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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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TO THE REGIONS BEYOND . . . WE MUST GO

PHILIPPINES



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THE GRACE GOSPEL IN INDONESIA

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Have you ever come to a place where people tell you, "You are preaching a strange gospel. We have never heard about the grace message before, it is new to us"? I'm sure many have heard this in different countries, but have you ever thought of it in Indonesia? To think of this nation of almost 120 million people, the fifth largest nation in the world, and find that the gospel of the grace of God is "strange and new," cries for our attention.

It was October 22, 1969, when Pastor Anderson's family and I boarded the HARVESTER II (mission airplane) for Indonesia. It was truly strange and new when the Harvester touched the ground in Indonesia and we heard the people talking to us in their own beloved native tongue. However, Indonesia is no stranger to many circumstances. She is no stranger to revolutions, to Communism, nor to religions. Yet, like every country before the Apostle Paul, Indonesia too, is yet untouched with the gospel of the Grace of God which bringeth salvation to all men. No one here in this country has ever heard of the message of God's revelation given to the Apostle Paul. How many churches that have heard this precious message from their pulpits for years are unaware that thousands of their neighbors are passing away into a Christless eternity without ever hearing this truth once?

As I travel around the city of Makassar, I notice that it looks very much like Athens of old must have looked to the Apostle Paul. Mosques are located on almost every corner of the city. Every morning and evening the sound

of the public address from the Mosques rings in the ears of all the city. The one big difference I notice is that the Athens of old had the Apostle to preach to them whereas this MODERN ATHENS has no one to bring them the gospel of Christ. This is the great challenge which is before us. Even though we are small, like the mustard seed, we must sow the message of Grace in this country and look to the Lord to give the increase of a strong testimony to His name.

The door for the Gospel here is wide open. The responsibility before us is like the tower of Babel. Indonesia is a religious country with 90 per cent of her people Moslem, 3 per cent Hindu and 7 per cent Christian (this is Roman Catholic and Protestant combined). The situation is serious. Our time to labor for the Lord is short. How do we cope with this need? Our Lord calls for faithfulness and we have given our life to Him to use as He sees fit. When He comes, may we be found at our post, reaching the lost and working to lift the blanket of religious darkness with the light of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

The whole world is under a great spiritual darkness and men are shackled with sin under the power of Satan. There is a great need for each Christian to see his responsibility of bringing light to this dying world. In the Book of the Acts, the last half of the book speaks of the Apostle Paul with these words: DEPARTED, SAILED, THEY PREACHED, THEY HAD GONE, THEY LOOSED FROM, CAME TO and WENT INTO. How many of us can say that we are following Paul? Are we moving out with the Gospel of Christ? Are you providing for someone else who is ready to take the Gospel to others? Will there be any at that last day who will point an accusing finger at you saying, "You failed to see that I heard the Way of Salvation?"

THE TRAINING OF MEN OF GOD

JOE WATKINS



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Cheryl

Stephen

Pauline

“The conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, the manufacture of a saint is the task of a lifetime.” When God chose David to be the leader of Israel, he didn’t immediately put him on the throne as King of Israel. First, he taught him many things through experience as David dealt with Saul. When God chose Paul, he also called him aside, took him to the desert, and revealed to him the message he was to proclaim.

Here at IGBI there are presently 43 young men “in training” for the ministry. Ten of these are pastoring churches this year, serving as student-pastors, but in July they will again return to classroom study. This year we have 33 in the classroom. This includes first, second and fourth year Bible School students. Often when these young men first come to IGBI, we are prone to look at some of them as the Israelites did David and perhaps say they are very young, or men of the field; but as we go along with them in the study of the Word of God rightly divided, we see them mature, we notice their zeal to preach the Word and we are grateful that it is the Lord that sends to us those of His choice.

What a joy and privilege it is to be able to teach these young men daily the message of grace. To hear many of them give testimonies that they are thankful that they now are learning the Word and are able to give an answer to the cults with which they come in contact is a blessing.

But, as director of the Institute, my job is not confined to the classroom. Every weekend we have the opportunity to have one or two street meetings with the gospel teams; or if there are no street meetings, then we pass out tracts. The most recent tract distribution was held one Saturday afternoon when I took a load of students to the pier and they passed out tracts to the passengers of all the boats. This past week we saw results of this distribution when a guard from the waterfront came up to our vehicle in Ozamis and asked for literature in English. He gave us a list of about seven names of other guards who wanted literature to read, so we have now assembled pamphlets for them and will sign them up for a correspondence course.

