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PAULINE MISSIONS

By William B. Hallman

As Grace People we speak often of being Pauline in doctrine and practice, in methods and message, and rightly so. It was to the Apostle Paul that God gave the revelation of the mystery — the church which is His body. It was given to Him to be the interpreter of Christianity, and to pen fourteen of the twenty-seven New Testament books. He admonished the believers at Corinth to be "followers" or imitators (Greek - *mimetes*) of Paul (I Cor. 4:16; 11:1). This imitation should be true when it comes to missions, both in message as well as method.

The Apostle Paul was a founder of the indigenous church. Whenever we read about missions today, we are apt to come across the term "the indigenous church". The problems of the indigenous church are the basis of study in all modern missions. What is meant by this term? What is the "indigenous church"? The word "indigenous"

means "growing, or living naturally in a country or climate - native." A church is indigenous when it has become native to the country and grows there naturally. It is a church that is *self-governing*, *self-supporting*, and *self-propagating*.

The Apostle was a builder of indigenous churches. When we take the three descriptive phrases mentioned above, we find that they were true of the churches established by Paul. In Acts 14:23 we read, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church." This was done in spite of the fact that the Gospel had come to their communities but a short time before. They were relatively new believers. We read of collections being taken for the church at Jerusalem, but never do we read that money was collected for the newly organized churches. They became very early self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing. In Acts 16:5 we read,

"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

In a little more than ten years, Paul had established churches in four provinces of the Roman Empire, Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia, and Asia Minor. After ten years he could speak as if his work was done (Romans 15: 18-21), and he could plan for extensive missionary journeys to Rome and to Spain. How enlightening it is to study a map of the Roman Empire and see what Paul had accomplished.

Paul succeeded in establishing a native church. It is an astonishing fact. Many missionaries have had more converts than Paul, many have travelled more extensively than Paul, but none have been so successful at establishing churches. We cannot help but ask ourselves the reasons for his success. If we are to be Pauline in our missions we must see that the establishment of churches is primary. It is fundamental. Paul did not bother with funds and therefore was never troubled about administration. He did not build church buildings but we do read of "the church in thy house". He never bothered about medical centers, hospitals, educational facilities. These may have their place, but they are by no means the main objective in Pauline missions. Alas, they seem to be the most important in much of our missionary work today. Paul did collect monies to relieve a situation in Jerusalem. It was the indigenous church helping the mother church. He molded the believers together as a church, ordained elders to carry on; and then did what every missionary should do, move on to another field. Paul demanded the three essentials — self-government, self-supporting, self-propagating, and then left them to carry on.

It is the indigenous church alone that can carry on when the doors of

nations are shut to alien missionaries. We have sorely troubled ourselves about schools, hospitals, and institutions, and often forgotten the objective of our missionary work, the establishment of indigenous churches. And when we build a church we have built it on the pattern of western culture, often mistaking the organization for the organism, the form for the life. We have neglected to place the responsibility of the propagation of the faith upon the native Christians. Too often we accustom them to western culture so that they cannot return into their own environment. This is not to say we have not succeeded in any sense of the word. We have indigenous churches in various parts of the world. But we must strive much more toward this goal. It is our only hope, and is certainly one hundred percent Pauline in its method. We need to restudy the missionary principles of Paul. We will then first of all realize as Paul did that the Holy Spirit is the power and wisdom in our endeavors. And then we will realize that cumbersome and expensive institutions often hinder the indigenous church because of the heavy financial problems involved. We must also relinquish our demands for unity of western culture with the Gospel. The Good News is not the product of western civilization. It must grow in native soil.

We need a new emphasis on Pauline missions. We must realize that not until we get back to Paul will we be able to cope with the unreached fields. The printed page, the radio, the medical center, and the educational institutions may be aids, but the Church must still be established. Growing populations, closing doors of opportunity demand our working to establish the indigenous church.

FAITHFUL TO A GREAT STEWARDSHIP

By Thomas MacDonald

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In our studies from Ephesians we considered last month the great cathedral of God. This month we shall consider a great stewardship of God. Paul's opening words in this epistle have tremendous significance. He refers to himself as "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God" (1:1). Paul declares unequivocally that he has the seal of God upon his apostleship. With reference to his ministry Paul speaks of it as "a dispensation" which God gave to him (Eph. 3:2). In the English language we have another word for it; "a stewardship." Thus we gather that Paul claimed to have received a specific calling from God which He would require His servant to fulfill.

It is extremely profitable for us to examine in the Word of God Paul's claim to a unique stewardship from God. Some Bible teachers would charge us with thinking too highly of Paul. But when we read what the Scriptures record concerning him, and what the Holy Spirit directed the Apostle himself to write about his calling, this fact grips our hearts: *that to Paul especially the risen, ascended, and glorified Lord revealed His purpose for this age*, which is the building of His church, through which He will carry out His program in future ages.

As I study the Word of God I must confess that my training in engineering has much to do with my method. I find myself being most careful to lay a good foundation. Let us, therefore, do a little running through the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's Epistles. *I desire very much that the truth of God's particular call to Paul and the revelation given to him may*

fasten themselves deeply upon our hearts. They throw amazing light upon the entire Bible; in fact, an understanding of the stewardship committed to Paul is the key to understanding all the Scriptures. As we look together at a number of passages and allow the Word entrance into our hearts, we shall have no difficulty, I am sure, in accepting Paul's claim to a special ministry or stewardship.

