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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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NIGERIA

A new field opened to the
Message of the Grace of God



Inno I. Udoh with wife and family
Director of T.C.M. — Nigeria

NIGERIAN WORK EXPANDED

INNO I. UDOH

The Lord's work in Nigeria has expanded to a greater dimension since Brother Wilson left us. More and more souls have been won by God Himself. Two more new stations have been opened at Ikot Ekpene City while three new stations have been opened in Abak City. The population of the believers now in all the stations has tripled in number from those Brother Wilson witnessed while he was with us. (Pastor Wilson was in Nigeria in April of 1972). We now have eight pastors ministering with me, five pastors in training, and six Sunday school teachers. T.C.M. in Nigeria is on a strong foundation but we lack funds to cope with our envisaged projects.

Letters of invitation have been sent to me from other parts of my country for me to arrange visits. I have been doing this and God being on my side will never let me down in that He gives me His wisdom and strength to do His work well.

We have just concluded a two-day convention here for all the branches

in Nigeria. It was a very wonderful occasion for all the Brothers and Sisters to meet face to face and pray to our God most high. The second day saw us distribute newly sewn dresses to all our orphans and we had to march past important streets in Abak City with our newly decorated banner.

I would appreciate some one coming to my country for at least a month or so to help in the work and to give Bible training. Concerning a radio ministry in Nigeria, the government owns all radio stations here. I am making contacts to hear how much they will charge us for at least two Bible broadcasts of about 15 to 30 minutes each week. I shall inform you as soon as I have any word about this. I am teaching our brothers not to neglect the serious study of the Word rightly divided, and with constant emphasis on the writings and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

Thank you for all your concern, plans and deep interest in the work in Nigeria. God bless you and yours.



Orphans in newly sewed clothing with adult leaders



Part of congregation gathered for the convention



A CRY FROM INDIA

T. C. JESUDASA PRASAD

The following is a quote from a letter received by the Mission Director.

"Brother, my mind is not at rest when I see these people around me living in darkness. The following few lines I give for your information and constant prayer regarding India.

- 1) India is the largest 'free nation' in the world today.
- 2) There are 562 million people – more than in Africa, South America and Australia combined.
- 3) There are fourteen major languages, 420 dialects, and 5 of the world's major religions.
- 4) There are over 3,000,000 villages in India without a single Christian witness.
- 5) Fifty percent of India's people have never once heard the lib-

erating message of the gospel.

The above is an authentic quotation recently released by an evangelical organization. India demands our attention. I know people who can not even pronounce the word 'Christ.' Can I sleep? No brother, no!

We plan to print some tracts in Kannada and enter into villages regularly. We have very little support for this great work and very little of the equipment needed to go into the interior parts. Pray, pray and pray. We have to go and we must go. We plan to have regular trips to villages which is quite expensive and yet we trust in Him. We need many things and I have expressed these in an earlier letter. Please continue to do all you can for the work in India and remember us in your prayers."

PAUL HAD THE RIGHT IDEA!

Vernon Anderson

"METHOD!" answers the question: "How?" How did Paul accomplish in 15 years what has not be duplicated in the last 2000 years? We have the same God, the same Message, the same Holy Spirit, and much better facilities. Certainly the opposition in the time of Paul was greater than today. Wasn't he hindered at every turn and even imprisoned at the peak of his ministry? His persecution was "above measure."

Method. Could it be that Paul's methods were superior to ours in this enlightened century? Mission leaders are concerned. They are restudying Paul's achievements to reevaluate their own which have forsaken the Pauline pattern. Roland Allen, in his book "Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours," challenges us to reconsider missionary methods in the light of the early church and to contrast the outcome of the last 150 years with St. Paul's decade of work in Greece and Asia Minor. Have we produced with all our modern means and methods in 150 years what Paul produced with his methods in 10 years? If the answer is, "No," then we should change over to Paul's methods which are actually simple and a few hours of study would start us on the right road.

Objectives

For a moment, think about objectives because they are vitally related to methods. Paul had ONE *top-priority* objective which inspired him unendingly. Acts 26:16-19—to put it in one word: **EVANGELIZE**. The one goal constantly before Paul was, "Evangelize the world." If we are going to follow Paul, this same driving goal must constrain us, and nothing must deter us from the goal of evangelism.

Constant Traveling and Preaching

You cannot study Paul without a map, and that map must cover the whole world as Paul knew it. The

longest stop Paul ever made in one area is three years. Method Number One: A missionary keeps moving. He does not plant himself in one place nor does he pastor a local church. Paul constantly preached to the lost and he taught the new converts basic truths, which do not require years of study, as Scofield points out in his introduction to 1 Thessalonians: "The epistle is most interesting as showing the richness in doctrine of the primitive evangelism. During a mission of about one month the apostle had taught all the great doctrines of the Christian faith."

In Ephesus Paul declares that he taught them "all the counsel of God," (Acts 20:27) and thus during the two years of teaching he was simultaneously evangelizing all of Asia! (Acts 19:10) Accordingly, the missionary today builds a framework of salvation, assurance, security, hope, deity of Christ, forcing them to take these basic truths and feed themselves, going on to evangelize and feed others.

