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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

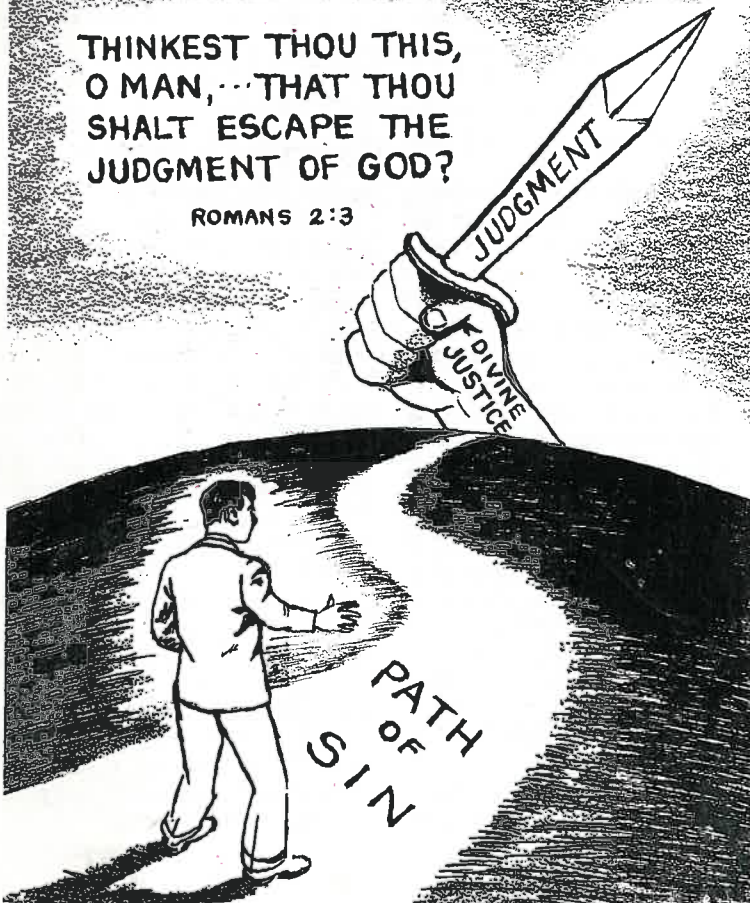
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O MAN, ... THAT THOU
SHALT ESCAPE THE
JUDGMENT OF GOD?

ROMANS 2:3



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THE WHITENED FIELDS*By Pastor Harland L. Shriver*

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"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:37,38.

For years missionary appeals have been made from many a platform, on many a bended knee, with much pulpitry, with the sole use of the above portion. Such a portion does not lack in heart appeal, for who can withstand the solemn note of millions without Christ, and the urgent need of getting out the Word of God? But that of which these verses speak, if rightly divided and correctly approached would lend vitality and impetus to missions with drive unyielding, zeal unflagging and spirit undying, and not with stagnation — lack of power.

To be sure, just as the "Great Commission" was given to the Disciples,

so the two appearances of the word "labourers" likewise speak of delegated few. Luke 10:1. Whatever it was the Lord of Glory saw in the fields, additional selected few were sent into the fray with a positive message. It is quite certain that the ministry designated for the Twelve as we see it in Acts 2 was not intended for the worker today. There are no thrones upon which to sit, Matthew 19:28; no signs and wonders to follow the ministers, Mark 16:15, 16; no Kingdom to offer, Matthew 24:14; Acts 3:19, 20.

It is to be noted that whatever our Lord was speaking of, was wholly related to the day in which it was spoken. This we call the *primary* appeal. Several facts ought to be examined before we can draw an appeal. The following, though not considered complete, offer suggestion to the lesson to be seen.

1.) Four different persons, or groups of people, are spoken of in the text:

- (a.) The Lord Jesus Christ;
- (b.) The disciples;
- (c.) The Seventy;
- (d.) The scattered Jews (Matthew 9:36.

Briefly, it was a matter of the Lord directing the Twelve to pray that others (Seventy) might be sent to preach the gospel of the Kingdom to the mass of Jews. This "going" was merely a means to an end.

2.) The Disciples (Inclusive of the Seventy until they fell away. John 6:66) were sent into the "harvest" to:

- (a) Preach the gospel of the Kingdom;
- (b) Going with fear of the reception. Luke 10:3-12 et al;
- (c) Pre-warned that they should become martyrs. Acts 1:8. (The word "witnesses" is translated "martyrs in other places.)

There is little hope held here for mass belief in the Messiah. The harvest if defined in that manner, turned out oppositely. The mass had Christ preached unto them, but they said, "Away with him . . . crucify him . . ." This hardly was the "harvest" as we see it voiced by many. Unbelief ran everywhere. Hearts were greatly hardened. The nation brought to ruin.

3.) The "Machinery" for harvest is ready.

- (a) Israel is ripe for judgment. They crucified the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Holy One is trampled underfoot.
- (b) The Holy Spirit is sent— Joel 2 is ready to be fulfilled. Acts 2.
- (c) The enactment of harvesting was about to begin. Christ was to culminate the seven years of tribulation with fiery judgment - the harvest itself. See Revelation 14:15f.

From other portions of the Word of God, namely Matthew 13:1-43, it will be discovered that the (a) harvest is the end of the age; (b) the

field is the world; (c) the reapers include the angels; and manner of harvest is separating the tares from the wheat. What is uppermost in the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 9:36-39 is not the many who are ready to receive Christ, but the hastening of the day in the which God's Holiness, and the Holy One of Israel might be no longer detained in putting down all authority. Paraphrasing, our Lord might have said, "Let us (more labourers followed by angels of judgment) hasten the day when God will be free to reign in those whose hearts are made free."

