4:17-18.

The Unchanging Commission

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Christ, when He was here in the world, always had the world in His scope of ministry, but as the rest of God's dealings with the Jews He wanted Israel to be the channel. That is why He instructed the disciples to start at Jerusalem and work out to all the world. (Acts 1:8)

In the first chapter of Acts we see Peter offering the Kingdom of Heaven to the nation of Israel. (Acts 3:18-26) Israel did not accept, therefore they joined the Gentiles in rebellion against God's Son. Now, according to the prophecy, the world was ripe

for judgment. (Psa. 2:1-5; 110:1-3) But God did not judge the world. He saved the chief of sinners, the persecutor of Christians — the Apostle Paul, and sent him to the Gentiles with a new message: (I Timothy 1:13-16 and Acts 9:1-16) 'This message was not based on Abraham's multiplying seed (Israel), but on the death of Christ (single seed). Now this brings us to the next great event — the ministry of Paul.

4. Paul — Ephesians 3:1-10 — Paul's ministry was to the Jews and Gentiles alike. Unto him was committed the dispensation of the mystery. This is the dispensation in which we live. So this is the message that was committed to us by the Apostle Paul. Paul said, "We should follow him as he followed Christ." (I Cor. 11:11) He also said, "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." (Phil. 4:9) No other apostle said such words as these. Paul wanted to make it clear that we should follow him as he followed Christ.

Paul's gospel was based upon the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. No more Jew first, but both Jew and Gentile are saved alike - by faith. They are made members of the same body. We do not start at Jerusalem, but any place that God leads us.

The scope of Paul's message was the same as all the rest - the world. This is what Paul is talking about in Romans 16:26. "According to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." The scope was *according to the commandment of the everlasting God*, just as all the rest of God's dealings with man to *make known to all nations for the obedience of faith*.

Let us examine some of the instructions that Paul gives for the

obedience of the faith. In II Corinthians 5:20 he says, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us: be ye reconciled to God." The verse says we are ambassadors for Christ; therefore, we are to represent Christ. The ambassadors of Christ have already received their orders as to where to represent Him (Eph. 3:9). But in many cases they never arrive. I wonder if God must have so many ambassadors in the U.S. and so few over the rest of the world. I do not believe God intended it to be this way. On the island of Mindanao, second largest island in the Philippines, there are very few workers compared to the vast number of people. We have seen town after town without an ambassador for Christ.

I feel that God has blessed the U.S. with many material things so they can spread the gospel out to the whole world. It is the same way that God has worked in the past. He blesses some so they can reach out to the world with the message. If they fail to do so, then it is taken away from them and given to someone else. The nation of Israel is a good example of this. Right now the U.S. is still the world leader, but it is fast losing its leadership.

If ever there was a message given that included the world, we have it in Paul's epistles. This message is not based on blood sacrifices, but on the one sacrifice of Christ. We have such a simple message that even a child can believe and be saved. There are yet many souls in darkness who have never had the first chance to hear the gospel. They will have to spend eternity somewhere. If they die outside of Christ, they must spend eternity in hell. They will never see Christ, never enjoy all the spiritual blessings, never reign with Christ; but will be in torment forever and

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BIBLE INSTITUTE PROGRESS

The International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippine Islands opened for classes on June 1st with more students applying for admission than the school can accommodate. It will cost about \$200.00 a month to feed the students, but this will be decreased once we have sufficient rice and garden land. The school is tuition free and room and board will be provided on a work plan basis. Each student will work at the school fourteen hours a week to earn his board. This presents a real material challenge while our resources are spiritual. A test of faith. The school will have both American and Filipino teachers. We ask you to double your prayers for the teachers, students and school that every need might be supplied and that this school will be an outstanding training center for the Gospel of the Grace of God.

The Lord has answered prayer again in providing a second teachers' cottage which will be completed before the arrival of Brother Hubert Johnson and family. Let us praise His matchless name for supplying every need.

The school library still needs books. Have you sent yours yet? Mark packages, "Used Books - Free Gift" and send to International Grace Bible Institute, P.O. Box 56, Ozamiz City, Philippine Islands.

