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John 4:35

*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

Romans 1:5

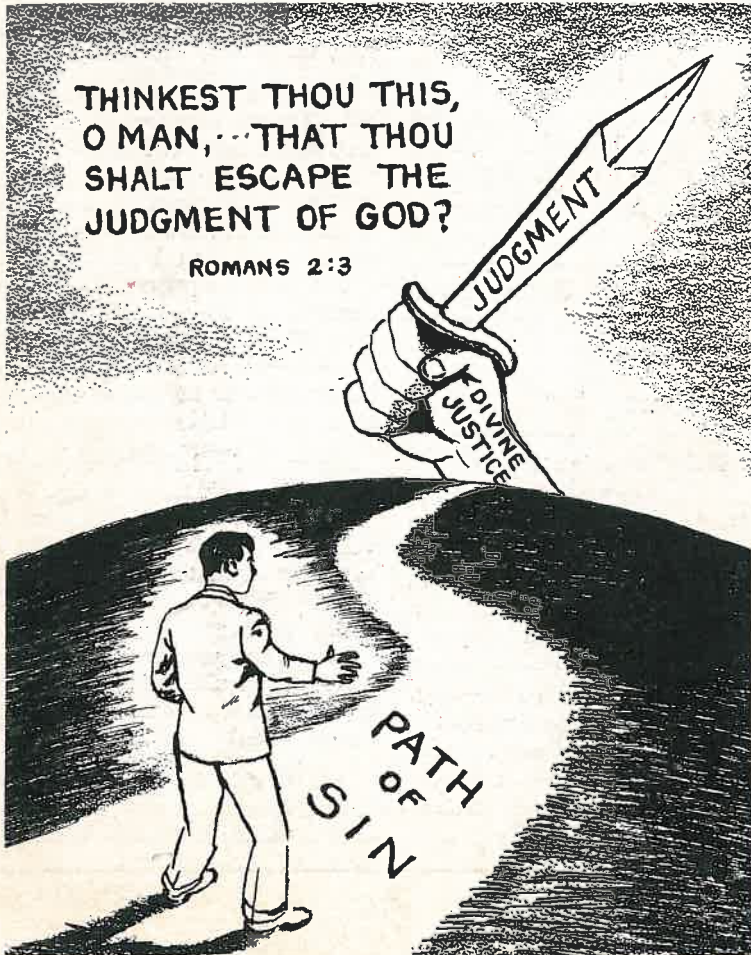
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THINKEST THOU THIS,  
O MAN, ... THAT THOU  
SHALT ESCAPE THE  
JUDGMENT OF GOD?

ROMANS 2:3



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In considering God's work in our behalf, we find that each member of the Trinity reserves for Himself certain operations. This may be illustrated by saying that the work of the Father was to give His Son: the work of the Son to redeem the lost: and the work of the Spirit to regenerate the one who believes. (Please note that this is only an illustration, and in no way is intended to limit the work of the Triune God to these fields of operation).

In this article we shall think on three Scriptures in which our Lord **Himself** is seen as "doing the work". These statements form a trilogy dealing with the past, the present and the future.

The first of these states, "Who his own self (Himself) bare our sins in his own body on the tree." (I Pet. 2:24). This is the basic fact of the gospel. Paul says that the gospel which he preached is, "First of all . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3) The gospel of God concerns Jesus Christ, His Son, who He is, and what He has **done**. It is not something for us to **do**, but something to believe. He promises to save those who **do** believe. (I Cor. 1:21)

This work of redemption was so important that it could not be trusted to anyone else. No, not even to an angel. It was Christ Himself, the only sinless man who ever lived, the perfect "Lamb of God," "who his own self bore our sins." And in bearing our sins, He bore also the wrath and judgement of God, so that the cry of anguish was forced from His lips, "My God my God why hast thou forsaken me?"

Look now at Luke 24:15. We read, "Jesus himself drew near, and went with  
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## THE SERVANT OF GOD

by Peter Wiering

The spirit of lawlessness and revolution keeps erupting around the world like volcanoes coming into activity. It indicates the pressures deep down underneath. This spirit originated with Satan who said long ago, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will be like the most High." Satan was not content with the honourable position that God had given him; neither was he willing to keep serving God as a covering cherub. Instead he revolted. It is this satanic spirit of self-seeking, self-indulgence, self-improvement, self-glorification and the throwing off of restraint and proper rule that infects and infests the human race.

If there were no other news than what the news services bring us up to the hour, the outlook would be dismal. Thank God, we have another news source, the word of God with the good news concerning the Son of God. How refreshing is reading about the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son and Servant of God; to feed upon the Bread of Life and drink the Water of Life.

When the Lord served on earth, He was a minister to the nation Israel, God's covenant people, and He preached to them a gospel message that confirmed and enlarged upon the proclamations of the Old Testament prophets. Dispensationally we are not called to imitate the Lord in His peculiar ministry on earth, for after He ascended again to heaven He revealed through His servant Paul, the message of grace concerning God's eternal purpose regarding a heavenly outcalling from earth, the Body of Christ. This is God's dispensation of the mystery.

But keeping the dispensational progress of God's revelation in mind, we will look to the Person of the Son of God

who is also called the Son of man, and watch Him as the perfect Servant of God as He ministered on earth. He is an example to us, but not an example which we should imitate by our efforts, for that would be the same as trying to keep God's holy law — an impossibility. The secret of living the Christ(ian)-life is not imitation, but identification.

