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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

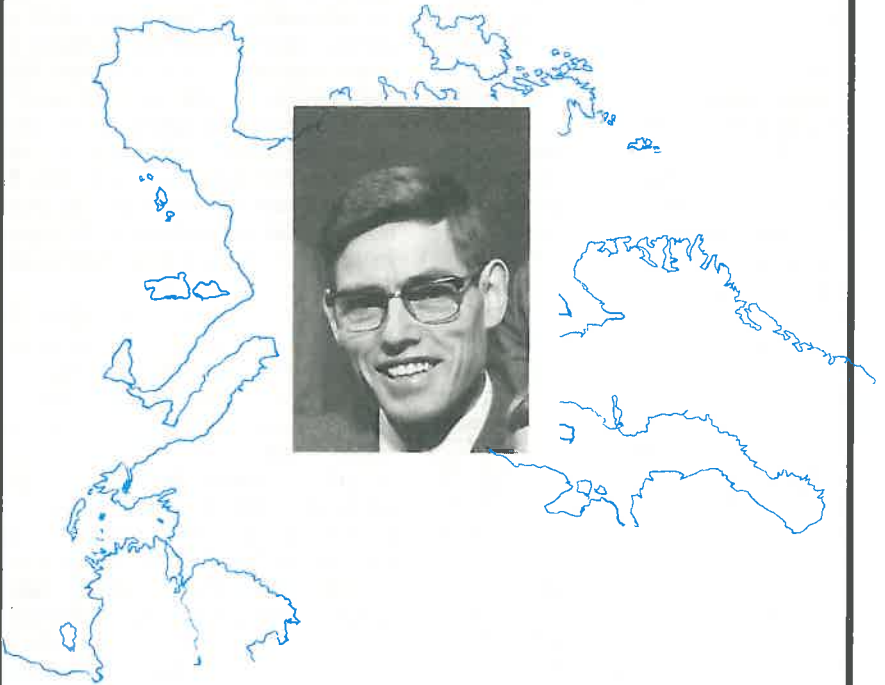
Romans 1:5

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EUROPE IS A MISSION FIELD



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WHOM SHALL I SEND?

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One of the most touching insights into the person of Jesus Christ comes to us in the answer to the above question, "Here am I, send me." In type, Joseph portrays the willingness of the Son to go when His Father wanted to send him. Joseph went to seek the lost brethren. The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Today there is an ever-growing spirit of independence in the world. Down with authority—equality for everyone—is the cry. To be a servant, a willing servant, is not "in." In a sense, it never was since man chose to go his own way. Compare with this trend of disobedience and lawlessness, the words of the Servant who said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God, thy law is within my heart." (Ps. 40:8). Since He has come and, by His coming, opened the way of life and peace to the world, many have gone out in His name with the message of salvation. Still the question sounds: "Whom shall I send?" Could it be you who should respond to that question?

A Missionary

What is a missionary? The word

means a "sent one." The Dutch word for missionary is "zendeling" and you see the "zend" part right in there. The word missionary is not in the Bible, but often we see the verb "to send" in the Scriptures. Especially the Lord Jesus mentions often about being "sent." "For God *sent* not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17) Truly, God's Son was a missionary.

The first time that the Lord God sent a man, was when he sent forth Adam: "Therefore the Lord God *sent* him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken." Adam left the garden of beauty and bounty for a hard work of tilling the soil. It was a mission. Of course the last Adam forms a real contrast to the first Adam as Christ brought life where Adam caused death. Christ left the Ivory Palaces to come to a world of woe. Usually being "sent" means leaving something behind that was precious.

A man or woman that is being sent today to the other parts of the world

has to leave something behind. Loved ones, friends, familiar surroundings, a "way of life," one's own language, climate, food and other things; — they can't be held onto if one is chosen by God to go to a foreign field to share God's story of love with a strange people. Sure, there are greater sacrifices than these, but one who goes is not insensible to these. Some may be holding back because these sacrifices seem too great for them. It is however a personal matter between the child of God and the Lord.

Go and Tell

A missionary may be a man or a woman. The term has acquired the force of a missionary to a foreign country, but this is not necessarily implied. We know that the whole world is God's mission field, and no doubt He sends many of His servants out to preach the gospel within the country where they live. In the all-inclusive sense, all God's children should be missionaries. The church of Christ should be one great missionary force in the world. There are differences as to talents, abilities and gifts and the ministries to which God calls, but basically a missionary is one sent forth with a message from God. The Lord Jesus said, "I must *preach* the kingdom of God to other cities also; for therefore I am sent." (Luke 4:43).

When Isaiah responded with, "Here am I, send me," the charge was, "Go and tell this people." Today we have the privilege to proclaim a message of grace and peace to all. Some, like Isaiah and Ezekiel had to speak forth God's judgment upon the nation Israel. They needed real faith and courage to do that. Today we have the message of reconciliation through the blood of Christ. It is the most glorious message that can ever go forth from God to sinners. What a privilege to be called to this all-important work.

Where Shall I Go?

Anyone who is saying the word of loving response to God's question,

"Whom shall we send?"—"Here am I, Lord, send me!", will think about the place of service. By nature we human beings distrust God. We are afraid that God would expect too much of us, or even that He would make us miserable. Adam distrusted God and many have followed in his footsteps. The Lord Jesus was sent on a very difficult mission and He prayed, "If thou be willing, remove this cup from me:" He showed us His trust in that dark hour, "nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." Through suffering to glory, that is God's order.

Any believer should be of the mind of Christ, and say, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." "Here am I, send me." We can leave it in God's hand of love and perfect wisdom to give us only what is best for us. Let God choose for you, and He will give you the very best.

