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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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REVIVAL IN THE PHILIPPINES



On February 19, 1961, the HOUR OF GRACE CHURCH in Dalaon, Molave, Zamboanga del Sur was dedicated. The week-end evangelistic meetings saw a revival break out and eighteen persons accepted Christ as Saviour.

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News and Announcements . . .

(That you might praise the Lord with us for answered prayer and blessings, and pray with us for the needs to carry on the work God has given us to do.)

NEW ARRIVAL

We are happy to announce the arrival of a new missionary in the Philippines. Vernon and Darlene Anderson have been blessed with a son, born March 7th, 1961. Vernon wrote; "We now have Benjamin Nate, a fine boy. Born the 3rd month, a complete number. The 7th day, another complete number, Benjamin Nate has 12 letters and March is the 12th month of the Jewish calendar. Another complete number. This is God's answer to our prayer. Benjamin we took from Jacob's youngest son. Nate, from the faithful missionary pilot who died in Ecuador. We want this man's testimony to live on in our son."

Do pray for the Andersons as they bring up this boy in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The I.G.B.I. has just finished its second year and in June will begin the third year. A new class will be starting as well as the two classes which will be returning. The teaching staff at the School consists of two American and one Filipino teacher. They were over-worked with the two classes last term, what will they do with three classes? ? **MORE TEACHERS ARE NEEDED AT THE SCHOOL.** Is the Lord speaking to your heart to have a part in this ministry of teaching young people to be servants for our Lord and Saviour? This school is a **BIBLE SCHOOL** and teaches only subjects which will prepare the students for the ministry. If you would like to answer this call for teachers, write to the Director, 745 Yampa Ave., Craig, Colorado.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEE

At the Board meeting of the TCM in February, Miss Janet Dudley was accepted and appointed as a missionary to the Philippines. She will graduate from Milwaukee Bible College in June and will leave as soon as possible for the International Grace Bible Institute where she will take up the duties of Dorm Mother for the girls and also head up the child evangelism work at the school.

Miss Dudley will be starting her deputation work as soon as school is out in June. If you would like to have her visit your church in order to know her better and know of the work she will be doing, please contact the Mission Director, 745 Yampa Avenue, Craig, Colorado.



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DID YOU KNOW:

The Grace Gospel Fellowship, at their last annual convention, voted to accept the Things To Come Mission as a missionary arm. With this legal recognition by the GGF, everyone interested in the furtherance of the Gospel of the Grace of God should take an active part in the support of the TCM, its missionaries and the young people interested in service with the Mission. Are you praying for and giving to the TCM? Is your church?

The Lord Answers Prayers

The Lord has answered prayer in supplying the needs for the generator at the School and the motor for Pastor Racine's boat. These needs were made known in the last publication of the "Harvest" and the Lord spoke to many hearts and the supply of funds was sent in. Let us praise the Lord for this answered prayer and as a Mission Board, we want to thank each one for his or her part in this ministry.



UNANSWERED PRAYER

One prayer request still remains unanswered which was made known in the last edition of the "Harvest". This is the need for a Letter Press for the print shop at the IGBI. The school is planning on commercial printing to help meet the expense of feeding the students and more equipment is needed. The need now is for a 22 x 34 inch press, hand fed, power driven and in good condition. A cutter is also needed. If you know of such a press that can be purchased at a low price or if you would like to have a part in supplying the funds for this equipment, contact the Director, 745 Yampa Avenue, Craig, Colorado.



WILL YOU HELP THEM?

The people of the Philippines are in dire need of clothing. You can help. Any used SUMMER CLOTHING can be used and can be sent duty free by marking packages "FREE GIFT under Act 1916". Send them to THINGS TO COME MISSION, P.O. BOX 56, OZAMIS CITY, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. This could be a project of the ladies group in your church. What would the Lord have you do to meet this need?

SUPPORTING NATIONAL WORKERS

Joseph Watkins

What is meant when we use the term "supporting national workers"? Is this the proper method by which to do missionary work? Will this produce what is known as "rice Christians"? In this article the writer would like to state why he feels supporting national workers is both necessary and Scriptural.

First, what is meant when we say we support national workers? It means we give the national foreign money to enable him to preach to his own people. For example, we give the Filipinos U.S. money to make it possible for them to preach to the Filipino people. Many feel this method will make "rice Christians" — a term applied to a person who is preaching just for the money he is receiving. It is assumed by them that the national would quit preaching once the money was cut off.

Those who oppose supporting nationals also say this method is not indigenous. They feel nationals should be supported by their own people. U.S. money should not be used to support them. But, before we close our minds to this system of supporting nationals let us first study it from the Word of God and see if there is any Scripture which proves that supporting nationals is wrong.