Paul never stayed in one area to preach for years to people who would not listen. Christ had commanded him, "Get thee far hence for they will not receive the testimony!" Keep moving, keep reaching and preaching to the lost, teach the new believers basic truths, then leave them with the Word and the Holy Spirit. Really, such simplicity was extremely effective.

Establishing the Local Church

Paul was careful to gather new converts into a local assembly, "a church in a house." Rom. 16:5. As far as we know, there were no "church buildings" for the first 200 years of church history. Paul did not get the people excited about a building. "YOU ARE THE BUILDING." Paul did not pastor their churches nor did he assign one of his co-workers to pastor these churches. Pethyridge in his

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MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

by
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Have you ever met a foreign missionary on furlough? Chances are you recognized him as an impatient, restless day dreamer who keeps reminding you there are people in the world starving to death while Americans build bigger and better garbage disposals.

Adjusting to a changing homeland after four or five years absence is difficult for a furloughed missionary. Even though he acts and talks like a normal person, his mind may be thousands of miles away, concerned with dark skinned babes in Christ, poverty stricken saints or struggling mountain churches.

What is a missionary on furlough? The word "furlough" means "to be absent from." One who is absent from his place of service is on furlough. During his absence, the missionary usually continues doing the same work as he did on the foreign field, edifying the saints and showing the unsaved God's way of salvation.

What are the objectives of the missionary on furlough? The Christian public has too long held the idea that "missionary" is synonymous with

"money." For this reason some pastors dislike having missionary speakers in their churches. To raise money is not the usual goal of a missionary on furlough (here we must distinguish between a missionary candidate on deputation and a missionary on furlough).

Most companies require their overseas personnel to report periodically. The missionary on furlough comes to report what God has done and to enlist prayer for help in his future work.

The true missionary comes home on furlough with a burning desire that homeland Christians might get a glimpse of his people, their problems and their need of Jesus Christ. He cannot understand why every believer is not a soul winner and why the American church is content to close its mind and eyes to the work of evangelism. (The one on furlough may be the homeland Christian — not the missionary.)

As missionaries on furlough we are eccentric and fanatical. We are thrilled with God's precious Word, and

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THE FAITH PRINCIPLE

—Peter Wiering

In brief the faith principle is set forth in that gallery of great faith heroes, Hebrews 11: "Without faith it is impossible to please God." More than once our Lord rebuked His disciples for their little faith or lack of faith. The Scriptures relate this wonderful testimony concerning Abraham's faith, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but he was strong in faith, giving glory to God." (Romans 4:20)

Missionaries go out to preach the gospel of grace, which must be received by faith. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." But faith is not only indispensable for the initial step into the Christian life — it is needed for each additional step of spiritual progress!

It is not surprising that there are some misconceptions as to the operation of faith in Christian life and service. Simply stated, one is that we can make our own plans and then should exercise faith in God to bring it all to pass. Needless to say, many who have thus trusted God for things have had to face real disappointments. A lesson we need to learn is that we must have *faith in God and His revealed will.*

This brings us to another misconception: We can link our faith to any promise in God's Word. This statement would surely have to be marked "false" on a true or false test. You see, faith must not merely be based on God's Word; it must be based on God's Word rightly divided. (2 Timothy 2:15). This means among other things that we must learn to know God's will for this present "dispensation of grace" by rightly dividing the Word of truth.

A very pertinent illustration in this connection is that some go out to preach that we can and should claim by faith promises in the Bible for physical healing. Such promises belong to God's dealings with Israel and the (prophecied) kingdom gospel

in which Israel has a prominent position. In the specific revelations for this present "dispensation of the mystery" as found in the letters of Paul, the apostle of Christ for the nations, no promises for physical healing are given. In fact, Paul's experiences, when he wrote some of the most wonderful truths in all the Bible, show that spiritual Christians in this present dispensation may at times have physical ailments. (1 Timothy 5:23; 2 Timothy 4:20; Philippians 2:26-30 and 2 Corinthians 4:16).

My God Shall Supply All Your Need

In contrast to the marked absence of any promise for physical healing in the epistles of Paul, we find this wonderful promise for us today concerning the supply of our needs. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

In missionary work, a prominent concern is the fact that many needs must be supplied. A missionary may go out to a far country, where he, in most cases, could not supply his own need. Then there are travel expenses and various needs in order to do the task at hand. How wonderful to have this precious promise of God in the Scriptures — even the Scriptures which are specifically addressed to us in this present day of grace.

It has been pointed out that this promise is especially given to believers like the Philippians who had given beyond their power to help the apostle in his need, and had given themselves to the Lord. But any true missionary must certainly meet this condition. Another thing should be pointed out in regard to this promise: Paul himself did not always have every need supplied. Voluntarily he faced hardships, such as hunger, thirst, fastings, cold and nakedness, for the sake of the gospel ministry. He knew both how to be abased and to abound and

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GOD CHANGES HEARTS

HENK GERRITSEN



Henk Gerritsen

It is now nearly two and one half years since the Lord placed me in His service. I am thankful for all that the Lord has done during this time. In a way it has not been an easy road and suffering has not passed me by, but in another way it has been a real and deep joy to be allowed to serve Him.

