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*John 4:35*

*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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## The Apostle Paul of Brazil



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# FAITHFUL FOOTPRINTS



*A History of Things to Come Mission in Brazil*  
by *Henrique Schmidt*

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." (I Timothy 1:15).

## MY CALL

Before beginning the history and establishment of the T.C.M. in Brazil, I'll mention briefly the background of the Schmidt family.

My family immigrated to Russia in 1845, coming from Holland and Germany (Prussia). My father Joyh, and mother Gertrude, lived in humble surroundings as colonists in the village of Orenlingo (Ural). From this union were born three sons and one daughter; I being the middle one of these four. In 1921, my father died when I was four years of age. My mother remarried and we moved to a neighboring village. My parents raised us in the discipline of the Bible and church attendance. In 1924, my parents desired to leave Russia but were not permitted. Again, in 1926, they attempted to leave and were not allowed. Finally, in November of 1929, together with many fugitives (with many others staying behind) God brought us out with a mighty hand. We traveled by boat to Germany where we waited two years to immigrate to Canada.

But God had other plans for us. Canada closed its doors and my parents decided to go to Brazil. On June 1, 1931, we left Hamburg, Germany bound for Rio de Janeiro. From there we disembarked for Sao Francisco do Sul, Santa Catarina. God conveyed us to a large wilderness where we cleared the forest with ax and saw, in order to cultivate the land. After five years of this struggle, my parents moved to Curitiba, Parana to labor there in a

dairy. At this time I left home to make my own way. Also, at this time, God began to speak to my heart in various ways, but I didn't want to listen. I was 19 and hadn't found happiness - I walked wearily and became hardened.



Henrique and Anna Schmidt

At age 26, I married Anna Sichel and we began to face life together, but without Christ. On June 1, 1951 at 8 p.m., I was shown certainty of my salvation in Christ. Just eight days later, my wife was converted also. I was soon giving my testimony for Christ and by this was much strengthened. (I Timothy 1:12).

However, in me now arose a great desire to carry this experience to those who didn't know Christ; but how was this to be realized? I discussed this with other believers but they didn't understand. One afternoon, I went far into a field where I knew no one could hear me and there offered to my Saviour all of my desires. (Prov. 16:3; Psalm 55:17.) If the Lord could use me as His servant, then He would guide my paths.

## GOD BEGINS TO ACT

Our financial condition was bad - we had debts. So we began to pray together as a family, that God would free us. So we sold all we had. My desire was to serve in the regions beyond where they had not heard of

the Saviour. This, I understood, was the principle command of Christ. Thus did the Lord open doors. We passed through great trials because I had determined to ask only of God's hand and that by prayer.

Two years passed thus, waiting and working to sustain ourselves while in the evening I attended a Bible school. One day a Mennonite brother came and offered us a job in a Children's Home. This I took as God's hand. There I learned the Portuguese language better, as well as doing many humble tasks. One year later, we returned to the place where we began to open many doors of preaching. This was in the beginning of 1957. Until then, we had worked supporting ourselves; yet were impressed with another order: to trust God alone for our sustenance. This I presented to our family and they agreed to it. Thus it was that He



The Schmidt family during those early years of his ministry

became our only help. Still I hadn't found a door to the regions beyond and those without Christ. Where I was, others could continue the work. So one day, having lifted this burden to God in prayer, I told my wife, "Tomorrow I'll go for a week to look for a new field of labor."

On March 20, 1957 taking my bicycle, tracts, clothes, a little money, my Bible and a bed roll, I left home saying I was going to a village on the sea coast. At that time it represented a distance of 165 kilometers (99 miles). I found a people who never had heard the gospel. On this trip, I distributed tracts and testified of Christ. On the third day, before lunch, I arrived at the sea coast, in the place called Olho



da Agua. I asked some children returning from school where they lived as I hadn't seen any houses. A boy said, "My father lives on the other side of the river. If you want to go there, I'm on my way there too." We arrived at his house and soon I explained my visit and from where I'd come. I opened my Bible and read various passages; Matthew 11:28 and Romans 10:8-17. I spoke to them of Christ's love shown on the cross. Others came and suddenly the house was full of people. I began anew my preaching. That night I preached there until 10 P.M. I bedded down in the same livingroom that evening. This was that people for whom I'd prayed before — they weren't in a far distant place, but were without Christ and thus without salvation. The next day I returned home — on the way the Lord told me this is the new field which you can evangelize. Arriving home I began at once to arrange for our next visit, in a month.