Before God could judge the world at large, Israel must be officially declared guilty and vile. Had not Christ prayed, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", as the Record proves, and had not the Father honored that prayer, the harvest would have taken place at Pentecost — except that God had a hidden secret to reveal, the revelation of the Mystery to the Apostle Paul.

It is a fearful thing that the worker, the preacher, the bishop of the day has lost the keen sense of the Holiness of God. Sin is not held in review today. The preacher is toned down in his appeal. Unsaved are oft-times acting and re-acting in superior manners to that of Christians. We have wilfully and knowingly buried the right of the Holy Father to immediately and forever judge the world. But, may I say that if some 1900 years ago the Son of Man saw the impending judgment coming, halted only by the parenthetical period (Grace), how much ought we to preach Christ in the face of the awful orgy of God to come.

Ah! Beloved, what a misionary theme indeed. Impending eternal fiery judgment — but will you receive Christ today? Chaos, despair, sin-ridden people, but will you be made

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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS POCKETBOOK

By Ralph Peterson, Th. M.

Authentic Christianity has always made a major emphasis on the spirit in which we give our money and our service.

The Apostle Paul said, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver". Why? A cheerful giver is one who is filled with love. He knows that love is always a two-way experience. Love is limited and blocked if it's only one-way traffic. But many ask today, "How do we develop cheerfulness in our giving?" Let us note the ways.

First of all, your giving may not be cheerful because your gift may be too small.

If you want to learn how to give more cheerfully, try doubling or giving ten times as much as you are giving now. If we hurt when we give, perhaps we don't give enough. If we give too little it does hurt.

Our giving is, in fact, an acid test of our loyalty to Christ. We may say we love Him, we may be profuse in declaring our loyalty to His Church, we may believe His teachings. But if we spend more on pleasure, if we spend more on cosmetics, if we spend more on our automobile than we do for the church and the causes for which the church stands, then our love is just a lot of words and our devotion is a mockery.

In the second place, if you wish to learn how to give cheerfully, give more thoughtfully. Your gifts may not be made cheerfully because they are spasmodic, and without any reasoned, or careful, thoughtful planning.

We give cheerfully when we give according to the apostolic instruc-

tions, "Each one must do as he made up his mind". Make up your mind in the over-all general planning of the way you are going to give, for planned giving is happy giving.

Many people give the hard way. Every appeal has to be considered by itself. It's a wrench every time they open their pocketbooks and give out any money. They operate under no plan. It is scattered and spasmodic and so every time they give, they have pain in giving.

I know some people who give like a leaky water faucet—a drip here, a drip there, slowly drop by drop, never enough in any one place to do any good — just drip, drip, drip away as the appeals come to them. The important thing is to think about our giving, and ask, "To what do we give?" Study carefully the causes.

According to a recent story in a magazine, a town was established some years ago in America without a church. A real estate developer bought a thousand acres on a beautiful site. He laid out a town with all conveniences. He built schools, hospital, theatre, dance hall, clubhouse, parks and playgrounds. He built homes. He sold them on easy terms. He created business enterprises in which people might be employed and then, in order to protect his paradise from the "curse of religion", he had a clause in each deed which provided that the land would revert back to him if ever used for religious purposes.

He had difficulty in establishing this city but the population finally grew to about five thousand people. It was difficult to get good women to

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MISSION FIELDS TODAY

THE CHALLENGE IN NEW GUINEA

By Dr. Albert Widmer

Unfortunately, doors are closing fast in many parts of the world for the preaching of the Gospel. Fanatical nationalism in various areas is placing serious restrictions on missionary activities. Many regions are gradually being taken over by Communism and the liberty for Mission work is curtailed almost completely.

On the other hand, there is NEW GUINEA, the world's largest island, which is now opening up for Mission work. Its stone-age people, estimated at two million souls, are now under direct contact with modern progress. These tribal folks, living in the most primitive conditions, have so far never been touched with the Message of Salvation in Christ Jesus. It can be therefore considered as one of the greatest *challenges* to the Christian faith.

New Guinea covers some 183,600 square miles, extending from the Equator to 8° South latitude, and lies therefore entirely in a tropical region. Due to its enormous mountains, deep ravines and tangled vegetation, this immense South Sea island is almost unpenetrable. Even its rivers are swift and the short stretches that would be navigable are extremely dangerous, since these will frequently and suddenly swell after a heavy tropical rainfall.

New Guinea has a very unhealthy climate. Most of the year it is very hot and moist. It has an average heavy rainfall exceeding 100 inches. Only the highland areas are cooler and these regions are practically inaccessible, except by light planes into areas where small airfields have previously been built. The dense

tropical forests, immense swamps, tremendous mountains, and profound ravines, make construction of roads almost impossible. These tangled and unpenetrable regions are full of snakes, crocodiles, and spiders. Most places are literally alive with ants, cockroaches, flies and clouds of mosquitoes, the latter mostly of malaria carrying types. There are also the typhus-bearing mite and of course the ever-present danger of the sudden attack of head-hunters.

New Guinea's most perplexing problem is the linguistic "Babel" of its five main ethnic races. These are Papuans, Melanesians, Micronesians, Polynesians and Negritos. These primitive dwellers speak not less than 1,200 languages and dialects, each of which are drastically different one from the other. It is here where the magnitude of the spiritual task exists. To appreciate better this enormous *challenge*, is to know that only 15 of the 700 principal languages have so far been worked on, and in *only five* of these have some parts of the New Testament been translated. Anyone can rapidly imagine that such an enormous diversity of tongues creates a very difficult problem for modern missions.