"Indigenous church or work" means that the church is self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating. An indigenous work must include all three or it is not indigenous. This is a good aim for any missionary work. But as we look into the Bible we do not find the word "indigenous". We do find churches that are indigenous

and also churches that are not indigenous. "Now, ye Philippians, know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity." (Phil. 4:15-16.) "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem." (Romans 15:26) A mission may be working in a country trying to reach the people with the gospel by having both an indigenous work and also one that is not indigenous. The mission may be working in several ways to reach the people. It may have an indigenous church and at the same time it may be carrying on medical work, education, printing literature, etc., which is supported by U.S. funds; this phase of the work is not indigenous. Is this type of work Scriptural? It certainly is. No Scripture says it is not right. We must use all lawful ways possible to reach the unsaved with the gospel. These may include evangelism, education, medicine, literature, or supporting nationals. We are quick to say it is alright to support a national who works in a hospital, dispensary, school, or works for the missionary around the house; but when a person supports a national who is preaching the gospel we question it or call him a "rice Christian". This is poor reasoning — it is more profitable to pay a person who preaches than it is to pay someone who does the other jobs mentioned above. I am not saying it is wrong to have a na-

tional work in the hospitals, schools, etc., but we should be as willing to pay him to preach. Let us balance our thinking as well as balance our budget!

To help us understand the subject completely, let us take a look at the Body of Christ. "For as we have many members in one Body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one Body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Romans 12:4-5, I Cor. 12:12-31) The Body is called "the church" in Ephesians 5 and is also referred to as the Body of Christ in I Cor. 12:11-13. It is a living organ united to its Head. It may also be called a fellowship. Immediately upon conversion, the individual becomes a member of the Body of Christ and thus enters into a spiritual relationship with the Head and with *all other members of that Body*. To be united to the Head is to be united with all other members of the same body who acknowledge the Head. (Romans 6:1-4, Col. 2:11-12.) Geographical areas do not divide the Body. Nationality does not divide the Body. The Chinese, Filipinos, Americans and Eskimos are equal. God is no respecter of persons today. God loves the Filipino Christians as much as He loves the American Christians. With our so-called indigenous glasses on, we have divided the Body into nationalities. How have we done this? By not recognizing the needs of the other members of the Body— moneywise. Some say we should not take U.S. money to support Filipino workers. We should use Filipino money. We are quick to divide our money. The Word of God says "We are members one of another. When one member suffers, we all suffer." (I

Cor. 12:25-26.) Only in the epistles of Paul do we find the truth of the Body. It was made known to him and he in turn made it known to the world. The outstanding thing about the truth which Paul taught is that salvation comes no more through the Jew first, but now Jews and Gentiles are joint heirs of the same Body. The Jews were cast among the Gentiles that God may have mercy on all. (Romans 11:26-32.) We are joined together with every believer who has been baptized into this Body by the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 3:1-6, I Cor. 12:12-13.) These believers come from all nationalities, all walks of life. This group of redeemed people (Body of Christ) has one aim; that is to let all men know that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should be saved. (I Tim. 2:3-5.) As we look at this group of people, we see some have more of this world's goods than others. We see that some of these members live in a land where the gospel has been preached much but we see others living in countries where the gospel has hardly touched. We see some rich and some poor. We see also the one divine book for this group of people and in it it says "the strong ought to bear the weak." We should help the poor brother, help the ones who are struggling against great odds to reach their people with the gospel. They are working slowly because they have very little with which to speed up the work. Those who are preaching are also struggling to raise food for the family. Even though they have a great desire to preach, they have very little time for it if they must also provide a living.

Christians, this is where we who are strong, can help the weak.

Some of these nationals are very capable men, they love their people and want to see them saved, but are held back because of their material needs. They have the desire and talents to preach, we have the finances. Together we could make a complete team that would be able to reach the lost for Christ. Much can be accomplished. This is the way the Body of Christ should be. "Members one of another." The Body is a unit working together. The hands do not say to the foot "I have no need of you". The foot is just as important as the hand. If one does not help the other, then the body as a whole suffers. The American can't say "I don't need the national worker" for in saying such the whole Body suffers. (I Cor. 12:12-31.)

The Apostle Paul left us an example as to our relationship to the nationals. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles. (Acts 9:15, Eph. 3:1-5, II Tim. 1:11.) It was his task to make known among the Gentiles the gospel of the grace of God. What a task he had before him! The Twelve were the apostles to Israel and up to Acts 20 we see them still following the law. In Acts 8:1 they were still in Jerusalem. So the Apostle Paul could not use the Twelve to preach the gospel that was committed to him. The Twelve had their special commission (Mark 16:15-18) and their helpers (Acts 6:1-7). Paul had his special commission (Gal. 1:11-12, Rm. 2:16, 16:25, II Tim. 2:8) and he too had his helpers to make known the gospel to the Gentiles. We could call them the apostles of Grace. (I Cor. 4:6,9, I Thess. 1:1, Rm. 16:7, II Thess. 1:1, Acts 15:32, I Tim. 6:11-12.)

Paul had a close relationship with these men. He called Timothy

and Titus his own sons. He loved them with the love of an apostle. They were mostly Gentiles, Timothy being half Gentile and half Jew. Paul was their leader as Peter was the leader of the Twelve. Paul was the one who trained and led them. He was the one to tell them what to do and where to go.