The students are dedicated Christians who want to train to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. Two students give their testimonies:



Josephine Palma - High School graduate and six months course in Vocational School

I was born of parents whose religion is Philippine Independent Catholic. Their doctrines are the same as the Roman Catholic except they do not accept the Pope. When I was yet

a child my parents brought me to the church every Sunday. When I was ready to begin school, I was forced to attend Catechism classes which were from grade one to grade four. I did not want to attend these classes as I found that my conscience was not agreeable to their teaching. I began to doubt what they taught us. One of the things I did not like about this class was making the sign of the cross and kneeling for long periods of time. I asked the teacher if we could pray without kneeling and making the sign of the cross. The answer was that it is more sacred to have these signs.

When I entered elementary grades and could read, I began reading the Bible. I found that it is very interesting and inspiring. I discovered how to worship the true and living God and that it is wrong to worship idols. I read my Bible all through school and upon graduation from High School, I went to my Aunt's house every Sunday so that I could attend the United Church of Christ of the Philippines instead of the

church of my parents. I liked the doctrine and teachings of this church and was converted. This conversion I mean was that I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Brother Juan Undag was preaching in the U.C.C.P. church in Oroquieta and I heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God. I became interested in this new mission because it was trying to abolish the old traditional ways of worship and to bring the people into the true worship of the Bible. The truth of God's Word was as a light that shineth upon my heart, especially the doctrine about water baptism. I desired to join this T.C.M. mission and I want to learn more about the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why I wish to attend the Bible Institute.



Jose Fernando - High School graduate, one year College training

It was in the month of November, in the year 1958, when the Holy Spirit guided me, that memorable Tuesday, to enter the Christian Fellowship Chapel in Buriasan, Kapatagan, Lanao. My purpose was only to

pry the knowledge of the Pastor. I did not go there to meet God and study the Word of Truth, for I had read and studied the Holy Bible at home for eight years. Prior to my self-study of the Holy Scriptures I had entered Protestant churches in Luzon. Not one denomination had convinced me to be converted. My parents belong to the so-called Aglipayan Church or the Philippine Independent Church. I was born with this belief. I began reading the Holy Scriptures when I was forced to quit schooling because of financial difficulty.

During my self-study, I found the Bible to be a wonderful book. It is literature of the highest order. The longer I studied the book the more I became confused. I jumped to the conclusion that the Bible is a book of confusion. I also concluded that all churches in the world are the churches of God and they only differ in the man made doctrine, but are all right to me.

I now thank the Lord God Almighty more than I can express for guiding me to the right path—the Lord Jesus Christ; to be reconciled to Him, to be within His fold, to be His faithful servant and to be saved evermore. I thank God for changing my wrong contention that Christianity is a philosophy.

Now I most truly believe that Christianity is not a philosophy. An individual can not be saved by logical reasonings or by following religious pedagogy promulgated by man. In the first letter of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, chapter one, verse twenty-five we read, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man", therefore the wisdom of man is foolishness to Him. Christianity is not a system, it is a commitment, a community of faith.

FROM THE MISSIONARIES

SOULS FOR THE SAVIOUR

By Philips P. Varickanickel
Missionary with TCM of India

Just now I have returned from an Evangelistic tour throughout South India. It has been wonderful to see how the Lord has used me to the blessing of thousands of souls. Praise the Lord for the wonderful work that was done and I know your faithful prayers were with me.

During the day we visited many homes and talked to many Hindus, Muslims and Christians. During the night we held public meetings where hundreds of people gathered each night. Some of the high points of the meetings are as follows.

January 28th thru 30th we were in a small town named Nettore. We did house visitation and distributed tracts during the day and at night had our public meeting. These were well attended and we had about fifty souls come forward to receive Jesus Christ as their Personal Saviour.

January 31st we were in Anjarakandi to conduct some meetings among the Muslims. They were very interested and took the tracts and read them. Some came to us later and talked with us about the Saviour.