Acts 9:15-17: "But the Lord said unto him (Ananias), Go thy way: for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

"My Name Before the Gentiles"

These words are remarkably clear. "He is a chosen vessel unto me"! Notice what the Lord puts first here: "To bear my name before the Gentiles." How faithfully Paul fulfilled this commission as he poured out his life on behalf of the salvation of Gentiles. Some years later, writing to the church at Rome, Paul said, "Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be accept-

able, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." (15:15,16). Into Paul's heart, brought low in submission on the Damascus road, came the clear comprehension of the Lord's calling for him. Is it not so today that the heart fully desirous of doing the will of God learns to know what it is?

With what authority the Lord gave instructions to Ananias! "Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." The Lord of glory, who by virtue of His victory over the enemy of God, had gained the right to a Name and a throne far above all, issued this command. From His throne He was about to take hold of an individual man through whom He might execute His desire to build the church comprised of Gentiles and Jews redeemed through His own blood.

"To See The Righteous One"

Paul, when he addressed the Jews in Jerusalem from the steps of the Roman garrison, tells us more of what Ananias had said to him. "And he (Ananias) said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth" (Acts 22:14). *With supernatural manifestations the Lord ushered in His program for this age. He permitted Paul, as "one born out of due time" (I Cor. 15:8), to see Him in His glory in the heavens. To the Apostle commissioned with the revelation of that purpose of God which will bring Him fullest glory throughout the ages was given a sight of the glorified Lord!*

God through His Holy Spirit has given to us additional enlightening details about Paul's conversion. In Acts 26, verses 15 and 16, we have a word which stamps the revelation of

spiritual truth found in Paul's Epistles as having come from the Lord Himself. ". . . I am Jesus . . . Rise, and stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee." Notice the backward and the forward look here: "these things which thou hast seen" and "those things in which I will appear unto thee." Here is a promise of further revelations to Paul after his conversion.

Possibly the clearest declaration which Paul made with reference to the Lord's revelations to him is found in Galatians, Chapter 1, vv. 11ff.: "For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ." Think of the man who wrote these words — Paul, formerly Saul of Tarsus, a Hebrew of the Hebrews, brought up in Jerusalem at the feet of Gamaliel. A learned Jew, Paul was thoroughly taught in the Old Testament Scriptures. But concerning the message which he proclaimed, he said, "Neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ." Again in verses 15-17 of this chapter Paul affirms that he did not receive his message through human instrumentality. "But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood; neither went I up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me; but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus."

Paul's Claim to Special Revelation

Now we come to a group of three passages which comprise undoubtedly the mountain peak of Paul's claim to his apostleship and to a special revelation of truth. Will you read these passages carefully: Ephesians 3:1-11; Romans 16:25,26; and Colossians 1:24-27? We cannot possibly deal with them fully, but let us look at some of the high points. In Ephesians 3, vv. 1-4 we read: "For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)." Peter in his epistles does not talk in this way; John doesn't talk in this way; nor does James! How personal the language is: "the dispensation of the grace of God which is given *me*"; "he made known unto *me* the mystery"; "ye may understand *my* knowledge in the mystery of Christ." The Lord and Paul had personal dealings; the Lord entrusted to Paul a special revelation known as the dispensation of the grace of God, or the mystery of Christ.

In verse 5 we learn that the dispensation of the grace of God was not revealed to the prophets of God before Paul's time; therefore, we do not find reference to God's program for this age in the Old Testament. "Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Closing his epistle to the Romans, Paul tells them that the gospel which he preached was a secret hitherto unrevealed. (16:25,26).

Salvation to the Gentiles

That salvation through the coming Saviour should reach the Gentiles as

well as the Jews is the theme of many Old Testament prophecies. Much in the Old Testament Scriptures shows that God had purposed throughout the centuries to bless all the families of the earth through the promised Seed of Abraham, Christ. But the glorious position which God had planned for believing Gentiles and believing Jews in this present age He had not made known to anyone. Paul, in this third chapter of Ephesians, puts it this way: "That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel" (v. 6). The truth that sinners, both Jewish and Gentile, through faith in Christ should become members of the body of Christ, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ—God had kept secret until He made it known to Paul and other New Testament prophets.

Paul throughout his entire ministry felt the constraint of the Holy Spirit to "preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God" (Eph. 3:8,9). For the sake of "the mystery of the gospel" he incurred the vindictive hatred of his Jewish brethren and became "an ambassador in bonds" (Eph. 6:19-20) — "the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles" (3:1). He pleaded for the prayers of the believers at Colosse that God might open unto him a door for the word to speak — not simply the good news of salvation with which the Old Testament Scriptures abound — but "the mystery of Christ" (Col. 4:3).

Paul experienced what the Lord of glory had said to Ananias would befall him: "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). How faith-

ful this great Apostle proved to the unique stewardship which he had received from God! Because he saw the glory which would accrue to God throughout all the ages as the result of the accomplishment of God's program today, even the creation of God's masterpiece, the church, Paul rejoiced to suffer for its completion. Listen to what he wrote in his Epistle to the Colossians: "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (1:24-27).