With thankfulness I can say now that the Lord blesses those in the ministry. In different places the Lord has opened doors and we have now started Bible classes in these areas. It is glorious to experience how God changes hearts when the message is accepted.

In Leerdam, not far from Rotterdam, I was privileged to lead an older couple to the Lord. These folks were so glad in their new-found happiness that they opened their home for Bible studies. The first meeting in their home found the room filled with people.

In Beekbergen, not too far from Dieren, is a hospital. A few nurses started praying together, remembering other nurses and their patients. For over a year now, I have had a Bible study with these nurses. It is a joy

to witness God's work in their hearts and also in the hearts of the fellows (boy friends and fiances) who attend with these girls. God has done much work in many hearts. Two nurses have now entered the Bible school in Brussels.

The children's work continues to be blessed of God. We have seen much interest in this ministry and now we seek a larger meeting room for our children's work. We also would like to have others join us in this ministry and take responsibility for part of this work. Will you join us in praying for these two requests? Your prayers will be appreciated.

It has been my experience here to see that people really have a desire to know more about God's Word in these last days of this age of grace. There are many who realize that the coming of Christ is near and that this world doesn't have much good to offer anymore. We have the answer to their desires and will gladly share it with them.

Thank you very much for your prayer, your love, and your gifts which have enabled me to do this work in Holland. May the Lord bless all of you.

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pamphlet on the early church points out an important truth:

The early Church was taught to regard themselves not merely as a collection of saved individuals, but as active members of the Body of Christ. Not only did all believers form the one Body universal but each group functioned as the Body locally. In each of the three cases where these are mentioned (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4), there is no suggestion of one man ministering to the whole group, but each is shown as having the privilege of possessing some spiritual gift, and the responsibility to minister this gift to the rest of the local church, so that every believer is looked on as a minister to the rest.

Roland Allen further points out that Paul was able to establish and equip churches with an ordained ministry only because he selected natural leaders approved by the churches, trained them briefly, and committed them to the power and sufficiency of the Holy Spirit, ordaining them within a short time after their salvation. This statement is proven in Acts 14:23.

Training Church Leaders and Church Planters

Paul's training of church leaders was done in the church. He never took pastors out of a church and trained them in a foreign place, but he selected those in the church who were already leaders and trained them, laying hands on them.

From each church he selected other men and women to leave the church and follow him in church planting. Acts 16 tells of the call of Timothy. Acts 20:4 lists a number of men from various churches who accompanied Paul. He trained church leaders in the church and he trained field workers in the field. "On the job training" was used by Paul. Just now men are

beginning to realize the effectiveness of this method after all.

The new emphasis in theological training is called Theological Education by Extension (TEE) which simply means we are going back to Pauline methods. We are taking the training to the church and not the church to the training. This TEE method has been so successful in South America that a number of resident schools have closed down, producing more results.

Money

It is amazing but in Paul's ministry in Acts little mention is made of finances. We do read in Acts 18:3 that Paul made tents to support himself. Paul mentions money very sparingly in his epistles and is very careful not to ask for funds for himself or his ministry. He does thank those who did help him, such as the Philippian. Evidently money was not a major concern. The only real concern regarding money was that the churches would support the widows and the poor saints. It is easy to see why Paul was not so concerned with money. He did not build church buildings, Bible schools, hospitals or educational institutions. The leadership and pastoral duties of the local church were fulfilled by men in the church who had their own jobs to support them. Paul himself had meager financial need as he lived without any certain dwelling place, his food and clothing being very simple. An interesting passage in this respect is Acts 20:33-35:

I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Paul not only worked with his hands to support himself, but those that were with him. There was really

very little money involved in Paul's missionary work. This man certainly lived by the faith principle, having no promised support, regular income, nor any desire for them. No doubt this faith life brought him much suffering as he himself said he was naked, thirsty, hungry, having no certain dwelling place, and laboring with his own hands. But still he would be "chargeable to none."

Perhaps the reason Paul's methods have been forsaken is that the cost is too high for the individual. Think of the cost: 1. constant travel 2. preaching day and night 3. no certain dwelling place 4. no regular support 5. persecution 6. training in the churches 7. training on the field 8. non-professionalism 9. working with our own hands 10. living simply 11. little organization 12. no institutions 13. churches in houses. Are we willing to pay this kind of cost?

Too long we have thought money could evangelize the world. Money is not the need, but men like Paul who count not their lives dear unto themselves, who have no love for money or what it buys, but having a driving compassion to reach every soul for Christ now, following Paul in his methods.

Correction and Further Training

When a local church fell into error, Paul did several things: 1. wrote letters 2. sent a fellow evangelist to the church 3. went himself 4. prayed constantly for the church. This is also how he gave further training to the leaders in the churches. Missions is a GOING business. We go to the lost, not asking or waiting for them to come to us. We go to the churches to teach and train, not asking the church to come to us. We go with the evangelists to train them, not sending them out to train themselves.