February 1st we were in Koothu Parampa for a four day program. Seventy-eight souls were saved in these meetings.

February 5th we were at Palaparampa. Here as before we carried on the same house visitation, tract distribution and public meetings. The Lord saved thirty-eight souls here.

February 6th the Lord used us to speak to over one hundred fifty people in Tellichery and of these three souls were saved. Our meetings in Madai, a small village, and the surrounding area were a real blessing to

many of the people and they did not want us to leave. When we did say Good-by, they were crying with love. We ministered to over eight hundred people here and eighty-two souls were added to the Body of Christ.

February 8th we were in Pappanisseri where a large church was opened to us to hold our meetings. We were here three days and preached to over two thousand people, of whom fifty-five souls came to the Lord Jesus Christ.

February 11th we were in Chova, where we held two night meetings as the people are all laborers. About five hundred attended our meetings and one hundred fifty new souls were added to the Body of Christ by accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

February 13th we were ministering the Word in Cannanore, where we had a large convention with three meetings a day. Over fifteen hundred attended regularly and we saw two hundred souls come to the Saviour.

February 18th we went to Calicut for a four day program with day visitation and evening meetings. Every day thousands of people came to the meetings and in the four days we saw fifty-nine souls come to Christ and be saved.

February 22nd we left for Kuruppanpadi, where we held a large convention. We spent eight days here with our Gospel team of five men presenting special music and preaching the Word of God. There were more than ten thousand people gathered for each meeting. It was a blessed time and the Lord blessed the meetings by giving eternal life to one thousand souls as they trusted in the finished work of Jesus Christ our Saviour. We can not erase this great scene from our memory and we praise

the Lord for using us in this way. What a wonderful blessing He has given us in these last days of His Grace.

Brother, our hearts were thrilled to see so great a work performed by the Lord. In our meetings we saw sixteen hundred fifty-six souls come into a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise His Holy Name. The field is ripe unto harvest and we would ask you to pray as never before and do all you can so that we might reach all India with the Gospel.

I am very happy to report that the T.C.M. work is growing and we are in need of a Bible School. I have arranged for a Bible class in the high school from April 15th through May 14th. We will be teaching the message of the Grace of God. I am planning to start a Bible School the first of June so we can train some very dedicated students for the Lord's work. I have seventy-nine applications of students who would like to enter this school. This school is necessary as the Communists are starting schools here to teach their ideas to the people. As you know, this state is under the Communist party and we must train our people in the word of God so they can stand in the face of the Communist teaching and can teach others the message of Salvation through the Blood of Christ.

We are calling our school "The Grace Bible Institute". We need support for the students in the school, books for a library, and also books for a Bible Literature Service which we want to start so we can offer Scripture material to the Communists.

Pray for this open door and do what you can to buy up the time while we can still work for God.

HUNGER OF A HINDU

H. Beniston Simons

Missionary - T.C.M. India

Now that the coastal route between Mangalore and Malpe is open, the

door of opportunities in the coastal regions in the district are wide open and we have to buy up the opportunities immediately. The interior villages had been neglected because of transportation difficulties in the past. Now the needs and opportunities are the greatest there. Frequent visits to these villages will bring much spiritual returns but it costs money to go farther into the interior.

Our testimony is going well locally even in the midst of some opposition. The rightly divided Word of Truth is the answer to the world's needs. As we further the grace testimony by personal work and preaching, literature also plays a vital role. Our tract work is being continually used of the Lord to the blessing of many souls. This week we received a letter from a Hindu which reads:

"I am glad when I received tracts. I am a Hindu. I read all your tracts and was happy. Does your religion give shelter to me? I am poor. I want to become a Christian and what am I to do about it? Now I want a Bible. If it is not possible to send a Bible, then send some portion of the Holy Bible without charge. I believe you to send the same very soon. I have a great desire to read the same."

We are keeping in touch with him in correspondence, but as he is living in some far off place, we have some difficulty to offer our practical fellowship and lead him into the Truth. Do pray for him.

MISSIONARY AT WORK

By Bernardo B. Ballares
Missionary — T.C.M., P.I.