### INVITATION

On April 1, 1957 a registered letter came to me from Mr. Herbert Palmer in the U.S.A., written in English, inviting me to work in Brazil with the message of the grace of God. He sent some books about this doctrine but I was not able to understand them (being written in English). By means of a missionary, Albert Widmer, it was made more clearly known to me. Mr. Palmer showed interest in our labors for the which we were praying and

with the money God sent to us we were able to go to the sea coast without incurring debt. Great was the jubilee in our house then.

At that time I had an old '29 Ford



in good condition. This was the car that carried us through the first years of our labors. So I loaded our family in the car with a 6x4 (meter) tarpaulin, our beds and the first evangelistic meetings were launched April 19-25, 1957. Souls came to listen, the room was full each night. The Lord confirmed His Word, thanks to Him. Thus we continued laboring each month. God began to call souls to Himself. We soon passed from Olho da Agua to Barrancos where the family of Jose was saved.



His house served as a meeting place for 8 years.

In May of 1958, we opened the work in Pontal do Sul (near Barrancos) using the tarpaulin also. In some months, souls were saved and



soon a strong group was established there. Some of the same family were saved: brothers Adolfo, Haroldo and Maneco. They were praising the Lord for His death on the cross.

## INCORPORATION OF T.C.M. IN BRAZIL

In 1958 I began the incorporation of the mission here and finally on the 21st of February 1961, completed it. This was very provisional but was granted by God.

## DEATH

My beloved mother died on July 11, 1961. On the 29th of October of the same year brother Palmer, our director, also died. For four years this brother and his wife, Jessie, sent us their offering without fully knowing how the work had advanced. We thank God continually for these heroes of the faith.

## MEETING

In February of 1968, after 11 years of knowing our brethren in Christ of the T.C.M. — U.S.A., there came to visit us, brothers Eldred Sidebottom and Vernon Anderson, with sisters Virginia Shriver and Margaret Fromer. It was a grand meeting — almost identical to the brothers of Joseph in Egypt. A happy time it was for us and the brethren on the sea coast. Conferences, visitations and discussions were held. We felt united in the work in Brazil, the U.S.A., the Philippines. Even today, we still speak of those happy days in the Lord. But we could not remain together while sinners die in their sins. We must inform them of their great danger. We have the name of this mission only for one reason, to evangelize those who are yet ignorant of Christ — if we don't do this, it is better that we cancel the mission's name!

## REINFORCEMENTS

After the brethren from North America left, reinforcements were sent on the part of lessons regarding the message of Grace. To Sao Paulo, came

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# THINGS TO COME MISSION WORK IN NIGERIA

by Inno. I. Udoh



Eldred Sidebottom with Inno and Grace Udoh and family

Since the start of this Mission, in this part of the world, two representatives of the Headquarters Mission in the U.S.A. have visited and toured the Mission centres here. The two representatives are Rev. Rollin Wilson, Jr., now the Mission representative in Couderay, Wisconsin and Rev. Eldred Sidebottom, the World Things to Come Mission Director, Cope, Colorado. Their visits took place in early 1972 and almost the same time in 1974 respectively. I am glad to announce that these two visits by the two Ambassadors of Our Lord Jesus Christ have yielded very big and wonderful results. The two servants of Our Lord, during their visits, took time to travel out with the local preachers on rough roads to the out-stations to preach, teach and deliver all other messages of our Lord to mammoth crowds of believers. It is no wonder why the expansion of the Mission work here has been rapid with a teeming population. Five of the Field preachers were given new bicycles for their field trips and these have eased their movements very tremendously. I am also glad to say that these bicycles have helped our preachers to go deeper

into the interiors for the spreading of the Lord's Words.

Our prayers daily are that our Mighty living God would bless these two wonderful ambassadors of His, who have, under very hard conditions, travelled to work with us in Nigeria. Our prayers also go to those good friends who have contributed in one way or the other towards the spreading of God's Word in this part of the universe.

The mission here is requesting your prayerful consideration of the following:

- \* Funds to purchase more bicycles for the field pastors.
- \* Funds to purchase a truck or a bus for the Nigerian Mission work.
- \* Funds to maintain the orphans and the Mission preachers.

Praise the Lord with us in that the increasing number of believers is making it necessary to expand the existing church buildings so as to have enough accommodations for the believers, especially on Sundays.

Your prayers and help will mean much to the Lord's work in Nigeria.

## FAINTHEARTED IN THE FIGHT

by Judy Valenza



Frank, Judy, Frankie and Janina Valenza

Dear Friends, I want to share with you some verses that have meant a lot to me. During times of illness and at other instances, I have had occasion to become "Fainthearted in the Fight."