The Lord Jesus said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Many Gentiles would have gladly listened to His message, but He was sent to a people that were "stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart." The Lord said that if His mighty works were done in Tyre and Sidon "They would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Yet, His Father sent Him to the house of Israel. We, too, need to be willing to go where the Lord sends us. It may be right where we are.

To Be What You Want To Be

It has been said, God had one Son, and He was a missionary. Christ said, "I came . . . to do . . . the will of Him that sent me." (John 6:38) In the Son the Father saw nothing but perfection. Thus, He was a perfect missionary. He could declare the Father. He was full of grace and truth. The Father could say, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased."

Thank God, for us there is a provision, to be what the Lord wants us to be. It is told in the well known verse: "I am crucified with Christ, neverthe-

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ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

The letters received from workers in India tell of much activity and the needs of getting the gospel into other areas of this vast country as well as a desire to reach beyond its borders.

Cherian T. Cherian writes: "I now have the International Passport and am trying to get the Visa from PER-SIA. If I get it soon, I shall be going to visit Persia for a gospel tour. I have a regular Convention meeting in Kerala State till the end of April. Please pray for me and these meetings."

T. C. Jesudasa Prasad, of Bangalore, Indian, sent this challenging report. "We are in very bad days. The increasing need of Gospel work is on one side and the deteriorating financial condition is on the other side. There are thousands of villages where the gospel has never reached. They are scattered and miles away. There must be a systematic, prayerful effort to reach them in an effective way. Literature, in accordance with the need, should be printed in the local languages and distributed. There must be regular follow-up activities and regular correspondence and Bible study courses for those interested.

"Among the Christians, more work is required. I am sure most of the

Christians in India have never heard dispensational truths. Many books and booklets on the Pauline ministry should be translated and published in large numbers in the Indian languages. We have to publish regular literature on The Truth. Periodicals should be started in local languages and regular publications of T.C.M. activities should be made. This is impossible in the absence of a printing press and adequate money. We are sure that our God is a wonder working God who will supply all our needs and nothing is impossible with HIM. Praise be unto His Holy name. We request you to remember the above matters in your prayers."

Joseph Das continues to reach out into new areas to present Christ to those who have never heard of the Love of God, the Death of Christ for their sins nor the free gift of salvation by accepting what Christ has done for them. The following pictures tell of some of his activities.

D. James, of Perambar, Madras has written, "Work goes on well at Dr. Rebnam's place. Dr. Mohan, the Eye Specialist, is doing more evangelistic work than many a paid evangelist. I have given him several Grace



These people are called "LAMBADIS." "I have been working among these people and this is the first time they heard about Jesus Christ."



These nationals are anxious to hear the Word. "I preached here the salvation which is in Christ Jesus."



More than two hundred witnessed the Word at this meeting. "Many have left the after meeting... this picture is of the remaining people (nationals)."

Church Tracts, including 100 copies of "The Necessity of Knowing Paul's Writings" by W. R. Newall. Dr. Mohan's clinic is situated in a central place. Christians of all denominations and Hindus come for treatment and consultation. Much of his time, after office hours, is spent in meditation and Bible study."

Do these reports thrill your heart to know that the gospel of the Grace of God is being proclaimed in this needy country where American Mis-

sionaries can not enter? Literature is one big item that we can share with these brethren. The need to do much printing there on the field is a matter for our prayers. Another national worker, M. S. Mathew has completed his three years of study at the International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines, and has returned to India to minister the Word in his area. Pray for each of these national workers as they make known the Word of God rightly divided in India.

A LETTER FROM DARLENE

DARLENE ANDERSON



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"The greatest news of all is that we have added one new station with prime time six days a week. DYSR is a 10,000 watt station controlled by the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. At one time this station was very fundamental but now it is just one of the most popular stations in southern Philippines. We are the only Cebuano, daily, EVANGELICAL broadcast on the station, and we know we are preaching to a multitude gone 'modern' in their doctrine. DYSR is on the Stillman University campus and is heard on most, if not all, the islands in the southern Philippines. The cost for our program is only \$45.00 a month, or less than \$2.00 per 30 minute broadcast. To give you some idea of what our radio results are: we received 278 letters in 24 days of January. Coupled with the radio, we are sending out hundreds of correspondence courses and numberless pieces of literature. Yesterday at the Ozamiz City chapel an old man told with tears how glad he was to finally find the truth of the scriptures, salvation by grace alone, and he first listened to it when Bro. Undag was preaching on the 'Hour of Grace'.

"Another advance in the work will take place when new workers are added in May when our two Bible

schools graduate. We subsidize each of these workers a little each month to help in their work. \$7.00 for singles, \$12.00 for marrieds, and \$16.00 for travelling evangelists. God has wonderfully supplied these needs for many years; as the work has grown He has added to the supply. We economize in every way possible.

"For these material investments the spiritual returns were multiplied 100 fold. Only God records how many Filipinos heard the gospel for the first time in 1971. Seventy young men and women received a full year of training in the Word of God. Thousands of church members were built up in the faith. Children were brought to the Saviour and taught the Word of God through Sunday Schools, public school religious classes, and outdoor child evangelism classes. In December we took part in one youth conference where 160 delegates were registered. At the same time there were three other youth rallies held in various places in the RP for our TCM churches. The Cherokee-6 was flown 41,700 miles carrying the workers of the Lord to places of service.

"When you think of these things — are you amazed and glad? We surely are!"

THE CROWNS OF THE EPISTLES

WARREN KEIPER



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The word "crown" occurs in the Epistles six times. This subject is enticing and full of promise. May we view them in this order.