The truth of identification with Christ comes to us especially through the writings and personal example of the apostle to the Gentiles, Paul. In short it is this, that God has completely identified us believers to His Son in His death, burial, resurrection, ascension and heavenly position. Then we are exhorted to live out "by faith" in our daily experience this life of "Christ liveth in me." This is possible because the Holy Spirit indwells us and is able to make Christ live through us. The Spirit takes the active part, but it is up to us to believe in this provision of God and to allow the Holy Spirit so to work in us. Sad to say, often we need to confess that we haven't allowed the Spirit to do this work wholly. In part, yes, but we have kind of held back.

What is perhaps even more sad, is that I may not even be aware of the fact that the extent to which the Spirit has been allowed to produce "Christ in me" comes far short of God's standard, God's ideal. God's purpose for the Body of Christ as a whole, and for the members individually too, is "a perfect man . . . the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13). God can never be satisfied with an imperfect man. God can never be content with a dwarf, or an unfinished stature. Now I might possibly excuse myself with the fact that my position is perfect in Christ; that I am complete in Christ, but this blessed truth can never be the excuse

for a "half and half" walk; half spiritual, half carnal. Instead, the truth of our perfect position in Christ is used by the apostle as the ground for challenging us to "by faith" and in the power of the Spirit live up to our perfect position.

There is nothing better to make us conscious of any half-heartedness, shortcoming, selfishness or earthly-mindedness than exposing oneself to the searchlight of God's Word. That Word reveals to us God's perfect Servant.

#### DESCRIPTIONS BY MARK

Not only the four gospels, but the whole Bible reveals the Living Word to us. One of the four gospels, Mark, pictures the Lord especially as the Servant of God, who came to minister to others and serve the Father in true love and obedience. May we be challenged by the Holy Spirit through the example of the Son of man. The apostle Peter wrote: "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (I Pet. 2:21). The apostle John wrote: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." (I John 2:6). The apostle Paul wrote: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, Who being in the form of God . . . made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant," (Phil. 2:5,6,7) And also, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (I Cor. 11:1).

"HE P R E A C H E D THE WORD." (Mark 2:2). Reading through the book of Mark one will notice the emphasis on the fact that the Lord "preached" or "taught". Clearly this indicates what was His main ministry as God's servant on earth. In chapter 10 verse 1 we read, ". . . and, as he was wont, he taught them again." The Lord surely had compassion on the physical needs

of the people. He supplied the hungry multitudes with food, and healed many sick of their diseases. But above all, He was a preacher and teacher of the "Word". He was concerned with the spiritual needs of the people primarily. He gave out the Word for it is the Word that God uses to bring about spiritual life and to nourish that life.

#### "HE DEPARTED . . . . TO PRAY"

(Mark 6:46, cf. 1:35). When the Lord ministered on earth He lived in complete dependence upon the Father. He lived a life of complete and true faith. He said, "The Son can do nothing of himself." His great and supreme concern therefore was to maintain the perfect communion and fellowship with the Father. In essence, Satan tried repeatedly to make the Son act independently, and so sever His fellowship with the Father. We know that Satan was unsuccessful in his attempts, but to what extent have we understood the "watching and praying" of the Son of man, so that He could have the victory. Read the 119th Psalm prayerfully with Him in mind to get a greater insight in this! In Mark 1:35 we read, "And in the morning, rising a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." (This was the morning after a very busy Sabbath day!) Now notice Psalm 119:147, "I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in Thy word." And verse 145, "I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes."

"AND JESUS . . . WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION" (Mark 6:34). We all have experienced how hard human beings can treat each other. Most likely we have learned to know a little of the hardness of own heart, apart from the Spirit's control. Very likely the disciples were a bit irked at the presence of all these people, just as they were taking a few days off with the Lord at His sug-

gestion. After a demanding preaching tour and busy days following the Lord, they no doubt welcomed His suggestion to go to a quiet place "and rest a while." But after going across the lake, instead of a quiet deserted sea-shore, they found a throng of people pressing upon them.

When the Lord stepped out of the boat and saw all those men, women and children, He was not irritated by their presence, but "was moved with compassion toward them." He forgot His tiredness, His need for some rest and privacy as He saw this crowd with its spiritual need. The first thing He began to do was "teach them many things." Only after that did He do something about their hungry stomachs. The disciples could think of nothing better than "send them away," but He was not at loss as what to do. In the hands of this Servant who lived in perfect fellowship with God the Father; who knew what must be done and faith to do it, the five loaves and the two fishes multiplied to be enough for all with some left over. With this He illustrated that there will always be enough spiritual food for all the ones who hunger after the spiritual bread. We can apply the word that He spoke to His disciples "give ye them to eat" in a spiritual sense to ourselves today. He "satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

"HE COULD NOT BE HID" (Mark 7:24). The Servant of God didn't want to ride the wave of popularity. When his disciples told Him, "All men seek for thee," He didn't make it occasion for an "Extended Capernaum Crusade," but said simply, "Let us go into the next towns also: for therefore came I forth." (Mark 1:37-38). He healed many sick folks but unlike present day "Healing Evangelists" didn't hold special campaigns in order to preach to great masses. He did not have a promotion manager to announce His coming, He

was just the lowly Servant of the Lord, who didn't depend on emotional or soulish means to further spiritual things, but trusted completely upon the power of the Word of God, spoken by the Servant who lived by that Word.

As many people followed Him out of mere emotional, physical, or soulish desires, He sought at times seclusion from the masses. He did not want to satisfy this unspiritual curiosity, but often found that He could not get away from it very easy. "He could not be hid." But this phrase can be lifted out of the physical realm and seen in a spiritual significance. Even in His lowliness and humility the Servant of God "could not be hid." On this occasion, the Syrophenician woman came out of the darkness of heathenism and "found" Him "the Light of the World." He could not be hid from the seeking heart.