Usually, "faintheartedness" comes when circumstances surpass human reasoning and physical strength. Faintheartedness is spoken of in Deuteronomy 20: (Note verses 1, 3, 4, and 8).

"When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, . . . Let not your hearts faint . . . What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart."

This passage **not only** gives us an example of faintheartedness, but it tells us that faintheartedness is contagious. This is why we must cure ourselves of the ailment or remove ourselves from contact with those who have contacted it.

In my estimation, Moses was a great leader or director. He knew from one of his earliest experiences before Pharoah, that what he needed to continue to carry the heavy load of guiding a complaining and disobedient people, was "to be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Oh, but you say, that was Joshua's theme. This is what I thought until I saw it was Moses' theme throughout his life. (Deut. 1:21; 31:6, 7, 8). Not only was Moses a great leader in being God's intercessor for the Israelites, but he was great in the respect that he prepared a man to take his place (cf. also Num. 11:28). The advice he gave Joshua to lead a people who "easily became 'discouraged in the way' " (Num. 21:4) was to: Be strong and of good courage: . . . the Lord, He it is that goeth before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed." (Deut. 31: 6, 7, 8).

But how can we cure ourselves of this fainthearted feeling or sickness? Here are some steps or conditions for receiving strength:

1. Realize our own weakness (II Cor. 12:9, 10).  
*(Please look up these scriptures as room will not allow them being quoted)*
2. Realize (admit) that we have no might of our own (Isa. 40:29).
3. Wait on the Lord (Isa. 40:30, 31).  
"Waiting" on the Lord here refers to quietness before the Lord after earnest and intense prayer.
4. Quietness and confidence in the Lord (Isa. 30:15).

A real verse of confidence IN Christ is Phil. 4:13. The "all things" here does not mean that we can do EVERYTHING, but only those things which He desires and requires

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# NOT YET NAMED

by Barry Pumphrey

When the Apostle Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans he had a desire to not only go to Rome (1:10,11) but also to visit Spain (15:24). We see he really had a desire for Europe that he might go and preach Christ where Christ was NOT YET NAMED, (15:20-24).

Two thousand years have passed since the Apostle Paul had this desire to reach the regions beyond. The message he loved and lived for has since been carried far and wide over the European Continent. Many who loved the message of God's Grace as Paul did have passed the Pilgrim way; many gave their lives for it.

Today, however, as we look at this great continent, what do we see? We see spiritual darkness almost as great in our day as it was in Paul's, only today the darkness is not that of barbarianism, ignorance and poverty, but that of what we now term "The Good Life," a life where everyone does "their own thing." A cloud of darkness great enough to even cast a shadow over the activity of the Church. Today Europe presents the same challenge as it did in the day of the great Apostle i.e. That Christ be preached where He is NOT YET NAMED.

Many people would be quick to contend that it is wrong to class Europe as one would have classed Africa a hundred or so years ago - lost in darkness. From many Christian friends however, who have been spending the summer seeking to present the Grace message to Europe, comes back the report that can only lead one to conclude that today, darkest Europe is one of the world's greatest mission fields.

The particular need of each country may manifest itself in a different way e.g. Religion so strong that there is no freedom to speak of the Crucified Christ; a political system so rigid that

a Bible is classed as pornography; a country that has put the "New Morality" so far into practice that it now stands morally bankrupt or is so "civilized" that it has no time for "that sort of thing" (the preaching of the Cross, that is). But whichever way the need manifests itself, it is still quite obvious that Europe is "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1) and requires very much the only remedy God provides for such a condition - "Jesus Christ crucified!"

It is good to be able to report that quite a number of friends from the Grace Movement have accepted the challenge of Europe and have these past days sought to "testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). Allow me to share with you some of their reports as they have entered the doors that God has opened.

The European Collegiate Crusade, Mike Buttery and John Weckler (John and Mike are from the Fellowship here in Birmingham) report a very profitable five days spent in N. Ireland (Ulster) during the month of August. Their time there was a follow-up ministry to the two weeks I had spent there during the latter half of May.

Many tracts along with the offer of a free Bible correspondence study were passed out. This enabled the team to spend time with our main contact in Ulster, John McKendry. (We came to know about John through Mrs. Evelyn Cuttle of Santa Cruz, California.) John is a man who thrives on passing out tracts and telling people, "Ye must be born again." Since knowing John, he has come to the assurance of his salvation and is a ready and willing listener at Bible studies. Do pray for him as he carries on what is virtually a full time tract-passing ministry. At the time of writing this article John wrote to say that he is at present engaged in passing out the gift of tracts made to

him by the Team. He also made a special prayer request for physical strength. It is not unknown for this brother to walk thirteen miles in one day.