In James' epistle written to the twelve tribes abroad, he refers in chapter one verse 5 to the "CROWN OF LIFE" as being bestowed on entering the time of trial. The disciples asked Jesus for a prayer and it included "lead us not into temptation," literally, the time of trial or the tribulation. As the 70th "week" of Daniel's dream had not yet been fulfilled, Jesus knew, and so should have the disciples, what was ahead. On their generation this terrible time did not fall, but God is "not slack concerning his promises" (II Pet. 3:9) nor any part of His Word, and these people must endure to the end. The second condition of this crown is, then, that only to those who love Him in that time of trial will the "CROWN OF LIFE" be bestowed.

In Peter's epistle written to the Jews scattered from the Land, he addresses the elders (I Pet. 5:1-4), giving instructions to feed the flock with a ready mind and to be examples to them having no other necessity (cf. I Cor. 11:1, Phil. 3:17, 4:9, etc.), and

when the chief Shepherd shall appear they will receive a "CROWN OF GLORY." But, in order to receive this crown, it is necessary to be an elder.

In this dispensation of God's Grace, when a person accepts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior by faith (Eph. 2:8-9), he enters into life eternal (Gal. 2:20, Eph. 2:10) without the necessity of entering into trial. To know that he has already passed through the judgment of the righteous Judge is enough to cause great joy and hope. As he continues this life in the flesh, however, he notes his joy in the eternal life is tarnished by trials (not the trial), and if he moves toward living a carnal life, his joy and hope in meeting the Lord diminishes. So as not to disqualify one's testimony of God's Grace given, God offers an "INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN." Then as we in Christ continue to live in this same body of sin, when the testings come, should we continue to live in our flesh as before our salvation, or should we allow the new life to control our body of sin? I Cor. 9:25 says to be "temperate" (control oneself) so as not to have run in vain, and thereby gain the "INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN."

As we continue to look upward; as we let the Holy Spirit lead our daily living, we begin to better understand the things of our Lord. We are called to look to things above (Col. 3:1-4, the Lord) and to be filled with His Glory through the teaching of the Word by the Holy Spirit Who indwells us. This will surely bring us to the "CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" as we read in II Tim. 4:8. Yes, the Word of God, the Mystery, as revealed to the Apostle Paul (Eph. 3:7-9), is able to bring to us this wonderful love and the "CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" to be received in that day.

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THE THRILL OF MY LIFE

JOHN SHRIVER



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As we ponder over the years we have been in the Philippines, we realize one thing. The beautiful islands of the Philippines have completely conquered our hearts. The sad-faced people who have not yet heard of Jesus Christ pull at the heart strings, bringing yearnings that only the Father knows or understands. The radiance and steadfastness of those who have trusted Christ serve as daily remembrances of the faithfulness of God.

The greatest thrill of my life is to stand before a crowd of intense, interested Filipino faces, preaching the Gospel of the Grace of God. But in spite of the thrill of preaching the Word, the joy of seeing souls won to Christ, the blessing of being one with these people, there still comes times when the flesh grows weary. It was such a morning that I packed my bag to depart for a small out of the way barrio in the interior of Sorsogon. I had heard nothing but bad reports about this barrio with its gang wars and riotous living. With more than a little apprehension, we prepared to go.

It all began as one man heard the "Hour of Grace" broadcast on station DZGB. He had such a deep longing to know more of this unusual doctrine

that he began asking everyone he met about it. Certainly led of the Lord in his seeking, he finally inquired from a member of the Grace Gospel Church of Ibaugan. News soon reached our ears that one man in this interior barrio was inviting us to come and preach in his place.

It was early morning when Pastor Sagrado Improso, Harry Viernes and I left for the barrio of Katamlangan, not knowing just what we would find or what kind of welcome was ahead of us. Jan drove us the first 25 kilometers over impassible roads (except with a Mitsubishi and four wheel drive — Praise the Lord).

Do you believe that God directs the life of His children in every detail? We stopped at the end of the road and unloaded our equipment — accordion, battery, amplifier, horn, suitcases, boxes of literature — and wondered how we were going to transport it to the barrio further up the mountain several more kilometers. Three men couldn't hand carry it in two trips! Pastor Improso began inquiring from nearby people where we could rent a carabao. Imagine our surprise when a small lad with two carabao said, "I am here to take you to our barrio. My father sent me." How they knew when

we were coming and by which route, is known only to the Father who sees and cares and directs our paths. Only hours before we left home had we finally changed plans and decided to take that route to the barrio!

Did God want us in Katamlangan at that particular time? As the sons of God, are we not led of the Spirit of God? Upon arriving in the barrio we found that there was no place to sleep or eat our meals. The people were too poor to even give us a meager meal. The nearest place where we could sleep was more than five kilometers away over a rugged, muddy, mountainous trail. We made plans to go there for eating and sleeping. The flesh would have immediately been discouraged at all that hiking back and forth had we not already experienced the distinct leading of the Lord in bringing us to this barrio at this time.

More than 200 people gathered for every meeting. Each night there were some who responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as Saviour. Mr. Malle (the original contact) was thrilled to dedicate his life to Christ and the furtherance of the Message. Every day he was busy inviting his friends and neighbors to the meetings.

The final night after all three of us had preached a full length message the invitation was given. As several people came forward to acknowledge their acceptance of Christ, a man in the audience began shouting and screaming at us in anger.

