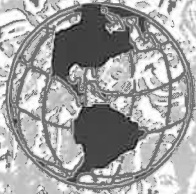


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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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## HIGHER AND HIGHER

by Vernon D. Anderson

On Saturday, January 27, 1968, came the highlight of an 8 day missionary conference in Carter Lake, Iowa: the dedication of the newly purchased Piper Cherokee-Six airplane. While television, radio and newspaper men moved about, Mrs. Harland Shriver sang: "I'm going Higher Some Day". God used this song to set the theme for the next month.

The following Monday saw the newly dedicated 'Harvester II' winging its way from Omaha to Florida. On board were: Ron Vogel, chief pilot; Vernon Anderson, co-pilot; Eldred Sidebottom, engineer; and Mrs. Ginnie Shriver, stewardess!

Leaving the brethren in Palm Bay, Florida, we donned our life jackets, and headed over the sea at 9,500 feet toward our first stop, Nassau, Bahamas.

Experiences too numerous for this report followed as we set down, in order, at: Haiti; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Guadeloupe; Trinidad; Georgetown, Guyana; Cayenne, French Guiana; Belem, Natal, and finally, Aracaju, Brazil.

Here the Harvester II would rest while we had spiritual refreshment with Bethesda Missionaries: Muelers, Lawleys, Selfors, Finley Hunter, Cliff Lee and Audrey Tennant, along with Margaret Fromer of Christian Bible Mission.

February 9th saw us heading on south to Vitoria and Rio de Janeiro; here Ron Vogel, along with the Selfors, boarded a commercial flight to Bolivia. Ron is not only a pilot, but preacher, singer, mechanic and missionary to Europe. Tears came as we parted.

Margaret Fromer and Jim Lawley, Jr., having joined our party in Aracaju, flew with us to Curitiba. Here we were met at the airport by Brother Henrique Schmidt. This Brother is of German descent, born

in Russia. Emigrating to Brazil at 18 years of age, he settled with German Mennonites. Through Dr. Albert Widmer, Swiss missionary in Argentina, Brother Palmer, of TCM, came in contact with Schmidt twelve years ago. Brother Schmidt has a fine grasp of Pauline truth though he only speaks German and Portuguese. In fact, in one church I gave a lengthy message on baptism and the people came to Brother Schmidt after and said, "Anderson believes the same about baptism as we do."

We visited with the more than 300 members of two of his churches, plus several groups extending as far as Paraguay.

How we were impressed with this man's spirituality; what a man of vision and prayer he is. Twenty single people were ready to study if only a Bible training center could be started. Early the next day found us walking over some 100 acres of land ideally located for this new training center. \$2,000 would buy this land situated on the main artery between Brazil and Paraguay. Bowing our heads we claimed by faith this land. It would provide a farm to meet all the needs of a student body.

Ministering next day at the Littoral (seashore) found opportunity to teach for the following week all 25 lessons of the Highway of Life. Margaret and Ginnie added the musical flavor. All but one fisherman in the village is saved. Here was a model Pauline church.

How our hearts yearned to stay with these dear brethren; but our time for return had come. Butterflies filled my stomach as we said good-byes and began the 7,000 mile trip home. This time, without the aid of our chief pilot, Ron Vogel.

Through contrary weather we made our way back to Aracaju. Here, Jim Lawley, Jr., and Henrique's daughter (she will attend Bethesda's Bible School), left us.

In beautiful flying weather we landed at Sao Luis, Brazil; then the

next day off to Belem, then off to cross the Amazon river delta, 200 miles wide at the mouth! With Eldred charting, me flying, and Ginnie praying, we made our way through very treacherous weather. Finding two broken bolts on the spinner, we knew why the Lord had kept us overnight. Had that spinner come back through the windshield, we would have gone higher than any plane! Repairs made, we were again in clear skies, stopping in Trinidad and the next night in Ponce, Puerto Rico. There, with Grace Mission workers, Ira and Julie Schipper, we had warm fellowship. The stay was short, but we were homeward bound and our hearts were running ahead to our families. By-passing Haiti we landed at S. Caicos, Nassau, West Palm Beach, Vero Beach and Palm Bay, Florida.