What then about institutions such as Bible schools, hospitals, secular schools, etc.? Quoting a woman with wide experience in India as a missionary to her own people, Miss B. V. Subbamma says in "New Patterns for

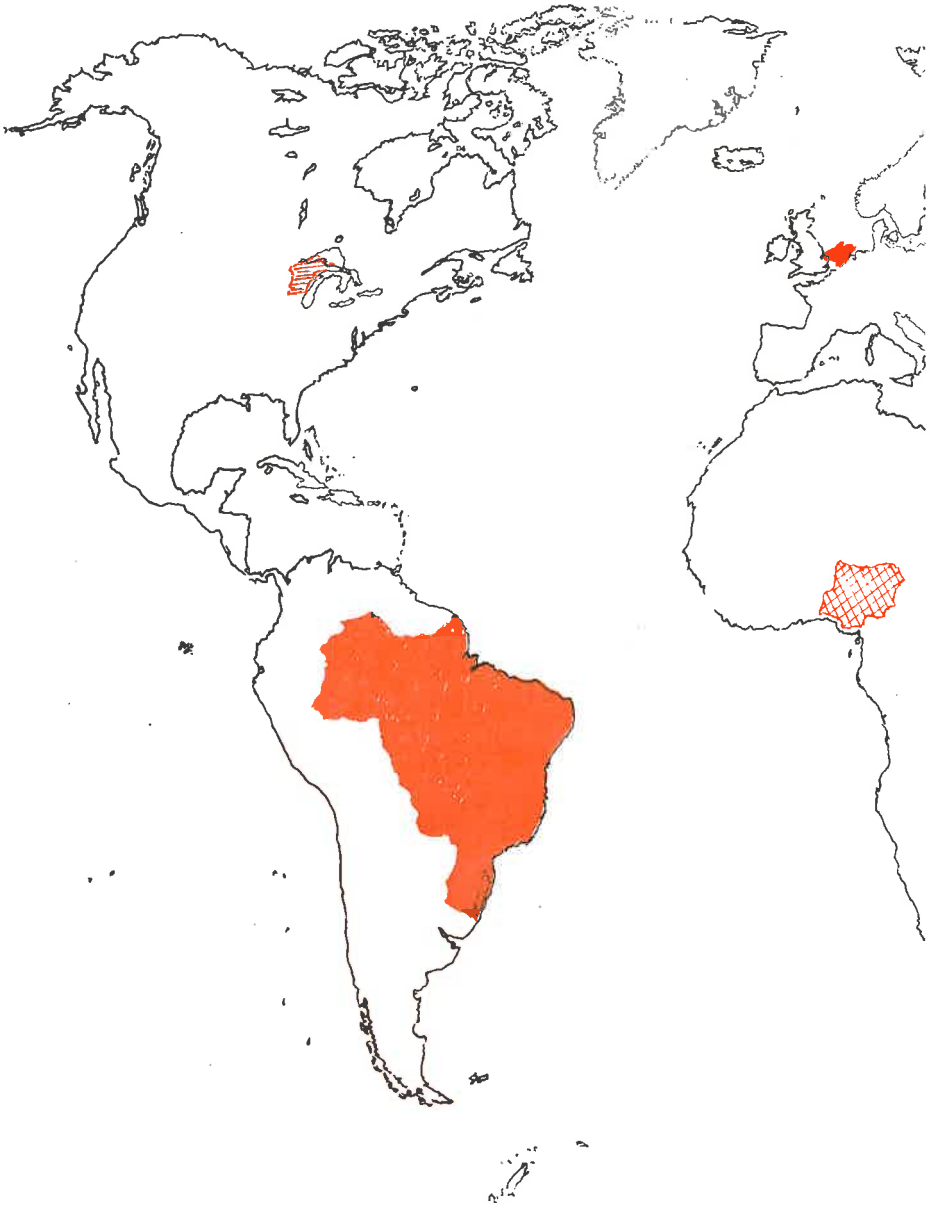
Discipling Hindus," "But everyone must recognize that most institutions which were once regarded as great channels of evangelistic enterprise have ceased to fulfill that aim long ago." Even Bible schools are getting farther and farther off center and have become secular, professional, intellectual, philosophical, psychological, materialistic, sociological, academic. Few schools today teach basic *church planting*; most concentrate on church pastoring which is really the work of the local church elders.

