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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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BEAUTIFUL FEET

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"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15b

A correct view of this much quoted verse indicates the feet of the preacher of glad tidings are only beautiful during the act of preaching. So it can be stated, "How beautiful are the feet of them that are preaching," i.e. during the time they are preaching.

For six months, as a member of the Board of TCM, it was my privilege to watch the feet of missionaries and national workers carrying the gospel of the grace of God to cities, towns and barrios. Oft traveling by foot over the mountains, these tireless workers proved the point which is taken by our text. Paying little attention to the time element, as we Americans do, the trophies of grace bore the seed of the Word of God on and on to barrios where "Christ was not named." Preaching began officially at 4:30 in the morning, and never ceased until sometimes 10:30 at night. We saw what Paul meant, "being instant in season and out of season" (II Tim. 4:2).

Bare foot, or possessing only a pair of thongs, or sometimes canvas shoes, and not always a pair of leather shoes, the feet of the bearers of the Grace of God moved on. Sometimes they were told they could not have the privilege of preaching apart from paying a fee; sometimes they were restrained from preaching for fear of life, yet the feet of the Filipinos were beautiful as they preached. National evangelists, provincial evangels and pastors faithfully kept on preaching. They possessed a message! They were burdened to bear the seed of the gospel. Wading rivers, bearing equipment, oft times not eating they preached, as they went. Truly, they love not their lives unto the end, whatever that end may be.

One reason for the effectiveness of the work in the Philippines is the willingness of the workers to sacrifice. How they pray! Staying in their mountain homes, the very first thing



one might hear mornings, at the untimely American hour of 4:30, is the clear and fervent words of the Doxology, followed by other songs of praise and adoration. Then, would come prayer — fervent intercessory prayer. Prayers would be directed for boldness and clarity of the Pauline truth to be presented. Their concern was for openings, but not food; for wisdom, but not intelligence; for strength and not healing; for a burden for the lost and not happiness.

We may well ask ourselves, How beautiful are our feet?

COVER PICTURE

The cover picture is of the graduating students of the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. Along with this graduating class, there were seven students who made up the first graduating class of the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute (formerly known as the Ata Training Center). Every graduate has applied to the mission to become a full time minister of the Gospel or a Bible Woman for the Mission. To assist these young people as they enter the ministry, the mission policy is to give the evangelists between \$12.00 and \$15.00 per month. Does your Sunday School Class or Church group have need of a worthy project? Would you like to assist a National Worker — one you can know personally and correspond with? For information concerning such a project, write the Mission Director at P.O. Box 96, Cope, Colorado 80812.

SOMETHING TO GIVE

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National Christians of every field have a desire for their own spiritual individuality and self-determination. How do they view mission work done in their country by those from the outside? What do the people of the Philippines think of the International Grace Bible Institute? Do they look upon it as a "mission" school, sponsored by a "mission," supported by wealthy aliens, doing "mission" work? It would be necessary to live with them and listen to them privately to learn what is really in their hearts.

Things have been happening, however, which may be of interest and which may offer light on this issue. These are things that we feel are for the most part spontaneous with the national believers themselves. We would like to present three churches and what they have done. There are others worthy of mention, but we will speak of only these three. Each of these three churches is presently related to the Institute by the internship program. This is the contact which has provided much of the communication necessary for these things to develop.

Word came from the congregation in Lipamba saying that they had gathered an offering for the Institute. The message said to bring sacks. We understood that it was to be a gift of farm produce. They asked if one of the teachers from the school would be able to come and pick it up. Pastor Mara-on, a graduate of '67 now working with the Hour of Grace broadcasts, seemed ready to go with Dan and me on the forty mile trip. We asked him to show us the way. It was his home church!

The drive took about two and a half hours. It took us off the main road and off the side road onto a jeep trail which ended at the edge of a river, a mile short of the church. We left the Carryall and crossed the river by foot. The rest of the way was a pleasant afternoon hike. We arrived in time for supper. It was too late to call the folks for an evening service. We readied for the Sunday morning services of the next day. The day came bright and fresh with a feeling that it was an "appointed" day. After the morning services and lunch, we were

to return to Lupagan with the gift which the church had called us to receive.

