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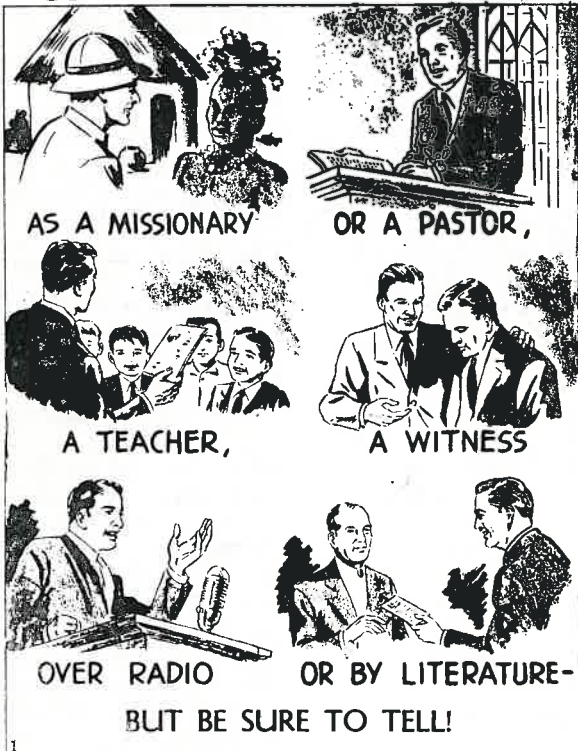
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**THE MISSIONARY MOTIVE***Henry T. Hudson*

At a first glance, perhaps, there may not appear to be anything arresting in this subject. We dare say that very few will even bother to read beyond its title. Yet surely our first objective, if we desire to become acquainted with the missionary enterprise, is to gain a firm comprehension of that which provides its motive.

Why should Christian missionaries be sent into foreign lands? The answer to this question is basic to the whole program of Christian missions. It is the foundation upon which all other subjects relative to world evangelism must rest. In plain language we must understand the "why" (motive) of missionary endeavor before we seek the "how" (method).

Let us try to compact the essential incentives for worldwide missionary activity into a comprehensible outline. There are at least three constituent factors that com-

pose the quintessential foundation, i.e. (1) The will of God; (2) The woe of man; (3) The work of Christ.

**THE WILL OF GOD**

When we view the full sweep of biblical revelation, we can readily see that intertwined inextricably there is an overall purpose which is destined to affect all of God's creation. Sufficient has been revealed to show us that the present condition of things is not what God originally designed, nor is it what He ultimately intends. But during this present interim, with which the Bible mainly concerns itself, we find that the dominant theme is God's great plan of redemption. It was purposed before the foundation of the world and its gradual revelation and historical realization make up the cord that binds the sixth-six books of the Holy Scripture into one organic unity.

It is this great purpose of redemption that lies at the heart of the missionary motive. For when we begin to comprehend what has been revealed concerning this redemption we will readily understand why worldwide Christian missionary endeavor becomes an indispensable obligation for all true children of God. However, this can only be fully perceived when we look at points two and three of our outline. For now we want to demonstrate the simple truth that God has embraced the entire world in this plan of redemption.

Due to the necessary limitations of space we can only present a brief list of passages, but they are sufficiently representative to establish the worldwide embracingness of God's great plan.

The Pentateuch: (Genesis 12:3).

The purpose in choosing Abram was to bless the world.

The Psalms: (Psalm 67:2). The blessing of Israel would affect all nations.

The Prophets: (Isaiah 45:22). Only one Saviour to which all the earth must look for salvation.

The Synoptics: (Matthew 28:19) "all nations"; (Mark 16:15) "all the world"; (Luke 24:47) "among all nations".

John's Record: (John 3:16) "God so loved the world... that whosoever..."

The Acts: (Acts 14:47) "a light for the nations... salvation unto the ends of the earth."

The Pauline Epistles: (Romans 1:5). Paul's apostleship is, "for obedience to the faith among all nations..."

The General Epistles: (I John 2:2) Christ is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world.

The Revelation: (Rev. 7:9) "a great multitude... of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues..."

Here then is the first constituent factor in arriving at the cause of missionary motivation: The Word of God exhibits unambiguously that the will of God is concerned with the entire world. We will appreciate this more fully as we develop our second and third points.

## (2) THE WOE OF MAN

If we are to thoroughly answer the question, "Why should Christian missionaries be sent into foreign countries?" we must understand the awful consequences of the entrance of sin. Perhaps it is the failure to do this that accounts for much of the apathetic lethargy in present-day missionary effort.

From that great lawyer-like epistle to the Romans we can both learn the woeful effect and the worldwide extent of sin's advent into the world. The Apostle Paul in the first three chapters establishes beyond question the universal sinfulness of mankind. At the forefront of the epistle we read:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men..." (1:18)

Then follows the systematic presentation that leaves the world, Jews and Gentile, without excuse and under the condemnation of sin. The whole world is declared to be guilty before God and without His salvation it must suffer His wrath. We realize that many modern minds will fiercely deny these facts but these early chapters of Romans picture the true condition of sinful man.