Paul was the mission board. He was the beginning of world-wide missions. The only way he could reach so many people was by sending the nationals out with the gospel. He was responsible for them. He worked with his own hands to support them. (Acts 20:33-35.) I suppose that Paul's helpers also had to work since Paul himself worked for his own livelihood. (Acts 18:1-3.)

Christians, we should become more concerned about supporting the nationals of other lands. The population of the world is increasing at such a tremendous rate that it is impossible to reach all with white missionaries and also with the so-called indigenous church.

In the U.S. there is a group that has organized a "home missions". This committee is for the purpose of aiding workers in the establishment of new churches. Several pastors are being given monthly assistance. From the reports I have heard, this method is a benefit. This method is the same as the one of supporting nationals. Yes, the money is U.S. money spent on U.S. work, but the church receiving the aid cannot be called indigenous or self-supporting. In fact, no church where the pastor is under-paid, has to work full or part time, or receives outside help of any kind is indigenous, self-supporting! Why not use the same program for other lands? The U.S. workers are supervised, if they do

not agree with the doctrine of the organization then they are not accepted. The nationals of other lands could also be supervised in the same manner and have as their aim reaching the lost and establishing new churches. This principle, I believe, is in complete agreement with the practice of the Apostle Paul. But when we apply this principle to other lands we are accused of making "rice Christians".

This is exactly what Things To Come Mission is doing. We have established a training center which is the International Grace Bible Institute. We teach the Filipino Christians the Word of God for three years. They are also sent out during the summer vacations to preach. By doing this we can tell if they will be able to endure the hardships of the ministry. We also are able to live with them for these three years. We get to know their spiritual life, their walk with God and their capabilities. After completing the three years of study they will be sent out to begin new works or to become pastors of churches where we now have no workers. They will be given \$18 per month for the first year. Then they will be decreased one third each year for the following three years. We support a worker for three years. We do have indigenous churches which have been established by some of our supported workers. Several workers have started churches and have trained the elders to take over these churches, while they moved on to begin other works. At the time of this writing we have thirty-three national workers (this includes the students who are out for the summer) in many parts of the islands preaching the gospel. There are

only two missionary families supervising these nationals, teaching in the Bible school and supervising the printing department.

There will be some "rice Christians" here and also some workers who will not make the grade, but at the same time there are also "rice Christians" in the States. There are those who do not make the grade. All the criticisms of supporting nationals could be turned around and applied to the U.S. workers. Paul had trouble with workers also. He had his Mark and Demas. So let us not be discouraged over the failures of a few workers. There will be failures among Christians of any nationality.

What are the advantages of supporting nationals?

1. The national is one of his own people. Even if we took out Filipino citizenship we could not be one of the people. They would not come to us with their problems. They would always go to one of their own people. In the Bible school we have three American teachers and one Filipino. The students come to the Filipino with their problems.
2. The national knows the language and customs. A missionary is never able to speak the language as well as the native.
3. With the rise of nationalism it demands that we train the national. Countries are closing their doors to the white man but not to his money. If the national is trained while the missionary is in the country then he can be supported after the missionary has left.
4. It is less expensive to evangelize through the nationals. There can be 20 national workers under one missionary's supervision. If there were that many missionaries

it would cost much more. For \$20 a month you can support a national to preach the gospel in some country full time or part time. Look at the cost of supporting a missionary family — from \$100 to \$500 a month. The nationals can do three times as much work under good supervision. This advantage alone should convince us of the value of supporting the national.

Before closing, I would also like to state that TCM is not anti-indigenous. We have this as our aim, but to reach this aim we are supporting nationals. We feel this is the best way to have an indigenous work. I realize that different fields require different methods of work but all fields have nationals who could be used if we were not reluctant to use them. Let us not let our indigenous glasses hinder the work of the Lord.

I hope this article will relieve you of any doubts you may have regarding the policy of TCM in supporting national workers. I would be very glad to answer any questions you may have on the subject if you still have doubts. The best way to clear these doubts is to write to one of us who are on the field and actually see the nationals at work. Some of our nationals receive \$15 a month, some only \$10.

Where do you, as a Christian, come in? Perhaps you or your group are interested in supporting national workers. If you cannot come to the field you may want to see that someone else is doing the job. This is the way it can be done through you. You can have a part in evangelizing the regions beyond! If you care to have further information just write to one of the missionaries of TCM, P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippines, or to the

home office, 745 Yampa Avenue, Craig, Colorado. Please send the letters air mail.



AN OUTSIDER'S REPORT

Lawrence Walrod

Wycliffe Bible Translators

I thought you might be interested in a brief report from someone outside your mission who has recently been to your establishment in Ozamis, Mindanao Island, Philippines.

You may or may not have heard that I was asked to speak at a recent closing exercise program they had there. Our base headquarters are located in the interior of Mindanao Island about 150 miles from Ozamis.

While I hadn't heard about your work over there before the invitation to speak, I was very pleased to find how active the work was. It was my feeling that they are doing a tremendous job with the means they have at their disposal in personnel. I was also pleased at the spiritual level of the student body there. Each one seemed bubbling over with Christian testimony and interest in their work.