Some believers "hide" themselves among the masses. They identify themselves with those among whom they live. They are camouflaged. They take on the same pattern, the same habits, they "live like the Joneses." It was not so with the Servant of God. He was different. He didn't blend in with the crowd. He wasn't one of the acceptable neighbours. His hometown friends considered Him "beside himself" (out of his right mind) Mark 3:21. The religious leaders considered him a domoniac (Mark 3:22). By His behavior He upset the accepted social and religious balance. He could not blend with the darkness, or hide among sinners. When at the age of 12 He could not be found by Mary and Joseph, it was because they sought Him among their "kinsfolk and acquaintance." He was to be found in the house of His Father engaged in His Father's business.

"THE SON OF MAN CAME . . . TO MINISTER" (Mark 10:45). The Lord Jesus Christ is the great Liberator. He

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## LEYTE VICTORY

by Vernon Anderson

Every soldier who sailed into the Philippines to fight the Japanese remembers Leyte. Americans, Filipinos, and Japanese died by the thousands in this island. The mountainside displays perhaps the only natural reminder of a war arena. Craters and foxholes still lie exposed where the trees have not dared to cover the memory of war. Four rusty Jap helmets hanging in a garden commemorate 20,000 Japanese soldiers dying in one valley. Along one trail 50 American soldiers were ambushed by their enemies and killed. Twenty years after such a battle for life was won, another war is raging. The souls of a million men are at stake.

Twice Liborio Denzo of Villaba, Leyte, has come to Mindanao to call us to Leyte. The Macedonian calling Paul was no clearer than Brother Denzo calling, "Come over and help us." April 26, the day after graduation at IGBI, "D" Day was set for Leyte. Liborio, Poten Undag (TCM radio evangelist), Abundio Boco (IGBI intern), and myself boarded the Mission Tripacer at Labo airstrip. With the four passengers plus luggage and public address system, the plane was at gross weight on takeoff. The 150 horses were pulling hard as the Harvester cleared the coconut trees at the end of the strip. Heading was set for 360° due north with first stop at Cebu City, 150 miles across the sea. With head winds we flew an hour and thirty minutes to reach Cebu. The visibility and ceiling were unlimited, a very pleasant flight. Taxiing down the concrete Cebu strip to the hangar of friend Paul Pelaez, we gassed up and found out that Ormoc was the closest landing strip on the island of Leyte. At 55° and 30 minutes flying time, we climbed out over the sea, landing in Ormoc at dinnertime.

No land transportation being available till 2 P.M., it was necessary to lunch on "shiakoy" (sugared roll) and warm Pepsi to wait out the two hours. The Ormoc strip is just being built so there were many workmen on the field. We ate and witnessed to them, even passed out some literature. The Hour of Grace (Ora sa Grasya) opened the door to us in Leyte. A number of the workmen were listening to the broadcasts. A guard was hired to watch the plane while we headed for Ormoc.

At 3 P.M. we boarded another truck for Villaba which was still 100 kilometers north. What roads! The truck also was slow so we could not reach Villaba; instead we got down at Palompon at 7 P.M. Liborio's uncle lives by the sea. As we hiked to the seashore, many people began following us, perhaps due to the loud speaker and the long-nosed, white-faced Americano attracting them. When we arrived at the uncle's house quite a crowd had gathered. Not wanting to lose any opportunity, Boco led the service and Poten and I preached. After 9 P.M. we ate our fish supper, talked for another hour, then retired to the straw mats on the floor.

4:30 A.M. Boco was at the mike preaching as the sun arose. At 5:30 the mike in front of the transistor radio broadcasted the Hour of Grace. After breakfast Poten held a Bible study before leaving for Villaba. We all regretted leaving Palompon because the interest was so high. The house where we stayed was Roman Catholic but by the next visit they will receive the Lord. The owner has been listening to the Hour of Grace regularly and is a sympathizer already. He fed us well and even gave us two pesos to help with travel expenses.

Aboard the Villaba bound truck was a preacher of the Manalistas (a strong sect here which denies the deity of Christ). It was an omen of things to come as we were to be plagued by this group during the entire stay. Through their opposition however, many would come to know Christ. It was already noon when we arrived in Villaba. Eating in the marketplace is quite an experience. Food is cooked early in the morning and kept in pots all day. You just look in each pot and tell the owner what you want. You can even taste if you like, and many do, while the uneaten serving portions go back into the pot! After the market dinner we hiked three kilometers to Liborio's house.

Once again many gathered upon our arrival. Right after supper we began the service. Many who attended were regular listeners of the Hour of Grace. Some had taken the correspondence course on the Highway of Life. When the invitation was given, 24 persons stood to give witness that they had received Christ as Saviour. Just before the invitation, Liborio gave his testimony of how many sects had tried to convert him, but now he had found the truth. Liborio is a leader in the barrio and respected by the community. There is no Protestant church in the town of Villaba or in any of its barrios.

Next day we went to a barrio four kilometers away. Our host there was the brother of the Manalistas preacher. In fact, even the preacher was there. Poten started a heated discussion which lasted about three hours. Everyone was interested. The Manalista's brother had been listening to the Hour of Grace, writing down all the scriptures references on the diety. He used these to defend the doctrine against his brother. That night we preached again and 14 people stood when the invitation was given. The Manalista's brother was one of them.

4:30 A.M. Brother Boco was at the mike preaching. The Hour of Grace was broadcast at 5:30. Planning to return to



*Rose of Sharon Quartet. These girls have done superb work for the Radio broadcasts. Left to right; Rachael Monta, Letieia Golez, Narra Pena and Ely Adelfo.*

Villaba early, we were called to the house of a sick man who could not come to the meetings. Immediately we went over to his house and turned on the p.a. to gather the people. After the preaching, nine persons stood to receive Christ. In all these years in the PI I had never experienced such a moving of hearts! The seed was sown by the radio and we were gathering in the harvest.