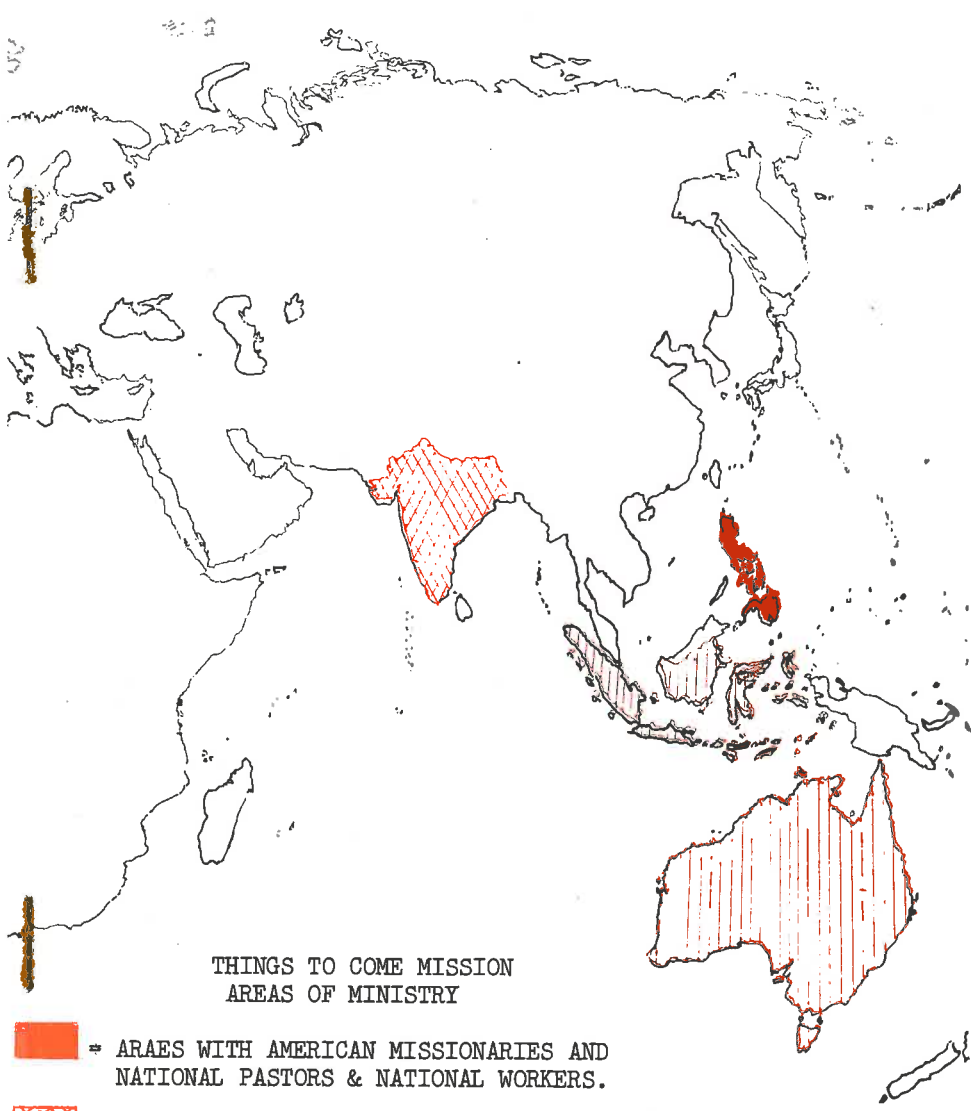
No need to mention hospitals on mission fields. In many of them the patient would have to beg to hear the gospel. There is always a tremendous need for healing and Paul practiced this, but in connection with evangelism. His constant companion was a doctor—Luke. But again, the doctor must go to the patient, to the churches, and must work hand in hand with the evangelists. The healing hand can soften the heart, but the means often becomes an end in itself. Such is the trend of institutional missions today. The institution becomes the center of the work.

A complete reevaluation and revamp of missions is needed. Our methods? We may have to admit they don't work out. Paul's methods? They worked!







We received several requests for "The Pentecostal Error" by C. H. Maskrey after our original supply was depleted. Seeing the need to get this information in the hands of more people, the mission is having this book re-printed. Those wanting copies of this book can place their order with the mission office and as soon as the re-prints are off the press, they will be sent to you. If you have use for this book in the Dutch language, copies can be obtained from Peter Wiering, Mezenlaan 98, Dieren, Holland.





THINGS TO COME MISSION
AREAS OF MINISTRY

-  = AREAS WITH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND NATIONAL PASTORS & NATIONAL WORKERS.
-  = AREAS WHERE ONLY NATIONALS ARE MINISTERING.
-  = AREAS WHERE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WILL ENTER THIS YEAR TO OPEN NEW FIELDS.
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therefore could say: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." When Paul was hungry it was not a lack of faith on his part, but the victory of a faith that can go beyond the promise for the sake of Christ.

*The Blessing of Living in
Trust Upon God*

The reader realizes that in any believer's life there is the need of trusting God. How real is this need for those who go to preach the gospel! The truth is that it requires a Calvary ministry to build up the Church of the Christ of Calvary. When the servant of the Lord goes into the field of harvest it is imperative that he keep his eyes upon the Master. When he looks to the Lord for the supply of his needs he will be compelled to stay in close fellowship with Him. The truth stated in Jeremiah 17:7-8 is basic in every dispensation.

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

When the gospel worker looks to the Lord in faith and sees the Lord work in supplying his spiritual and material needs, he learns to know the Lord better. Even the material needs that are provided become thus sacred stepping stones to a more intimate knowledge of our matchless Savior!

Some have thought that a missionary society is shirking its responsibility when it does not send a missionary out with the promise of complete financial support for all his needs. A missionary society may be preventing the missionary from developing his own faith in the Lord as to the promise of the supply, when the missionary doesn't need to exercise such faith. Of course we realize that all Christian workers will be in situations where

they need to trust God, and this we would not want to minimize but the missionary who is allowed by his missionary society to personally trust God for the supply of his need is privileged.

Should the Needs Be Made Known?