In the Australian administered area, English is being taught to the native youth, while in the Dutch administered part some sporadic instruction is given in Dutch, but generally the natives keep clanishly to themselves and it will take years to get them interested in Western ways. The great challenge is to get the message of Salvation to them before vice

and corruption of modern civilization reaches them.

Various Evangelical Missions have opened up pioneer stations, mostly in the coastal areas. The hinterland is so far practically untouched, except by some heroic attempts by missionary pilots.

European private enterprise is doing much to develop the natural resources of the country. Plantations of copra, cocos, coffee and rubber yield well. Oil has been found in some coastal areas, and plywood from the rich forests is being exported. The administration is pressing hard to build some roads and bridges so as to open up new areas. The natives' standard of living is raising. Co-operative societies under the guidance of experienced governmental officers and some able missionaries are bringing the sons of the jungle to live peacefully and respectfully together. Pioneer missionaries and governmental authorities are working together to bring to the stone-age man the Great Story of a Glorious Saviour and the benefits of an orderly and peaceful Christian living.

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come. They were reluctant. A good many of the other kind came. Children were scarce and the public schools had trouble getting even the few teachers they needed.

After about five years the whole city was faced with bankruptcy, and then in the daily paper of the little town this real estate developer placed this ad — a compound of mental bewilderment and profane irreverence: "To whom it may concern — God knows that there is no such person as God and my motto has always

been, 'To hell with religion', but for some fool reason, which no man can fathom, I have found by experience that we cannot do business in this country on any other basis than that silly bit of sentiment that we stamp on our coins, 'In God We Trust'. Therefore, infernal foolishness though it all is, I have sent out for a parson and we are going to build a church."

When you give money to a church, give thoughtfully. Give realizing that everything else that is fine and good about our world depends upon the church. If you give thoughtfully enough to recognize the consequences of your giving and the One to whom you give, your whole giving will be on a new basis, for you will understand why the giving is important. To give with Divine Wisdom, give Cheerfully and with love. Cheerful givers are those who give thoughtfully.

In the third place, if you would learn how to give cheerfully, give more than money in your gifts.

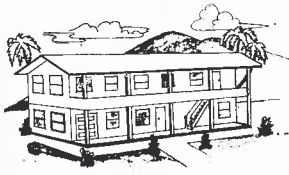
To give money to the church is never enough. Money alone will neither start nor maintain a church. If all you give is money, no wonder it is hard to give yourself, if you begin to give yourself, if you give your mental ability to the church, if you give some of your time, if you give a reasonable proportion of your efforts, you are putting into it yourself and when you put yourself with your money you will find you are cheerful when you give.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. The cheerful giver is a Christian who has yielded his pocketbook and his time to Christ. A happy Christian is one who loves to give.

The issue is not just "how to give", but "how to live".



98% of the world's population are unevangelized and unsaved!



HARVEST TIME

By Joe Watkins

Missionary -- Things To Come Mission

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:30-38)

When the Lord saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion. Just think, the Lord himself was concerned with the multitudes. The truth is that God will have all men to be saved. He has provided the means by which a person can be saved; through the Lord Jesus Christ. Now the job of the Christian is to take the Gospel to the ones who have never heard the way of salvation.

The above scripture in Matthew fits into a very consistent pattern that should be followed. Chapters five through seven of the book of Matthew record what is known as the Sermon on the Mount. This might also be called the Constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven. These teachings of our Lord, from the mountain, were the announcement of the Laws which would exist in His Kingdom. It should be kept in mind that these laws do not set forth terms of salvation to sinners, but the principles of life which shall be obtained when Christ reigns on the earth. We have recorded in Matthew 8:1-9, 34, the King demonstrating his mighty power with many miracles. They display the King's mighty power to establish and administer the affairs of the King-

dom. The Lord did not call the Twelve just to be his earthly companions, but he had a special work for them to do. In Chapter 9 verses 35-38, the Lord puts before the Twelve a vision. What is it? A Great Harvest, but Few Workers. In Chapter 10, after teaching and showing them the need, He sends them forth to preach the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. I know this portion of scripture is not for the church today and the literal interpretation is for the Kingdom of Heaven and the Jews, but this is a pattern that fits all dispensations. That is, when we have been taught and shown the vision, we must go forth to preach and teach to the lost that which we have been taught. Let us use an example from the life of the Apostle Paul. In Galatians 1:17 he says, "Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia and returned again unto Damascus." This event took place right after his conversion. Most Bible teachers think this is where God revealed to him the Dispensation of the Grace of God. He did not receive it from the Twelve, but from the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul himself took young men along with him on his missionary journeys and no doubt taught and worked with them during these trips. (Acts 20:1-5) Paul was continually sending or calling for Titus and Timothy. Paul and his workers were taught and then they went forth. We of the International Grace Bible Institute want to follow this pattern— training, presenting a vision and sending forth.

TRAINING: The goal of the International Grace Bible Institute is to train young people of the Philippine Islands and the Far East in the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Gospel of the Grace of God as revealed to the Apostle Paul. After this training they will go out into the harvest field of souls. The students not only get a knowledge of the Word of God; but also training in practical things such as rice planting the modern way, gardening, raising chickens, pigs, etc. Many will have to go back and work and preach in order to build congregations that can support a pastor full time. The training at the IGBI will help them to know how to get the most from their land. The Apostle Paul worked and preached (Acts 18). We are to follow him as he followed Christ (I Cor. 11:1).