"they are without excuse." (1:20)

"For as many as have sinned . . shall also perish . . ." (2:12)

"they are all under sin;" (3:9)

"For all have sinned" (3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death" (6:23)

The fact that all men are under the condemnation of sin and therefore subject to the wrath of God is a decisive factor in establishing the missionary motive but it also cannot stand alone. It is precisely here that the third basic ingredient must be added.

### (3) THE WORK OF CHRIST

As we have discovered the inrush of sin exposed the world to the wrath and indignation of God. This dismal fact must be acknowledged, for without it the atoning work of Christ loses its major significance. It is Christ's work upon the cross that provides the gospel of man's salvation, for the death of Christ was the means of rendering God propitious toward the world.

"And he (Christ) is the propitiation for our sins: *and not for ours only*, but also for the sins of the *whole world*." (I John 2:2).

By virtue of the work of Christ the whole position of the human race in its relationship to God has been altered.

"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the *world* unto himself . . ." (II Cor. 5:19).

The world needs to hear this good news and it is in this need that we have the fundamental cause of Christian missionary activity. We can now begin to see that the work of Christ is the solution to the woe of man. Christ became the substitute for sinful man and by suffering sin's penalty in man's place made it possible for man to have complete salvation. By His death Christ satisfied all the claims

of the throne of God and provided a spotless righteousness for guilty man.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Although the Bible knows no limits to the extent of the reconciliation accomplished by the death of Christ we must be careful to realize that this does not imply universal salvation. The sufficiency of the atoning death of Christ is illimitable but its efficiency is limited to those who trust in its efficacious value. Surely this is conveyed in II Corinthians 5:20:

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech men by us: we pray men in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

The benefits of Christ's death are potentially worldwide, but it is only to those who avail themselves that they become of practical value. This fact is of essential importance in apprehending the "WHY" of missions.

The Bible states categorically:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave himself a ransom for all . . ." (I Tim. 2:5, 6)

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:13, 14)

We should pause here for a moment and carefully weigh the solemnness of that last question. Is it important to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?

"For God so loved the *world* that he gave his only begotten Son, that *whosoever believeth in him should not perish*, but have everlasting life." (Jn. 3:16)

The whole world is embraced in God's love and the word "whosoever" shows that there is no distinction. Notice, however, that there are two extremes as to eternal destiny. It is only those who believe in Christ who have eternal life. Then we do well to focus attention on the Apostle's question again.

"how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14).

Surely we now have the urgent imperative to the missionary motive. Why should Christian missionaries be sent into foreign lands? Simply because two-thirds of the world's population have never yet heard the gospel of salvation. The missionary must go and preach the gospel of Christ for it alone is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. It is the will of God that missionaries go for He desires that all men should be saved and is not desirous that any should perish.

The first need of sinful man is to hear the gospel, and the primary objective of the Christian Church should be to publish everywhere the fact that the Work of Christ is the answer to the Woe of Man. We must give chief priority to this vital objective and if others call us fanatics or madmen we must bear it, with the confident assurance that we are doing the will of God.

In conclusion may we digress slightly in order to muse over the contemporary attitude of many of God's children toward missionary activity in general. Does it not seem strange and inconsistent, in view of the clear teaching of the Word of God, that the missionary enterprise is a passion with the few? In many churches it has become a mere auxiliary arm which inevitably is placed in the hands of the women. Even in churches that claim obedient adherence to the Bible, we very often find little or no missionary interest. Sometimes the home field is pitted against the foreign, the former is somehow considered more needy whereas the latter, although a need is granted, is often conscientiously or unconscientiously avoided. Very little is ever said of the disgraceful disproportion that allows over one billion souls to go to their graves completely ignorant of the gospel. Can we honestly be satisfied with the few who are sent and the many who remain? Is it possible that the numbers are proportionately in harmony with the comparative need? Those who have personally visited the foreign field will never display any anti-foreign missionary sentiments. Rather they will undertake to promote a more intensive program that will further, not frustrate, the evangelization of the world. May this become, if it isn't already, the objective of each one of us who have heard and believed the gospel of God concerning His son, Jesus Christ.

*How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?*

*How shall they hear without a preacher?*



*One-half of the world's population are still living in illiteracy.*



## HEROES MARCH ALONE!

Merv Rosell

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When God desires to shake, shock, or shape any age in order to save sinners, He *always chooses a MAN* — not a system, not a plan, not an organization— but a *man!* Strange it is that this old truth should be so startling today.

Hyper-organized, super-systematized, psychoanalyzed religion today (fundamental and otherwise) has shut its eyes to this truth and furnished dark glasses to all followers. They have "card-filed" us down to the size of pygmies. They have "cut us on the bias" until we can't fit God's plan. They have "puckered our lips" to the same trite phraseology of mass thinking and divided our brains out till we all "think as one man". They have depleted our initiative for God.

When God foresaw floodwaters, He chose a *man*. Out of the carelessness of Chaldea, God chose a *man*. Out of the bondage of Egypt, God chose a *man*. When will we ever learn that history's pages are full with God's glorious accomplishments through a chosen man—Joshua, Samuel, Gideon, Samson, Saul, Barak, Elisha, Daniel, Peter, Paul and scores of others?

No crowd ever produced a Carmel victory; a Red Sea crossing; a lion's den daybreak; a Goliath conquest. God chose *men*, not machines.