Now we joyously hiked to the town of Villaba where we held a service in the town square with our backs to the sea. When the sun set we were still preaching. After the service the Manalista preacher again challenged us for a discussion. We proposed a formal debate on various doctrines, but he refused. That night the preaching was at the square and many attend. The doctrine of the Manalistas was attacked over and over again. No decision call was given because this meeting was time for seed sowing and the Manalistas were rumbling. After the service there was another open discussion, but the Manalistas refused to debate.

It was a long hike to a distant barrio next day. Half way we stopped for lunch at the house of Liborio's mother. The people gathered and we preached the gospel. Eleven more souls stood to acknowledge Christ as Saviour. After this service we proceeded with our hike. Along the trail Liborio stopped me by saying 50 American soldiers had been ambushed and killed by the Japanese in the very place where we hiked. General MacArthur and his soldiers had been right in the places where we now preached. Twenty years after the war the gospel had come. Why is it always delayed so long!

Approaching the barrio I came up out of the river bed trail to see a whole field of rice harvesters. My heart jumped with joy. "We'll preach right now! Set up the p.a.!" Ten meters away stood the church of the Manalistas. Again the scripture bombs were dropped and how happy the harvesters were. The Manalistas had been plaguing them to accept their doctrine. The unknowing had no defense. One man told us that all of these people would have joined the false cult had we not arrived with the truth.

Again that evening we preached. This meeting was for evangelistic preaching and a good number stood to receive Christ. By this time the Manalistas saw they were losing ground and unless they formally debated us, they would lose all. They signed a topic: The church of Christ led by Felix Manalo is the church that Christ will save when He comes.

Early in the morning Boco preached. We went to the river to bathe and give Poten needed time to prepare and rest before the debate. From 3 o'clock till 6 o'clock the debate went on. Each side stands for three twenty minute periods with the opponent allowed to ask questions for five minutes after each stand. Poten is a man of the Book. He is gifted

by God above others in Biblical debating. He knows the Word of God in a practical way which can answer all foes. It is a wonderful experience to watch a debate against someone denying the authority of Jesus Christ. As the debate opened, Poten's voice was weak from preaching so many times during the week, but soon the Lord gave extra power and his voice strengthened. By



*Poten Undag preaching the Word.*

the end of the debate he was at his peak and the enemy was defeated. Witnessing these debates reminds one of Paul in Acts when he debated daily in the market with the religious leaders. Poten was cheered by the people and the Manalistas were jeered at by the crowd.

That night we triumphantly preached. Especially did I plead with the Manalistas and those who had not yet received Christ. The week's total now reached 103 persons standing to witness to everyone that Christ was their Saviour. Seven of them were Manalistas and one was a Jehovah's Witness.

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## THE LAST DAYS

by *Vernon Bigelow*

Last thursday the semester came to an official close as far as the class work was concerned. At noon the finals were all over, and everyone concerned, students and instructors, breathed a sigh of relief that the pressure was gone.

Mr. Haan Browne, director of Special Events for the Far East Broadcasting Company, was the special speaker for the Commencement Service. Mr. Browne arrived on Thursday afternoon, as scheduled, Pat and I had the honor of his presence for the first meal. We have had the graduating students dine with us, five at a time, so our evening meal was shared with Mr. Browne, William and Niti Pascablo and three other girls. We all enjoyed a feast of: escabetche - fried fish with garlic, ginger, red peppers, sugar and salt; meat balls - pork, beef, egg, potato, onion, salt and pepper; rice - every meal contains rice; spaghetti - U.S.; fruit salad - papaya, mango, apple, orange and pineapple; banana sauce - like applesauce; home made rolls; Kool-aid, and chocolate cupcakes. The Filipinos seldom serve dessert with their meals, but our students like Pat's chocolate cake. Kool-aid is also foreign to them, but they like it.

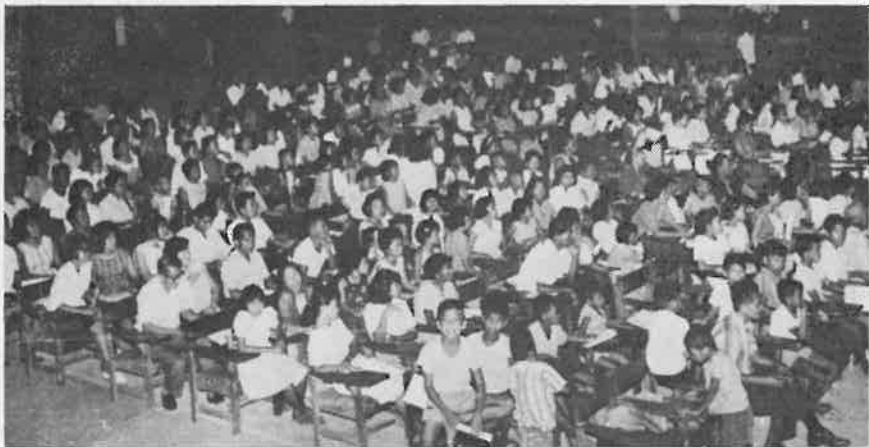
After the banquet, a special service was held at the school. The film, "The First Easter" was shown before Mr. Browne spoke on Thursday evening. Any time a free movie is shown, all the people in the barrio will try their best to see it, and last Thursday was no ex-

ception. There must have been close to 100 children crowded into the first rows as well as looking in the windows, and almost as many adults watching the film. I'm sure that after they saw this film, many must have seriously questioned the spectacle they witnessed Easter week-end, put on by the R.C.'s. Many stayed to hear Pastor Browne give a very challenging message. He is a dynamic speaker who doesn't pull any punches.