I am here as a radio and aircraft technician for Wycliffe Bible Translators, Jungle Aviation And Radio Service, and spend most of my time working on machinery and electrical equipment. It was a very pleasant change for me to attend the exercises at your mission.

I have noticed one or two other smaller groups working around the Philippines and it seemed in each case they were doing excellent work. The combined efforts of all such groups are certainly making quite a mark here towards spreading the Gospel of Grace to those who have not heard before.



"INTERNATIONAL GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE"

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

This is Saturday, March 4, 1961, the day following the second annual reception and closing exercises at the International Grace Bible Institute. To a certain extent, we feel our mission has been accomplished for this year. Our aim of seeing the students complete the first year and also the second year courses has been fulfilled. However, we also feel that the mission has just begun and it will not be completed until the Lord comes; or until we are caught up to be with him.

As one who has completed a task, we would like to reminisce for a few moments, looking back over this past school year with you. Classes began at IGBI on June 9, 1960, with 18 second-year students and 13 first-year students. The faculty consisted of Mr. Watkins, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Chavez. However, on July 17 Mr. Johnson turned in his resignation and Mr. Anderson took over his classes shortly thereafter. At mid-term it was necessary to dismiss five boys and girls because of their low grades. During the year three quit for various reasons. This left thirteen girls and nine boys to finish the school term. We are thrilled with those who have finished this year of studies because we see in them a great potential for the Lord's work.

Last night was **THE EVENT** of the year—the closing night and

the annual reception. Around 100 people were in our midst. How we wish each of you could have been present to hear and see this program. But, since you were not able to, we would like to briefly tell you about the occasion. Fellowship began about 5 P.M. with the taking of pictures. The students were all dressed up in their best clothes. Since Filipinos love to have their pictures taken, we had a photographer come from Ozamis for the evening. At six o'clock all were fed—the main course being pork. We had saved one of the pigs for the occasion. There were also chickens prepared several different ways. After everyone had eaten they came downstairs from the dining room and sat on benches which were nicely arranged on the front lawn of the school facing the front porch which was decorated with green palms. On a background of white was the theme, "Here am I, send me . . . to testify the Gospel of the grace of God." The program began at 7 P.M. Opening with a special song, "Speak My



Lord", was the IGBI choir consisting of all the students. After this

number Antonio Improso, the Master of Ceremonies, led in prayer. Immediately following the prayer Mr. Watkins spoke a few words on behalf of the faculty; greeting the friends and relatives who were present. "A Passion For Souls" was sung next by the Ladies Trio of



IGBI. Next, Joe Fernando, president of the student council, made a speech which represented the whole student body. The next special number of the evening was by the Men's Quartet, "They That Wait Upon The Lord". Following



this song, Rodrigo Panza, student from Davao, gave a testimony of how he was saved and also how he came to hear about IGBI. Next on the program was a vocal solo by Inocencia Gonzaga, sister of one of the girl students and also sister of a TCM pastor. Before the closing song, "No Man Careth For My Soul", and the presentation of honor awards, was the message of the evening by Mr. Lawrence Wal-

rod. This was a treat to all of us. Having a special speaker is "special" here. There are no missionaries close to us. In order to have a speaker we must ask him to travel quite a distance. Mr. Walrod caught two planes and had a day layover in order to get here. He is working with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Bukidnon, Mindanao. First, he told us a little about the work of the translators, how long it takes to reach a tribe, how they go about it and the results. Then he gave a personal testimony of how he had wasted the first twenty years of his life by working for earthly goods. He was quite successful as an electrical engineer—successful, but not satisfied! A little over two years ago he decided he was wasting his life and he wanted to do something that would count for eternity. He gave up his business in Canada, applied to Wycliffe, and after taking their three-month course in North Dakota, came to the Philippines. Now he is working far back in the mountains amongst a group of illiterate people. We do pray that the students will take this testimony, apply it to themselves and not waste precious years of their lives.

"LIVING FOR NOTHING"

"The tragedy in the world today is that so many people are living and dying, apparently, for nothing. Many live as though the grave were the end. Preparing to meet God is evidently far from their thoughts. They prepare for a career, for their education, for their marriage, but they fail to prepare for the most important event to come—that appointment with God; an appointment that no man can escape, or postpone." — Gene Denler

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NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Willing To Suffer and Sacrifice

Vernon Anderson

We are now in Florida, Talusan, Zamboanga del Sur. God is blessing in mighty ways. Souls are being saved; the saints are being edified. We have had some very interesting experiences these last two weeks. At one meeting in Naga Naga, we were confronted by the Roman Catholic Priest and we had an open debate with him for forty minutes regarding his images. At first he just stopped and looked at us and then proceeded 100 yards. I stated, "He that worships the idol is living in sin." He turned around and came back and raised his hand. We acknowledged him and he began to defend the use of images. I asked if he could show one Scripture verse where we should pray unto images, burn candles in front of them and bow down to them. He said, "Of course not!" But he stated that reason teaches us. I also said reason teaches men to forsake God and become atheists and evolutionists. I showed him a number of Scriptures. Finally we were stopped by the vice-mayor as we had no permit to debate. He turned to the people and said, "Do not pray to San Roque, he is not God." This was victory for us.