Young man, did our wonderful Lord Jesus choose the Pharisees (the fundamental leaders of that day) or did He find Peter by the seaside? Did Jesus Christ engage the might of Rome (to curry political favor for His "cause") or

did our Lord walk among humble men? See *Him* there in those Galilean hills, completely unperturbed by intellectuality, prestige and political power.

### YOU ARE GOD'S CHANNEL

Would that I could get every young man to see that HE is the channel God wants! We are so surfeited with little men whose little hearts are shriveled up with little, philosophical drivel such as "Money talks", "Must play along with the crowds", "Contacts are important", "Know the right people", "Join the biggest team", and "Be forever agreeable to the important leaders".

Can't you see *God's plan*? "God . . . hath chosen *thee*, that thou should'st know *His will*, and see that *Just One*, and should'st hear the voice of *His mouth*. For thou shalt be *His witnesses* unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard" (Acts 22:14, 15). That statement does not concur with common opinion these days.

God wants you. God has chosen you. For what? To know His will, see His face, hear His voice and *witness to all men!* But other men will not allow this procedure. Satan will not allow that plan. On every hand you will be discouraged in that course. Preachers will advise against it. Church leaders will suggest you be conservative. Intimate friends will tenderly seek to put you on the more popular track.

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise . . . the weak things of

this world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath *God chosen*, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are: that no flesh should glory in *His presence*" (I Cor. 1:26, 29). Yes, *God hath chosen you* "to know His will, see His face, hear His voice and *witness* to all men".

#### KNOW HIS WILL

His will is set down in His Word. Read it! Its challenge is enough to curdle the thin blood of human effort. It goes beyond the prating of "building a better world". It smacks of conquest, battle, courage, power, and real victory.

God's will charts a pathway for chosen men. It will not be satisfied with the caususes of commitments . . . it demands chosen *men*. The men of faith listed in Hebrews 11 were not party leaders, but *men* chosen of God for His will in a single purpose.

God has a plan for your life. I believe in prevenient grace—that grace of God that prepares us before we ever find our hearts willing to do *His will*; the glorious foreknowledge of God that shapes man to the task before the man *knows that task*. Now, God has prepared you for a specific job. *Know His will!* Don't let some little mass of men push you off on a side road just because they can guarantee you a pittance to begin with. Shun the pittance and accept God's power!

One of the saddest commentaries of our Christian program today is that usually a few dollars doled out by a great society become the determining factor in "where a man should serve God". Almost every Bible student I have met in recent years has answered my question concerning life's plan like this:

"Well, Rosell, I guess I'll just get a little church somewhere, if the school or denomination will recommend me. I guess a fellow can't expect much at first."

That describes a young man who expects a little, begs for less, and ignores God's *will*. Wake up, man; God hath chosen you! You are not beholden to men. You are not limited to the leftovers of somebody's half-baked effort. Lift up your eyes to the fields and swing your blade in where the harvest is uncut. There's the world—a whole world—involved in *His will*. And when God gets the man, the man gets the provision. I've tested this in my life, and it works. In the days when no one would recommend me to preach, thank God *I was abandoned to His will*. He chose me by His grace!

Know His will and you will—

#### SEE HIS FACE

Amid the welter of important people in Christian society's circles, it is hard to find the face of the Lord Jesus. But you'll see HIS face when you shut your eyes to other faces. You'll see *His face* when the important things of this world grow strangely dim. You'll see *His face*, but not behind the painted mask of religious rigma-role.

*His face* is turned away from the superficial systems of the psuedo-saints to the wide sweeps of earth where forgotten men wait for *His storm*. *His face* is turned from politically-planning pulpiteers to lonely men who cut trails along the extended pathway of *His will* into dark corners of this world. *His face* is turned from the sham and shame of perverted programs that travesty His testimony and deny His deity. *His face* is turned full upon YOU, man, if you are in *His will*.

Watch the lips of command move, and—

### HEAR HIS VOICE

*His voice* demands obedience. *His voice* requests separation. *His voice* instills faith. "And I heard a great voice out of Heaven." Make sure the voice that commands your footsteps is out of Heaven—not the decision of men.

*His voice* demands instant action. *His voice* pronounces the direction. *His voice* describes the exact procedure in the exact place of service. *His voice* predicts success by *His power*.

Men, if you have ever heard the voice of our Lord, you will become *witnesses*. Each chosen man is not to be a monastic recluse but a burning torch. God's fire was never meant to be boxed in by church walls, but to enflame a world with His Gospel. Each local church group is not to be a self-sufficient and self-satisfied entity, but rather only a vortex from which circulates the far-reaching fire of God.

The New Testament action was concentrated in the word "go"—the New Testament direction, "to the regions beyond." The New Testament procedure was multiplication and addition . . . "breaking bread from house to house" and "the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." They did not build perpendicularly but rather horizontally. The Church was not purposed to be a circumference of people looking in, but rather a little center of people here and there looking outward.

*God's voice* moved Abraham *out*; led Moses *out*; called Paul *out*. God is everlastingly commanding men to move on and *out* "to the regions beyond." Action prevents stagnation. Young men, don't be satisfied with four walls, 60 saints and

security—when you can have a whole country for conquest to *His glory*. It is said that there are 10,000 retired servants of God in Southern California, as against a few Jaffrays that jog the jungle for Jesus. We have missed *His voice* of action, direction and procedure.