The first rice harvest at the IGBI

In training the students to work the land and raise live stock, the IGBI will use the produce from the land and animals to pay the expenses of the school. Our land and live stock are small now, not enough to carry the full expenses of the school, but we are praying that within two or three years the work will be completely self-supporting. Many are getting an education in the Bible that could not have gotten one otherwise. The average Filipino is not able to pay his way to Bible School. We want to make it possible for all to attend

who desire to study the Word of God. The rich can pay, the poor can work for the school. It takes so little to reach our goal. What is the goal? Trained young people going out with the rightly divided Word of Truth. This cannot be attained unless all stand behind the work.

VISION: A great harvest field. There is much work to be done here. Spain controlled this country for 330 years and this served to establish Roman Catholicism as the principal religion. The boast is that the Philippines is the only Christian nation in the Far East. In reality, however, the Catholic Church has merely supplemented heathenism with a corrupt medieval civilization and a decadent Catholicism. The Bible was not given to the people; the gospel was not preached, and education was not promoted. People are going about trying to establish their own righteousness. They have no hope. There can be no hope as long as they serve the priests, idols and the church. When the American administration of the Philippines came in, the Protestants made great gains, but these gains were not sufficient in doing large-scale conversion of the people. The population of the Philippines is about 20,000,000, consisting of a great variety of tribal divisions and language groups. There are more than 7,000 islands in this group with 156 different languages. The Bible has been translated into only 12 of these languages. Many tribes have never been reached with the Gospel and there is only one Protestant missionary to every 30,000 people. Is this not a great Harvest Field?

SENDING FORTH: This is yet future. The training of the present Filipino students is still in process and will be for another three years. We are now engaged in the second semester of the first year of training. What

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MEET THE NATIONAL

CEASAR CAADAN

Pastor of the Church in Ditay, P.I.

During the second world war there were terrible times here in the Philippine Islands. For four years the Japanese patrolled in every Barrio and town. Many people died during these years and very few were in Christ. I was not believing in Christ at this time nor were any of my friends. Had I died at this time I know I would not be with God and I had no hope for eternity.

One day a friend of mine captured a Japanese soldier in the Barrio in which I was living. The Japanese were looking for the people of the Barrio and many of the people were running for the mountains or trying to hide from the soldiers. I was hiding in a small clump of grass and the soldiers were coming closer to where I was. I knew that if they saw me I would die. Never before had I talked to God, but I prayed that if God would deliver me from the mouth of death, I would serve Him all my life. God heard my prayer and the soldiers went to look elsewhere. I then went into the mountains to look for my brother and sister. I came to the Church of Christ in Datagan, Pagadian. There I found my brother and sister and on Sunday of that week I joined the church there and started to serve the Lord. I served the Lord Jesus Christ in the United Church of Christ of the Philippines for 17 years. The last seven years I served and sacrificed as a local evangelist.

Thinking of my past condition, I praise the Lord that I know now that I have Jesus Christ in my heart and if I die now I will be with Him. Romans 8:1 tells us that there is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. I know now that I am not condemned and when I die



Pastor Caesar Caadan

I'll be with God, because I am trusting in His finished work on Calvary's cross for me. The Apostle Paul tells us in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." I too feel this way as my life is now in Jesus Christ and I am willing to suffer for Him to make known the Gospel of the Grace of God.

I became acquainted with the Things to Come Mission and through their teaching I saw that the Apostle Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles and that the Ministry of the Twelve was diminishing while the ministry of Paul was increasing. As I looked into the Word of God I saw that the Dispensation of the Grace of God was committed to the Apostle Paul (Eph-

esians 3:1-3) and now I'm following the teachings of Paul for this age of God's grace.

After becoming a member of T.C.M. I was assigned to the church in Ditay. I am willing to serve and suffer for the cause of Christ in this place. If I were not saved I could not work here as the conditions are very bad. There is much sickness of malaria and the forest and mountains surround us. I am willing to stay here and serve my Lord as I know He has given me a ministry to testify to the Gospel of the Grace of God. From the Apostle Paul we read of the greatest message of the ages. In Philipians 2:5-9 we read: "... Jesus Christ who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him..." This is the greatest story, the most glorious truth that has ever been proclaimed to men, that Jesus Christ existed as *God the Son* before he became the *Man* Christ Jesus at his birth in Bethlehem. This man Jesus had glory with the Father before the world was (John 17:5) and is now in heaven with the Father. He is also dwelling in the hearts of those who trust in His finished work on the cross of Calvary. Christ was made sin for us, he who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (II Cor. 5:21).

To be saved is to have Christ dwelling in you. Paul tells us in Col. 1:27, "... Christ in you the *hope of glory*." Because of what Christ has done for me, I am willing to live and serve God anywhere He sends me in order that others might come to know Christ, whom to know is life eternal.

From the Missionaries

BRAZIL

NEEDED — LITERATURE IN PORTUGUESE

By *Henrique Schmidt*

Our work among the fishermen is progressing and being blessed of the Lord. These people now are understanding more and more of the Dispensational truth and the Gospel of the Grace of God as they study the Epistles of Paul. Step by step we are building a solid work in this place. Some of these people feel they are called of the Lord to gain others to Christ, and they are preparing for the future. I have challenged them with these three things: 1) To be found faithful, 2) Be active for the Lord and live a personal testimony among their countrymen, and 3) Be spiritual, grow in a knowledge of the Truth, and resist the errors and false doctrine that abounds in our time. It would be good if we had some books about dispensational truth printed in the Portuguese language with which we could teach these men. Please pray for this need, that it might be met soon.