The next night we preached again and some drunkards planned to stone us. We moved our meeting into the house but put the speaker outside. By doing this they were defeated. We preached on the sea shore on "Life is very uncertain; Death is very certain." That night a man next door died

of malaria. This must have made a great impression on the people. From there we came here to Florida. The R.C.'s are hot after us. Our lives have been threatened. We were challenged to a debate and we accepted. The subject, "The R.C. Doctrine Is The Only True Doctrine According To The Bible". Of course this was chicken feed. We later heard that the R. C.'s would begin a quarrel during the meeting and kill us. We secured the help of two policemen (one with an automatic rifle and the other with a pistol) and one soldier with a pistol. The debate was held and no one tried anything. The debate made the R.C.'s a laughing stock. Their debater was very poor and wasted all his time looking for texts. Poten, like a machine gun, answered his every reason and piled up additional proof. It was an exciting debate. The R.C.'s were defeated so that Poten did not even make his last stand. Even the R.C.'s were angry with their debater. The Secretary of the R.C.'s was just here and told me that he had received Christ as his personal Saviour and will make a public stand the next time we come here.

During these days we have been soaked by the rain and plowing through mud and water. One day we went out to visit members and we had to ride the carabao. In some places the mud was up to the carabao's stomach. Going up one hill, Poten, who was sitting in front of me, slid back and pushed me right off in the mud. This was very embarrassing for me, but the Filiippinos had a good laugh. There are several people here interested in attending the I.G.B.I. We have

two Chapels in this place, another independent which is a sympathizer and two proposed chapels. They say that in April the other two would be constructed.

The Filipino people are wonderful people. I believe they are the most hospitable people in the world. We told them that we should not stay here long as the people have suffered from rat infestation. They said, Never mind. God will provide. They would give us their last cup of rice. Yesterday they killed a pig and fed the whole congregation and friends. One family did this. Yet they live in a house made of all nipa, and have very few belongings. They are willing to suffer and sacrifice to get the Gospel out. We praise God for these our beloved Brothers. Many more will find Christ their Saviour if the Lord will prolong His coming. But many in the States who could be of such great help in extending this work, will not come alongside. Truly this is the day of salvation of the P.I. "A day of harvest". But soon the harvest will be past and they will not be saved. Beloved, pray that God will send a revival into the hearts of American Christians that they will be moved to give all to get the Gospel to the regions beyond.

One word about Poten. He is a "Grand Champion". You have no worker in all the world like Poten. Yesterday he interpreted my message in Sunday School, preached at the A.M. service, had a child dedication service, debated all afternoon and taught the Highway of Life last nite. This morning he is continuing. This afternoon he will interpret my evangelistic message and tonite he will interpret my closing message. He knows the

major doctrines of the Bible like a high school graduate knows the ABC's. He knows the grace message better than most pastors in the States. He has personality power in evangelism and good tact. No burden is too heavy. Whether hiking one or twenty klns., he never complains. He preaches the Gospel everywhere and anywhere. He owns a pair of shoes, one pair of socks, 3 trousers, 3 shirts and a couple pair of underwear. The socks I gave him. Yet he never complains. His wife and family have many needs. She has eight children and is left alone most of the time. Poten usually travels with ten cents in his billfold. He has no desire for worldly things. To preach is the one desire he has in life and preach he does. I failed to mention that yesterday as well as today and everyday, he preaches a pre-dawn message at 4:00 A.M.

Here is the Paul of the Philippines and also the backbone of the WCM work here. Naturally the glory goes to God. Poten has just yielded himself. It is really thrilling to hear the Filipino people rejoicing over the message of Grace and quoting familiar Scriptures. Two years ago, the message was not known. Today it is spreading out in an ever widening circle. Truly the door is open to the Gospel of Grace here in the P.I. and God is working wonders. The conversions in the last two months are more than we could ask or think; 29 at Talusan, 28 in Leargao, 18 in Dalawan and now Poten is planning to go to Negros Island.



*I don't know what the future holds,
but I know the One who holds the
future.*

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

Potenciano Undag

Here are the missionary reports of August, September and October.

August 22 to September 1st: Brother J. Gonzoga and I went to Marvel, a barrio of Kidapawan. While we were there we held an evangelistic meeting every evening followed by an open forum. During the day we visited the houses of the non-members who are interested in the Grace message.

On the first evening, at our evangelistic meeting, we were stoned. I was nearly hit by the stones and on the second night we were stoned again. We held two open air meetings here with about 100 persons attending the first meeting and about 150 attending the second one. Many Roman Catholic are interested to know more of the Grace of God. The Jehovah's Witnesses were shaken and disturbed because we attacked their false doctrines.

On September 1st we proceeded to the barrio of Gayula. We encountered a debate against the Jehovah's Witnesses. The subject of the debate was "Hell is the Grave". My opponent was only laughed at by the audience every time I answered his false reason. After the debate I challenged them to discuss another topic, but they refused and went home.