Here was a Seventh Day Adventist Elder angered because one of his members received the Saviour. The crowd became fearful and tense, sensing trouble. With a prayer in my heart, I turned on the P.A. and began another message on the law, its purpose, duration and fulfillment. Everyone listened intently until midnight when I shut down the P.A. and said good night. The crowd peacefully turned to go home. Satan again had been defeated and the meeting closed with a spiritual and triumphant note.

Hiking back home for our supper in the early hours of the morning our hearts rejoiced that He had chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world . . . to be His and to make Him known.

Today in Katamlangan a weekly Bible class is continued. The new believers have purposed in their hearts, with God, to immediately construct a chapel. This is because one man heard the "Hour of Grace" radio broadcast and began the search for more truth. This is because many of you have prayed for open doors. This is because God moved us on to the field to preach the Gospel in regions beyond, where Christ had not yet been named.

The Bicol Region alone has thousands of barrios. Hundreds are not accessible except by hours of difficult walking. They all have one thing in common—people! People who are lost, without hope of eternal life, unless we go to them with the Truth of the Word of God. Could not the Apostle Paul be writing to the Church today when he says, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." (I Corinthians 15:34). Might it be that through your prayers the beautiful islands of the Philippines would be "turned upside down" for Jesus Christ. "Withal praying for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the Mystery of Christ . . ."

OVER THE MOUNTAINS

JOE WATKINS

I have just returned from five days in the mountains. We had a long, hard, but delightful trip. I wish that you could have been along. We had to ride horses in order to get to these three churches. The horses here are much smaller than those in the States, but they are very strong. The first day I was a little afraid as we went up and over the mountains. My saddle was

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SUPERLIFE: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

FRITZ KEIPER



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In his instructions to Timothy concerning the ministry, Paul said that "THE HUSBANDMAN THAT LABOURETH MUST BE FIRST PARTAKER OF THE FRUITS," II Timothy 2:6. This verse demands a recognition of the differences among men. It is often stated by Christians that there are two classes of men: the LOST and the SAVED. However, within that two-class system, the Apostle Paul states there are four TYPES of men. In I Corinthians 2:12 through 3:3, Paul names the four types as the NATURAL MAN, the BABE IN CHRIST, THE CARNAL CHRISTIAN, and the SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN. Each man has a distinct personality or lifestyle that clearly reveals his identity.

The Natural Man

The Natural man is involved only in the PHYSICAL (fleshly) and SOULISH (emotional) areas of life. He is totally engrossed in "MAKING PROVISION FOR THE FLESH AND THE LUST THEREOF." His first concern is for the physical necessities of life: food, clothing, and shelter for himself and others. In the soulish or emotional area, lust becomes active. He seeks love, understanding and recognition. He dreams of great sexual conquests, of making vast sums of money, of being a cham-

pion or renowned hero. He longs for power, prestige and the praise of men. No effort, up to and including death, is too great a sacrifice to make to achieve his goals. He is most clearly identified by the fact that he does not know God and is spiritually dead, John 17:3 "AND THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THOU HAST SENT." Paul says it all in his description of the natural man in I Corinthians 2:14 "THE NATURAL MAN RECEIVETH NOT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD: FOR THEY ARE FOOLISHNESS UNTO HIM: NEITHER CAN HE KNOW THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY UNDERSTOOD." This is the man that God has sent us; as ambassadors for Christ, to reconcile unto himself according to II Corinthians 5:14-21. According to II Corinthians 4:4 Satan has "BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM THAT BELIEVE NOT" or he has CONFUSED them so that they do not understand the issues involved in the warfare between Satan and God, or about Heaven and Hell. As a result the Natural man places his priorities upon the physical and soulish, thus failing to recognize his spiritual condition. In witnessing or preaching to the Natural man, we

must provide him with enough of the word of God so that he can (as the Holy Spirit enlightens him) come to an understanding or realization of eternal issues. Then he can make a solid decision to accept or reject the redemptive work of Christ on Calvary where Christ conquered sin, death and Hell by His death, burial and resurrection. See Colossians 1:20-22 and II Peter 2:12-14.

The Babe in Christ

The involvement of the babe is simple. The person who is a babe in Christ is one who has been only recently saved. He or she will be very full of joy and rejoicing as David said in Psalm 51:8-10 "MAKE ME HEAR JOY AND GLADNESS, THAT THE BONES THOU HAST BROKEN MAY REJOICE. HIDE THY FACE FROM MY SINS, AND BLOT OUT ALL MINE INIQUITIES. CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME." The babe understands enough about salvation to accept Christ and give a testimony about it. This brings joy and rejoicing to older Christians much as a new born baby in the flesh does. But a babe cannot stay a babe for long because, as the baby (in the flesh) is subject to the elements, so also, the babe in Christ becomes subject to the opposition of our enemy, Satan. The babe in Christ can no more withstand Satan than the baby can provide food, clothing, and shelter for itself. As Peter said in his first Epistle, chapter two, verses 2 and 3, "AS NEWBORN BABES, DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD THAT YOU MAY GROW THEREBY, IF SO BE THAT YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GRACIOUS." If either of the babes fail to get the proper food and care they will soon grow weak and passive until physical death takes them. Sometimes, the babe in Christ can be found in this condition; lifeless, apathetic, looking, acting and talking like those who know

not Christ. At times we approach such persons and witness to them because we fail to recognize or identify them as Christians. The ailing babe needs what David cried for in Psalm 51:11 and 12, "CAST ME NOT FROM THY PRESENCE; AND TAKE NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION; AND UPHOLD ME WITH THY FREE SPIRIT."—verse 13 "THEN WILL I TEACH TRANSGRESSORS THY WAYS; AND SINNERS SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE." So, it is not enough to "know" Christ as Saviour, but, for proper growth, we must "know" His word and make an application of it to our daily lifestyle. Then the babe will find a new sense of joy and usefulness as he or she begins to bear fruit for the Lord. This is the beginning of the normal growth pattern according to Paul's words in Colossians 3:1, "IF YOU THEN BE RISEN WITH CHRIST, SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD." Thus, the babe soon passes into the next phase of life.