I set out on foot following Mr. Nicolas Gamotin as he drove his carabao drawing a bamboo sled. On the sled were two full sacks of rice. The first



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house we came to was that of the Limbarocs. Their gift was already on the way to the river. The next house was that of the Suacillos. Mr. Suacillo joined our train with what he had to offer. Together we crossed the open rice fields. Several hundred yards to the left of our trail was another home. It was the home of Eulalio Banac. They waved to us, and we waved back. They readied their carabao and followed.

Back at the river the animals forded at a small sand bar. The water wasn't more than eight inches deep. The sleds held the grain high and dry. We walked around to a foot bridge and crossed back to the Carryall. By the time we arrived, some were already there unloading sacks from the backs of their animals or from sleds. Some of the folks had brought smaller amounts. They were pouring the rice from sack to sack until there were fewer number of filled sacks.

Two more families came. The folks were calling back and forth among themselves or talking to each other in smaller groups of two or three. Some had come just to see us off. They wondered whether others of the

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TRUTHING IN LOVE

PETER WIERING

AS TO THE HOW OF "making all see what is the dispensation of the mystery" the late brother Harry Bultema said, "we must be TRUTHING IN LOVE." This phrase comes from the Greek in Ephesians 4:15 where the King James version reads: "Speaking the truth in love." The Greek verb ALETHEUO means, according to Vine: "... to deal faithfully or truly with anyone." Hence "truthing in love" carries forth the meaning here very well.

The work of an evangelist, or any witness of Christ who goes out with the gospel today, can be summed up in these three words TRUTHING IN LOVE. However, it takes nothing less than the indwelling Spirit of Christ to this, and the wisdom of Christ to keep the right balance between the two!

The student of the book of Ephesians, which is a mountainpeak of spiritual revelation from God to man, realizes that God's emphasis today is not on claiming geographical locations on earth for Christ, or instituting the Divine order in certain towns, countries or even the whole world in the "prophetic kingdom" fashion, but the building up of the Body of Christ. We also learn from the book of Ephesians that God's emphasis as to this Body is quality, not quantity. God thinks in terms of spiritual fullness, not size or numbers. By the nature of things, earth dwellers are prone to think in terms of "How big? How much? How many?" In fact much of the christian ministry and the missionary enterprise today is evaluated (and supported!) according to these three points. But not all!!!

The late A.W. Tozer said, "To God quality is vastly important and size matters little." This fact is evident when we read Ephesians 4:11-13, or the whole Ephesian epistle if you want. The ascended Lord gave some ministries to His Church: "For the perfecting (mending, or adjusting) of the saints." And that with the purpose that all the saints would qualify "for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (So that:) "... We all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the

stature of the fulness of Christ." (vs. 13)

This speaks of quality, not quantity. If there is such spiritual life as mentioned in Ephesians 4:13 no one needs to fear that such believers will be so heavenly minded as to have no loving concern for perishing souls in this world.

The missionary today is not confronted only with national borders, with language barriers, with race distinctions, with educational gaps, but he is also confronted by divisions and protective walls which have grown out of Christianity itself. There will be steadily fewer places on earth where he can ignore these and have the field alone. We all meet up with cunning craftiness to draw believers to a certain point of view. Paul met up with it and we sure do today. How should we counter this? By TRUTHING IN LOVE. How should we counter with the many winds of doctrine, with the fanaticism and the emotional waves that sweep many from their feet? By TRUTHING IN LOVE! We cannot lower ourselves to counter with methods that others may use, but which don't measure up to God's perfect standard in Christ.

By TRUTHING IN LOVE we will help to the building up of the Body of Christ. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith." Because of our stand for the truth, we may find ourselves excluded from many unities which believers have made in real sincerity because of their conviction of what was true. In such unities there will be very fine, sincere, believers, with whom we should be experiencing the unity of the Spirit and building together, and yet because of their group-protective-characteristics some of us may find ourselves cut off from their fellowship. May it be, beloved, that no one is hindered from being edified by us on account of a group-protecting-barrier from us of the kind that separates true believers from each other today. I do not mean that we should tone down the truth, but we should be open to anyone as to fellowship in the Spirit to the degree that this is possible. We should not wait till a person has come far enough to sign

our doctrinal statement. Our Reformed, Baptist, or Salvation Army neighbour may need to be edified by us. He may not be open to this. But are we open to him? Let us be ever seeking opportunities to edify fellow body members by **TRUTHING IN LOVE**.