We are also thankful to be able to guide the students as they carry on their
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WHY BRAZIL?

WARREN KEIPER



Connie
Shirley

Carol

Leo
Warren

Why have we come to Brazil? What will we do here? Why did we leave that "blessed" land of America? Don't we miss our loved ones? Do we like it in Brazil?

Well, yes and no. In the flesh all things are hard which do not please us. In His Spirit it is possible to rejoice in all circumstances (Rom. 5:3-5; II Cor. 8:2). We have had these experiences before as we moved from pastorate to pastorate, only now they *seem* to be magnified.

For the other questions, the same Cause which moved us from church to church — the leading of the Lord — has moved us here. Truly, the blessings of serving our Lord Jesus Christ are above measuring the cost. He has called us to share His wonderful Gospel of Grace in this budding land. The Brazilians are proud of their "progress" and are used to foreigners coming to develop their resources and people. Missionaries are teachers, and when asked what we will teach, we answer, "The Bible." This brings an even stronger question, "Is that ALL?" Yes, beloved, it is possible — the truth of God — ONLY!

We thank our Lord for giving His people here the desire to know Him and His power (Phil. 3:10) to use in their lives. We have responded to their call for help to establish a Bible Training Center so they can teach others the glories of His Grace (II Tim. 2:2).

A SERVANT

VERNON D. ANDERSON



Darlene
Valerie

Vernon
Amy

Hope
Ben

What does it mean to be "The Director"?

Here in the Philippines, "Director" means serving the lost, first of all, with the message of salvation. We pilot our mission's airplane, ride buses, boats, jeeps, water buffalo, or hike to reach lost Filipinos scattered through 700 inhabited islands. We go with our evangelists to markets and corners and homes preaching the Word of God. Our main goal is to win souls to Christ, and lead them to establish local churches.

Which brings us to another meaning of "Director," to serve the organized churches. We travel by invitation from church to church using days and nights to teach the message of the mystery, the dispensational truth meant to establish believers today and strengthen them.

"Director" also means to serve our pastors, evangelists, and Bible women, most of them graduates of IGBI and MGBI (our two Bible and worker training schools). We assign them to churches, visit and comfort them, teach them, challenge them, solve personal problems and church problems. We send them monthly letters with a few pesos aid to subsidize their meager income.

"Director" means taking care of the finances, receiving and disbursing
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OUR LIFE A TESTIMONY

WM. HEATH



Eunice Dave Jon Wm. Beth

There are many ways in which we witness for our Lord here in this land of spiritual opportunity. There is always the personal contact with those who speak English. We have talked to folks in the stores, in their homes, on the inter-island ship and on the Jeeps. For those who do not understand English well, the tract makes a testimony possible. We have covered several areas with assortments of tracts aside from those given out on the ship "Victor" and in random contacts. We trust and pray that our conduct will also be a testimony—even when we can say very little.

The most effective part of our work, however, is what we do to help the Filipinos reach their own people. We are doing this in several ways. We are at present in charge of the radio work and are largely in the background helping where needed as the Filipinos do the preaching, the announcing and even the recording for these broadcasts. They also handle the Hour of Grace mail and the correspondence courses that are a part of it. Twenty-nine listeners have *completed* the Highway of Life correspondence course in the past six months. We are preparing now to offer a new course on the book of Romans in cooperation with Grace Fellowship in Buffalo, N. Y.

The heart of our work continues to be the training of workers in the International Grace Bible Institute. When the doors close to Americans here in the Philippines, these young men, with their training in the Word of God—studied from a dispensational viewpoint—will be able to carry on in the preaching of the gospel of grace. The whole burden of the ministry here may well rest on them in the near future. If we had to put "all our eggs in one basket," I would choose this basket without question. Pray for us in these ministries, for they are not only ours but yours as you work with us.

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funds, accounting for the flow of funds, trying to keep the accounts out of the red.

"Director" means serving the missionaries in any capacity: applying for visas, taking care of government matters, trying to amalgamate all phases of the work so it flows smoothly ahead. This latter is the most difficult of all.

And our servant is the Director's wife who comforts, listens, advises, teaches two children, serves the family and Mission office, and often must act like a director when the Director is traveling.