Friday morning we went to Ozamis City. At noon Mr. Browne spoke for a Christian businessmen's luncheon. He challenged the laymen to support the work of the Lord. Friday evening, Mr. Browne spoke again at the school.

Saturday morning, Orville Hunt, Brother Browne and I went to Labo to help Vernon Anderson make an air-drop. Our printer had run off flyers announcing the Youth for Christ rally so we spread these, plus hundreds of tracts over the city of Ozamis. Vernon flew, Browne rode as co-pilot and I sat in the back and threw. It was my first experience in riding in an aircraft with only a seat belt to hold me in. We took off the back door to facilitate dropping the pamphlets. I rather enjoyed the unobstructed view of the ground, but for half an hour after we landed, I still felt the wind blowing past my left ear and my hair felt as if it were being blown by the wind. Mr. Browne interviewed us after the flight. He has a radio program about missions, aired each day at 7:00 a.m. The interviews will be heard on successive days starting May 5th.

Our speaker had many opportunities to speak, and each time he was most inspiring. After singing and a film, he spoke at the Youth for Christ Rally on Saturday evening. There were about 800 children, young people and adults to listen to another salvation message.



*Part of the 800 people who heard Mr. Browne as he spoke at the Youth For Christ Rally.*

Sunday morning began about 4:55 with a quiet time with the Lord. After breakfast we folded programs for the days' events. The printer had worked late printing them, so we worked early folding them. About 8:45 we rode into town for the Baccalaureate service. The chapel was filled to overflowing as the congregation listened to the choir sing for the last time, and to another challenging message by Mr. Browne. He challenged the students with a message that they were the ones who had the chance to really make their lives count for God.

As soon as the service was over, we made our way to one of the hotels for the banquet held in honor of the graduates. The school played host to the students, and the parents who couldn't afford tickets. There was no formal speaker, but Junior Calledo led in singing (Brother Calledo is a graduate of the I.G.B.I. and is in charge of the ATA training center), the alumnae present gave testimonies, and Vernon Anderson said a few words.

The Commencement Service was held in Lupagan to another large crowd. Mr. Browne told the students that they had a very rough but rewarding life ahead of them, one in which they must depend completely on the Lord.

On Monday morning, the students were leaving for internship service or to areas where they have been assigned as workers. The faculty was considering the summer school which was to start in two weeks and the Youth Camp which would follow this. Some of the Missionaries were leaving to hold Evangelistic services in areas which have been calling for several months but until now could not be answered due to lack of personnel.

With the closing of this semester, the Orville Hunt family will be returning to the States for furlough. Classes will be open for the sixth year of teaching at the Bible Institute in July and we will be short handed of workers and missionaries to meet the needs of all the areas of ministry here in the Philippines. If you would desire a ministry in this country, contact the mission headquarters in Cope, Colorado.



## FROM THE FIELDS

### HOLDING FORTH THE LIGHT



Freedom is a great blessing. Today, Hollanders reap the fruit of economic prosperity, political freedom, and most of them are free from care or want. The Dutch government maintains a socialized system of care for the sick, aged and other needy groups. But all this material security seems to blind the people more than ever to their spiritual bondage. This bondage is no less real because the victims don't live in slums, or roam as savages as their forefathers did two thousand years ago. Indeed a born-again Russian who spends his days in the darkness of a communist prison is more free than the many Hollanders who think they are free and can do what they want, but in reality are slaves to self, sin, and Satan. What we say about Holland, holds for many other countries in Europe.

There is a need for soldiers of the cross today, who will bring the message of freedom through Christ to the Europeans. This is not to say that there are not already many faithful workers making known salvation in this part of the world. But we believe that this is a critical hour for Europe. Once it was the continent that held and carried forth the Christian faith. But Modernism, Materialism and petrified religion have eaten out the core, so that it is like a tree that may appear good, but is rotten within and without true strength. Furthermore the true believers that are left, are divided among themselves, as to what is God's will for

today; and sad to say, few of them have an insight in God's specific purpose for this dispensation as revealed by Christ thru the apostle Paul. Yes, Europe presents a challenge to us who see and stand for the Gospel of Grace and the revelation of the Mystery!

The Lord Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Then he added, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth labourers into his harvest." Surely there are many souls here who need to be prayed for, who need to hear the message of grace that sets free. You can pray! Pray out labourers into this harvest field.

We praise the Lord for answered prayer in regard to an opening for the gospel in the town of Eerbeek, where brother Gerritsen lives. Last March we began with regular Children's meetings on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. We are using the building that we used for Vacation Bible School last summer. A number of the children



*Group of V.B.S. students in Eerbeek, Holland.*

have indicated a desire to be saved, and we pray that they may each one indeed come to know Christ as their personal saviour, and have the full as-

surance of salvation. This morning we had 25 children, not counting our own, in our Sunday School.



*Brother Gerritsen teaching a Sunday School class in Eerbeek, Holland*

We believe that the Lord will bless this beginning and will, in time, bring a local church into being. Pray with us for souls and spiritual growth.

Brother John Eades of Birmingham, England told us recently of their need for some workers that can work along with them in the gospel and help build a grace church. "This is a mission field", he said. We have tried to help the work in Birmingham, but what they really need is one or more who can stay with them for years.

—Peter Wiering  
Missionary to Europe

## AS GOD BLESSES



The Lord is moving hearts in the Philippines! In our two weeks in Alecia more than 25 souls accepted Christ as Saviour. We have just returned from Leyte where 103 persons acknowledged Christ as Saviour. Just before our trip to Leyte the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines graduated 14 students. We have been flying these graduates out to their respective places of service. The "Harvester" has flown many, many miles these past two months. For a short time it was down

for a minor engine repair and it made us realize how important a place the plane holds in the work. The day before yesterday I flew it 400 miles, yesterday Orville Hunt flew it 400 miles and today I flew 200 miles. Sunday I will fly Joseph Das, our Indian student, to Manila which is 450 miles. Joseph has now graduated and will return to India to preach the gospel to his own people.