I have made a schedule of my work for the Lord and now I spend every Friday to Monday with my people in Lepamba to do visitation with the members and sympathizers, and have Bible studies. On Tuesday to Thurs-

day I have to go into the mountains and have visitations with my beloved brothers in Christ, the Subanos, to continue teaching them literacy.

Here in Lepamba, our members are growing in spiritual knowledge. They are very interested in studying the scripture rightly divided. It seems that they are just like the Berean people, who searched the scriptures daily. Every Sunday afternoon we have a meeting called "Christian Endeavor Meetings" in which we are training our members to preach the Word of God among the people. I found out that the members are endeavoring to preach and develop the topic well. After the meetings at 5 P.M. we have visitation among the people and sympathizers and have a service. I have also started an open forum after these meetings so that if anyone did not understand what I had preached about they could ask questions.

The Pentecostalists are invading Lepamba and are trying to proselyte our members. I have to guard against this. Last Saturday I met their pastor. I asked him many questions pertaining to the Pentecostal power but he only replied that he didn't want any discussion. This Sunday I had a thorough study pertaining to the Apostolic authority and the speaking of Tongues which the Pentecostalists are intending to do. I think our people know that these signs were to pass away when the full revelation of the Mystery was made known.

TOMORROW WHAT ?

By Henrique Schmidt

T.C.M. Missionary

We have a tremendous responsibility when we read the Apostle Paul's inquiries, HOW? We can not be indifferent to such a challenge. We have to press on and struggle forward in spite of what men say or do. We know that TODAY we preach Christ,

and TOMORROW the enemy will sow his devilish seed as well. But TODAY we have a chance to preach, TOMORROW we may have the doors closed.

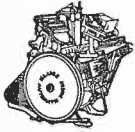
It is true as for modern missionary work, immense regions of the world are now closed, such as China, Russia, Spain and other places, but the seed of God's Word that was sown is still sprouting and growing in spite of persecutions and oppressions.

When we think of the grand time in Russia under Czarina Catharina, who gave full legal liberty for evangelicals to preach and propagate the Gospel in that immense Empire, the Evangelical organizations were engaged in internal strife and dissention and lost their opportunity. Dark and cruel Communism has since covered the land and the responsibility of unfaithfulness still rests on the churches of that era.

Our one hundred sixty-five Indian tribes of Brazil are having NOW a chance to receive the Gospel message and many are NOW receiving it. Our sixty-five million Brazilian inhabitants have NOW an opportunity to hear the Gospel or at least read its message by means of a simple and free tract.

We are working with great hope and expectancy, knowing that the work done in His name will not be in vain. We guide sinners to the Saviour. We bring converts to the deeper knowledge of Christ's Word and so see that His program of Grace is being furthered.

We will preach and spread God's Word and saving Message wherever we have a chance to do so. Thus the heavy responsibility will be taken from our shoulders on the day we stand at the judgment seat of Christ.



LITERATURE AT WORK

Almost everyone in the U.S. is acquainted with the stories of Abraham Lincoln walking miles to obtain a book to read. This was at a time in the history of the United States when people were learning to read and books were precious to those who could read. Today we have advanced to where reading is common place and little used. Yet many countries in the world are just now coming into the stage the U.S. experienced during Lincoln's day. Reading material is sought after and any literature is eagerly read. The cults and "isms" are aware of this and are flooding these countries with their literature. It is a war to capture the minds of men. Sad to say these people are not only hungry for literature, but they will believe most everything they read. Christendom must supply this needed literature or suffer loss to the Communists and Cults who are taking advantage of this condition.

Thinking of the need of sending Bible Study and Salvation material into the countries of the world, we of T.C.M. are praying for a printing press, that part of this need might be met. We ask you to earnestly pray that God will supply printing equipment and a printer.

To see the power and potential of the printed word we have selected a few examples from the many letters we receive:

ASTONISHED BY THE TRUTH

Greetings in the Name of the Blessed Lord Jesus Christ to you and to all the saints in U.S.A. I am extremely happy and I rejoice in the Lord for having brought me to the knowledge of understanding of the great Pauline teaching for the Age of Grace; and further to associate and labor with you in this great cause.