Needed to Complete the Bible

These verses bring out the great importance of the Apostle's ministry. The Word of God would not have been complete, filled out, without the revelation given to him; the mystery, hidden for ages and generations but made known to Paul, is a vital part of God's revealed purposes. We believe that we may call this revelation or this purpose of God today the most important of God's work in any age, for He refers to it in His Word as "the eternal purpose" or His "purpose of the ages" (Eph. 3:11). Paul, in the opening days of this amazing dispensation, laid a solid foundation as a master workman. "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon" (I Cor. 3:9). In Paul God found one upon whom He could count to be faithful.

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (I Tim. 1:12).

How we ought to thank God for His servant Paul and for the wondrous revelation which has come to us through him! The church of Christ has lost tremendously in the past *because we have given so little attention to the Word of God as found in Paul's Epistles*. We do well to study these Scriptures, to examine Paul's life of utter self-sacrifice for the sake of God's will, and to follow his example. What love he exhibited for the church of Christ! What Spirit-filled prayers he uttered for its growth! What humility we see displayed in him! "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (I Cor. 15:9).

Has God's Grace Been in Vain?

In this instance, Paul continued: "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain." When we must leave this earthly sphere of service, how good it will be if we can say with reference to the calling wherewith God has called us, "God's grace, which was bestowed upon me, was not found vain." Are our hearts so fully given to Him that He may reveal His will to us, and we may know unmistakably what it is? Do we love Him so fully that the desires of the flesh and the pride of life are unable to turn us aside from His program for our lives? Paul, at the close of his earthly career, wrote to Timothy: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but upon all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 2:7,8). For the finished course there is a crown. May God give us grace for that.

National Missionaries --- The Opportunity Of Our Day!

By Peter Wiering

Bethesda Missions, Working in Cura cao

Most Bible believing Christians believe that we live close to the return of Jesus Christ. It may be very soon when the day of grace will come to an end. Never in the history of the church has there been such a frightening need for the gospel of God's grace. This globe is teeming with millions of human creatures in dire want of the bread of life.

These are days of new ways and methods of doing things. Jetliners are encircling the globe. Backward nations are developing at astonishing speed. With better medical care the world's population is increasing at a tremendous rate. The task of bringing the gospel to today's masses is a staggering one and we must use new and advanced means to reach them. With God, great things can be done. Today, Christians are using such means as mass evangelism, radio, and literature on an unprecedented scale. Things To Come Mission is one of several missionary groups who are using a program of evangelizing through national missionaries. The point is here, that these nationals are assisted financially by foreign funds. While the idea is not new and has been used before, the particular up to date way wherein it is used makes it a new concept in Missions.

Of course, all missions try to raise up nationals to do the work of teaching, preaching, and evangelizing; and this should be the objective in missions. Many have struggled with the question of supporting national preachers with foreign funds. When it was practised, a stifled national Christian group has often resulted. This was due not only to the fact that the national Christian failed to learn dependence on God for daily needs,

but also because the white missionary kept all the responsibility for the work in his own hands. Yet even in those former days there were instances of a successful national missionary program. One such was carried on by Dr. Goforth in China and Manchuria. Although his board did not support it, he himself, by faith in God, supported many national missionaries. The very fact that God supplied the needs for his program showed that God Himself was behind it.

In more recent times there has been an emphasis upon indigenous principles in missions. Simply, this means that missionaries try to put the responsibility for financial support, government, and propagation, as soon as possible in national hands. This is as it should be. It is the Pauline method. Because of this, the support of nationals has been held in disfavor by many, especially because of a past stigma. When our friends, the Andersons, started to use this method with Things to Come Mission, I did not quite see it as they did. Yet, now I believe that this method offers a great opportunity to world Evangelism.

In our day we have somehow "come up against it". The world's population increases faster than we are reaching it with the gospel. I believe that God would have us use new progressive ways to get out the gospel; of course in God's power. National evangelism is one way that can reach the masses everywhere.

Why support nationals? Plain business sense tells us that it is advantageous. They speak the language and are on the same cultural level with the people. Many nationals can

be supported with the money it takes to support one American missionary, and there are no furlough expenses. But will it not hinder indigenous growth? I believe not, *provided* it is *directed well*.

As Oswald J. Smith says in his article on Missionary Principles: "Native pastors and churches should *not* be supported by foreign funds — on the other hand, we must recognize 'Paul's Company, the group of natives trained in our Bible Schools, who need help in opening up new territories. So long as they are doing pioneer work in unoccupied areas . . . they are entitled to support, at least until the churches founded are strong enough to shoulder the burden."

When this plan is followed it should be made plain to the national that this assistance is *temporary* and that the church he builds up should be taught to take over his support in a certain time. When the national understands this clearly, he will actually strive to attain the indigenous goal. This plan helps to get workers over the "hump" and will speed up the work of world evangelization.