*Joseph Das, Indian graduate of I.G. B.I.*

Our trip to Leyte showed us very vividly how extensive the radio broadcast is. Everywhere we went people were listening to the radio. Many people have also taken the correspondence course which is offered on the "Hour of Grace" program.

As soon as the school term was over at the Bible Institute, we were making plans for the six-week seminar which is now being held. As soon as this is completed, we will hold our Summer Youth Camp. Our schedule is full and we will be starting our sixth year of the Institute training in July.

We have much to praise the Lord for and we have much to pray about. With additional workers going out, the plane flying more often, the heavy radio

schedule and graduation at the I.G.B.I., the resources have been overtaxed. Our God is not shorthanded. We need times like these when we must depend wholly on the Lord. We all realize that the future of the work depends on the Lord's blessings, and His blessings depend on our prayers.

The ATA Training Center is proving to be a big blessing. This school is open now for the first school term and 17 students are enrolled in the Bible and literacy programs. How wonderful to start an illiterate in the school and watch him come out preaching the Word of God. Some are reading already who could not read their own name when they enrolled. I feel this is the only fast way to reach these tribes with the gospel. Also we feel quite thrilled in that the school is under Filipino administration.

There is much to do and we want to accomplish it all. This can only be done as God blesses, and He will bless as you and we pray together.

by Vernon Anderson

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS



We find the customs of the people somewhat different from those in the States in the way they treat children. Babies are not allowed to cry and are cuddled until they are two or three years old. Most of the people never heard of diapers, so the little boys and girls run without pants until they are trained. It was strange to see boys, even up to six years old, running without pants. The girls all wear dresses so they are covered. Our girls are very forward, and this too is not the custom for the Filipino children are seen and not heard! Sanitation

is not at all like that in the U. S. Though there has been a law on the books for several years that each house must have some type of bathroom, outhouse, or call it what you will, the law has not been enforced and very few, if any, have these facilities. Wash water is just thrown out the nearest window, and it is not unusual to see men urinating anywhere beside the road.

Other customs which seem strange is that when a missionary has a birthday, the students serenade that person from out side his window at about five o'clock in the morning. Joy's birthday was Easter so she had a serenade at about 4:15 A.M. as we had to leave for the Sunrise Service in Ozamis at 4:45. How would you like to sing to someone at five in the morning, or have someone sing to you at that hour?

Shopping is much different here than in the U. S. There are no supermarkets and only canned goods are purchased in the stores. There are bakeries where bread, cakes and cookies can be purchased, but all meats, fruits and vegetables are bought in the open market, where hundreds of men and women have their stalls crowded together. No one has any refrigeration so even meat, fish and other perishables are right out in the open, exposed to the heat and insects. The earlier you can get to the market, the better. Bargaining is the order of the day when you buy in the market. Also, we have learned that many of the butchers have their scales weighted so that you have to inspect the scales. The butchers will notice your inspection, and without a word will add a liberal amount of meat over and above what you order. No acknowledgement that they are trying to cheat, though. We have to be very careful in all our purchases.

It is still strange to sweat in whatever exertion undertaken, but we thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve Him.

by Vernon Bigelow



## WHAT GOD HATH DONE



Summer school is on and we have just begun our second week of classes. Due to the poor time, harvest and planting season, we have only seven students. However they seem to be dedicated to the task and we praise the Lord for this. Jr. Calledo and Pastor Lopez are doing the teaching for this summer school.

Brother Bigelow is now taking over the radio work. It will take time for him to get adjusted to this ministry, but we trust that in a few weeks he will have this ministry well in hand. The radio ministry has been blessed of the Lord and much response has been seen. We received a letter yesterday from a man in Northern Luzon and a petition containing 20 signatures as they desire one of the missionaries to come and get a TCM work established. We have been praying for an open door in Luzon and this may be it. We do not know how we can answer this request as there is no one to send. We do not have enough laborers to go around for the works now opened closer to the school. Luzon is about 500 miles north of Ozamis City and it would be quite a project to try to open a work there now. Pray that the Lord will send the workers to expand the ministries in the Philippines.

We have just held our fourth Youth For Christ rally in Ozamis City. Although there was a limited amount of advertisement, over 800 people came to hear the IGBI choir and see the skit presented by the choir. This choir has performed nine full concerts with an equal number of other engagements of lesser intensity. This 15 voice choir has been heard from Mindanao to Luzon as they have presented many musical contributions for the "Hour of Grace" radio min-



*The fifteen-voice acapela choir of the International Grace Bible Institute, directed by John Shriver.*

istry. All but five of these young people will be leaving the Bible Institute this year due to graduation or internship. The Lord has blessed their ministry where ever they have presented the Gospel in song or by testimony.



*The congregation at Maramag which has recently become affiliated with T.C.M. Other groups are calling for help but there are no evangelists to send.*



The Philippines is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its "Christianization". It would be more descriptive to call it their "Paganization." This anniversary activity is hurting our listeners response, at least for the time being. We have not received one-tenth of the mail this past week that we have been accustomed to receiving.