*His voice* sings into your soul with the nostalgic loveliness of an intimate Friend; wings into your heart with the compassionate grace of God; and yet it rings into your ear with the authoritative blast of a General's command. Men, we cannot escape it. We must not evade it. We must become—

### HIS WITNESSES unto ALL MEN

Think of it! *His witnesses* to all men of what we have *seen* (His face) and *heard* (His voice). Ambassadors! Representatives! Advance men! What an honor! God give us the faith of Abram; the courage of Elijah; the audacity of Samson; the utter trust of David; the death-defying determination of Daniel; the stark submission of Stephen, and the tradition-shocking aggressiveness of Paul, coupled with the Holy Spirit stature of Simon Peter.

God fully equips the man He chooses. He can say, "His Word was in my mouth as a burning fire." He is "filled with the Spirit"; "led by the Spirit"; taught of the Spirit" — fully equipped by God through *His Spirit*, our Holy Guest.

I have often wondered why God did not plan to use mighty organizations to accomplish *His will* in the world. Knowing first that "many men" are seldom unanimously open to God's will, and knowing, second, that God does not need "many men" to assist *His power*, we conclude that God would

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## CHRISTMAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

*Hubert A. Johnson*

Potenciano Undag, TCM's evangelist, has an untiring zeal for getting the gospel out by whatever means possible. Knowing that a new American missionary would be a great aid in attracting interest in the meetings he is continually holding, he has been waiting for the time when I could accompany him. "When can you go, brother, when can you go?" were the questions with which he continually met me. I answered that my first opportunity would be when school was having Christmas vacation, but Christmas was the time we spent with our family. "No, you must go with me, many people are waiting to meet you and they will be saved if you come as they believe the Americans", was his reply. "I'll announce you're coming."

So from a conversation similar to the one above, my Christmas vacation was planned for my first year in the Philippines.

School was out on December 19th, but we were not able to sail for Alicia and Talusan until the following Tuesday. We were to meet Potenciano there as he had sailed a week earlier. We used the Monday packing the things that we thought we would need, trying to consider what we might encounter yet keeping the luggage to a minimum for many times it would have to be carried on our shoulders to some of the remote places.

Bright and early Tuesday morning we left Ozamis City for Pagadian to catch the ten o'clock bus

and to meet Mrs. Undag who was to accompany us. I said goodbye to my family and boarded the bus. An irritating hour later we departed for Pagadian which is 70 miles away. What would have been an hour's drive in America took us seven hours in this bus.

In Pagadian we found our boat, "Lady of Fatima", waiting and would sail at seven o'clock. We have learned to add one to all time schedules here in the Philippines and sure enough we sailed at 8:00 P.M. Spending a night on one of these boats is an adventure in itself. The cots are Army style without the canvas. A board is the mattress and they are Philippine size. This means a foot of me stuck over the end, or should I say two feet stuck out over the end. The bunks are pushed so closely together that it is difficult to get around without walking on the other bunks.

We had a good supply of tracts with us which were printed on our printing press at the school and made good use of these as we talked to the different students and teachers who were traveling on the boat returning home for the Christmas Holidays. We made several good contacts and had the opportunity to explain the plan of salvation to many.

Wednesday evening we neared Alicia, after stops for cargo at Malagas, and entered Alicia harbor about 8 P.M. "When do we leave for Talusan?" I asked. "Oh, we will have to spend the night here as the tide is too low between here

and Talusan", was the answer. So we had to spend another night on this boat.

Wednesday morning about 3 A.M. we set out again and arrived near Talusan at 7 A.M. There was no harbor at this town so we had to transfer to a bunca in order to reach the town. Poten and many of the believers were waiting for us and they sang a hymn of welcome over the P.A. system as we approached. From here we started our evangelistic trip, going first to Florida, a Barrio of Talusan.

Since coming to the Philippines I have had little time to do evangelistic work where you can see direct results, and I was burdened for the Lord to give me a message for these people as they were looking to me as God's man.

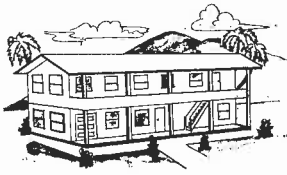
It was December 24th when we held our first meeting and Poten started the meetings with a study on the "Highway of Life" The nepa (a reed-like grass) type church was filled by the time he was through with his lesson, with many standing outside out of curiosity. (A white face can always draw a crowd in these areas). I did not know I would speak that morning, but after his message, Poten asked me if I would give an evangelistic message since many had come who were not professedly Christians. The Lord laid on my heart a message from Philippians 2 — We must all confess that Jesus is Lord. Will we do it in this life and make Him our Saviour, or will we wait until we are forced to bow to Him as our Judge? At the close of the message, and while they were singing "Have you any room for Jesusv", Poten asked them to come and make a profession of receiving Christ. I prayed. No one came. I prayed again, "Lord, I have come here to serve you, If this is

your will, let at least one come." I looked up and there was one. I prayed again, asking God to send five. I looked up and there was five. How we praised the Lord.