The Carnal Christian

There are many descriptions of, and exhortations to the carnal christian in the Scriptures. Perhaps the reason for this is that there are far more carnal christians than babes and spiritual christians combined. The word carnal does not, or should not carry a derogatory implication. It is simply a word used to make a distinction between the sensual or emotional and the spiritual christian. Paul uses it this way in I Corinthians 3:1, "AND I, BRETHREN, COULD NOT SPEAK UNTO YOU AS UNTO SPIRITUAL, BUT AS UNTO CARNAL, EVEN AS UNTO BABES IN CHRIST. Paul uses these words not to judge but to make an honest appraisal of the christians at Corinth. Once he determined their status, he

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KNOWING THE SITUATION

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In our modern space-age, communications have advanced at a breathtaking pace. Recently I was informed that it is now possible from our southern Brazilian State of Parana, to telephone direct to the USA in only three minutes. Somehow with all the technical advances which have improved communications, we still don't know the welfare of God's work around the world.

We have essentially available to us exactly what the apostle Paul had—letters and personal spoken word.

The Open Door and Many Obstacles
(See I Cor. 16:9)

One factor the Lord often uses, to get attention on His work, is adversity. In Philippians 1:12 Paul wrote these dear brethren about his imprisonment. Humanly, the outlook was bleak—confining at best. But Paul wrote: "the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel." Undoubtedly, many believers anticipate this principle and, because of it, hesitate to launch fully into the work of the Lord. They well know there will be cost, adversity, etc., and the price for them is too high! It is interesting to note in the Philippian 1:12 context what it was that gave Paul a ministry in Caesar's very household (4:22).

Paul says, "my bonds in Christ," were the means God used to reach many for Christ. If we'd have a wider ministry among the so-called higher class of our civilization it will not be without the principle of II Timothy 3:12 nor Philippians 1:12, 13.

Thus Paul lived these principles and communicated to those sharing with him in the work of Christ. By simple and oft primitive means, letters and personal testimony were sent to churches and individuals who shared the fellowship of the gospel with Paul. Such evidence of this is to be found in Philippians.

The Two-way Street

But most significant is the contact, or touch, Paul kept with those distant from him. In Philippians 2:19 he speaks of "knowing your state." It is most obvious from 2:12 that neither Paul nor the Philippians were less faithful to Christ for being separated by distance and circumstances. Said Paul, "but now much more in my absence work out . . ." We say, "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and this text surely agrees. As each believer works out their in-wrought salvation, whether absent or present from/with each other, the ministry advances.

There is, then, the individual re-

sponsibility every member of the Body-Church has. Whether the spiritual leader is there or not, we are responsible first to let God work, to will and do of his good pleasure.

To Know Is to Give

Paul knew the need of the Philippians and so determined to send Timothy. The value of Timothy to Paul from Philippians 2:20-22 is apparent. Costly was this knowledge; Paul had learned of the need of this church. He personally was willing to be "emptied" (2:17) on their behalf. To send Timothy there was part of this "emptying" experience.

How well do you know the situation of your church? All things being equal, you thus will give of yourself and means to the glory of God. Next, how well do you know God's work half a world away from you? But let us even project this a bit farther. How about new areas into which the gospel of the grace of God has not entered, are you interested that these doors be opened? The principle is the same at each level - whether local church, 1,000 miles away, the other side of the world or yet un-opened fields. Each must permit God His working in our lives - but also we are one Body not separate from each other. We admit the principle of absence/presence, see Philippians 1:29.

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."

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could then apply corrective measures to lead them on into spiritual maturity. The carnal christian can be found engaged in a wide range of activities. Often his or her activities may be entirely in conflict such as Paul experienced in Romans chapter seven.

The most outstanding characteristic of the carnal christian is inconsistency. This can be seen among christians who attend church on Sunday and live like the world all week, or when

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MISSIONARY REQUIREMENTS

MARVIN DUNCAN

What is required for a Missionary on a foreign field today? This, or a similar question, is often asked and the most common answer is, "A missionary must be willing to leave his family, his friends and do without many conveniences. He must be willing to live with bugs, ants and other strange things." There are many other requirements for missionary work on a foreign field. To be an effective missionary, one must be personally acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ and must be willing to "present his body a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1-2). There has to be complete "yieldedness" (Rom. 6:13-19) to the will of the Lord; knowing that no matter what comes, he has committed his life into the keeping power of God. He must place his faith in the Lord and KNOW that "He" has promised to supply all our needs. A missionary has to have a sound knowledge of the scriptures. He must be willing to teach and develop national leaders to do the major part of the work without necessarily forcing a cultural change. The foreign missionary must have the ability to "become all things to all men" (I Cor. 9:22). He must be assured that God has called him to do the job of reaching souls for Christ and training them to teach others (II Tim. 2:2).

Is the Lord preparing you for Missionary service abroad? Why not write for an application?