Our fishermen friends are honest and hospitable, though they are poor in material things. They have a loyalty to one another and will never refuse when asked to help someone. When they understand any new truth they are quick to speak to others about this and invite them to attend our meetings. We are looking forward to building a chapel with the funds that are gathered from these people. The offerings are very small, but little by little they are hoping to soon have a mission among their countrymen. We would ask you to pray for this need and also for my family that we might be able to go and reach other places with the Gospel of the Grace of God which have

not been evangelized yet. I have written to the Director in Rio de Janeiro, asking for permission to visit other fields in this country and I have his personal permission for visits to open and establish new works. We now have open doors in Brazil and we want to take every opportunity to reach the regions where Christ is not proclaimed. Pray for this Government also that we might enjoy this freedom to proclaim Christ during this dispensation of God's Grace.

ARGENTINA

LETTING THE LORD LEAD

By Nicholas Sabich

It has been only four days ago that I returned from a 27 day missionary trip through Paraguay, North Argentina and into Brazil. I traveled 35 hours by train to reach my first stop at Posadas which is a principal city of province Misiones near the Paraguayan frontier. I spent two days here holding meetings and it was a time of good fellowship. I left some of the tracts sent to me by the Missionary Literature Distributors of the U. S. A. From Posadas I went to Obera, 120 miles away, and held meetings for two nights. This is a large rural town and I had the privilege to expound the scriptures and present the Grace Message. From here I went 17 miles into the jungles where there is a large colony called "Los Helechos". This colony is inhabited by natives and Slavic peoples. There is an assembly of about 200 in this place and I had the opportunity to preach the gospel for several nights. On my return trip to Posadas, I stopped here and there to spread the gospel and to hand out tracts, which were accepted with great interest. From Posadas, I went to Encarnation, a Paraguayan city. I arrived just before a young people's conference which was to be held

in the colony of "Alborada" near the Argentine frontier on the Parana River. The brethren there asked me to go with them to this conference and I was the principal speaker, holding two meetings and presenting the Grace Gospel message to these young people. On our return trip we were stopped at the Paraguayan frontier and searched for guns as there is a delicate situation in this place. I traveled by bus to Carmen, a little city where I spent two years attending the local assembly some ten years ago. On a bus in this city I met an old friend and Co-worker, Brother Cosme Mancuello, who asked me to visit them in Coronel Bogado, a town near Carmen, and manifested his desire to be always in cooperation with me and to know more about our doctrinal position. I can see a great need in this country, especially in the towns and villages near the Parana River. These places are not explored even by native workers. They need a director, teaching and attention in their limited activities for the Lord.

From Carmen I went to a large colony called "Fram" where I was privileged to see my father, whom I had not seen for four years. I spent three days there, holding some meetings during the nights. I continued back to Posadas and from there to the province of Corrientes, to a city called "Paso de Los Libres" where I have been sending tracts and literature, and had received from them an invitation to visit their place. I found many souls just converted to the Lord and was surprised to see the great hunger of these people for the Word of God. They asked me to teach them the principal truths of the Gospel, and I spent many nights with these people in this place and I consider this a needy place for starting a real work. I left them the tracts I had and promised to return at the first opportunity.

I returned to Buenos Aires just on the night of our prayer meeting. I had left the work in charge of Brothers Koroluk and Lucyk. They have done a good job of maintaining the work and in my absence I was glad to hear that two new souls have come to accept the Lord here.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

SERVING IN NEGROS

By Bernabe Sensano

Last month we held services in the Camponay Grace Church with 32 in attendance, the Ma-aslum Grace Church with 33 present, the Babinay Grace Church attended by 50 persons and on the fourth week we preached at the Tayasan Grace Church with 32 attending services. I pastor one church each week and had Sunday Services and a mid-week service in each place. I gave out 85 tracts and over 50 pieces of literature. The number of conversions for the month was 30 souls saved for eternity. The churches are growing spiritually and in number. Please pray for us.

I am at present pastoring a fine little church in this island of Negros Oriental in the Philippines. The church building was erected five years ago and is quite good. However, what we rejoice in more is the real life that there is within. Some of the members are the dearest Christians, real praying folks whose daily lives are a living testimony of what the Grace of God can do in hearts of every race and color.

We praise the Lord for the ministry He has given us here, and for the many opportunities He has given us to preach His Word. I have no loud speaker so I asked the Lord to be my loud speaker, my strength and my life. He answered my prayer and has given me courage to proclaim boldly the Gospel of His Grace.

My wife and I are extremely busy, but count it a blessing to serve the Lord. We have regular mid-week services in the district and towns near by where we have always held services. It seems that after many years of sowing the seed it is beginning to take root. In the past two weeks we have had five definite conversions. All of whom were mature men and women. It is wonderful how the Gospel of the Grace of God works. It not only cleanses on the inside, but gives new desires for the outward cleanliness too. I wish you could see our brethren. They look so fresh and pure among so many of the others who, because they have not as yet been liberated from the bondage of sin, have that dissipated sensual appearance. What a difference the Gospel of reconciliation makes.