Today in Holland we surely experience the hindering effect of many walls that encircle believers in order to keep them to their respective groups. Here we are as God-given ministers for the perfecting of the saints (Eph. 4:11-12) God did not send us to build a denomination, but to help build the body of Christ. But what happens? Many of these saints have been securely guarded by their respective group unity, so that they will not take any edification from us! But love suffereth long and truth will eventually conquer! Therefore we seek to "make ourselves servant to all, and keep aiming for the purpose of God as stated in Ephesians 4:15 and 16:

TRUTHING IN LOVE may bring unpleasant consequences to us, but this does not mean that we will seek to enjoy some form of fellowship while keeping conveniently silent regarding some truth. We have learned to rejoice when there is even a little experiencing with other believers as to the unity of the Spirit. We have learned to value such experiences, knowing that they can be scarce when one seeks to "make all see what is the dispensation of the mystery."

Only God can do this. But we have found that literature is a very good way to be **TRUTHING IN LOVE**. Let us share a couple samples out of the letters we have received. A 12 year old girl wrote us that she had a Bible from her grandmother since she was 10, but had not any interest for it. Then she continued: "But on the day that I received that copy of "THE JEUGDLANDER" (our youth magazine) with that decision slip, much changed. In the evening, before I went to bed, I read that story. When I should have been sleeping, I was still thinking about it. (the story was my personal testimony P.W.) I could not forget it. Although I was not supposed to, I put the light on again and read it again. There I read what you asked, 'Have you already received Jesus as your Saviour? Do you know that you are saved?' At

once I understood that Jesus also died for me! Now I desired to be a little sheep of Him. Now I understood that this was my opportunity and that I should use this one, Because there might never be another opportunity. Therefore I filled in the slip at once. Then I prayed for the first time in a real way and asked God to help me. After that I became so glad, I do not exactly know how to say it. But I believe that you understand what I mean!"

In a following letter she writes about some of the experiences she had having personal devotions, to which we had encouraged her by letter: Her older sisters kind of wondered what she was doing and she was a little ashamed. We had sent her some verses to memorize, including Romans 1:16. She wrote how that verse spoke to her heart and she confessed to the Lord her wrong and asked His help. Then she witnessed to her first-grade brother and he wrote us: "I would also so much like to believe in the Lord Jesus and be with Him in heaven." The girl, Juditha, closed her letter with: "Do you know what I would like, that "De Jeugdlander" would come every day. But of course that is not possible."

Some day in glory we will see the whole picture. Now the Lord allows us to rejoice in small samplings. But **TRUTHING IN LOVE** is really a faith ministry, believing the Word of God, and the love of Christ to fulfill a God-intended purpose, because the Word of God is not bound, and love never runs out.



*\$1.00 spent for lunch lasts five hours.
\$1.00 spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.
\$1.00 spent for a cap lasts five months.
\$1.00 spent for an auto last five years.
\$1.00 spent for a railroad lasts five decades.
\$1.00 spent in God's service lasts for eternity.*

(Roger W. Babson)



from the director's desk

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

That you might know!

Your prayers have resulted in another family coming to Cope, Colorado to help in the work of the Mission. The headquarters work grew to the point where one family could not carry the load, much less answer the calls to represent the mission at conference and churches. For two years we asked for your prayers regarding this need. The Lord heard your prayers and answered in that Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Duncan, with their three children, left their employment with the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Alton, Illinois (after 21 years service), and came to labour in the Lord's work here, as General Secretary of the Mission. His duties will be to share in the office work as well as represent the Mission at conferences and churches when the Director is not available. Won't you pray for them, that their needs might be supplied? Write and tell them you are praying for them.

The Lord has supplied a re-manufactured engine for "Harvester II" (the airplane in the Philippines). The engine in the plane has been flown the 1200 hours recommended limit and an engine replacement was mandatory. We thank you for your prayers and gifts toward this need. Pray that this plane will be used to reach many Filipinos as well as others in different lands with the Gospel of the Grace of God.

Mr. Vernon Anderson has gone to Indonesia to see the possibilities of opening another field for the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God. Many obstacles stand in the way of entering this country, but our God is greater than any obstacle man can place in the way. Pray for open doors and for men to go through them to minister the Word rightly divided in Indonesia.