Personally, I have been challenged by the opportunities offered in National Evangelism by the way the Pentecostal Evangelist, T. L. Osborn is using it. He has now an organization that assists over 2000 national evangelists. This organization is now in its fifth year. How does it work? I quote Mr. Osborn: "Through this new concept in Missions, hundreds of Native Churches have been established and have become fully self-supporting in the last five years. Over 6,000 unreached villages have heard the Full Gospel. Currently, over 2000 Native Missionaries are being utilized in pioneering new fields in seventy countries. Their help will be discontinued after a reasonable time, and the funds will then go to assist other Native Missionaries." (Making this

reference to Mr. Osborn does not mean that we endorse his message. Although he preaches salvation through faith in the Son of God, he further leads the people into a Pentecostal program based on scriptures and promises which do not apply today. When we see this Pentecostalism sweeping the world, we realize the dire need to get out God's message for this day. And here, this example helps us to understand the possibilities in a program of assisting nationals to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.)

Even though we do not agree with many of the Pentecostal doctrines, I believe that God is also using Pentecostals to bring many souls to Jesus Christ and therein I can rejoice. But we see the burden placed upon us to lead all men into an understanding of the particular purpose of God for this age of grace. In the face of the world's need, this task is truly gigantic, and we must lay hold upon ways and means that will help us to do this. Certainly, unlimited possibilities are before us, waiting to be entered into by faith. I remember yet, how when we were still at school in Milwaukee, we discussed in the Missionary Club the idea of "Grace" missionaries in all countries of the world. The National Missionary plan may well be the answer to see this idea realized.

It is to be hoped that there will be an understanding and cooperation of the various "Grace" missions in such an endeavor. These are urgent days and we can not afford to be narrow minded when it comes to cooperation with those of like mind. The principle of working together was stressed very much by Paul. I believe that God's blessing will fall upon a united endeavor in this realm. The practice of LOVE, the bearing point of all Christian action, must bind us together, while granting liberty for personal convictions.



MEET THE NATIONAL

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF BERNARDO B. BALLARES

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Early in 1910, my father heard the message of salvation through the ministry of a Presbyterian Missionary. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and from my early boyhood he taught me the Word of God.

At the age of seven my beloved mother died. I had to work and help my father earn a living as we were very poor. Due to poverty, I was not able to continue my studies in the higher institution of learning.

In 1943 I decided to marry one of our neighbor's daughters. This family, too, were earnest Christians and my wife was brought up with the Word of God from her early days. After our marriage in 1943, both of us took active part in any church activity of the Evangelical Church. It was through this that I had the opportunity of helping the church workers, especially in the fields as we did not have enough workers at this time.

In 1944 I was elected Sunday School Bible Teacher of our church and later I became one of the Church Elders. A few months later, I was appointed Missionary worker to the Subanos. (An uncivilized tribe living far back into the mountains) The Lord was with me and He blessed my pioneering work in the mountains. Since that time people from different places, Christian and non-Christians, were anxious to hear the Word of God taught in my Bible classes. The Subanos are very friendly to me and I can speak their dialect fluently. Wherever I go, I am welcomed by these wild tribes. Most often I have to spend the nights with them in their respected homes as they are anxious



Bernardo B. Ballares, National Pastor and Evangelist to the Subano Tribes

to know the wonderful story of God's Grace. I have to teach them to pray and they want me to come to their homes to show them how to pray in the morning and in the evening. I had the opportunity of learning the Subano dialect during the Second World War when I hid with these people from the Japanese. I am indeed happy to know this dialect and it has helped me very much to deal with this people and they are now very close to me and accept me wherever I go.

In 1955 I became a worker of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines. I continually endeavored to read all the supplements available that came from the U.S.A., such as tracts, pamphlets, books and magazines. One of the magazines that I used to read was "Herald of His Coming". All through this year I had a

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INTERNATIONAL GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE

GOD'S BLESSINGS — YOUR CHALLENGE



First boys' class of the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. Several of the students had not yet arrived when this picture was taken.

The International Grace Bible Institute has been holding classes since June 1st this year. We had anticipated thirty students and the Lord sent us forty-four. What a blessing to have these young people to train in the Word of God so they can minister to their own people. God has blessed us with these students and we are challenged to feed them spiritually and physically as well. The school is tuition free and the students work forty hours a month for their room and board. It is now requiring about \$125.00 per month to feed the students and in order for the school to become self supporting they still need RICELAND and equipment to work the farm.

This school does not teach any secular subjects and it is not recognized by the Government. The school

does not give any degrees. Its sole purpose is to train young men and women for Christian service. Only the BIBLE and related subjects are taught.

Many of these young people are away from their families for the first time. The routine of the school is new to them and all teaching is done in English, which is NOT their native language. All this makes it necessary for them to daily look to the Lord for strength to continue in the path they have chosen. Pray for them as they make the necessary adjustments, and for their lives and testimonies, that those with un-saved families will be able to reach them with the gospel and that they all may win many souls who are walking in darkness without hope.



First girl's class of the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. This picture was taken the first day of school and not all students had arrived as yet.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

INDIA

FEEDING THE FAMISHED

By H. Beniston P. Simons

We are happy to announce that we are receiving the relief supplies from a relief agency in New Delhi. This is a gift made under the Indo-American agreement. The supply will be actually received from Madras but the same will be booked freight free to the nearest Out Agency, which will be Udipi only three miles from here. I have already received advice of dispatch of 180 bags of rice, weighing about eight tons, which is the staple food of the people here. We are indeed most happy to know that we have received this gift which is valued at about one thousand dollars. Besides this, we will be receiving 650 cases of milk powder weighing approximately 17,500 pounds. So, in all about 16 tons of supplies will be received this week and thus we will have an opportunity to show the people here that we are concerned not only for their spiritual needs but also their material wants. We hope to receive these supplies regularly in the future.