ONE YEAR OF BLESSINGS

By Joe Watkins

My, as I look at the calendar I see that Pauline and I have been in the P. I. for one year. God has done great things for the rightly divided Word of Truth in the Islands. We were able to build a Bible school and start school also. I say we, but it was *God* doing the work and only using us. We can do nothing — it is God that doeth all things. We know this is His work as we are not able to do all that was done. He has supplied over four thousand dollars for the work here. The school and two teachers' cottages are completely paid for. We opened school the first of June not knowing one thing about running a Bible School. Many problems have come up and every one has been met by God. The first half year came to a close October 6th and we began the second semester with 25 students. We were able to harvest our first rice in October — 20 sacks in all. This will help greatly in the feeding of the stu-



*Hand labor, yet the Lord supplied
twenty sacks of rice*

dents. While talking about rice we received \$500.00 last week from a dear saint in the States to buy rice land. We do praise the Lord as this has been a matter of prayer for some time. We will buy undeveloped land and make it into rice land. This will be cheaper, but more work. This land also joins what we already have, making it nicer for the school. Pray for us that we may get this land ready for the next planting. If we can plant this new land at the next planting this will take care of a great expense of the school. We have been trying to build up our livestock also. But because of finances we are not able to expand. We are praying that God will supply this need also. Will you pray with us? Maybe there will be some groups that would like to take as a project the purchase of some livestock for the IGBI. If you are interested in this, write us and we will be glad to give you more information. If we can get the riceland developed and the livestock growing, it will be only a few years before the school will be self supporting.

Along with the school work there is the visitation of churches that must be carried on. Right now the IGBI is closed for Thanksgiving vacation, so I have taken this time to visit the church in Bugca-on, Malaybalay, Bukidnon. This church is a new work and has called us to teach the Word of God rightly divided. It

would break your heart to see how little these people know about the Bible. They can't even give the story of Noah and the Ark. Most Bible teaching they have had has been spiritualized. The Bible is a confused book to them so their lives are not strong spiritually. Good sound Bible teaching is most needed. The Lord blessed in the evangelistic meetings here and fifteen were saved. They



*Brother Watkins and Pastor Gonlivo
of the Grace Church in Bugca-on,
Malaybalay, Bukidnon*

will need much prayer as there are many temptations. We would have reached more if our P.A. system were louder. Our generator is broken but we have a transistor P.A. system with only one horn. When we had a generator we were able to have two horns and it was much louder and could be heard for a half mile. Won't you pray with us about this need? A generator could be used in many ways around the school. We have a small one which is DC, that lights only the school building. We need AC current to run the P.A. system.

Pauline and I wish to thank all of you who have been praying for us and giving to our needs. Do stand with us in prayer as Satan is working and will not give us rest. He would like to see this work stopped as it is growing each day. We must pray that he will be defeated so that the message of Grace will not be hindered.

INDIA HERE TO STAY

By W. T. Cherian

Greetings from India. I am sure that the reports of the work in Alleppey will be encouraging to you and all our friends in the U.S.A. The members of this congregation are converts from Hinduism. There are more than twenty members in the Alleppey church and over 150 Hindu children in our Sunday School. It is wonderful that God has enabled us to start this work in the middle of the Hindu colony, where there are more than five hundred Hindu families living together. It is a heart touching sight to see the zeal and love these people have for the Lord. While Brother Anderson was here, we visited and ministered to these people and I'm sure that he has found no other group that were so keen and happy to study the Scriptures. This is a big achievement for the T.C.M. in India.



The Andersons visiting the congregation at Alleppey

The Andersons' visit with us was a great blessing and an encouragement to us. We had regular Bible classes in our headquarters as well as in our gospel shed in the Hindu colony. These classes were a time of blessing and revival. Many new converts were strengthened in their faith by these Bible classes and many Christians from different denomina-

tions attended the meetings. They heard the dispensational teaching and we pray that they will understand better what we stand for. Many of these Christians have been awakened to the need of Bible study.

I'm sure that Brother Anderson will agree that the T.C.M. is well established in India. I might point out that in India it is very hard to start a new mission work. All the Christian leaders and the denominations are dead against new missions and independent churches. They feel that there are enough churches and denominations in India, yet they fail to realize that there are hundreds of places where there is no Christian work at all. The Christian leaders and denominations do not have a burden for the lost. I am sorry to make this statement, but it is true. I believe that T.C.M. of India can do great things for the evangelization of this heathen land, but we must have your cooperation and help. It is my desire and plan to start independent congregations and T.C.M. works throughout Kerala and other parts of this land. There are great possibilities for such work because all the denominations and churches are filled with ritualism and traditional ceremonies. There are a number of people in each church and denomination that are dissatisfied with these things and are anxiously waiting for a new organization. It is important that the T.C.M. concentrate it's efforts to bring India out of the spiritual darkness that covers this land. With your cooperation and help we can bring a mighty harvest from this land where so many religions and cults are existing and where idol worship grips the people.

We are planning to start some new centers for T.C.M. in the coastal area where there are no other Christian works. There is another Hindu center which is thirty miles from Alleppey where we have been working for

the past six months. The people are now requesting that we conduct regular Bible classes, Sunday School and worship services. How can we deny their request to help them in a study of God's Word and to show them the way of Salvation? There are hundreds of places like this in India, where there is no Gospel work at all. I hope to open this center when Brother Anderson returns to Alleppey. We need funds for the construction of sheds and for the equipment in the sheds. We will need a small allowance for the workers who will be working full time in these places. We have plans to open a gospel hall and book stall in the center of town so as to reach Christians from various denominations. For this we have to rent a hall and a room which will cost about \$10.50 per month. The other important need at this time is to publish the dispensational truths in a small booklet. Brother Anderson has been working on this and the outline is finished. It will take a few weeks to translate this into Malayalam and have it printed. We would like also to have a monthly publication like the *International Harvest* to enlighten the people and to promote the work in India. All these plans call for much prayer and funds if they are to become a reality. This is a critical time in the world's history, in which God wants each of His children to do his part to reach the lost souls of the world. All of us may not have the same job, but we can all pray and do our part to support the work.