Leaving our over-night hosts, the Hedges, we winged our way to Omaha. That night, on the phone to Milwaukee, Mrs. Hallman said that our tape from Brazil (English, Portuguese and German) had been played at the church and one man offered \$2,000 to buy the land for the Bible School! Our hearts raised a few notches higher.

Eldred and I made our way next day to Cope, Colorado where we hanged the plane. In the 115 air hours and 17,000 miles, we were without a scratch. A new work is beginning in Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay. A new Bible training center will be built. Missionaries will be raised up to go. Souls will be saved. Churches will be established in the truth. We will all take our part!



*The Joe Watkins, Ozamis City, P.I.*

The work God has given us here is varied and we love it. Teaching five days a week and 13 Bible hour subjects brings us in contact with the students. We must see that each week these men are assigned some preaching or teaching ministry. Tract distribution, street corner evangelism, follow up work, etc., are some of the areas we must help them learn.

A novel method has been used by the Lord; we built a model airplane and before its flying demonstration we held an evangelistic meeting. When the plane had landed, the students passed out tracts to the over 300 assembled.

Bible Correspondence courses and other response from our radio work are also our responsibility. We have been appointed advisor to the youth of our TCM churches (now numbering over 100 congregations). A youth paper 'Grace Harvester' is printed quarterly with the youth of our churches paying the cost and our IGBI students doing the work.

Some of the equipment that is our assignment to keep functioning is the generator; so important for the motors of our presses and water pump. The Chevy carryall (well named) must be kept in repair as it serves four missionary families here.

Pauline teaches Stephen, now in 3rd grade; keeps our house in order; is the mission bookkeeper; assists Connie Hunt with missionary children in Sunday School.



## ABILITY OR AVAILABILITY?

by Pastor Harland Shriver, President  
Things To Come Mission Board

Does God call only the able, the gifted and the adroit to His service? Cannot He use others? Are the mechanics of missions to be placed into the hands of anyone whose capabilities are less than the best? More and more these questions rise for satisfactory explanation. What is the answer, ABILITY, or AVAILABILITY? Under what conditions may both be employed?

One of the very first lessons for a child of God to learn is the acknowledging of safety and the enjoying of security in Christ. Some may prolong an answer for years, but it need not be. Instantaneous joy and peace is the possession of that one who has learned to rest upon the finished work of Christ as it is revealed in the Word of God. "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1), and "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1) along with many other portions of God's Word form concrete evidence of this. How wonderful indeed!

Now, this is said to prepare our hearts for the second lesson to be learned in life. As we have come to rest upon the finished work of Christ on the cross for our present satisfaction and joy, we need to remember an additional phase of His work. Christ has not ceased in His work apart from the cross. By this grace we have "access by faith" (Rom. 5:2). Now we are to enter into a continued and prolonged blessing which is to be obtained upon the same premise. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (Col. 2:6). This tells us there is a present work of intercession, forgiveness, justification and many other points to ponder. We soon find that the Lord desires us to fasten ourselves to Him in an intimate and profound manner. We who

have been joined at the time of conversion to Christ, members of His body (1 Cor. 12:12,13), now are encouraged to draw from that resource.

Since we have claimed Christ's work (death and resurrection) for the removal of guilt, it is just as equally important we claim daily His life for our justification and sustenance. One who claims the power of resurrection finds ample ground and reason for usefulness. But, it can in no wise be argued that our abilities form a basis upon which God is pleased to call us. God's work is not run by and large by the strong, the intellectual, the formidable and noble. Though our abilities, whatever they may be are not the basis of work, God is pleased to incorporate them into His work, at His direction. Anything less than this constitutes failure. This may be why missions have a turnover in personnel, as does the rank of preacher.