Our literature ministry is playing a vital share in the furtherance of the grace Gospel to the corners of the land. There are quite a number who request large supplies of literature to be sent to them. Below is a quote from a letter I just received from a friend at Betegeri, Dharwar Dt.:

"I thank you very much for having sent to our Hospital some of your tracts last month. The patients, when their names are registered in the Hospital register, will be given these tracts and booklets. Many non-Christian patients are interested in going through these booklets. Many of them come to our evangelist later asking

for the Gospel portions and Bibles. We are proud that we can do this work and bring many people to our Lord. Will you please send us still more copies of these booklets and hand-bills? Please send us 10,000 copies of different varieties."

We feel it is a real privilege for us to have a share with such good friends who are interested in the furtherance of the Gospel. I believe we could provide them the full quantity of tracts they requested, as we are in a position to meet large orders for tracts. At present we are sending a parcel of 5000 tracts to a friend in Bombay.

A friend from Upipi, who borrowed the copy of "Baptism" by Bultema last month, came to return this book and offered a warm invitation to preach in a Prayer Hall at Udipi which he is looking after. Formerly, a couple of months ago, when we desired to find an opening into this Prayer Hall, it was not fully open to our message, but praise God the victory is won. I gladly accepted this invitation. After the meeting this same brother came to me and thanked me for the message and invited me to extend to them our further co-operation especially in connection with some further programmes. They have suggested our going there at least once a month to work co-operatively in open air meetings etc. which they are very much interested to start.

INDIA — TODAY'S CHALLENGE

By W. T. Cherian

Greetings from the ancient land of India. It is with great joy and pleasure that I write to you about the spiritual blessings and progress of the Things to Come Mission of India. God has showered His everlasting bless-

ings upon the work and hence it has progressed and expanded beyond our expectations. The friends and well wishers of the T.C.M. can be proud of the achievements which were obtained through the prayers and helps of God's children. We are thankful to all who have helped us to reach the people of this land with the Grace Message and to lead them to Christ and His everlasting Kingdom. The last two months have been a time of great blessing and spiritual awakening. God has proved His care, faithfulness and grace upon the work here, through the conversion of souls and the opening of new doors and fields for the Grace Message.

In the last two months I have conducted three important conventions in the different parts of Kerala, thru which hundreds of souls were saved and Christians were strengthened by the Message of God's Grace. God has enabled us to print and distribute many thousands of tracts and booklets in Tamil, Malayalam and in Hindi. It is also another privilege to say that we have received many reports from men and women, how they have been saved through our literature.

In the month of April we conducted a special Gospel Meeting in our Gospel Shed at Kanjiramchira, where we are working among the Hindus. On



Hindu ladies, converted in one of the Evangelistic meetings, receiving instructions for their Christian life, by Missionary W. T. Cherian.

the conclusion of the sermon, God guided me to give an invitation to make a decision about their salvation. We were thrilled to see many souls accepting Jesus Christ as their Saviour. A good number of these were Hindu ladies. There is a real spiritual awakening among the Hindus in this locality and there is the possibility of a mass movement and the establishment of a Grace Church.

Recently we started a new field of work in the hilly section located in the border of Travancore. This place is many hundreds of miles away from our headquarters. We have stepped into this field because of the continuous request of the people from that locality. There are many hundreds of nominal Christian families which have recently settled in this locality. There are NO Churches nor Christian works here. When the appeal came to us to start the work, we were tempted not to start this work due to lack of funds. Afterwards, we realized that it was not right to close our eyes and ears to the request of these people who want to hear the Gospel. We stepped into this new field with the assurance that God will open some way to support the work. Humanly speaking we are in the face of problems and needs. We do not know how to meet the increasing expenses of this field, but we know that there is a God in Heaven who will do great things for His people and His work. Brother P. C. Thomas is now in this field. We have started Sunday meetings, Sunday School classes, Bible classes, and Prayer groups. There are more than fifty families who are already joined with T.C.M., and are attending the Sunday meetings. We have already purchased a compound with the help of our members and other friends of T.C.M. in India. We are planning and praying for the construction of a Grace Chapel in this

place. It is estimated that \$630.00 is needed for this chapel. We do not know where we will get this large amount, but we ask you to pray with us that God may meet this need and that we will soon have the first Grace Chapel in India. The fields in India are white for Harvest. The doors are wide open for the Gospel, but there are signs of the coming of night when no man can work. It may not be possible, at that time, to work for Christ even if we had the mind and the money. Now is your chance and ours to co-operate and reap a mighty harvest for the soon coming Saviour. There are dedicated young men and women who are ready to move forward under the blood stained banner of the Cross. We are getting many requests from evangelists to send them into villages and towns to preach the Gospel. We need funds and prayers of Christian friends to send them to the different parts of this land to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. How will people hear the Gospel without a preacher? How shall they go unless they be sent? Now the question is this, are we willing to take our responsibilities in this mighty task? Can you see the sorrowful and tragic scene of the perishing souls going to a Christless eternity? There are three hundred and sixty millions in India who are perishing without the knowledge of a living and loving Saviour. By the grace of God we are enjoying His spiritual and physical blessings. God has blessed us so that we might be a blessing to others. Christian friends, let us awake, realize our responsibilities and do our part to bring the perishing souls to the door of hope and salvation. You may not have the privilege to come and preach the Gospel in this land, but you can have the opportunity to share in this ministry through your prayers and gifts. Your prayers and gifts, whether big or small, can