I have read completely "The Fundamentals of Dispensationalism", by C. R. Stam and "What We Believe and Why We Believe", by C. F. Baker. I am simply astonished by the truths revealed therein, although I myself have been a preacher for a number of years, I could not understand this, that is what is meant by rightly dividing the Word of Truth. II Tim. 2:15.

I would like to insert a line or two about Brother Mathews. All along, Brother Mathews was standing for these Truths, long before he came in contact with you. He has not been attached to any group or assembly.

He was always telling me that people, in the so-called churches, are not teaching the right Truths; we all thought that he was really mad, but we find now by reading your books that he was right and we were all wrong. Now he has come out openly and is proclaiming the new doctrines boldly. The first to be won over to the new fold TCM is myself. I was able to grasp the Truth and comprehend it well.

After understanding and receiving the truths in my heart, I could no longer remain as a catechist of the Advent Mission. So Brother, I voluntarily left the mission and I am working with Brother Mathews, happily and wholeheartedly. I really feel it is a great privilege and blessing bestowed on me by the Lord to associate with your Brother, a saint of the TCM International. Having fellowship with you and other saints in America has given both Brother Mathews and myself great inspiration, courage and boldness.

I would like to write a few lines about myself. I gave my heart to the Lord when I was fourteen years old, and was chosen by God and called to His ministry. At the age of nineteen I received a scholarship from the President of Bible Training School, Toronto, Canada, the late Dr. Elmore Harris. On my return to Burma in 1904, there were no men found to enter into Christian work and ministry. I was the first National chosen and commissioned to this work. I served for over forty-five years in the capacity of Headmaster, Evangelist and Pastor. In 1908, I entered the McMaster University, Toronto, Canada, and completed the course in 1912. After this break from 1912 to 1949, I served as the Superintending missionary for many institutions and churches. In 1949, after the Japanese war in Burma, I migrated to India. I would like to relate what has happened to me during the Japanese war in Burma (1941 to 1945). How God Almighty, our Heavenly Father, has saved me, protected me and delivered me in the midst of continued bombing and machine gunning. I was arrested by the Japanese authorities for preaching the evangel and doing the church work, for almost all the Western missionaries had to leave Burma. I was placed under house arrest. I was tried also falsely as a spy of the British. God did deliver me from the treacherous and brutal hands of the Japanese officials. God did not allow even one to man-handle me. After three months, I was allowed to carry on my religious work, unmolested. Many Japanese Christians attended the services on Sundays, some of them brought their Bibles and hymn-books and took part in the worship.

Now I thank God for saving me from war and permitting me to live in Madras and to learn the new Truths of TCM,

SPANISH AMERICA CALLING

I was first introduced to your organization through a good friend of mine in the form of the "International Harvest" magazine.

I have lived both in Panama and Mexico and was particularly interested in the articles from Spanish America.

I would like very much to obtain more precise information pertaining to your organization and particularly in the field of missionary work.

THE MYSTERY AND THE MINISTRY

I am very happy to read the literature that Brother Jaun Undag sent me. The Grace Message that this literature contains gives me more strength in my faith and service for Him.

I wish to invite you to come some day to give us more studies which will broaden our knowledge in the Bible. We are interested to know concerning the Grace Gospel — its difference from the Four Gospels and the difference in the preaching of Peter and the eleven Apostles, from Pentecost 'till the beginning of Paul's ministry, and the Dispensation of the Grace of God, called the Mystery (Eph. 3:2-3).

Really, I am amazed to learn that for over twenty-four years in the ministry of preaching the Gospel, I still did not know the distinction of the *Grace Gospel* from the *Kingdom Gospel*.

If this is the way to rightly divide the Word of God, then I am greatly mistaken in my former standing as a Baptist, because I had been frustrating the Grace of God — mixing the pure Grace with the Ordinance of Water Baptism which I taught and believed was testimony and a prerequisite for membership in our church, and true confession of faith — being born again, John 3:3-5.