Wednesday afternoon we went to the townsite, Talusan, where we held an outdoor meeting. We had much confidence now that the Lord would use us again, but here the drunks stirred up the people so much that we had to stop our meeting. We called the guard, but found he was the one who had caused the trouble as he too was drunk and said we had referred to his religion in a derogatory way. We said that no religious organization can give us a new birth, only Christ could. We found this man was not as drunk as he acted. He was like the men in Acts, the 6th chapter. He had roused the crowd against God's message because it did not fit his perverted views.

The next day, Christmas, we were to speak in Dawa Dawa. Because we could find nothing with a motor to rent, we rented a bunca (these are dugout canoes about 20 to 30 feet long with outrigger for safety in rough water) and paddled the 8 kilometers. Due to low tide again we were not able to get as far inland as usual and had to wade to the landing through deep mud, carrying our things. Then we hiked two or three kilometers to the house of our TCM Worker. I held the afternoon Bible class and Poten had the evening evangelistic service. Three souls responded to the invitation that night. We were to stay longer at this place, but due to the crops having been destroyed by the rats, as is the case in most of the Philippines, our member was unable to provide food for one more day. When meetings are held in the

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"INTERNATIONAL GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE"

## FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

*Testimony of Angelica C. Balasabas  
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Oh, how wonderful it is to be in the light, after being in the dark for so long. How nice it is to be saved and know it and to know that one day one, whom He has redeemed with His blood, will meet Him in the air. I guess no human lips can express their happiness when they received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. With great joy I do praise Him for His loving-kindness to me. Where formerly the dark mantle had covered my eyes, now all is vanished and I am able to walk according to His truth. I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for saving my soul and giving me eternal life.

It was in March when one of the preachers came to our place preaching the Word of God. During those times, I never listened to him because my mind was focused to the worldly knowledge. They had their Bible Studies and often invited me to attend their classes. At first I refused, but later I was convinced to go with my sister. They had a test and I was encouraged to express my opinion in front of the preacher. He asked me whether my father was the devil or not. We exchanged words to each other and I did not realize that my words were hurting ones. In order to find out who was mistaken, I borrowed a New Testament from my uncle. After reading, I realized that it was true and I came to the conclusion that I am a great sinner. Later I was converted and



*Angelica C. Balasabas*

received water baptism becoming a member of the Christ-ohanon. I was a member of this denomination until I finished my high school days.

When vacation came I went to Bais Central to spend my vacation with my parents. They intended for me to become a nurse, so they filed an application for me to become an attendant in the C.A.B. hospital of Bais Central. I stayed there one month, but due to the changes of director and nurses, I quit my job and was happy to spend my time with my family.

It was during this time that two Americans and a Filipino evangelist came to Tayasan with the Gospel of the Grace of God. From them I realized that water baptism is not essential for salvation, but we are saved by Grace through

Faith (Eph. 2:8-9). They also taught us how to divide the Word of Truth correctly. (2 Tim. 2:15). Before they went home they told us that the Things To Come Mission was going to open a free Bible School. I decided to study in this Bible School, so I signed the application which was handed to me.

Two days later, I informed my parents that I wanted to study in the International Grace Bible Institute. Before I was able to express this desire to them, the head nurse of the C.A.B. hospital approached me and my parents stating that she would like to present me as a scholar in one of the Iloilo Schools of Nursing. My parents agreed but I disagreed. As time went by, I never mentioned to my parents about coming to Lupagan to attend the Bible School. My father was saving money for my trip to go to Iloilo, but when he knew that I was coming to Lupagan he deposited the money and I only had the small amount of money being kept by my mother. Before I departed to come to school, my father promised to come with me, but when the time came for me to leave, he was no place to be found.

I am now studying in the International Grace Bible Institute and even though many things blocked my way, I was able to surmount all of this for Christ sake. I wrote again for the fourth time and it was then that they answered telling me of their feelings for my coming here to study the Bible. Because of this, I quoted the verse in 2 Timothy 2:3 as my inspiration to be a soldier of Jesus Christ. So presently I'm trying my very best to study God's Word with the aim of winning the souls of my parents first and others next to our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray to Him that

He will teach me how to be a channel for other unbelievers to that they too may know that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of the world.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Philippines, it is expected that food will be served to those who come. Often the people come great distances on foot and this hospitality is a necessity.

On December 26th we left Dawa Dawa and hiked across the peninsula to the far side, a distance of about 8 kilometers. This hike took several hours as there are no roads at all in this part of the Philippines. From here we continued by water again, arriving late in the afternoon at Benangunan. Here is the mother church of most of the groups that we visited on this trip. Pastor Racines is the full time pastor here. He is able to visit Florida, Dawa Dawa and Alicia only about once a month. If he had an outboard motor for his bunca, he could be of much more service to these places. (Here is a real need) We spent three days here holding meetings and ten souls made professions of a renewed heart.

Upon leaving, we accepted an invitation to have a service in the home of a man who has been saved only six months. He had killed a pig for this occasion and several of his friends were invited to come to dinner. Many came and no doubt were affected by the preaching of the Gospel, but they are not used to church methods, and no one made an outward step or profession. We spent the night in the Barrio where Pastor Racines makes his home. He did not know of another true believer in this Barrio. We held an open-air meeting there and the next morning two of the

neighbors to whom he had witnessed before called on the Lord to be saved.