To illustrate this fact, we have but to look at the apostle to the Gentiles, and how God worked with him. Paul, was thwarted in his life with what he terms "a thorn in the flesh" (II Cor. 12:7). Praying particularly and earnestly, he learned the malady was not going to be discharged. This burden was to become a permanent part of his joys and sorrows. But, while God had explained "My grace is sufficient for thee" (vs 9), it didn't end there. God added these very important words: "for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Upon this premise through and through, Paul came to rest.

A man of God doesn't see the glow of abilities any more than he likes what he views in a mirror. But when one has come to be arrested with the life which Christ now lives in us (Gal. 2: 20), then STRENGTH is made perfect in weakness. God quests as to our AVAILABILITY, but we tend excuses and reasons to offer ABILITY as the basis of any future work.

Some mission boards question, and that properly, the status of a

young man as to his abilities. Certain educational requirements must be met before some can be examined. But while there is no premium upon ignorance, God, at the same time, may have laid His hand upon a brother whose heart could set the world aflame. History has proven this. Many a poor substitute has ranked with the best at the finish line. Looking in the Bible, Peter, ignorant and unlettered as he was, was not one to be left mending nets. Paul, while he was educated in the Law, soon began preaching a message about which he had no background, and began to suffer, out of which he had no personal experience hitherto.

So it is today! Are we available? By and large young men and young women are not utilized because they have offered ABILITY as a prerequisite to noble and heavenly work. Perhaps they have not yet learned to feed upon the Bread from heaven (John 6:50, 51). Doing this is a direct route to becoming AVAILABLE.

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"Then to what are we to be consecrated? Not to Christian work, but to the will of God, to be and to do whatever He requires."

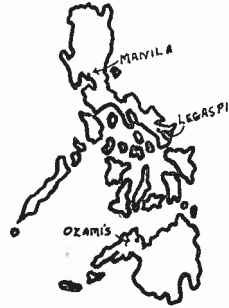
— Watchman Nee



**WOMEN'S SEMINAR**—Ann Adams (2nd row, right) directs.

## WORD FROM A NEW FIELD

The Bikol region is the southern most part of the island of Luzon and is the center of the Philippines. It's population is 3 million covering 44,145 square miles (about the size of the state of Pennsylvania).



The Roman Catholic hold here is being lessened due to ecumenism. We, of course, must oppose both of these, and so our ministry has had strong resistance.



*The John Shrivvers, Legaspi City, PI*

As of this writing ten persons have accepted the Lord since our coming here in 1967.

The gospel of the Grace of God goes forth via: Melagros (PI national) in 8 elementary school classes each week; John in daily College Bible study classes; Jan in park evangelism, correspondence courses and Sunday School work; Juline and Jonathan in tract distribution (150-200 weekly); Grace Gospel Church of Darage (soon to meet in a new rented building); evening Bible study classes; radio broadcasts daily; Newspaper column weekly; two organized grace churches in mountain area; Pastor Sagrado Improso in evangelistic meetings, debates, churchwork; Domiciano Improso in a Bible and tract display in his shop.

## TIRED OF A HUMDRUM LIFE?

by Vernon Bigelow, Ozamis City, PI

Would you like to have a life that is different? A life full of many surprises—not all of them pleasant—but surprises that can turn out to the glory of God if the leading of the Holy Spirit is sought and followed.

Our life here includes much travel among the Visayan Islands, and provinces of Mindanao on land, sea and air. We are in contact with over 100 churches who believe in the preaching of the distinctive Gospel of Paul, for today. Also we are acting as the representative of the Mission to the Philippine government. Our life includes presiding at the Annual TCM conference and special meetings. This then is the life of the Director of the Field Work.

But maybe you think the wife and mother of such a missionary leads a humdrum, routine life! Not at all! Teaching her own children daily the 8 or 9 different subjects is far from boring. She also is the paymaster; which means each month national pastors and Bible women must be paid. Inventory of Bible sales to our national workers also falls her lot. Often she serves as hostess for workers and visitors who call on the Field Director.