DOING HIS WILL

By *Vernon Anderson*

We have faced many problems in India. It is the most difficult place to work in the world. Even the big churches operate off the income from land and property purchased by missionaries when they were here.

I wish we could sit down in your front room and talk to you about the battle that is going on in the regions beyond. It is more than a physical war. India is lost, there is no doubt. I see no way to pull her out. We can do our little bit, but it is less than a drop in the seven seas. Where does the fault lie? With Christendom, not with God. We have had every opportunity to reach India when the doors were wide open. Now the one glimmer of hope there is, is in the national and Christians won't support them. If you would have seen what our eyes have seen, you would fall down and cry bitterly. We see India desperately



Vernon and Darlene in Indian dress

holding onto the idol, the only god it knows.

Yesterday we were in our new chapel preaching. There were eager, hungry ears, Hindus on the most part. They wanted the truth. Yet we could only meet the needs of a handful even in this place. There are millions and millions sitting beyond Christian

frontiers. They will never be reached! These are the last days. When Christ comes I want to be naked for the Gospel's sake. I have never felt so homesick for glory in all my life.

I wish I could bring every complacent Christian over here for just one day. Never again could they be the same.

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will happen after three years, only God knows. Will they go forth? Will we help them to go forth? Are we willing to sacrifice in order that they might do the work? There is no doubt about it, one national can do more than three American missionaries put together. I know from experience. I have tried to keep up with the National Evangelist of the Things to Come Mission of the Philippines, and couldn't. We must help — they can do the work.

Today with the spread of Communism in the Far East and the forces of evil closing in on every side, I wonder how much time the Church has to reach these people with the gospel? Not too many years ago the Communists almost took over the Philippines. The people are tired of religion that offers no hope and gives no peace. Communism comes along offering them a share in their millions, and the people accept. We are trying to train young people in the Bible so when the missionaries are forced to leave the national can carry on. Right now the door is open to the Gospel and we can preach and teach anywhere.

"When he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion." The love of Christ constraineth us. What about it, Christian friend? Does the lost condition of the world move your heart? Are you willing to follow the pattern? I have tried to present the need of the Philippines because this is my present place of service to Him, but this is only one of the many nations that need Christ. Check your life, something must be wrong if the love of Christ does not move you for the lost. Just think, the lost have no hope, they are without Christ. These things you are enjoying. The harvest is great. What are you doing about harvesting? The workers *are* few. What are you doing about the workers? Can you be one? If not, you should see that someone takes your place. We must not let the harvest pass. The harvest *has* passed in China. This could be the case here if we don't act now.

"The supreme task of the church is the evangelization of the world. Untold millions are still untold. Oh for a hundred thousand lives to be spent in the service of Christ!"

—George Whitefield

THE WHITENED FIELDS

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whole? We are well nigh to the end of the era of Grace, and then the dismal days of judgment. This, beloved, is the call of missions today. Men are no more ready to be saved today than they ever were, regardless of education, moral influence and higher standard of living. BUT "We preach Christ crucified . . ." I Corinthians 1:23. They must decide whether it is "foolishness" or a "stumblingblock" or come to find a haven in the "power of God". Romans 1:16.



Two thirds of the world's population have never heard the Gospel once.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INCOME TAX DEDUCTION

A recent decision of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States affecting gifts for the support of individual missionaries is likely to force many evangelicals to alter the pattern of their missionary giving. Missionaries who in the past have worked independently are sure to be hindered by the most recent decision; some may even be forced to discontinue their work unless they drastically alter their financial policy.

The new decision was made as a result of a request by the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association that the Internal Revenue Service clarify the matter. Repeated complaints that donors' "designated support" gifts had been challenged caused mission executives and church officials to de-quest the decision.

The Internal Revenue Service ruled that "personalized" gifts — including gifts to a mission board earmarked for a particular missionary — are not deductible for income tax purposes. The ruling, issued last April 9, necessitates certain changes in procedure for numerous home and foreign mission organizations. Furthermore, they indicate that, after thoroughly studying the matter, they find no way by which they can permit such giving for religious purposes and yet avoid the abuses the regulations seek to avoid.

For many years the Internal Revenue Code has disallowed "gifts to individuals" as deductions. However, many mission boards have followed the practice of missionary "deputation" whereby missionaries are appointed to raise their own support,

resulting in gifts earmarked for particular missionaries. A change in this procedure will now be necessary. If gifts by individuals are to be claimed as deductions they will have to be made to the mission board on a non-designated basis, or the designation will have to be toward a particular project of the mission. Such projects could include the work of a mission in any given area, or could even be confined to the work which a particular missionary is doing.

The ruling read in part: "Deductions for Federal income tax purposes is a matter of legislative grace. In its present form section 170 of the 1954 Code does not permit the deduction, and section 262 of the 1954 Code prohibits the deduction of contributions made to individuals. A charitable organization may receive contributions which are used for individuals. However, if the contributions are earmarked for a particular individual they are treated in effect as being contributions to the individual designated and are not deductible. Contributions or gifts made to a qualifying organization even though designated for one or more of its particular projects constitute charitable deductions within the meaning of section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954."