This is a very practical question. There are some who feel that if one truly wants to live by faith, he should not make known any needs. I believe there are different ways of making needs known and also different ways in which the Lord may lead a person. After working four years part time here in Holland, the Lord gave me an inner urge to stop this part time work and put all my time into the work of the gospel. This would mean that we would miss a substantial part of our income. When we were thinking about this step, we did not have extra income to use in place of what I had been earning. We believed that we should trust the Lord to supply. We did not make known at this time that we had stopped working and did not make a statement to the effect that we were short of support. What we did was to make known our needs to God according to Philippians 4:6 and 7 and then trust Him to supply according to Philippians 4:19. In this case He did, and we have some precious memories how He worked upon the hearts of His people, to have a part in supplying the needs.

We believe that primarily the need should be made known to the Lord, and He can lay it upon the hearts of His people. We believe also that it is not unscriptural to inform friends of the various aspects of the work, needs to pray about and to inform them of victories that have been gained.

In this way they will indirectly realize that there may be needs, or the Lord may even use such letters or information to lay it upon their hearts to help with these needs.

It would be unscriptural for a missionary to keep no contacts with the churches at home, who really are one with him in this work. He must tell

them about his life and ministry, so that they can pray for him and praise God for victories won.

There may be instances where the mission or the missionary may be led to make a need known so that many friends can make it a matter of prayer. This does not mean that it takes away the need for him or the mission to have true faith in the Lord as to the supply.

Is a Faith Mission Like Things to Come Mission Irresponsible?

While a faith mission like Things to Come Mission does not believe it should publish every need, especially not the personal needs of the workers in order that we may better trust the Lord, it does not mean that the mission has no concern for the missionaries. In Things to Come Mission we have a very blessed fellowship among all the missionaries, including the board members in the home country. Time and again we have experienced in our mission real sharing and caring for each other! Certainly it is not an "everybody for himself" proposition, but rather the practicing of what Paul wrote in II Corinthians 8:14, "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: *that there may be equality.*"

In this connection it should be noted that ultimately the One Who sends out workers is not a mission, but the Master of the harvest. When the Lord calls a person to give himself for the task of evangelism, He is vitally interested in every aspect of this person's life. The Lord at times leads some of His workers to work wholly or partly for their living needs. In either case, the Lord will want to supply the need of His servant, but also expects His servant to trust Him for the supply and not lean on people. For He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

God Specializes in the Impossible!

When a proposal is within the pos-

sibilities with men, there is not much honour for God in it. Time and time again we see in the Scriptures that when man was at the end of his rope, God came on the scene. When Abraham and Sarah were old, a son was born. When things looked impossible in Egypt, God delivered His people. When the Philistines were sure that their gods had delivered Sampson into their hands and were going to have a great celebration, Jehovah showed that He was the true God. When the princes of this world had slain the One who claimed to be God's Son, God raised Him from the dead. The whole gospel is the truth that God specializes in the impossible!

In accordance with God's heavenly purpose, we should seek to trust God for the impossible, so that He may get the glory! It is imperative in this that we live in close fellowship and learn to know His leading, so that He may live His life through us. Then we may learn to cease counting our human resources, limiting ourselves to our bank account and instead step out in faith, trusting God for the carrying out of His will!

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all generations, ages without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)



Seeing the need of informational material for those interested in the methods and ministry of the Things to Come Mission, we are having the articles "Paul had the Right Idea" by Vernon Anderson and "The Faith Principle" by Peter Wiering printed in booklet form. These will be available to anyone upon request. If you would like one or several copies, please contact the mission office—Box 96—Cope, Colo. 80812.

FAITH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

PETER WIERING



Peter Wiering

So often we see that faith makes the difference! We are well aware of this fact at this present time when we are thinking of purchasing a house. We read how by faith the Israelites passed through the sea as on dry land, while the Egyptians, assaying to do the same, were drowned. The very path that meant deliverance for one group ended in death for the other.

As believers we need to guard against presumption. Truly we need to be walking in the Spirit and experiencing the guiding of the Lord before there can be a true faith attitude in a certain matter. Realizing this, it makes us careful, but at the same time it is the nature of faith to put ourselves on the spot. When Israel stood before the sea, with the enemy pursuing them, Moses put himself on the spot when he said, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today." So with Joshua when he commanded the sun to stand still. Therefore one needs to have the assurance that a certain course is God's will.

We believe that it is God's will for us to purchase a house that is larger

and has some extra room for meetings and doing the literature work. We have prayed and sought God's leading as to where. As yet, we have no leading to move away from Dieren and Eerbeek where we do most of our personal evangelism. Since we started looking at property, we have not seen anything in Dieren that we have seriously considered (as much as we would like to live here) but in Eerbeek we came across a piece of property that had so much to offer we felt that we had to seriously consider it.

It is a larger place than we would have chosen for our family, but it has room for the development of our various ministries. It is located on the main road in Eerbeek, on the north side of town, close to two areas of new housing. The property consists of a large house plus three small buildings and a garage. The house can mean the answer to our prayer for additional Sunday school room in Eerbeek. There would also be room for our literature work, for others to help in it, for children's evangelism



THE WIERINGS

Dwight Roy Etta Lucy
Kenneth David Vernon



The property under consideration

classes, and youth clubs as well as adult meetings. In fact, there would be enough space to begin a modest training program.

While we are open to any other direction the Lord may show us, we are more and more taking a position of faith that these premises are God's choice for His work through us. It is impossible for us to figure out how this can be. We ask that you earnestly pray with us that God, and He alone, will have His way and be glorified in this.