THE WORD IS POWERFUL

JOHN SHRIVER



Jon

John

Janet

Juline

"For the Word of God is quick and powerful . . ." As we daily witness the spoken and written Word going forth in the Bicol provinces, we KNOW it is powerful. At First Park Bible Church we see the Word take root in the hearts of members who never before understood the Bible. From their confusion they have awakened to wonderful truths. One recent testimony said, "I never knew it was possible to understand the Bible, now even I can understand it."

The Word is also powerful as it travels over air waves and booms into homes "rightly divided" (broadcasts now total fifteen and will increase to twenty-one in the next month). A listener writes, "I now understand the reason for the church confusion today. You have the truth and give it out boldly. Please keep it coming." Another who finished the correspondence course "Highway of Life" wrote, "I have just gotten a taste of the message for today. I need to learn more. Can I visit you?" Every listener who writes receives either a Searchlight, Truth, or Amazing Grace with his reply. We send all three if they are available.

Through the Training Center, six home Bible classes, churches, radio,

literature, newspaper articles, and personal witness we are seeing the Word of God change lives through salvation, and awaken believers to a new understanding of the Bible and new zeal to study it. Almost as thrilling as seeing a person accept Christ is to witness them waking up to the dispensational understanding of the Word of God. Only as they see this truth do we know they have found the key to real spiritual growth and strength. All glory to God who hath revealed unto us the Dispensation of the Grace of God and commissioned us to preach it to all men — the wonderful unsearchable riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:1-8).

The HUNTS ON FURLOUGH



Joy

Orville

Mark

Connie

Daniel

GOD KNOWETH ROLLIN WILSON



Becky

Mark
Jetty

Tim
Rollin

Faith
Priscilla

We are acutely aware of Paul's use of this concise yet dynamic phrase . . . "God knoweth . . .", (II Cor. 11:11). Try as we may, often our efforts to "tell it as it is" to those interested in the Lord's work, terminate in failure. But what an encouragement it is to realize . . . "God knoweth!"

Our year of language study here in Sao Paulo will terminate this coming September. Along with other missionary families, ours too is struggling with Portuguese. Jetty and I find our days spent familiarizing ourselves with verbs, nouns and pronouns, prepositions (combined with the definite article in Portuguese), adjectives, adverbs, vocabulary and all the intricacies of Portuguese grammar.

How we long to be in the active ministry and the proposed Bible Training School in Parana will afford. Yet, without Portuguese, surely our work in such a ministry would be impossible. We are sure our being here in Brazil (along with the Keipers) has encouraged brother Henrique Schmidt, TCM national evangelist in Parana. He's made two trips to the State of Santa Catarina in the last six months opening

this area to the message of God's grace. Souls have been saved and attendance reached 150 nightly in the old school house where services were held.

We could write of property needs, for the Bible School buildings, for missionary houses and vehicles, etc., but with Paul we say . . . "God knoweth."

Yes, brethren, we falter in our service, communication breaks down, a victory here, a defeat there, yet through it all . . . "God knoweth." So our ultimate appeal — our greatest resource is that He who knows, will also bring us to complete glory with the other members of His "body-church"; see Ephesians 5:27.

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weekend preaching, teaching, evangelistic meeting, or tract passing ministries. This week's report from the students shows that 2,171 tracts were passed out, 47 homes visited, 16 taught Sunday School classes, 5 preached sermons, 2 led young people's meetings and two carried on a service in the Ozamis City jail.

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Director's Notes

"Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised." A new State in India and a new State in Brazil have been opened to the preaching of Christ. Pray for needed vehicles for the Missionaries' use in the Lord's work in Southern Brazil.

Praise the Lord for those preparing to go to other lands to preach the Gospel of the Grace of God. Pray them to the field! Are YOU willing to serve the Lord abroad?

Praise His name! Another couple making plans to come help at the headquarters. The Duncans and Sidebotoms want to thank those who daily pray for us, and for those supporting us financially. A "Thank you" also to those who have placed the Lord's work through TCM in their Wills.

Praise Him. The ten graduates from our Bible Institutes in the Republic of the Philippines want to become workers for the Lord. Pray for them. The Workers in the R. P. have it very rough due to inflation.

Henk Gerritsen of Holland writes, "Will you pray for me that I may be able to set more time free for the proclaiming of God's message of Grace.

RETURNING TO PHILIPPINES



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