On the next evening we were invited to solemnize a wedding in the Barrio of San Ruque. Many attended so before the wedding, Brother J. Gonzoga preached about the Gospel of the Grace of God. After the wedding, three R.C.'s were converted and received Christ Jesus as their personal saviour.

September 3rd we returned home.

On September 8th, Brother J. Gonzoga and I with two of our members went to the Barrio of lower Timonan. We held an evangelistic meeting and Bible study there and next day went to Barrio of Baangan.

September 10th we had a wedding service in our chapel in Lepamba. Many attended this service.

September 11th, Brother J. Gonzoga and I went to Ditay, Malangas, Zamboanga del Sur. We arrived in Malangas on the next day, but our members were not there to meet us so we took a bus to where the outboard motor was anchored. But unfortunately we were too late for the outboard had already left.

We had to stay in Lumbog that night and held an evangelistic meeting the next day in this barrio. Twenty persons attended and the couple in whose home we stayed the night before, accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

On the next day we took the outboard to Barrio Paradize. Upon our arrival, we were met by Brother Caadan with ten members of his church. They had come from Malangas where they had gone to meet us but arrived late and we missed them. From Paradize, we hiked 6 km. on a very muddy trail down to Ditay. Every day while we were there we held evangelistic meetings with open forum. During the day we did house to house visitation. We also held evangelistic meetings in the Barrios of Ginoman and Dara-an. Some R.C.'s there were very angry and promised to stone us if we ever come back.

On September 19th we went to Barrio of Balogan. Our evangelistic service was held in the house of the councillor. 16 persons attended in the evening, in the morning there were 25 R.C.'s attending our Bible Study. After the Bible Study we went back to Ditay and that evening held an evangelistic meeting in the house of one of our members.

On September 24 to 26 we went to the barrio of Bulanay, Liargao, Zamboanga del Sur. On the way we were caught by heavy rain. The trail was very muddy and we had to cross a log bridge about six feet over the water and accidentally stumbled down. It was 5:30 before we reached Bulanay. For two days we held evangelistic meetings and Bible studies. On the second day one R.C. was converted. We proceeded to Barrio Sawa where many attended our meeting and two R.C.'s were converted and accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

September 29th we went to Gulictop. Evangelistic meetings and Bible Study was held for three days and five R.C.'s were converted.

October 3rd we left with Brother Ballares and three of his members to go to Molave. On the way we were caught in a heavy rain and the trail was very muddy and slippery. We had to cross two rivers which were flooding. I was almost carried away by the strong current. We arrived in Molave the next day. Our services were very successful and fifteen R.C.'s were converted. There were more or less seventy persons attending the meetings during the two days.

On October 15 after our morning service I left for Maashun. During

the service there, 24 adults attended and six R.C.'s received Jesus Christ as Saviour.

October 17th we proceeded to Lumbavgan. We held a street meeting there, but were unable to finish the meeting as the chief of Police stopped us.

On October 23rd, Brother Nasciso Pabusara and I went to Toyum, Isio, Negros Occidental. We arrived about 5:00 P.M. and started our evening service at 7:00. I taught the "Highway of Life" with the use of the flannel graph. Many attended, about fifty persons, most of whom were Universal Church of Christ. Their doctrines are: water baptism by pouring, saved by good works and faith healing. They refuse to use medicines. Our Bible study was not closed until 1:00 A.M. because there were so many questions asked. The next day we went to Barrio Tarlahina. We began our service at 7:30 P.M. Again I taught the "Highway of Life" and most of the people were Universal Church of Christ. The class did not end until 1:00 A.M. again because of the questions. We left there by bus and traveled to Batobato, Tabuso. It was 11:30 P.M. when we arrived. The next morning at 9:00 A.M. we held our Bible members of the Universal Church of Christ. Again I taught the "Highway of Life" and in the evening service 35 attended our evangelistic service. This meeting lasted until 12:00 midnight with many questions. On the next day we had another Bible study in the morning and an evangelistic service that evening. 55 persons attended the evening service and when the invitation was given, 15 adults came forward to accept Christ as their Saviour. The same schedule of meetings was held the

following day and the evening service was crowded with about 70 persons. At the invitation, 18 adults came forward to receive Christ as Saviour. This night the service did not close until 1:00 A.M. due to many questions.

On October 30th during our Sunday service in the Chapel, 8 R.C.'s were converted, bringing the total of conversions to 40 in that one Barrio and the Universal Church of Christ is planning to affiliate with the T.C.M. because they understand that their teaching is not in accord with the Gospel of the Grace of God as given to the Apostle Paul.

The next evening I left for Taysan by bus and after a near accident we arrived at 1:00 A.M.

It is our prayer that all the members of TCM and their friends will pray for the new converts and for the precious seed that has been planted in these two provinces of Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental.

EVERYONE ACTIVE

Pauline Watkins

I have just returned from taking Vernon to the airport. This is the second time I have driven since being in the Philippines. Sure is different from driving in the States. The roads are a fright. Poten is in Negros and sent a wire for Vernon to come there on Sunday. Joe is in Buriasan to hold some meetings and to meet with the saints there. Antonio Improso (one of the students) will leave this coming Wednesday for Becol Island. He has completed the first year at I.G.B.I. with top grades. He is now a worker for T.C.M. He has relatives there and wants to

start works there. He knows the language and we have printed literature for him in the dialect.