Our next stop was Alicia, and its Barrio Naga Naga. These two places proved to be the most fruitful, eleven souls being saved in each. There is no Protestant church whatsoever in Naga Naga, although there is both a logging company and a lumber mill located there with many men being employed in each. There are quite a number of believers here who voiced their desire to have a chapel; they were willing to build one immediately if only they had a worker to come and minister to them. We could not promise them anything for another year. Even then our students will not have completed their course at IGBI which we feel is none too long. We have several older men who we feel we will send out after two years training to meet this pressing need.

Saturday we sailed again for Malangas and home. We left Poton at Margos where he went inland 15 kilometers for more meetings while I returned home to take my family to Cebu for a medical check-up. Sunday morning we arrived once more at Pagadian where we boarded the bus for Ozamis City, rejoicing for the experience and blessings of my first Christmas in the Philippines.

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## **From the Missionaries**

**GREECE**

### **OUR FIRST STEP**

*Andrew D. Vergopoulos*

For the past couple of weeks I have been working in the island of Chios. This island is between Greece and Turkey and has a population of about 48,000 people. There are no other evangelists working in this area and no one has been here before with the Gospel of Salvation through the Blood of Christ. I came here upon request of one of our members. Her sister lives here and she wanted to hear of the Salvation we can have in the Lord Jesus. I knew no one when I arrived and prayed much that God would give me a message for these hungry souls. I came to the address which was given me and was graciously accepted. I told them of the Love of our Saviour and after my testimony they started to tell me of the Bishop here and how he was a devil's man. They asked what they could do and I told them that there was only One who could help them and He would give them peace, happiness and make their lives a blessing. I told them this One was Jesus, who gave his life and shed his blood to save them and that He would charge them no fees as the Bishop does. He only asks that we give our lives to Him.

These words were food to their souls and we prayed together and the whole family gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ that night. Heaven was rejoicing as this family of five came to know Him whom to know is life eternal. Within a week there were 12 of us coming together to hear the Word of God.

Seeing that the Lord is leading in this place, I feel I should stay here until we can get a work estab-

lished or until the Lord tells me to leave. The work in Athens is in the hands of my co-workers and they are carrying on the worship service and the Sunday School. I feel we should reach out in this part of the world with the Gospel and this is our first step. It is cause for real rejoicing to see the Lord, give us fruit here and we look for this group to grow into a strong testimony for the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

ARGENTINA  
REACHING OUT  
*Nicholas Sabich*

Our work here is going along very good and our people are understanding more and more the truth of the Grace of God. We hope in the near future that some of our people can be used as helpers, not only here but in other parts of this country and all of South America.

I have heard from some of the groups that I ministered to while on my last trip to Uruguay, Bolivia, and Northern Argentina. These groups are interested to know more of the Word of God and are asking that I return some time to minister to them again. I am enclosing a picture of one of the congregations that I ministered to while in Uru-



*Congregation at Vista-Linda,  
Uruguay*

guay. I hope to be able to go to Brazil in the next few months to visit again the groups there and to see Brother Schmidt. The cost of transportation has increased very much in the past few months

and we are looking to the Lord to supply the funds to make this trip.

At present, we have a couple of Christian brethren from Chile visiting with us. They have invited me to come to Chile some time to make contacts and to do some work in that country. I think this would be a good idea and I would like to see a work started in Chile. We praise the Lord for these open doors to reach out with the Gospel of Christ.

We have been holding meetings in the Slavic section of Buenos Aires and the people are very attentive to the preaching of God's Word. We had a service in the Slavic Church and could see these people need and want Bible teaching. The following Sunday we saw several of these people in our services at Villa-Diamante. Most of our services have some new persons attending and they show a good interest in the study of the Word of God. We are praying that these visitors will soon come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal saviour.

Brother Fernandez and Sister Angelina Mango have been working the past week on our Tract distribution program and they have made several good personal contacts. Some people have promised to come to our services and have showed a real interest in the testimonies of these two servants of God.

Looking back at the past year and the work we have done here I would like to report that we visited three countries: Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, as well as five different provinces in Argentina where we made good contacts for future works. We established works in Salta, Pocitos and Aguaray, with a total membership of about 100.

In the area of Buenos Aires we have distributed about 14 thousand pieces of literature and tracts and have sent 24 packages of tracts to different parts of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil.

We visited about 214 homes with testimonies and gospel and made calls on about 127 visitors.

Many of our plans and projects were not realized this past year, but we are consumed with a real and sincere desire to do all we can for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are deeply grateful to all our beloved brethren there in the North for their help and prayers, which made this past year one of real progress for the Lord's work here in South America.

### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS REDEEMING THE TIME

*Bernardo B. Ballares*

In regard to my missionary work, I am thankful to God for many things He has done for the advancement in His Word. Many souls were enlightened by the Grace Gospel and gladly accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. I have organized a new congregation in the mount of Ecuán, Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur, which is about 35 kilometers from Molave and will take a day's hiking to reach. As for the church in Lepamba where I am also serving, I have made a schedule for my visitation in this church once a month. The members in Lepamba are active and cooperative in the Lord's work and I have observed that they can stand by the grace gospel as they have been instructed well in this doctrine. Due to my time being spent in the mountains, I have entrusted Brother Joshua Gonzaga to take care of this church. He has been my best helper since this

church first started and is well capable of handling this work.