do great things in this land for Christ and His Kingdom. As you read these lines, is the Spirit of God working in your heart, asking you to make a decision to help this work through your prayers and support? Please make a decision right now, so that you will not lose the opportunity and your rewards in eternity.

ARGENTINA REACHING OUT

By Nicholas Sabich

On July 1st I left to travel to the Bolivian frontier in answer to a request from Brother Roberto Alonso. I am now conducting some special meetings and we have had very good attendance with both native and Indian people. The people here are very poor and humble, but they are hungry for the Word of God. On July 9th, we are planning a great general meeting. This is the National Day in Argentine and we expect several hundred native and Indian people to attend this meeting. We are looking to God for a real harvest of souls for our Lord.

Just before coming here I received a letter from Uruguay, telling me that the Little Bible Institute will be ready in August and asked if I could come for some meetings in the latter part of that month. The director of the Little Bible Institute has asked me to work in co-operation with them and in the future they want me to have a part in this work. At the present time it is a good contact and a source of good fellowship.

Brother Schmidt in L. N. Alem Misiones is continually having regular meetings and has asked me to visit with them. I would like to visit them in the near future but first I must contact a few other places and get the work in order in Villa-Diamante. Soon I would like to look into some contacts I have in the Pro-

vince of Santa Fe. At the present time we still have only a few faithful workers to carry on the work in this large area. Myself and three un-paid workers are the only ones now teaching the Gospel of the Grace of God in Argentina. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more workers into this needy field.

GREECE

CALLED TO BE A TESTIMONY

By Andrew Vergopoulos

One year ago a group of God's people came together under the name of the Things to Come Mission. We were only twenty people then, but by God's blessing we are now forty-five in number. It was through Dr. Ferris that we were put in contact with Rev. Palmer of the Things to Come Mission in the United States. We are without words to express our thanks for the blessings of God upon the work here in Greece. It is not easy to work for God here as the Greek people think they are Christians because when they were babies their parents had them baptised. This is all the Greek Orthodox Church requires for salvation. Also we are opposed in all our work by the Government as it is directed by the Orthodox Church. We are sure that God has called us to be a testimony to His Grace here and we will not stop. The people here are ignorant of Romans 3:23 and 6:23 and therefore we are called to show them their condition and tell them of the saving power of Jesus Christ who died for them.

We have been meeting in a brother's house, but now that we have grown to forty-five souls we need a larger meeting place. We are continually praying for an auditorium. Will you pray with us in this need that the Lord may lead us on to a great victory in this land?

As a report of our work in the last year, we have given out over 1500 copies of the New Testament and hundreds of tracts. These were bought by the collections among our own people. They are very poor in the things of this world, but they are rich in their hearts because the Lord Jesus Christ is living in them. It is out of a heart overflowing with love for the Saviour that this collection was possible.



*The congregation of the Grace Church
in Athens, Greece*

We have also organized three different crusades during the past year: It is only five days ago that I returned from a trip to Northern Greece. The Lord gave us the privilege to pray with fifteen people and I feel sure that they found salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. I sent them New Testaments and other books and one of the brethren here will correspond with them often.

There are eight million people in Greece and the majority do not know that ONLY the blood of Jesus can wash away their sin. Greece is one of the most needy countries in the world for the Gospel. It was Greece that gave light to the world and now Greece needs the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, Jesus Christ.

Pray that the Lord will give us many souls and that He will give us men who will receive His calling and be willing to go and win others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

PHILIPPINES

WANTED — GOOD GENERATOR

By Potenciano Undag

On May 10th my wife, my son Dick, and I went to Tinacla-an to hold an evangelistic meeting in the house of a Roman Catholic. While I was delivering the message of the Grace of God, a drunkard came in and asked, "Are you sure that you will be saved and can go to heaven?" I answered him and explained the plan of salvation. He then shouted and called me names and said he would kill me. His friends tried to get him to not call me those names and to have him go home, but he would not go. I had to leave and return home. We did not give up so on the next night we came back to hold another meeting. While I was preaching someone stoned us, but God is powerful to protect us and covered us with His wings so that none of us were hit by the stones.

On May 20th, Dick and I went to Alicia to hold evangelistic meetings and Bible Study. While trying to get to the ship, we met trouble with the Crocodiles (notorious men who earn their daily needs by carrying the passengers' baggage and then charging any price they want to). They got angry because we would not let them carry our equipment (P.A. system, generator and bags). They were about to fight us when God sent a member of the "United Church of Christ" who was respected by the people. He told the Crocodiles not to harm us as we were poor messengers of God, sacrificing without any money in our pockets, traveling from towns, cities and barrios just to spread the grace message for the benefit of the people who are yet in darkness and bound for the lake of fire. We were then able to load our equipment into the ship and we gave thanks to God who is always protecting His ambassadors and guiding them to the place where they are sent.