In addition to the Team's literature ministry they had opportunity to spend time speaking with a Presbyterian Minister about the Grace Message and hold services at a non-denominational Mission Hall in the Ulster University town of Coleraine. One of the leading Elders of this Mission Hall, Billy Watton, is the brother who gave the Team these opportunities of ministering the Word of Grace. Billy was also very kind in arranging accomodation for the Team and also myself during my visit last May.

While bomb power seeks to take life, it is wonderful to see God's power at work giving life (Romans 1:16). John McKendry and Billy Watton are only two of the many zealous Christians of Ulster — and still the need is great, still there are many faced with death daily that have not yet heard of God's redeeming power in Christ.

Ulster is not the only part of the United Kingdom suffering from the present day wave of terror bombs. England itself is now fast becoming a second Ulster as the Bombers strike yet while the soldiers of death and destruction are at work here in England, so also are the soldiers of the Cross — outnumbered though they are!

In Birmingham you have the Grace Fellowship. A group of about twenty-five believers who know and love the message of God's grace. Started through the faithful and persistant labours of a Birmingham man, John Eades, this group has over its 12 years of existence, grown much in faith and areas with God's good news for all. It is with these friends that I am at present engaged.

This summer we have enjoyed an outreach with both children and adults on one of Birmingham's housing Estates (developments). The adult population in the area continue to "feel safe" in their religion OR/AND

material prosperity. For the most part they are average working class people and are good living, sincere people. Sadly, they fail to heed the warning of Proverbs 14:12 and continue on towards a Christless eternity. The Children's Sunday School work continues at a steady rate, however. Pray with us that these young lives will find peace with God as they sit weekly under the power of the gospel. It is worth noting that a child committed to Christ can many times be, and has been, the means of reaching parents!

God's hand of blessing has also been very much upon the ministry in Holland as His Word has gone forth through Henk Gerritsen, Peter Wiering and others; in Spain and Italy through the endeavors of the Collegiate Crusade Team, and in Yugoslavia through Vernon Anderson and others. Won't you join us in praying that God will raise up workers for these and many other needy lands of Europe? Better still, why not pray about coming over yourself. Many of these countries have wide open doors that just plead for someone to go through them (for instance, Yugoslavia - a country that could close its doors to Christianity any time). Countries where, for all of their religion, we find Christ is NOT YET NAMED.

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, COME OVER into Macedonia AND HELP US" (Acts 16:9).



Barry Pumphrey



# WELL, SHUT MY MOUTH, OR . . .

by Warren Keiper



Warren, Shirley Keiper

“What advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die. Be not deceived: evil communications (companionship) corrupt(s) good manners (morals). *Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame*” (I Cor. 15:32-34).

This, to us, is an important lesson on testimony, wherever we may live. Here, in the middle of the oft called “Ressurrection” chapter, between the glorious, victorious Christ and the “how” we believers will be resurrected to Him (our hope), we find the pivot point of our life (living) — MISSION — “some do not have the knowledge of God!!”

Now, there could be various reasons for this being to their (our) shame; but the Apostle Paul singles out only ONE! SIN!! Is it their sin because they have not told those who have not heard? No! It is because they have sin in their lives that they have not told others. And how could they? Christ is righteousness and He has given His

righteousness to them, but by their very lives they are denying that they have it — they have lost their testimony.

Without pointing any fingers it is obvious the “church” is not what it used to be. It was clearly, definitely separated from the world and its ways; but today it is popular to bring the world to church (contrary to Eph. 4:11-16) and the believers’ separation has become almost non-existent, appearing, even as the world (cf. II Tim. 3:1-5) and so, it has nothing to say (this passage refers to the church, since the world has no other possibility). Yes, evil companionship has corrupted it. It is interesting, every mouth was *shut* before God by sin (Rom. 3:23, 20) and now, the believer finds his mouth *shut* before the world. The Apostle Paul wrote “I speak this to your shame.” It might be added here that the only recorded admonition to the Lord’s Body regarding giving was to these same people. How the heart, mouth and hand speak as one.

May we sin not, that we may have our mouth *open* speaking “the unsearchable riches of Christ.”



Joe, Cynthia, Pauline, Cheryl and Stephen Watkins

A Christian once said to a missionary, "I like you because you don't talk about money!" If you are this type of person you should not read the rest of this article since I am going to talk about money. I feel compelled to do so by God. The burdens of the work also compel me to do so. I will not ask you to give so much money, will only ask you to pray. Pray that the Lord will meet the great need of money for the work at this time. Why not read on and see if you can pray together with us for these needs.