We have finally acquired a family picture with our newest member. We thought you would like to see our newest missionary. (Jonathan was born March 11th 1965.)

by John Shriver



*John, Janet, Juline and Jonathan Shriver.*

### Leyte Victory (Cont'd from page 8)

Tired out? Hoarse; Yes, but what refreshing weariness! Late we slept; early I nudged Poten to announce morning. "No, not yet, I'm still too sleepy." But a long hike lay before us plus a longer truck ride back to Ormoc. We hiked the seven kilometers as though flying. The steep hills were scaled as though marching on springs. At the crossing, we

bathed our sweat-soaked bodies and boarded the truck for Ormoc. The Tripacer was as safe as when we left it. Its returning crew was composed of Poten, a newly converted man to attend the summer seminar at IGBI, and myself. What a joyful crew—overflowing with the joy of victory.

Leyte has now been opened to the gospel of the Grace of God. The seed has sprouted into three new congregations. An Ozamiz Chinese brother from Leyte was so thrilled with the news that he gave 50 pesos to help with expenses of this trip. He wants to help an evangelist return there. The plane expense reached 150 pesos and other expenses totalled over 100 pesos plus monthly allowances of missionaries and workers. We prayed and the Lord supplied. What further tactics are needed for the Leyte advance? An evangelist will go to Leyte to help Brother Boco. Two IGBI Bible women are ready to sail over to open up the work for children and women.

No doubt the greatest exhilaration in this victory is that souls were harvested from the Hour of Grace. How the Spirit doth work!

Was victory wrought in one week? No, indeed. For 18 months tapes have been going out to radio stations for the Hour of Grace. For 18 months Poten has been preaching the Word on those tapes. For 18 months the students at International Grace Bible Institute have sung and spoken the gospel for the broadcasts. For 18 months the bills have been paid though many months have shown shortages. For 18 months faithful prayer has been going up for needs to carry on the radio, school, field work and plane ministry. For 18 precious months of mornings Leyte folks have been tuning their transistors to hear the wondrous gospel. For 18 months victory was in the workings of God. And in seven days we reaped an abundant Leyte harvest.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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### ON THE FIELD

The Vernon Bigelow family has arrived in the Philippines and have taken part in the work at the Bible Institute since January, 1965. Brother Bigelow is replacing Brother Orville Hunt as an instructor at the Bible Institute. He will



also be taking the radio ministry as Bro. Shriver assumes the directorship of the Bible Institute. Bro. Poten Undag will continue as the radio Pastor and Bro. Bigelow will record the programs. From the article and letters in this edition we can see the result of the radio ministry. This ministry is expensive and about one-half of the support needed is now coming in. Pray for this ministry and its needs.

### NEW MISSIONARY

Miss Ann Adams has been accepted as a missionary to the Philippine Islands. Ann plans to leave for the field in August or September. Much government red tape must be cleared away as restrictions from the P. I. are increasing. Ann will be teaching Vacation Bible Schools this summer in different churches which is why her departure date is later this year.

### CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Along with the "Hour of Grace" radio ministry in the P. I., correspondence courses are offered to the listeners in English and the Cebuano dialect. Over 2000 students have enrolled in the Cebuano course alone. The Highway of Life and the Gospel of Mark are being offered now. A study on the book of Acts will follow. It takes paper, ink, labor and supplies to keep the printed page moving out. Remember this ministry in your prayers.

### ATA TRAINING CENTER

On the eastern coast of Mindano is a tribe of Ata Indians. These are mountain people who have little contact with the outside world. Their language is not yet in written form and they have no one to take the Gospel to them. Time being of importance in reaching these people, the mission has established a Training Center to reach some of the Ata's who are bilingual, to become ministers to their own people. This Training Center is administered by Junior Callrdo and his sister who are graduates of the International Grace Bible Institute. It is a thrill to see this school under Filipino administration and to see the first class of Ata students learning to read and becoming acquainted with the Word of God. This school needs equipment for furnishing the school and medical supplies to minister to the needs of the people. Any help you can give in these areas will be greatly appreciated. For any further information, contact the mission headquarters or write Vernon Anderson, Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippines.

## FIVE FULL YEARS

The International Grace Bible Institute has just completed five full years of Bible Instructions. This project was an answer to prayer. The school continues on a faith basis, offering Bible training to any student free of charge if they can meet the scholastic requirements of the school and can read and speak English well enough to keep up with their classes. Many good students have been turned away due to lack of training in the English language. It may be necessary to teach the school in the Cebuano dialect to attract the needed students. This will present many problems but the Lord is able to continue that which He has started. The expenses of operating the school, feeding the students and expanding its ministries has been supplied by the Lord in answer to prayer. God works through His people and we would ask you to remember this ministry as the school opens for the sixth term in July.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The girl students of the International Grace Bible Institute put their training into practice each summer by conducting Vacation Bible Schools in the area around the school as well as in their home towns. The last week of May a V.B.S. was held in Lupagan. The first week was the Cebuano edition (this is the dialect of this area near the Bible Institute) with 60 children enrolled. The next week was the English division and 42 more children attended that week. The ministries open to anyone interested in working with children are unlimited. Many young hearts are being reached with the Gospel and much fruit is being reaped for the Saviour.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL MINISTRY

The public schools in the Philippines are open for "Religion" classes and the Things to Come Mission has entered this

ministry to reach the children with the word of God. Four graduates of the Grace Bible Institute have been assigned to this public school ministry and have been reaching over 500 children each week during the past school term. Many other schools are open to such a ministry, but the number of instructors available is limited. Reaching children while they are still in their formative years is a great challenge and the girls of the I.G.B.I. are doing an exceptionally good job among their own people.