With the need of reaching out in Southern Brazil, the need of a Bible Training Center was considered the first step. Two families are ready to enter this field and land for this Bible school was needed. A farm with adequate

buildings was found and contracted for by the National worker in Brazil. The Lord has supplied in a wonderful way and there are only two payments of \$1,000.00 each still due on this Bible School property. Pray with us that this debt will be cleared and the mission can again operate on a Cash basis.

The Rollin Wilson family and the Warren Keiper family are looking forward to entering Language School in Brazil this Summer. They have been on deputation since the first of the year and still have need in their transportation account. Pray with us that nothing will hinder their departure from the States. The Brazilian Consulates have changed their procedures for obtaining visas, and this has caused some concern for these families. But God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think. Pray that His will might be done.

OUR POLICY REMAINS THE SAME

Some friends of the mission have asked about the mission policy regarding gifts sent for the work of a given missionary or various other projects of TCM. Let us state once again that 100% of the money sent for the work of an individual or for any ministry of the mission (such as Radio, Bible Institute, Air plane, Field work, National Workers, etc., will be sent to that missionary or to that phase of the work you designate. The Mission DOES NOT withhold one cent of designated gifts for office help or for general expenses. The Mission Director and the General Secretary are on the same basis as a Missionary on the field. Every missionary receives ONLY what is designated for him. The General Fund is used for Postage, Heat, Electricity, Printing, Supplies, etc. necessary to keep the office going. No Missionary, Board Member nor Official of the Mission receives any wages or assistance from the General Fund.

Our policy has not changed in our stand against the inroads of Neo-Evangelicalism, nor has our

message changed. We are opposed to the trend toward liberalism and we desire to remain faithful to the wonderful message of God's Grace as given thru the Apostle Paul to the Gentiles. We desire to hold forth the Word of God according to the Dispensation of the Mystery as revealed in the Pauline Epistles.

We have not changed our policy of reaching the most people with the least amount of money; that is, we still desire to use every cent of the Lord's money to the very best advantage and still accomplish the most for HIM. We continue to rejoice in what the Lord has accomplished thru the work He has given to TCM and it's Missionaries (American and Foreign). Won't you continue to pray daily for the work the Lord has given us (you and TCM) to do for Him? More victories are wrought by PRAYER than the world dreams of.



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congregation not there might still be coming. They were wearing their work clothes. They didn't seem like the same people we had seen in church that morning. They had changed from their Sunday best into their work clothes. From interested people sitting in the church pews, they had become busy people carrying and piling bulging sacks. It was a meeting of friends to do a work. They seemed to be happy and a bit proud of what they were doing. I couldn't detect feelings of anything but cheerful giving. I didn't feel like a missionary collecting dues! I didn't feel that this which was happening was



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resting on our persuasion or request. These folks had come to know of a need. They had had a good harvest. They had something to contribute toward the need and were doing just that. There was a feeling of importance



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and worth both in their gifts and in the cause for which they were giving. I just stood there and watched! They loaded sixteen sacks of rice, three stalks of bananas, and fifty grapefruit-like citrus fruit into the Carryall, and we started homeward.

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Another example is the people of Dalaon. We visited this congregation a year ago last April to install an intern student into their fellowship. While we were there, we discussed a problem common to most rural people and probably people in general in the Philippines. Cash in hand or in one's pocket, except for harvest times each year, is uncommon. This makes the stewardship of giving inconvenient. Between harvests charge accounts are often built up due to the lack of cash for clothing, medical expenses, and other daily needs. Then even when harvest comes, cash doesn't last long, as it soon goes to pay for accumulated bills.

It was suggested that it might be wise to plan in advance a share for the Lord. They could attempt to set aside a portion of their fields rather than give from the short supply of cash which never seems to meet even the family needs. All that would then be harvested from that particular portion of the rice field or corn field or coconut grove could be set apart as belonging to the

Lord.

Mr. Bermejo determined to try this. One morning at sunrise he appeared at the school with a sack of polished rice. This one sack was equivalent to two as the grain comes from the field. Earlier in this school year the congregation had given a small pig to the school for the students to raise. They also gathered \$40.00 for the purchase of a small purebred hog as well.

These things might not be the most accurate measure of interest or an exact indication of responsibility being appreciated and assumed by the national Church. However, these incidents are meaningful. There is something in the making. We have not seen such unsolicited interest in the school and in its operational needs in past years. This year probably more has been done for the school by the national Church than in any of the past ten years. It is something you would be happy to know and something reassuring in mission work for each of us.