We realize that houses and meeting

places are not an end in themselves, but we think of the precious souls that may be saved from sin and the believers that may grow in the Lord, if we could have adequate space to do the work. The challenge in this situation is: Think of what the Lord may do if we trust Him to open the way for us.

With burdened hearts for the need of so many around us, it is our prayer that God will reach forth into many homes, villages, and cities in the whole of Holland and then to the regions beyond the Dutch border.



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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

by

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Phyllis Sidebottom

I had a very good flight over here, although losing eight hours made me tired when I arrived. The Netherlands is a pretty country. Since the people like to be "showy" with their homes and lands, each house has a large picture window and you can see what is going on in every home because of them.

The Wiering family (all eight of them) met me at the airport and we drove around Amsterdam for a couple of hours, just sightseeing. Their home is nice and cozy, although not large. They are very thankful to the Lord for all He has supplied.

Their work here is different than in many lands. They don't have a church, although the Lord has supplied them with a small building to use for Bible club and Sunday school for the children. Etta has a Sunday school class here in the home with about 10 neighbor children. It is sort of difficult for me because the services are all in Dutch. Some of the youngsters can understand a few words in English and I'm trying to learn Dutch. I can understand a few

Dutch words but it is sure hard to speak it.

The literature work has really grown and the Lord has blessed it. It is true when the Lord said His Word would not return unto Him void. Only today they received a letter from a fellow who wanted two more subscriptions for the Youth magazines. He said the children fought over who got to read it first when it arrived.

The Wierings are praying right now for a larger house, if the Lord would so lead. This is needed because of the growing printing ministry and right now all this work is done in the living room and on the kitchen table. You may want to pray about this also.

This summer they are thinking of having Youth camp for one week. This will be the first time for such a youth ministry, but a couple of nurses want to do something and the Lord seems to be leading in this direction. We need to find a location for this camp and many things have to be prayed about. Join us in praying for this summer camp, will you?

I'm rejoicing that the Lord is faithful and I can trust Him for everything. His promises are great and He keeps them. 2 Cor. 12:9 is becoming more precious to me.

Thanks so much for your prayers. I'd love to hear from you. My address is: Mezenlaan 98, Dieren, Netherlands.

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proclaiming that Word is the reason for our existence. We may not get "turned on" by buildings or moon rockets. But remember, we have been where the action is—a nation has fallen to communism right before our eyes. We have wrestled with satanism, demonism, communism and the cults.

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IT COULDN'T HAPPEN TO ME

by WARREN KEIPER



THE KEIPERS

Warren Shirley Leo
Carol Constance

Imagine a church receiving a letter having a person singled out for his lack of service. What agony it would be for that individual. Yet, Archippus had this happen to him and had it recorded in the Bible for us to read unto this day (Col. 4:17; Philemon 2).

But, we also read about the eternal approval of Epaphras in Col. 1:7. He WAS DOING his job! Ah, what joy it is to be using our blessings to the utmost for His Glory.

Brother, what (which) is your name?

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Experience teaches us that Jesus Christ is the answer—the only hope of the world!

The results of furlough cannot be measured in statistics. God's Word has been opened to unbelievers who have trusted Christ as Savior. Defeated, discouraged Christians became alive and victorious after a fresh look

into the Scriptures.

Whatever furlough means we have loved and hated it at the same time — loved to be home and preach Jesus Christ in America and hated to leave our people and work in the Philippines.

Furlough will end in September with departure to our new field, Australia!

Perhaps God has touched your heart and you're going to pray for us. Don't wait until we get on the field. Missionaries on furlough need prayer too!



Director's Notes

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I Cor. 4:1,2.

We appreciate the faithfulness of the national workers in each country as well as the faithfulness of the Missionaries to these foreign lands in training the nationals. Your faithfulness in supporting the Lord's work throughout the T.C.M. family by means of your prayers and gifts is also appreciated. We rejoice in the Lord that we have so many who are praying daily for this work. Without your prayers we would not have a work established in the PHILIPPINES, the NETHERLANDS, BRAZIL, AFRICA, INDIA, nor would we have a visa for entrance into INDONESIA. Praise the Lord for victories He has given and continue to pray that the visa will be granted for the John Shivers to enter AUSTRALIA. Pray for needed workers in each of these countries and other countries where the gospel is needed. May the Lord supply MEN for the work that needs to be done NOW!

In answer to much prayer, a "Home

Missions" endeavor has been started by Pastor Rollin Wilson. Upon their return to the States from Brazil, the Wilsons settled in northern Wisconsin where there are few "Grace" churches and yet a number of believers who desire Bible studies and christian fellowship. Through contacts with different families, several Bible classes have been started. If you have friends living in the vicinity of Couderay, Wisconsin or in the Superior and Duluth area, Pastor Wilson would appreciate their name and address. He can be contacted at P. O. Box 96, Couderay, Wisconsin 54828.