Our children too share our ministry (see picture) many times traveling and being junior missionaries. They sing, teach other children even in the local vernacular when the regular Sunday School teacher is absent.



*The William Heaths, Ozamis City, P.*

As part time teacher in the International Grace Bible Institute, Bill teaches four hours a week.

His ministry also includes the following radio related responsibilities: record the messages of the 'radio pastors' (messages are in the dialect); plan the format of the programs (select songs, make announcements, etc.); bring short message in English for each program; make up the master tape for each program; make copies of the master to distribute to the stations; correlate the various phases of the radio work: literature supplements, selection and business relations with the radio stations, being the Director; service and repair the electronic equipment used in recording; package and ship the tapes to stations.

Periodic trips to the field have provided opportunity to see the work from the grass-roots perspective.

Eunice and the children find numerous avenues to assist Bill in the work of the Lord.

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## HEADQUARTERS HAPPENINGS

BY Beverly Sidebottom

At Mission headquarters in Cope, Colorado much takes place somewhat behind the scenes. The eight missionary families total 44 individuals with whom we keep close touch through letters and tapes. Every missionary is asked to write a prayer letter bi-monthly. We then mimeograph, fold, address, sort and mail these from Cope. The names on these prayer letter lists vary from 500-1,500. An average of one prayer letter per missionary is mailed from Cope each week.

The following are typical jobs that occupy our time here: writing receipts and letters of thanks to all donors; reporting to each missionary twice a month of each gift and bills paid for their field; reporting to each field gifts along with a combined check for all the ministries; publishing a prayer and praise letter each month; keeping addresses up to date (you can help by sending in your change of address before we have to pay 10 cents for each one returned); reporting monthly finances to TCM Board along with news of interest; paying monthly bills and ordering supplies for missionaries, packing and shipping same; traveling to Kirk Bank (34 miles round trip) and occasionally to Denver (240 miles round trip) for business needs; bookkeeping, a double entry set of ledgers for income tax purposes as a non-profit corporation.



*The Eldred Sidebottoms, Cope, Colo.*

Your requests for our participation in missionary conferences in your churches totals 35,000 miles annually including survey trips requested by the board.



*The Peter Wierings; Mezenlaan 98; Dieren, Holland*

We are still working on our intended gospel periodical for adults. The printed page seems to be one of the best mediums for the spread of truth here. Do pray for each publication as it goes in many homes.

We are amazed what God has done here since I stopped the part time job last spring. One just has to give the Lord the chance to do; but we find it hard to put ourself in a spot where no one but the Lord Himself can provide. The temptation is to make sure that there will be provision, and avoid a situation where one might be embarrassed. When we see how we have been able to continue from month to month, we can only give the credit to God. How we need to learn lessons of faith and draw more from His provision.

What can you do to help us here? Brethren . . . pray for us!

"Anything we can do without prayer and without an utter dependence upon God must come from that spring of natural life that is tainted with the flesh."

— Watchman Nee

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*The Orville Hunts, Ozamis City, PI*

Orville is the Director of the International Grace Bible Institute at Ozamis City. His responsibilities include: general management, administration of the Institute finances, communications with donors, promotion of the school and its program in the Philippines, student procurement, registrar and classroom teaching.

Required for graduation from

IGBI is one year of field intern work; while on the field the Director maintains monthly correspondence with these students.

Each student at IGBI donates 12 hours a week gratis work, to the school which the Director assigns and supervises.

Orville also manages the mission print shop. This means selecting material to be printed, purchasing supplies and supervision of the Filipino printer. Orv also chairs the Missionary Field Council in the Philippines.

Connie has charge of the Institute meal program; plans the menu, writes food orders, supervises the student cooks and servers. She proof reads material we print, and is the mission cashier. She teaches 'home' school for Dan and Joy.

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"God's work done in God's way will not lack God's supply."

—J. Judson Taylor