Most of the students are on their way to the churches where they will work this summer. Two more groups will leave Wednesday morning. They have been looking forward to this. Much work has gone into it. Mr. Chavez' wife has worked with the girls, preparing DVBS material, a children's tract and has instructed them.

We are quite busy getting literature ready for the next term of school as well as keeping up to date on our letter writing and getting the applications processed for the next school term. Already many applications have come in. What will we do for teachers for this new class that will be starting? Do pray that the Lord will send the needed teachers to train these students.

BRAZIL

WE SERVE GOD — NOT MAN

Henrique Schmidt

Here in Brazil the work of God goes forward. In the past many souls have been won to Christ and others are preparing themselves for better service for the Lord. This causes us to help them with much Bible Study so they can have a better understanding of God's Word and especially in the letters of the Apostle Paul which is for us today.

Thanks be to God for the desire we see in the newly converted souls to have a better and deeper understanding of the Gospel and to be able to understand the whole Bible. This they want, so that they can better apply these teachings to

their daily lives and can speak to others who are still in the lost condition from which these souls have just escaped.

Lately God has called more souls to our work among the Fishers in Litoral. These folks are already doing their own work for the Lord. Pray for them, that their children may, in the future, put Jesus Christ FIRST in their lives, to live for and to honor Him.

We have been suffering much contempt from many here who are still in the world. It is like the statement by the Apostle Paul that we are considered as nothing in this world, but we serve God and not man. Our love and petitions are for them that they may be saved from the wrath of God that is to come.

GREECE

FROM A DREAM TO REALITY

Andrew D. Vergopoulos

After much prayer and looking to God for guidance, the leaders of the TCM in Greece have felt led to begin publication of the New Testament in the modern Greek language. This is quite an undertaking for such a small group with our limited means, yet it is very necessary. For thousands of years the Greek people have read the Word of God in the ancient language and the result is that no one understands it and it has become a dead book in the hands of the people of my country. Seeing such a need, I do not understand why other large religious organizations have not made a translation in the modern day language.

We have already started the translation of the Gospel of St.

John. We plan to have this portion ready for distribution within fifteen days. This will be a big day for Greece, the Lord and TCM. Many people will be against this work, but we are confident that the Lord will protect it and work through it to reach many souls in Greece.



Andrew Vergopoulos, the Director of Things To Come Mission of Greece

The cost of this printing will be rather high and we are praying that the Lord will send us help. In order to help pay the cost of this printing, I am taking a job for a month which will give me \$120.00 to cover a little part of the printing. The cost of this printing at this time will be about \$500.00. Each of the leaders here have promised to give as much as they can to see this work completed and the Lord has laid it on our hearts to make this dream a reality. Pray with us in this great step for the Lord in Greece.

In my travels I have been taking a brother with me that he may learn the missionary work. He has been saved two years now, coming to know the Lord in one of our meetings. Since his conversion he has become very interested in the scriptures and has a great desire

to serve the Lord. How we praise the Lord for this new worker.

I would ask that you continue to pray for the progress of the Gospel here and pray that in the future we may have a Bible school that we may better serve in the great harvest of the Lord here in Brazil. Pray for me also that I might be used for the furtherance of the Gospel in this land.

ARGENTINA

NEVER Enough Literature

Nicholas Sabich

Along with the work of the regular meetings in Villa-Diamante, we have also had the opportunity to enter one of the hospitals with the Gospel message. A son of one of our ladies, sister Esmeralda, lost a leg a month ago in a train accident and is confined in this hospital. On our daily visits, we had the opportunity to visit a number of people, giving them gospel tracts and to those showing a real interest, we gave New Testaments. Several of the people gave us their home addresses and asked that we visit them when they return home. It was a surprise to us to find a real interest among the nurses and hospital personnel, to know the way of salvation. This hospital is in strong control of the Roman Catholic Church and our freedom here is surprising. We are grateful to the Lord for two nurses who received New Testaments and are reading them daily. They have just confided to us that they are about ready to accept Jesus Christ as their personal saviour. Three more nurses have asked us for New Testaments, that they too may know more about Jesus. I know you will praise the Lord with us for this little victory and will pray that we

might have more freedom to minister here and see some great results. We do praise the Lord for sister Esmeralda who even under the circumstances of concern for her 13 year old son who lost his leg, always has the courage to give her testimony and she is always with her Bible in her hand.

There is a great campaign in Argentina now by the Roman Catholic Church, being held in the heart of this city, to adorn the statue "Mary of Lujan" who is being taken for the first time in 330 years out of her Sanctuary. Many priests have come from all parts of the world, as well as the Archbishop of New York. Their theme is "Return to Christ by Mary". From this you can see our responsibility to defend the Truth at this special time. I have some gospel tracts in Spanish that I plan to distribute, but we need many more good Spanish tracts and I have some on order from Portland, Oregon, which I hope will arrive before this campaign starts. Do pray that we might have more good Gospel tracts in Spanish, as this is a great need in our work here in Argentina. Never do we have enough literature for the needs here.