There is no problem in those cases where individuals give to the general missionary program of their church and where the church in turn designates funds given to a mission board for the support of particular missionaries, inasmuch as the question of deductibility is not involved in a church designation. In essence, however, gifts of churches as well as individuals are generally understood to be for the work that particular missionaries undertake, not for the per-

sonal benefit of the missionaries. It now becomes necessary to make clear the distinction between the missionary and the work which he does for his mission or other religious organization.

The missionaries who are raising their field support would encourage giving to the work of their mission organization, not for themselves as such. Gifts by individuals which are to be claimed as religious contributions for income tax purposes can be designated toward particular projects of the mission, even if the project is the work of a specific missionary. But person-to-person gifts, or gifts marked "for the support of" a particular individual are ruled out as deductible contributions. Thus receipts to donors should not acknowledge designations to individual missionaries, although they may acknowledge designations to mission projects.

(This news release was issued by Editorial Research Associates)

We believe that this ruling of the Internal Revenue Service brings out the necessity of God's people placing their full confidence in a mission board in relation to the handling of their gifts. A mission board is earnestly committed, under God, to look after its missionaries in every way. The different departments of the mission are works of faith which depend upon God to provide their needs through the gifts of Christian friends. Such gifts are tax exempt when sent through the Things to Come Mission, Inc., as this mission has Tax Exemption with the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D. C. However, gifts designated to a missionary are considered "personalized" gifts, and are not deductible. *Gifts for a particular project or Gifts for the work of a missionary* are valid for tax ex-

emption. Therefore, a donor may indicate in this way the sphere in which he desires his gift to be used; and receipts bearing such designations are valid for exemption.

A mission board carries responsibility for the whole work, and its members must cast themselves wholly upon God for the financial supply required by all. Thus the mission board needs the confidence and the help of God's people.

All checks, drafts, money and express orders should be made payable to the Things to Come Mission, Inc. All gifts not designated for a special project or the work of a special missionary will be placed in the General Fund.



For the past few years the Northern Grace Youth Camp has been selling cancelled stamps to help with the operating expenses, as only a few of some kinds are printed by the Postal Department and they become collector's items. 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.

- 1.) Save all foreign stamps;
- 2.) Save all Commemorative U. S. stamps;
- 3.) Save all higher denominations of U. S. stamps;
- 4.) Metered stamps as well as regular U. S: 3c and U. S. 4c stamps are of no value.

Send all cancelled stamps to:

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C/o Pastor Rollin E. Wilson
Genoa City, Wisconsin

Pray for and write to the missionaries. Your letters will be greatly appreciated. Air-letter forms can be purchased from any Post Office for 10c and can be sent anywhere in the world. Write that letter *today*.

Any missionary with T.C.M. in the Philippines can be reached at P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, P. I.



Brother Watkins has asked that any used summer clothing be sent to the Mission for distribution to the poor and needy in the Philippine Islands. Mark packages; "Free Gift under Act 1916" and send to Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippine Islands.

Rice land and live stock are still needed to get the school in the P. I. on a self-supporting basis. Pray for these needs and for the instructors at this school.



The purpose of this publication is to challenge God's people for Missions, and is sent FREE to anyone upon request. Pray that God will supply the funds for this printed ministry as well as the other work of the Mission.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . the Post Office charges us five cents for each change of address it reports back to us? This amounts to a considerable cost. You can help by sending us the change of address as soon as you know you will be moving, rather than making the Post Office get them for us at five cents each.

CONFERENCE IN OMAHA

Once again we want to praise and thank the Lord for His great blessings upon the hearts and lives of His dear people who attended the Things to Come Missionary Bible Conference at Pastor Gerald Horgan's church, the First Grace Bible Church of Omaha, Nebraska.

The speakers and others who took part in this conference were:

Pastor Horgan, First Grace Bible Church of Omaha;

Mr. Marvin H. Duncan, Director of TCM and Publication Editor of "International Harvest";

Mr. Irvin Cox, President of Things to Come Mission;

Pastor Rollin Wilson, Director of TCM and Pastor of the Grace Bible Church, Genoa City, Wisconsin;

Pastor and Missionary Purl Pickett, The Worldwide Grace Testimony and Instructor of Milwaukee Bible College;

Pastor Harland Shriver, Director of TCM and Pastor of the Grace Bible Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mrs. Beverly Sidebottom, Cope, Colorado;

Pastor Eldred Sidebottom, Director of TCM and Pastor of the Cope Community Church, Cope, Colorado;

Rev. J. H. Palmer, General Director of Things to Come Mission;

Mr. Rowland L. Hetrick, Director and Treasurer of TCM;

Mr. R. E. Wilson Sr., Omaha, Nebraska.

We do thank Pastor Horgan and the dear people of Omaha for opening their church for this conference. Also we want to especially thank those dear folks who opened their hearts and homes to make us feel so welcome. Their fellowship and kindness will long be remembered. Many thanks to all who had a part in making this conference a blessing in the things of the Lord.

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WILL GOD JUDGE SIN?

"For the wages of sin is death; .." Romans 6:23
"The Soul that sinneth, it shall die..."

— Ezekiel 18:20

"So then **Every One** of us shall give account of himself to God." — Romans 14:12

"For we must **All** appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

— II Corinthians 5:10

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE SINNER?

"... **Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." — Acts 16:31

"But to him that worketh not, but **Believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." — Romans 4:5

"There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus..." — Romans 8:1

"For he (God) hath made him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we (sinners) might be made the righteousness of God in him." — II Corinthians 5:21.

Place Your Trust In The Work Of Redemption Which Christ Accomplished On The Cross Of Calvary And Pass From Death Unto Life In Christ Jesus.