Athana Darrell Derek
Marlene Marvin

BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED

VERNON BIGELOW

Nilda Jacob is a living illustration of what God will do in a young lady when she hears the Gospel of the Grace of God. A third year high school friend of the Bigelow girls, she answered an invitation to come to the Youth Meetings in the Bigelow home and services at the First Park Grace Gospel Church of Christ. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior about the first of February and went home to tell her Roman Catholic parents. Their first reaction was to throw her Bible on the floor when she refused to attend the Roman Church any more. A few days later, Rachel Bigelow went home with Nilda and asked the parents to come to church. The next Sunday morning, when Nilda made her public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, the parents were in tears as they too accepted the Lord as their Savior.



Joy Vernon Pat
Rahel Leah Mary

You can see that the Bigelows keep busy as they labor in Legaspi City to spread the good news, that Jesus Christ shed His blood as the only payment for sins, among the Bicolanos who are always in the shadows of the ever present Roman Churches. Neighborhood young people come into the small Youth Center (really the Bigelow living room) to play ping pong and other games and be exposed

to Christian music and literature. We often have opportunities to talk with and witness to these young people.

Recently, Pastor Sagrado Improso assumed the pastorate of the First Park church and Mrs. Clavecilla became the choir leader. Since Mrs. Clavecilla took charge of the choir, it has grown to over a dozen members.

Winter in the U. S. means the rainy season in Southern Luzon so Vernon has not been able to travel. With the coming of the dry season, he and the National workers will be driving, sailing and hiking to spread the Gospel, often where there have never been churches. Pat is teaching the young peoples' class, planning for D.V.B.S. to be held in May, and gives needed counselling to the young ladies (not to forget providing frequent hospitality to many visitors).

But with all these more visible activities, radio continues to be the most effective means of reaching the most people. Though the studio in the basement is not very professional in appearance, it serves the purpose. It is here that Vernon produces the 15 minute, daily, HOUR OF GRACE program which is aired over four stations in Southern Luzon. Literature is a great help in the follow-up of the radio programs and many are enrolled in the different correspondence courses.

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As we can note, all of these "crowns" have a future date to be received. There is yet one crown to be considered, the "CROWN OF REJOICING," and it is for NOW! When the believer participates in God's Grace daily, his life takes on that discipline which marks his life as different. His life is calm and in peace. It manifests love — God's love, for it is basking in it. Each day the Bible is revealing more of the "treasures of the wisdom and knowledge" which are

hid in Christ (Col. 2:3). It is only a small wonder he is wearing the "Crown of Righteousness." But, now enters the blessed call of service, to share with others the "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places" which he has received (Eph. 1:3). He remembers the time when he didn't have them, and now knows the lack of the lost. Oh, how he talks to his friends, to strangers, to be sure all know what the Lord has done for them (Rom. 3:23-26). As his testimony is received, or when he hears of others accepting this glorious gift, he is wearing the "CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS." Oh, the tear that may trickle from the eye and the warm glow that fills his breast are not signs of weakness, nor sentimentalism, but real, honest evidence of his "CROWN OF REJOICING." Note how proudly Paul wears his in Phil. 4:1. Praise the Holy Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Dear reader, what are your experiences with these glorious crowns? Are you wearing one today?



Director's Notes

In the Headquarter's News letter sent out in February, I asked for prayer concerning the Lord's leading in my going to the Philippines for a year. I want to thank those who did remember this before the Throne of Grace. The Lord has not revealed to us that this is His will and we are not planning to go to the Philippines now.

Our hearts are thrilled with the prospect of a new ministry in Africa. Rollin Wilson has gone to Nigeria to survey the work and minister the Word to the brethren there. We are thankful for the willingness of the Missionaries to give of their means and their time to go to new areas to establish new frontiers for Christ and the ministry of reconciliation.

ELDRED SIDEBOTTOM FAMILY



Phyllis Linda Eldred
Daniel Ronald Beverly

The John Shivers returned to the States April 23rd for furlough and the Rollin Wilsons will be returning from Brazil the first part of July. These will be available (as well as the mission Secretary and myself) for special meetings or Missionary Conferences. For information regarding their availability for your meetings, please contact the mission headquarters.

FRANK VALENZA FAMILY



Judy Frank Frankie

We are happy that Frank and Judy Valenza have joined the mission family and are living in the city of Lapa—Caixa Postal 20, 83780 Lapa, Parana, Brazil. Pray with us that the Lord will use this family in a mighty way for His glory.

Another national worker in Brazil would like to move out into another State in Brazil with the gospel of the Grace of God. Pray for these who would reach the world for Christ now.

The Fritz Keepers continue to move in the direction of Brazil. In June, Fritz will be in the intensive Portuguese course at the University of Wisconsin. Pray for them as they prepare for departure for Brazil in August of this year.

WILLIAM HEATH FAMILY



Eunice Jonathan Beth William

Brother William Heath continues his ministry as interim pastor at San Clemente and with Bible Study groups. He is looking forward to returning to the Philippines next year, as the Lord directs.

Some have asked about "TRUSTS." If you are interested in revokable or irrevokable trusts, please write to the mission headquarters.

Several hundred new names have been added to our mailing list lately and some have asked about our financial policy. We state again our policy on handling funds designated for the work of different missionaries and different projects of the Mission. All gifts are used 100% for the project or missionary to whom they are designated. The Mission Secretary and Director do not receive a salary from the mission, but designated gifts supply our needs the same as the missionary on the field.

We want to take this opportunity to thank each one who have had a part in the Lord's work thru T.C.M. and its mission family. Your prayers, gifts and letters of encouragement have meant much to each of us. We know the Lord has richly blessed you for your labour of love and faithfulness to the risen Christ. May we continue to labor together for the one purpose of glorifying Christ Jesus our Lord.

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less I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." If this is true of us, both in

position before God and in the out-working of our daily walk on earth, then God can use us.