I prefer to stay in the mountains with my family because I am foreseeing a great opportunity for missionary work. The people are hungry and thirsty for the Word of God, but how can they hear if there is no preacher? The harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. I feel it is necessary to make haste in propagating God's Word for the world is ripe for harvest. I understand why the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time for the days are evil". It is the duty of the workman of God to preach the Word in season or out of season so that the world will be preserved from the wrath of God that is coming and they might know the way of eternal life.

My wife is helping me in teaching literacy to the Subanos and even to the non-Subanos who live in this place. I feel that teaching literacy is the first step in showing them the simple way of salvation. We are trying to put some of the scriptures in their language and they will have to be able to read in order to learn and teach others. My wife is also teaching in the public school in the religious instruction classes. The government gives this privilege and any religious instructions may be given. We praise the Lord for this opportunity and are glad to be able to enter into this school as the priest of the Roman Catholic Church has sent two women as instructors for the children in this school. There are more than 100 children in this school who are attending the religious class, including some Subanos children. The first time my wife held her class there were only a few children attending because the Roman Catholic instructors told the children not to attend the TCM

teachings. We just smiled and were patient, taking it all to the Lord in prayer. When the children observed that they have learned nothing from the R. C. Doctrine and that they are only learning to pray in repetition, the children started to attend our class and were surprised that there was so great a difference. At present there are many children interested in attending our class because they can learn many lessons from the different Bible stories. We also invite these children to attend our Sunday School and my wife is the children's teacher here also. We have a regular service every Sunday in the house of the Barrio Lieutenant who is newly converted along with his household. We are now preparing materials for the erecting of a chapel. We have labor for the chapel every Saturday and Monday but some of the brethren cannot work on the chapel due to the hardship of trying to feed their families. They have to look for something to eat as starvation has come to this country because the rats have infested the crops and destroyed them for the past two years. Still we are trusting the Lord to supply our daily needs.

Last week I was very glad and happy to receive some clothing from Brother Joe Watkins, which had been sent from the saints in the U.S.A. I believe God has answered my prayer, for I have been praying a long time that God will provide our needs for these poor naked people, which is due to the famine. I have felt it a shame to ask or beg everything from other people, but I know that God knows our need and if we are only faithful to Him, He will supply our need. I am thankful to God that He has used His saints in sending this aid for the poor people here, especially

the Subanos. I'm praying that God will send more aid for these innocent naked people.

I will close with this request, that our heavenly Father will give me good health that I may be able to continue to bring light to this darkened world.

#### BRAZIL

#### GOD'S WAY—NOT OUR WAY *Henrique Schmidt*

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Many times I have asked myself, "Is this God's way?" but His ways are not our way and they are marvelous to those who attend His advice and approach every occasion trusting Him. Many times the Lord could provoke some alarming condition in order to save a soul. This I realized while traveling by train last month. The train was crowded and many people were standing in the coaches. I distributed my tracts and was speaking with some of the passengers about the Grace of God, but I felt that this was not the proper hour to speak as I desired to do, because the noise was still a real obstacle for the people to attend to the preaching of the Word of God. I was sad because I could not do something for my Saviour. At 8 P.M. the train stopped at a small station for five minutes but this did not afford the time to speak, so I prayed for the Lord to give me an opportunity to give a testimony to these spiritually needy people. At 8:05 the train resumed its march again and before we had traveled 100 meters, the train struck another car standing on the same rail-way. We had to stay in this place for seven hours that night. I could see that God wanted me to speak to these people and made it possible for me to have



the opportunity. Until 11 o'clock it was impossible for me to speak, but by then the people were thinking about getting out of this place and the children were asleep and most of the train was quiet. I felt this was the opportunity the Lord had given me so I asked if they would like to hear the Words of God. As I began to speak of the Grace of God two men continued to talk very loud to disrupt my talking but the other passengers asked them to be silent so they could hear what I was saying. This was a blessed hour and I learned a new lesson from God that night. I was glad and praised the Lord for this opportunity to give the message on that occasion, knowing the Lord's ways are different from ours, and I gave Him praise for teaching me this glorious truth. While thinking of this evening, I remembered the text in Proverbs 3:6 stating, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

At 2:30 A.M. we were again on our way to our homes, giving praise to the Lord.

#### INDIA

### PLANS FOR INDIA

*W. T. Cherian*

The work in this section of India is going along well and we are holding services in both of our chapels.



*T.C.M. Gospel shed and congregation of the Grace Church in Alleppey, India*

It will take some time to start the regular Sunday meetings in the new chapel which was opened while Brother Anderson was here. At present we are having an evening service and a Sunday School in the new chapel. I have taken on a new evangelist to look after the work in the new shed and have also opened a new working center. Here too I will have to appoint an evangelist soon. There is an invitation for me to open a new work in another place now. I have looked this place over and it is in a Christian area but there is a Hindu Colony near by.