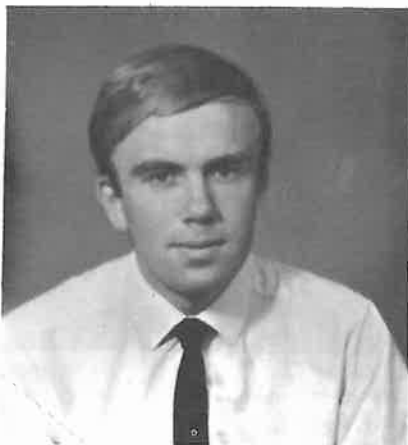
Our prayers should be filled with Praise for every victory that Christ has given in each of these countries. Praise Him for the visa for Indonesia. The Vernon Andersons will be going into Indonesia this June, D.V. and they would appreciate your daily prayers for this new work. With the Andersons leaving the Philippines and the Vernon Bigelows due for furlough this coming Spring, there is a great need for more missionaries in the Philippines. Our hearts rejoice to see the Lord work in hearts and lives in all these areas; for upon receiving a letter from Brother Anderson asking me to encourage the William Heaths to return to the Philippines, I also received a letter from the Heaths saying, "My decision now (and both Eunice and Jon are wholeheartedly with me in this) is to return



THE HEATHS
Bill Jon Eunice

to the Philippines this coming summer or fall, Lord Willing. I feel a real peace about this course of action." Would you encourage the Heaths with your prayers and gifts that they might be on the field soon?

Another item of praise is the application of Barry Pumphrey which we have received. Barry graduated



Barry Pumphrey

from International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines and returned to England. He wants to serve the Lord where ever He leads, but is much concerned about the Far East. Would you pray for Barry that he might have wisdom from above in regard to where he should serve the Lord? He is busy in the work of the Lord even now and has plans of preaching and teaching in Northern IRELAND for a couple of weeks. Barry has also offered to go to Nigeria this fall to encourage the national brethren there. Pray that a visa for Nigeria might be obtained in His timing. We do praise the Lord that some funds have been donated for this trip to Nigeria.

My wife and I plan to go to the conference in England this June. We will spend some time ministering the Word in England and in other areas of Europe as He directs. We would spend some time with the Peter Wierings and with our daughter, Phyllis, who is now helping the Wierings.



THE SIDEBOTTOMS
(Mission Director)

Phyllis	Beverly	Linda
Daniel	Eldred	Ronald

Your prayers in this venture would be appreciated. I would also ask that you pray with us in regard to my going to India this coming January. Some conferences have been planned for various parts of India and Brother Anderson and Brother Watkins also



THE WATKINS

Stephen Joe Cynthia Pauline Cheryl

plan to attend these conferences. We have five national brethren in various parts of India who are endeavoring to establish churches in this great land. They would appreciate our encouraging them in this way.

The Warren Keipers are due for furlough this year and are making plans for a short term furlough beginning about December 1973. Pray for the the Keipers that this might be arranged and accomplished for His glory. Pray also for the Frank Val-

enzas who will be left in Brazil to encourage the nationals and to train them in the Word of God according to the Pauline revelation.

The Joe Watkins and Vernon Biglows continue their labours in the Philippines where strife and killings continue but where God's Word continues to reach souls for Christ and where new churches are being established for His glory. They are also helping to establish the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) in the Philippines. Won't you pray for the Lord's direction in each of these lives?



THE BIGLows

Mary	Rachel	Joy
Pat	Leah	Vernon

We have considered the possibility of an offset press for printing small items here at the headquarters. Would you know of a press that would run 8½ X 14 size that the Lord might want us to put to use for His glory? If so, why not write us.

Every prayer letter or International Harvest that is returned because of address change cost 10 cents of the Lord's money. Would you help us by giving us your change of address at least one month before you move? The average of one out of three families move every year. Thank you for helping us put the Lord's money to better use in reaching the lost and establishing the Saints.

Your continual support of our ministry here in the mission office with your gifts and prayers is greatly appreciated. We need much prayer as we seek to direct the work of the mission. If you have any questions about the Lord's work through T.C.M., why not write us?

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How Americans Spend Their Money

Food	\$85 billion
Cars and use61 billion
Housing46 billion
Household operation50 billion
Clothing, Accessories, etc	.35 billion
Recreation21 billion
Illegal gambling47 billion
Alcoholic Drinks11 billion
Vacations	9 billion
Tobacco	8 billion
Personal Care	6 billion
Religion and Welfare	5 billion
Dogs,cats,birds (pets)	4 billion
Pet food, cats,dogs & birds	712 mill
Toys500 million
Greeting Cards341 million
Chewing Gum304 million
Foreign Missions190 million
Ball point pens144 million

Many sad but informative comparisons can be made in the above figures. Many people complain about the churches always wanting money, but the

above figures show that the American people spent 4 times as much on recreation last year as they did on all Religion and Welfare. The above figures show that over 100 times as much was spent for recreation as was spent on foreign missions. (Yes, 100 times is right). Over 20 times as much was spent on dogs, cats, and birds (pets), as was spent on foreign missions. Over 40 times as much was spent on tobacco, as was spent on foreign missions. Over 200 times as much spent on illegal gambling as was spent on foreign missions. Nearly 2 times as much spent on greeting cards as was spent on foreign missions. Over 1½ times as much spent on chewing gum as was spent on foreign missions. I could go on and on, but I believe that the reader can make his own comparisons. Oh, shame, shame, shame!!!!!! Untold millions still untold.