Also, I am mistaken in the beginning of the Church. I was taught and believed that the church began at Pentecost. Oh, so many mistakes I saw as I read and studied your literature.

How I hunger for more of your teachings. Can you come to our place and help us more?

SPIRITUAL MALNUTRITION

In a recent communique from Henry T. Hudson, missionary working with World Wide Grace Testimony in Europe, it was stated that the ignorance of the Bible was dreadful. This, it was reported, could be the outstanding factor that is contributing to the continual decline in church membership.

The need of the hour is LITERATURE. This, it is felt, will be a major means to checking the apostasy. Already there is a project under way to meet this desperate need. Through advertising on the London transport and in religious periodicals, the literature will be offered to the public upon request. It is estimated that more than 2,000,000 people will be reached every week. For one advertisement it cost only 14 cents a week, for three months not more than \$1.70.

The Missionary Literature Distributors of Alton, Illinois, have a large supply of Grace Literature which they have offered to this European project. Their problem is that they have insufficient funds to ship the quantity that the situation demands.

The possibilities are unlimited. Who can tell what will develop from such an open door. Make this project a matter of genuine prayer concern. The opportunity is there, but each one of us must contribute our part else it will pass.

If you would like to help in this vital ministry by sponsoring an advertisement or with postage, send your gifts marked "European Liter-

ature" to either Missionary Literature Distributors, C/o Mr. Rolly Phipps, 707 Condit St., Alton, Illinois or Worldwide Grace Testimony, P.O. Box 148, Park Ridge, Illinois.

The Unchanging Commission

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ever. The song writer has well said, "Poor, lost souls with blinded eyes grope about in sin's dark night, kneeling down before their gods of wood and stone." Can we see them dying there, still denied the gospel light—let them go into eternity alone? Remember, if these souls are to be saved it depends on you.

When the church of Jesus Christ ceases to be the channel of blessing unto the world, then this age of Grace will end in apostasy. After this age, we have the tribulation and the kingdom.

5. Tribulation and Kingdom — Matthew 24 — After the church is caught up, God will continue dealing with men by using penitent Israel as the channel of His blessing to the world. This will be the consummation of God's unchanging commission.

Revelation 7:9 states, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." That will be a wonderful day! The remnant will not fail during the tribulation, but every tongue will hear the gospel of the kingdom. They will do the job in seven years that the church has failed to do in over 1900 years.

Are you concerned about God's command to you? He wants you to spread the gospel around the world. If you care about the lost souls there are many things you can do. Literature is one of the best means used today. There are more literate people

today than in any time during the history of mankind. The way the Communists have grown is through literature. The same can be said about the Jehovah's Witnesses. They have one of the best and largest printing presses in all the world. In the Philippine Islands, the best way to get the gospel out is through literature. After holding street meetings we pass out literature and the material stays with the people. The Filipinos love to read and they will read anything we give them. Another way you can help reach the world with the gospel is by praying that workers will go into the fields that are yet untouched with the Word of God. You can also give to missions so the work may be carried on.

Christians, the message of Paul is missionary and Paul's scope was according to God's unchanging commission in that it included the world. Will your ministry be according to God's unchanging commission?

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WEST COAST CONVENTION

We praise the Lord for His blessings upon the West Coast Grace Gospel Fellowship Convention, held at the Grace Bible Church of Orange, California. The theme of the Conference was "TRUE EVANGELISM". The following Pastors and Laymen were used of the Lord to challenge and give a true and new vision of the great needs and opportunities in the World "Today" for "True" evangelism:

Pastor Wilbur Root, president of the W.C.G.G.F.C., spoke on "True Evangelism"

Pastor Wilbur Mullins — "Evangelism Through Education"

Pastor Herman Reich — "Evangelism Through Pastoring"

Pastor M. Stoute — "Evangelism Through Radio"

Ralph and Joan Peterson of Grace Bible Mission — "Evangelism Through Missionaries"

Mr. Einar Anderson, a Christian businessman — "Evangelism Through Personal Work"

J. H. Palmer, Director of Things To Come Mission — "Evangelism Through Missions"

Mrs. Betty Mullins — "Evangelism Through Women's Work"

Other topics were:— "Evangelism Through Publications; Evangelism Through Youth;" etc.