There came a day in God's dealing that He called a man by the name of Saul. This man said, "God . . . called me by His grace TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME." The Son was revealed to the house of Israel when He went about doing good and preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Now, the time had come to reveal the Son to the world; even to the ends of the earth. You see, it is the risen Christ that the Father wants to reveal, and the way He does it is through persons who allow Christ to be revealed through them.

Unto the Ends of the Earth

When we read in the sacred Scriptures of Paul; when we see him sent into the world, suffering for the gospel he proclaimed, we see Christ. In Paul we see the compassion of Christ for the whole of humanity. We see Christ suffering cold and nakedness. We see Christ beaten and in prison so that captives of Satan and sin might be set free. We see Christ beaten with rods as He was revealed in Paul. Dear friend, this gospel can't go without sacrifice and suffering to a lost and dying world. Are we ready to say "yes" when God wants to reveal His Son in us? Am I? Are you? When Paul was called, the Lord said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

In Isaiah 42:6 we read of Christ, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house."

Compare with this Paul's commission which he received of the Lord Jesus: "Delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee. To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light,

and from the power of Satan unto God, . . ." We see how the words concerning Christ are here spoken to Paul. This shows how the risen Christ is revealed in Paul. We can see this too by comparing Isaiah 49:6 with Acts 13:47.

Thus, we see in the life and ministry of Paul not merely the missionary Paul going unto the ends of the earth, but we see Christ, the "sent-one" of the Father, going from place to place to bring light in the darkness. Today, are we allowing the Lord Jesus Christ to continue going forth unto the ends of the earth in us? Am I? Are you?

As the Father Hath Sent Me

The Lord said to His disciples, "... As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." In this too, we see how important it is for us to learn even more about Him. The question that is put forth in Romans, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" is answered in these words: "Even so send I you." The Lord Jesus Christ is now sending His followers forth to preach the Word.

We can readily see that the main thrust of the ministry of Christ is contained in this being "sent." As Christ is revealed in the life of Paul, we see Him as the Great Missionary. He could not rest while there are lost sheep out on the mountainside. He could not rest while there was a multitude starving for want of the Bread of Life.

May our prayer be, "Lord, not my will, but thine!"

"Christ, the Transforming Light,
Touches this heart of mine,
Piercing the darkest night,
Making His glory shine.
Oh, to reflect His grace,
Causing the world to see,
Love that will glow, Till others
shall know,
Jesus revealed in me.
Here, Lord, I bring my heart,
My love, my strength, my will;
Cleanse me in ev'ry part,
With all Thy Spirit fill.

Life is no longer mine,
I yield it all to Thee,
Fill me that I may shine,
Until Thy face I see."

(Gipsy Smith)

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not very good being made of wood. The stirrups were too short and not very strong. We came to one mountain and started down, I could look in some places and see straight down for hundreds of feet. I hung on and rode on down the mountain. After about two mountains, I had much faith in my horse. The last day, on our way out of this area, we were on a path which was cut out of the side of the mountain. I could look off the horse for at least 1,000 feet straight down. I kept the horse as close to the mountain as I could, but he wanted to eat grass when ever he found some and that happened to be along the edge of the trail. I now had two jobs -- keeping the horse from eating the grass and staying close to the mountain. This was a very beautiful trip and the country reminded me so much of Arizona and the Grand Canyon. (Wouldn't you know I forgot to take my camera along?)



Joe Pauline Cheryl Stephen

We had some good meetings. Our churches were located in a valley or up on the side of the mountain where we could look over the whole valley, seeing the little houses which covered its floor. We have the only churches in this area. We had meetings in the

morning, afternoon and evening. I took the slide projector and showed the film strip about Noah — hundreds were out for these showings. We sure have a job to do in these churches. They have no pastor and they know very little of the Word of God. It is not easy to get a man to go into this area to minister as it is so far back in the mountains. I would ask that you pray with me that the Lord will challenge someone to go there to pastor these three churches.

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tempted they fall into sin, and then, guilt laden, make a confession and rededicate their lives only to fall away within a short time. The reason for such an inconsistent life is that this type of christian may not have studied the Word of God enough to become strong and stable. Sometimes, carnal christians can be found in places of leadership. They differ from the carnal laymen in that they perhaps have studied the Word of God, even trained for the ministry, yet, they have failed to apply the Word of God to their lives and ministry. Because they are not fully committed to the Word of God, they operate according to human reasoning and the advice of friends. The result of turning from God to human resources means just one thing; they must conduct their lives and ministry by means of their own strength and wisdom. This is what the Corinthians did and Paul had to rebuke them by saying in I Corinthians 3:2-4, "I HAVE FED YOU WITH MILK, AND NOT WITH MEAT: FOR HITHERTO YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO BEAR IT, NEITHER YET NOW ARE YOU ABLE. FOR THERE IS AMONG YOU ENVYING, AND STRIFE, AND DIVISIONS, ARE YOU NOT CARNAL, AND CONDUCT YOURSELVES LIKE MEN? FOR WHILE ONE SAITH I AM OF PAUL; AND ANOTHER SAITH, I AM OF APOLOS; ARE YOU NOT CARNAL?" The carnal christian, then, is

one who may or may not have a knowledge of God's Word. The critical area lies in the study and application of God's Word. This is not a dispensational teaching, but rather an Old and New Testament principal. Job said (5:8), "I WOULD SEEK UNTO GOD" and (8:5), "SEEK UNTO GOD EARLY." Isaiah said (8:19), "SHOULD NOT A PEOPLE SEEK UNTO THEIR GOD," and (34:16), "SEEK YE OUT OF THE BOOK OF THE LORD AND READ." Jesus said in Luke 12:31, "SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD," and (11:9), SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND." Paul said in Colossians 3:1, "SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE," for "GOD IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM" (Hebrews 11:6).