At 7:30 the next day we started our meetings with a large attendance. Before the meeting was over, the second hand generator that we were using stopped working. This was a great disappointment to us and some of the Roman Catholics said, "God broke the generator so that the people here will not be deceived." We tried to get the generator fixed the next day, but to no avail. I sent Dick back to Ozamis City with the broken generator, telling him to return at once if the second hand generator of the TCM (which was broken three months ago and still waiting to be repaired) was in working order. Dick was not able to return because the generator was not yet fixed. I continued the week of meetings even though I had no generator to operate the P.A. system.

We held two evangelistic meetings in an area which is mostly Mohammedan. These meetings were very successful because Brother Alejo Canfedio can speak the Moro dialect fluently.

In the town of Alicia the Seventh Day Adventists are making great strides and are converting many by their false doctrine. There is a small group of Christian Alliance brethren here, but their testimony is weak due to there being so few of them. They asked me to teach in their chapel, but their pastor and evangelist will not allow me to preach. The next Sunday they again invited me to speak, but the evangelist started to speak and did not stop until 11:30, then he allowed me to give a sermon. I was tempted to refuse, due to the time, but the people were all waiting and anxious to hear the message by me, and I noticed that there were many visiting Roman Catholics in attendance. I started to deliver the message and after twenty minutes of proclaiming the message of God's Grace, the people's hearts were touched and

many tears dropped from their eyes. When I saw this I called for a decision. Ten Roman Catholic adults stood and received Jesus Christ as their Only Saviour.

On June 7th I returned home to seek a generator, because the members wish that we always use a P.A. system at the Evangelistic meetings so the people who do not attend the meetings can still hear the message of God's Grace even in their homes. I need this generator to be able to return to four Barrios of Alicia where we have invitations and the people are waiting for us to come. I do not know when I will be able to return, as our generator is not yet fixed. I am closing this letter with a request that all of the TCM members please pray that God will supply a GOOD GENERATOR which is much needed for our P.A. system.

BRAZIL

HIS WORD IS TRUTH

By Henrique Schmidt

Again and again we are asked to what religion we belong. My short answer is this, "We are not proclaiming another religion, but we preach Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery as revealed to the Apostle Paul." Brazil is full of religion, yet religion has not solved the grave national, social and moral problems of this country.

When we are asked, "What message do you bring to the world today?" we answer like this:

1) We announce to the world the message of God's Grace, full and free for all mankind, distinguishing no race, color or nationality (Titus 2:11).
2) The world is sick and tired of dogmas and formalities. It longs for a Word of Comfort that will bring peace, happiness and true love. (Rom. 3:28).

3) Mankind needs a message, by the power of the Holy Spirit, which will

quicken and inspire the sad and discouraged hearts. (Zach. 4:6, John 16:13).

4) The nations today need more than ever the message which was preached by the Apostle Paul, as clearly related in his epistles. (Rom. 2:16)

It is certainly a great privilege that we now have in Brazil to preach and spread God's Word with such liberty everywhere. This did not happen years ago and we had to fight with great opposition and enormous difficulties. Now we are permitted to preach everywhere, even in prisons, hospitals, markets, on the street and anywhere we care to preach. Gospel literature is spread in great quantities and with some willing helpers we handed out about 10,000 tracts in the city of Curitiba. Many are deeply thankful for receiving such tracts and many have come to see me to ask for further guidance. It is remarkable to watch how folks these days are hungry to read. This new generation is now getting literate and instead of giving the Communists a chance to poison their minds, we are anxious to give them the Gospel truth, thus giving them a chance to live. (II Cor. 2: 16-17). We of the TCM are now one of the evangelical Missions who are most active in tract ministry in this country, and it is a powerful weapon to bring God's message of reconciliation to these lost men and women.

Knowing that HIS WORD IS TRUTH, we will not tire of having His Word announced for through the Word we have seen many find peace of heart and forgiveness of their sins. Often we have prayed over seeking and repented sinners, seeing them come out of terrible slavery of sin and vice. We are now living some 2000 meters from the main military barracks of the capital city of Curitiba, where we are permitted to preach to the soldiers and hand them Gospel

tracts. Even the officials are favorable to this as they say it produces decent servants of the law and useful citizens. We also received permission to visit weekly the police-prison where both men's and women's departments were opened to us to hand out Gospel portions and tell them about the saving mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Brazil, "TODAY is a day of great opportunities." (II Cor. 6:2)

Meet The National

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constant contact with the Undags, particularly Brother Jaun Undag. It was through him that I heard of the Things to Come Mission which he had read about in a Moody Monthly Magazine. Out of curiosity we began writing to the Things to Come Mission, without dreaming of any reply. Unexpectedly Rev. J. H. Palmer, the director, sent us several different books. We studied together the Doctrine of this mission and were thrilled at the new truths we found, that we did not know before, particularly the Dispensation of the Grace of God. We praise God for this new found "Sunlight" in His Word. It was at this junction that I realized a great task lay before us. It can not be denied that there are many souls, far and wide, in this part of the Philippines who are hungry and thirsty for the Word of God, and there are so few workers to take this wonderful truth to them.