With the cooperation of Professor Roy Kreeger, the women of the W.C. G.G.F. gave a program Sunday afternoon portraying the part women have in Evangelism. This program was presented in the form of a puppet show. The main character in the play was Grace Messenger, who took advantage of every opportunity to teach and to tell those about her in every day contacts, the way of Salvation and service to our Lord.

We are most grateful for all the dear friends who opened their hearts and homes to their guests. May the Lord be glorified as a result of this conference.



Help Wanted . . .

The Salem Bible Church is interested in securing someone to help with the work. We would prefer either a young woman, or a young man, or a couple, who would have a burden for souls and the ability to reach people where they are.

If you might be interested, or might know someone who would be, please write to: Dr. Ernest R. Campbell, Rt. 2, Box 855, Salem, Oregon.



Write to the missionaries and encourage them in their work. All missionaries in the Philippines, both American and National, can be reached at P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippine Islands.

Some of the needs of the mission at this time are: 1) Prayer, 2) A printing press for T.C.M., U.S.A., 3) Assistance for the Nationals. The best investment you can make with the Lord's money is to assist the National Missionaries. Much more can be realized from your missionary dollar from a National than from a "Foreign Missionary". For the same money that it would take to support a "Foreign Missionary", you can support *several* Nationals who can speak the language and think as the people to whom he is ministering. Many Nationals are ready and willing to serve the Lord at this time, but lack of funds is keeping them from this important work.



Rice and garden land is much needed by the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. With sufficient land, the students will be able to raise their own food.

Please pray that the Lord will supply this needed land SOON.



The International Harvest is going into over 1600 homes and is being greatly used of the Lord to challenge the Saints to become Missionary-Minded. The magazine is sent free to anyone upon request, anywhere in the world. If you have friends whom you would like to have receive this publication, send their names and addresses to:

Publication Editor,
Things To Come Mission, Inc.
745 Yampa Avenue,
Craig, Colorado.

STAMPS FOR CAMP

For the past few years the Northern Grace Youth Camp has been selling cancelled stamps to help with the operating expenses. In 1958 the Camp received over \$200.00 thru this program and indications are this will be the biggest year so far. In February alone the Camp received \$70.00 from the sale of these cancelled stamps. The most valuable cancelled stamps are commemorative stamps, as only a few are printed by the Postal Department and they become collector's items. Anyone with the Lord's work at heart can readily see the possibilities in such a program. If each person reading this article would just save these stamps, the Camp would have income that would amaze us all. By just investing the time it would take to cut the stamp from an envelope, you could have a large part in providing camping facilities for some young person; giving him the opportunity of living in a Christian atmosphere and possibly coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

In order that you might know best what stamps to save and how to prepare them to send, we provide the following information: 1) Save all Commemorative U. S. Stamps. 2) Save all higher denominations of regular U.S. stamps. 3) Save all foreign stamps. Do not remove the stamps from the package or envelopes, but cut the envelope about one half inch around the stamp, making sure that the perforations are not damaged. Metered stamps as well as regular U.S. 3c and U.S. 4c stamps are of no value. We would suggest you buy and use commemoratives yourself and use larger denominations on your packages, then ask others to return your stamps.

Send all cancelled stamps to Northern Grace Youth Camp, c/o Pastor R. E. Wilson, Genoa City, Wisconsin.

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PERISH**

Proverbs 29:18



If individual Christians or Churches have no vision, they will perish. When we have no vision we soon stagnate and lose the zeal to serve the Lord that God would have us have.

If we as Christians have no vision, multiplied millions of men and women will perish without God and without hope.

Pray to God for a clear, satisfying, challenging vision that will bring glory to HIS name and men and women to a saving knowledge of
Jesus Christ.