Last week we visited in the city of Castillo, 34 miles from here, where a sister of our work has moved. We were able to do some house to house visitation and gave out tracts. The atmosphere for the Gospel is very good in this city. We even had a lady who is a leader in the Catholic campaign that is coming up, show real interest and we gave her several tracts which she said she would read. One of these is called "The Gift". We plan to return to this city again next week and hold a service in the court

yard of Sister Coronel. The problem in Castillo is the same as in most other places, we have no place to hold our meetings. All buildings are in use and we have only one hope for a meeting place. Sister Coronel is a widow and is looking to get some money from the government for her husband. With this money she plans to build an extra room on her dwelling especially for a meeting place for the weekly meetings in that place.

Concerning our activity of the past year, it has not been too great and was limited a great deal by insufficient funds and materials as well as inadequate meeting places. This report shows so little effort in comparison to the great need and demand. We trust the Lord will use us more in the year to come.

During the past year our activities were as follows:

Tracts distributed — 27,000.

God's Clock of the Ages in Spanish distributed — 270.

Eternal Security in Spanish distributed — 290.

Bibles distributed — 42.

New Testaments distributed — 144.

Establishments visited with tracts — 52.

Personal visitations in homes—372.

Cities visited (Tracts and special meetings) — 8

Along with this we also sent 45 packages of tracts and booklets to workers in other provinces of Argentina, as well as Paraguay and Uruguay.

Our volunteer workers are very active in handing out tracts, personal testimonies, home meetings and open air meetings. Last week in one of the home meetings a young man was saved and accepted

the Lord as his saviour. I was not present at this meeting and was very happy to know that our brethren are doing a good work and are taking on this kind of responsibility in the ministry of the Word of God.

We have enlarged our meeting place this year and are seeing several new people in our services. We are spending more time in prayer and Bible study in order to take our believers into a deeper experience in their spiritual lives and to cause them to grow in the knowledge and the Grace of our Lord. In our prayers we always remember each of you, our fellow friends, who are always remembering us and constantly caring for us.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL

Robert Alonso

I trust Brother Sabich has written to you about our work here in Pocitos. We know that our efforts in the missionary endeavor are still small and not what we would like them to be, but Lord willing we plan to expand our outreach and become more effective in the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God.

We have been studying the booklet "God's Clock of the Ages" by Dr. Charles Baker about the dispensational program and find it very good and appropriate for teaching our people. We need more material and booklets printed in Spanish to help us in teaching the Gospel of the Grace of God.

We would be grateful for any information about the work of Things to Come Mission in the U. S.A. and the activities in the other

countries around the world. Any Publications that you could send us that would help us to know more of the Grace movement and the message of God's Grace will be of great help in our work here. We are expecting to advance our work to Aguaray where the Lord has opened a door for us. I will be able to attend both works, here and in Aguaray, as it is only a two hour train ride between them.

We greet you in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, being very grateful for all you have done for us and the ministry of the Word in South America.

Mission Accomplished?

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When we face the Lord on the judgment day will he be able to say to us, "mission accomplished"? "You have done what I wanted you to do." Let's put the work of the Lord first, the things that count for eternity. "If God writes "opportunity" on one side of open doors, He writes "responsibility" on the other."

We have accomplished a mission but we haven't stopped with that. The students have already left or are about to leave for the places where they will serve the Lord during the summer vacation. This summer the girls will hold Daily Vacation Bible School at each of the TCM churches. The boys will take pulpits in churches where pastors are needed. Please make it a point to pray each day for them as they spend their first few months in full-time service for the Lord. Pray that many souls will be saved and also that the saved will be edified. Is it your mission to pray, give or go?

WHAT SACRIFICE!

Tom and Joan Correll

(Ed. Note: The Corrells are working with the Continental Interior Mission. They are stationed in Canada, working with the Eskimos.

The "Battle" in the Philippines sounds like it is raging. The Enemy has myriad "intrigues" but we are not ignorant of them. We sometimes feel like the Northern 'front' is the most awful, but we realize that is because we know this one experimentally. God has promised that we will see a native church in the North. We believe that when John heard some from every tribe and tongue etc., that he heard many more Eskimos and Indians than we can point to now. Are we ready to be offered on the Eskimo altar or the Philippines? Some must pay the price of victory.

When I received your last letter, I read it to our local group (mostly whites here). They were moved to pray and forward a gift. I am today sending a money order to your headquarters for you. It comes as a spontaneous thing from our small fellowship. Most comes from one young fellow who is himself contemplating Bible School. Of the total \$86.00, \$78.00 comes from him. I can't tell you why or how he can. It remains veritably true that God's work is, for the most part, supported by those who can not support it according to human standards. Isn't the Lord generous? He just won't let us down. I wouldn't trade my life of trusting Him for anything. How about you? You can of course use the money as you will but it was especially given in the light of the need for the outboard motor that you recommended for the fellow who needed same.

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