In the field where I was assigned, after joining the Things to Come Mission, I made a regular schedule and divided my time of working in the different places. One week I would spend with the Subanos and one week with my congregation. My simple way of gathering people for church meetings is to visit them in their homes during the week and invite them to the Sunday meetings. This

way they will be prepared for the worship of the Lord on Sunday. We praise the Lord for the continuous increase in attendance in our Sunday School. Many of these new ones are sympathizers who are hungry for the Word of God (A sympathizer is one who is interested but not yet converted). One of these sympathizers has now been converted and is very active in our work. He was an officer in the Roman Catholic Church before his conversion, and he despised the Bible and persecuted our church members. Through the wonderful working power of God's Grace, his entire family was converted. They are now energetic in all our church activities. They now have found the real joy and blessing in service to God. Recently he urged me to get him a Visayan Bible for the family as they are anxious to know more of what the Bible has to say. Thanks be to God for His tender mercies that He opened the hearts of this people. Above all I praise the Lord for the many wonderful truths I have found in His Word since I have been studying the doctrines of the Things to Come Mission, especially the Mystery of God's Grace as revealed through the Apostle Paul, Eph. 3:2-9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have friends or loved ones whom you would like to have receive the "International Harvest", would you send their names to the Mission office? We will see that they are put on the mailing list. The "Harvest" is sent FREE to anyone upon request.

Friends who are sending gifts to Mr. Hetrick, the TCM Treasurer, or to the TCM office, please designate to whom or for what you wish your gift to be used. All donations and gifts sent in to the Treasurer or the office are used one hundred percent for the purpose designated. Gifts to

the American Missionaries are sent to the field once a month unless otherwise requested by the missionary. Gifts sent in for Nationals are sent one hundred percent to them once a month along with the gifts sent to the Americans. Receipts are sent to all donors at least once a month or more often if possible. All gifts designated for the International Grace Bible Institute, the students, a press, etc., are used one hundred percent for the specific project for which it was donated. No board member receives any salary or expenses from the Mission, and all help is donated.



Those who are receiving the "International Harvest" and move to a *new address*, would you please drop us a post card with your new address? We want to make the change on our mailing list so you will not miss any issues of the "Harvest". It runs into considerable time and money when friends fail to give us notice of the change of their address.



Write to the Missionaries. Postage to the Philippines is 25c air mail and takes five days. Sea mail takes six weeks. An air-mail letter sheet may be purchased from any post office for 10c and can be sent anywhere in the world. A letter from you would encourage and bless those laboring in the foreign fields.



Send cancelled postage stamps to Pastor Rollin Wilson, Genoa City, Wisconsin, Northern Grace Youth Camp. Through the sale of cancelled stamps (U.S. and Foreign) much of the expense of the Camp is met. Please be sure NOT to tear the stamp. Stamps are of no value if torn. To avoid damage to the stamps, please remove by cutting envelope one half inch around stamp.

Joe and Pauline Watkins, now working at the International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines, became the proud parents of an eight pound son, born July 25th. Pauline and Stephen Paul are both doing fine.



Special Prayer Request — The Andersons need a visa into India NOW. For months they have been trying to obtain a visa with no results. Feeling the Lord was leading them to enter India now, they sailed August 10th for Singapore and then to Ceylon. They have no visa into India nor any promise of one. They are trusting the Lord to provide a visa for them while they are in Ceylon. Let us unite our prayers to God that a visa will be approved and they might answer the call to minister to India's multitudes.



In answer to the need of sending Bible Study material to the spiritually hungry countries of the world, the Missionary Literature Distributors of Alton, Illinois, have been sending large quantities of good material to any place open to them. -Seeing a need for Bible Study material printed in Spanish, they have been instrumental in helping to have a booklet on "Eternal Security" printed in Spanish. Pray for this organization and for the needs to send the printed page into the uttermost parts of the world. For information or to have a part in this work, contact: Rollie J. Phipps, Poplar Trailer Court, R.R. 3, Godfrey, Illinois.



The Things to Come Mission of India has been receiving surplus food from the United States for distribution to the needy. Praise God for this opportunity to meet the physical as well as the spiritual need of the people of India. Last month they received 24 TONS of food. Through this open door many new contacts are being made and many souls are coming under the sound of the Gospel.

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Proverbs 11:30

Christ Came To "Seek And To Save That Which Was Lost". We Should Have No Less Desire Than To See The Lost Saved. Christ Died For Our Sins, Was Buried And Rose Again The Third Day According To The Scriptures. Salvation Is **FREE** To Those Who Will Accept Christ's Death On Calvary As His Debt Of Death That He Owes For The Sins He Has Committed. Romans 6:23 Tells Us The **WAGES** Of Sin Is **DEATH**. We Must **ALL** Pay That Price. Christ Paid It For Us And We Can Pass From Death Unto Life By Accepting His Death As Payment For Our Sins. Otherwise We Must Pay That Debt Ourselves.

How Will We Answer For Our Failure To Witness, While A Lost World Still Waits To Be Won To Christ? (Rom. 14:12. II Cor. 5:10)

We Must Be Soul Winners