From next month onwards, we will be starting work in two more new centers, and will have to support three new evangelists. We will have to keep up with the growth of the work and meet the needs as we expand the work here. I have plans for starting at least another six more centers within the next six months. This will mean we will need six more evangelists and equipment for these new centers. We will need your help to do this and ask you to pray that these plans may become a reality according to the Lord's leading. Your help and prayers are needed if the Gospel is to advance in India.

*Are you really going to heaven, or do you doubt and hope and guess?*

*If your trust is in Christ Jesus, your answer should be 'yes'.*

*God's Son came down from heaven and He took the sinner's place;*

*By faith in Christ the Saviour we're forever saved by grace.*

— J. C. O'Hair

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## ALBUQUERQUE BIBLE CONFERENCE

It is with real praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings upon His Word and His servants at the TCM Missionary Bible Conference in the Berean Bible Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, of which Harland Shriver is Pastor, that we bring this report. The Lord blessed and rejoiced our hearts in the preaching and teaching of His Word rightly divided. The fellowship with the various speakers and the dear friends and fellow-workers in and for Christ Jesus was wonderful. We are greatly impressed with the quality and the spirituality of the saints in the Berean Bible Church of Albuquerque. The spiritual outlook and the potential for a growing and effective Grace work are tremendous. One can not be long among these dear folk without falling in love with them in the Lord. We praise and thank our Lord for their God-given passion and vision to see lost souls saved, and to be built up in the faith.

We also are thankful and grateful to each one who had a part in making the conference a blessing and a success. We want to thank the dear friends who opened their hearts and homes to the missionary speakers. It would not be a complete story if I did not mention the Friday evening meetings held in the auditorium of the Gas Company building in Downtown Albuquerque. The dear women of the church were hostesses and the food was delicious. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless and reward these dear friends and fellow-laborers as He alone can do. I Cor. 15:58.

The speakers were: Mr. Wynn M. Terwilliger, a Christian business

man; Pastor Harland Shriver; Mr. Joe B. Mason, Christian business man and Director of Prison Mission Association, Phoenix, Arizona; Pastor and missionary John R. Rachoy, President and Director of the Grace Bible Mission, Gallup, New Mexico; Missionary Alvin Kellum of the Grace Bible Mission; Mr. James W. Coleman, Christian business man of Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. Johnson, teacher of the adult Bible class; and Mr. J. H. Palmer of Things to Come Mission, Inc.

If you would like to have a Missionary Bible Conference in your church, please let us know and we will be most happy to comply with your wishes.

### HEROES MARCH ALONE

(Continued from page 8)

certainly rather have one man—single-purposed, utterly yielded, unfettered—than a mass of mighty men organized to skim off a portion of *His glory*.

*God wants YOU.* Be not discouraged because the crowds of men have forsaken Him. He is not looking for crowds of leaders to conquest for Him. *He always chooses a man.* Organizations, systems, assemblies—all have a place; but when *God leads out to new victory*, He chooses a *man*. Be that *man!*

It is said that when Cromwell's empire found itself so short of silver that they could not make coins, he sent out men to search for any available silver. The men returned to the emperor, explaining that the statues of the saints in the great cathedrals were made of silver. It was then that Cromwell issued this order: "*Let us melt down the saints and put them into circulation.*"

Let *Him* put you into circulation, "for thou shalt be *His witness unto all men.*"

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WANTED:

Single girl over 24 years of age to be Dorm Mother at the I.G.B.I. in the Philippines. Must be spiritual, a leader and a missionary. Needed on the field by June 1st

For information write to:

Director, Things to Come Mission,  
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Summer clothing is still needed in the Philippines. Brother Watkins has asked that any used SUMMER clothing you might have, both adult and children, be sent to: Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippine Islands. Mark packages: "Free Gift under Act 1916". This clothing will be distributed to the poor and needy of the Philippines.



Brother and Sister Anderson are now back in the Philippines and will make the school their home base. They will be heading up the evangelistic work and will be pushing the Gospel into the unreached places of the Philippines. This is a job calling for much endurance. Therefore we ask your prayers for Vern and Darlene as they hazard their health and strength to push into the remote places for Christ.

### STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THINGS TO COME MISSION, INC. YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1959

Missionary Funds:	Balance Oct. 1, 1958	Cash Receipts	Cash Disburse- ments	Balance Sept. 30, '59
Vernon Anderson	\$ 513.58	\$ 3,505.56	\$ 3,268.40	\$ 750.74
Joseph Watkins	1,590.00	2,103.49	2,464.48	1,229.01
Hubert Johnson		3,175.43	2,977.06	198.37
	<u>\$2,103.58</u>	<u>\$ 8,784.48</u>	<u>\$ 8,709.94</u>	<u>\$2,178.12</u>
Bible School		\$ 1,778.00	\$ 2,058.00	(\$ 280.00)
Jeep	(\$2,248.83)			(2,248.83)
Designated Gifts		21.00	21.00	
Books		205.00	205.00	
Printing		745.00	815.00	( 70.00)
General Fund	1,908.70	11,199.55		
Missionaries			9,137.38	
International Harvest			1,298.14	
Equipment			211.21	
Operating Expenses			448.81	2,012.71
	<u>\$1,763.45</u>	<u>\$22,733.03</u>	<u>\$22,904.48</u>	<u>\$1,592.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,

*Rowland L. Hetrick*

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**"Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?"**