The Spiritual Christian

The spiritual christian is a possessor of the SUPERLIFE. This does not mean, however, that the spiritual person is perfect. No christian will ever reach perfection until Christ comes to take the Body of Christ out of the world (II Thessalonians 4:13-18), at which time He will make us perfect as Paul states in I Corinthians 15:51-58. Those who enjoy the SUPERLIFE will exhibit two outstanding characteristics consistently; understanding and the fruit of the Spirit. Let me say that the spiritual christian was not born spiritual, but started his or her christian experience as a babe in Christ, then grew unto full maturity and became recipients of the SUPERLIFE. It is God's desire that each and every christian grow to experience the SUPERLIFE. This is clearly presented in Paul's statement to those who have accepted Christ in Romans 8:12, "THEREFORE, BRETHREN, WE ARE DEBTORS, NOT TO THE FLESH, TO LIVE AFTER THE FLESH." Paul has declared that we (as debtors) have a responsibility; but, to whom, what, and why? Paul answers this in Philipians 3:12-14,

“NOT AS THOUGH I HAD ALREADY ATTAINED, EITHER WERE ALREADY PERFECT; BUT I FOLLOW AFTER, IF THAT I MAY APPREHEND THAT FOR WHICH ALSO I AM APPREHENDED OF CHRIST JESUS, BRETHREN, I COUNT NOT MYSELF TO HAVE APPREHENDED, BUT THIS ONE THING I DO, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, (past sin, mistakes, temptations, habits, etc.) AND REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.” What is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus? Note verse 11 which states, “IF BY ANY MEANS I MIGHT ATTAIN UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,” which is the “PERFECTION” he is talking about in verse 12. This “PERFECTION” Paul says, “I have not attained,” but I “FOLLOW AFTER – REACH FORTH UNTO – PRESS TOWARD” that goal. Now the question must be asked, “does it make sense to attempt to reach an impossible goal?” YES, because in the process a christian will grow mature enough to find consistent victory over the lust of the flesh, the temptations of the world, and the wiles of Satan. This life is the SUPERLIFE! And as we enjoy the SUPERLIFE and serve the Lord, we can rejoice in the knowledge that our life with God in Christ will one day be even more wonderful. Because, when Christ comes (according to II Thessalonians 4:16-18) to take up the members of the Body of Christ we shall all be made “PERFECT” by the Lord Jesus! We will have reached the goal by the love, mercy and grace of God. Read I Corinthians 15:51-58 if you think this sounds too good to be true. Read it anyway and “REJOICE EVERMORE – PRAY WITHOUT CEASING – IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD

IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.”

PITY the poor natural man (the person who does not have Christ as personal Saviour) who, after struggling through this life on earth, will only have eternal condemnation awaiting him or her after death (Revelation 20:12). Salvation is the answer!

PRAY for the babes in Christ, that they will receive the right spiritual food: the word of God rightly divided, which will strengthen them to stand and walk with God.

PLEAD with carnal laymen and clergymen to study Paul’s epistles where the instructions for doctrine, conduct and ministry for this present age are to be found. Pray that they will follow Paul exactly as he followed Christ, totally committed.

PRAISE the Lord for His workmanship in those who have reached spiritual maturity for it is by His grace that they are what they are in Him. They have saturated their lives with God’s word and their need is the wisdom and leading of the Holy Spirit of God as they apply it to their lives and ministry.

Reader, which of the four types of men best describes you? If you have discovered that you are a natural man and you desire to change that, you can, by confessing your condition unto God and asking him for forgiveness and for His gift of salvation according to Romans 10:8-13. If you are a babe in Christ and you are tired of never having any joy or victory in your christian life, then heed the scriptures and feed yourself on the word of God beginning with Paul’s books in the New Testament. As you master and apply these scriptures to your life, you can move out into the entire Bible. If you recognize yourself as a carnal christian then you should examine your knowledge of God and His word. If you lack knowledge – study. If you have knowledge, then apply it to your life (and ministry) by letting God’s word direct you. This is done by basing every decision

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upon some scripture, and by asking God to bring to mind the right scripture to use. If you will do this you will be a prime candidate for the

SUPERLIFE. If you now possess and enjoy God's SUPERLIFE – pass it on, brother, pass it on.

EUROPE A MISSION FIELD?

Europe is a mission field! Yet we hear so little about the needs of this sophisticated, un-godly part of the world. Most christians think of missionary activity as among the less progressive, the less educated peoples of the world. A mission field is any place where people need to know that Christ died for their sin and that they need Him as their Saviour. This is the picture of Europe . . . There are hundreds of towns and villages where there is not one Bible teaching church. The challenge is great and the time is short.

Peter Wiering has been labouring in Holland for some ten years. He has called for helpers to come and join in the tremendous task of presenting Christ to the needy in every country of Europe, yet his plea has apparently fallen on deaf ears. No one has answered, "Here am I, send me."

Seeing such a need, and the lack of others to fill the gap, Vernon Anderson has purposed, as the Lord leads, to spend the summer months of his furlough ministering in Europe with Peter. Any door that is opened, any contact that is available will be used to reach out and take Christ to any who are in need. After this pioneer ministry, who will follow-up to minister to the needs of those who might be saved during these months? Who will enter the harvest to reap that which will be sown?

If you are interested in a ministry in any Country in Europe, contact the mission director and make your desire known. If we don't reach this generation with the message of salvation, no one else will.