## "HOUR OF GRACE"

The "Hour of Grace" radio broadcasts have been used of the Lord to open many doors to minister the Word rightly divided in the Philippines. Many hearts have been reached by these programs as testified by the letters received by the missionaries. Due to these programs, many local churches have been formed and have taken the name of "Hour of Grace" chapels. This ministry has been blessed of the Lord, but Satan has also been active in opposing this ministry. Radio stations have canceled this program for the most insufficient reasons, but the real reason is the effectiveness of the Word of God. Also, less than half of the funds needed for this ministry has been coming in. Satan is trying to stop this ministry by any means possible. Your prayers and concern can be the effective weapons to give victory to this radio ministry.

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Since January of this year the Ministerial Association of Ozamis City, under the direction of John Shriver, has conducted monthly Youth For Christ rallies. The attendance at these rallies has been very good. In May, the attendance was over 1000 persons desiring to hear the Word of God and see the film "Something to Die For." This youth ministry has had an influence on the young peo-

ple of the city as many more young people are attending the churches each Sunday than ever before. Pray for and write to John Shriver to encourage him as he directs this ministry.

### PRAYER PARTNERS

The mission is recruiting prayer partners who will give of themselves to the ministry of intercessory prayer for the missionaries and the work of the mission. To keep each prayer partner informed of the activity on the fields and the areas which need prayer, a Prayer and Praise Letter is sent each month. If you would like to join the Things to Come Mission Prayer Partners, send your name and address to General Secretary, T.C.M., 411 California Avenue, East Alton, Illinois 62024.

### LETTERS WANTED

The missionaries on the fields would like to hear from those who are interested in the mission work. If you have a word of encouragement for the Missionaries, write and let them know you are praying for them. The missionaries in the Philippines (Vernon Anderson, John Shriver and Vernon Bigelow) can be reached at Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippines. Peter Wiering's address is Mezenlaan 98, Dieren, Holland.

### MISSIONARIES TO ENGLAND

A call for help has come from England. Missionaries are needed to work with the group of believers now meeting in Birmingham. This could be a challenging ministry in a country where language is no barrier. Anyone interested in answering this call, contact the Director at mission headquarters.

### DIRECTOR TO P.I.

The Board of the mission would like to have our Director, Eldred Sidebottom, visit the Philippines Islands this year to

have a better understanding of the work being done, the potential and the problems so we, as a Board, could act more knowledgeable on the requests from the field. This desire has been committed to the Lord and we would ask you to pray with us concerning this purposed visit to the field.

### HUNTS ON FURLOUGH

Orville Hunt and family returns to the States the last of June for a furlough. Their schedule does not give them much free time to be with their families after four years on the field, but they do wish to visit their friends and supporters while in the States. Check with the Hunts as to when they will be in your area. Pray for them as they travel and return to the P. I.

### The Servant of God

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sets free from the slavery of sin. He breaks the hold of Satan. He leads the captives out. He dispels the darkness and brings in the light. But He never taught liberty as a license for looseness, lust, lazyness and lawlessness. He Himself was the true example of devoted obedience, willing service, subjection to rightful authority. In the world today much is heard about the right of man, about liberty and self-determination, but most of it is a long way from the attitude that the Lord held in these things. His attitude was that which loved the Lord God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength, and loved the neighbour as oneself. He taught us to serve.

In conclusion we would like to point out a few statements related to the Lord's return to heaven's glory and His Lordship over His servants. We read in Mark 13:34, "the Son of man "GAVE . . . TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK." The Christian life is not just a matter of never missing the church services, or even giving a substantial amount to the

work of church and missions. It is a life of service. The Lord gives to all gifts and to every man his work. Let us, "watch and pray" that we may serve the Master in that which He has for us to do.

But as we work and serve, we have the companionship of the One who Himself served in all lowliness and loving devotion. We read in Mark 16:7, "HE GOETH BEFORE YOU." Friend, the path may seem dark and difficult, or even dangerous. The demands may seem to great and the trials and temptations too much to bear. But remember, He goeth before you. He went all the way. He resisted unto blood, striving against sin. He "endured the cross" and despised its shame:- We won't have to blaze a trail from which He shrunk back. He himself went the hard way, and even now, He goeth before you.

And finally, in the last verse of the book of Mark, we read that the servants who went out preaching, had "THE LORD WORKING WITH THEM." As we serve, He serves with us! He is side by side with us, as we plow the ground, sow the seed, pray for the harvest, and reap the precious fruit. When the going gets real tough, we may, as Paul, experience that no man stands with us. But then we will always be able to say as did Paul, "The Lord stood with me." He will never leave us or forsake us.

### **Himself**

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them." This story has to do with two of our Lord's followers, who after Christ's resurrection were walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. They had heard that He was alive, but had not seen Him. They were troubled and disturbed and didn't know what to believe. As they talked together about the things they had heard, "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." How like the Lord to come with help when help is needed. But they did not know Him.

How often in our lives has our Lord Himself come to minister to our need, and we too have not recognized Him: later we knew that it was He.

There are several things in this story which we may with profit apply to ourselves. How gently He reproves with, "O foolish ones and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken." Next He instructs them in the Word of God and expounds to them "in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Again "Himself" We have here the best Teacher; the best Text Book, and the best Subject - Himself. No wonder they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" He does these things for us too.

The third Scripture, I Thessalonians 4:16 says, "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven." This portion deals with the rapture of the church. Here, again it is "the Lord Himself." In the story of the rich man and Lazarus we read that when Lazarus died "He was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom." (Luke 16:23b) So far as we individually are concerned, we are told that when we are absent from the body, we are at home with the Lord. (II Cor. 5:8)

Here is something different. This has to do with the catching away of all the members of His church. Paul specifically states that the living saints, "shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep." And when he says that, "the dead in Christ shall rise first," he does not mean that they will be caught up first. "Rise" refers to resurrection not the catching away. He concludes by saying, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thes. 4:17). How wonderful to know personally this three-fold ministration of "The Lord Himself."

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