In order to evangelize and plant new churches we must continue to train young men and then send them out to new places — places where there are contacts or where a church can be planted. Please read Romans 10:9-21. Doing this will involve several departments within the work here in the Philippines.

For training a worker or pastor we have IGBI and MGBI. This year there are twenty students in training in these schools. It takes \$350 a month to support the operations of these schools. For the past months we have not received the \$350 needed. What should I do? Should I send half the students home? We need your prayers here.

For sending the graduates of our schools out we have the fieldwork department. We all realize that the pastor needs money to live. The mission realizes that when a pastor goes to a new place there is no one there to help him, so we seek to help by giving a single worker \$15 a month and a married worker \$20 a month. These past months we have not been able to meet our financial obligation to the fifty plus pastors. These pastors are working and fulfilling their obligation to us and the Lord. We need \$550 a month to meet our present obligation to these faithful men. We need your prayers here.

How are contacts made in new places? This is where our radio work comes in. We are now broadcasting over seven commercial radio stations. The message of grace is taught by the national radio pastor. People have been saved and Christians listen and love the message of grace and then write in to the mission — Contact is made. It takes \$50 a month to support most of our stations. These past months we have not been able to meet these financial obligations. We need your prayer here.

The past months have been very frustrating. You might be surprised that missionaries get frustrated. We do!

Let me explain. Into my hands have come letters and worker's reports from Samar-Pastor Catubig; from Surigao-Pastor Buagas; from Molacaboc-Pastor Sammy Undag; from Bukidnon-Pastor T. Aguatis. Each of the above have one thing in common — they want to start or plant a new church.

Pastor Catubig writes, "Please send Luz Gaddi as we want to start a new work in the barrio of San Miguel, Lorente, Eastern Samar." (Luz Gaddi is a Bible woman who was assigned there before we placed a pastor there.) A new work will be started, which means that we will need a pastor to go there. A pastor we don't have and also no money to support one if we had a pastor.

Pastor Aguatis wrote to tell me that a member of his in Bukidnon took him to the island of Masbate to teach the Word of God to his relatives and in some modernist churches. He writes, "As of now we have six families converted and they are preparing to build a new church, but they are waiting for a pastor. So this is now our great opportunity. These six families are interested to have a pastor to be assigned." I wrote Pastor Aguatis and had to tell him that we have no pastor to send and also no money to support a pastor is we had one.

Pastor Sammy Undag didn't write, but came to our house. He told about the success of evangelistic meetings that he and his father had in San Isidro, Negros. There were several families that moved from Pastor S. Undag's church to San Isidro. They called Sammy and his father to come and hold open-air evangelistic meetings. They went and many were saved. Now Sammy spends two weekends a month in San Isidro teaching the members. They will erect a small chapel. A pastor is needed there. Sammy needs money for travel. There are other places he would like to visit if he had the funds.

Pastor Noli Buagas writes, "The door for the ministry here in Surigao City has opened widely this month. A man working in the Bureau of Public

Schools Division Office is actively attending our church services with his family. The work is growing. We are renting a building for ₱120 a month. I have decided to stay permanently and concentrate on the work for the month of August. Before I left Loreto, the board of elders made a decision to give the pastor a fixed salary of ₱120 a month. This is if the pastor will stay permanently in the church. I should have accepted this offer if I am concerned for my stomach. However, I cannot compromise my conscience, I must preach the gospel in other cities. So please send a pastor to Loreto." Pastor Noli established a self-supporting, self-governing church in Loreto. He now has a burden to start another church in Surigao City. He feels like Christ in Luke 4:42-43. In Surigao we have several contacts. He now is working with these contacts. He has organized them into a church. Pastor Noli was offered ₱120 or \$30 a month just to stay in Loreto. He refused because of his call to Surigao. It was a big sacrifice for him. He now gets only ₱50 a month or \$15. He needs more than that to do a good job. Surigao is a big city and prices are high. He now has told me to send a pastor to Loreto. So two problems have been presented to me from this one pastor. He needs more money in order to establish a new church in Surigao, money which we don't have.

Brethren, I could go on telling about Pastor Racines and others making the same request. Requests not for their own comfort but for the expansion of the preaching of the gospel of the Grace of God.

Brethren, the schools must center on the training of pastors. We need them badly. We must enter every door that is open to the pastors. Please present these needs to your church, Bible class, Sunday School, young people's group and other interested Christians. Ask them to pray that the Lord will provide the needed funds to meet every need here of the schools,

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# AUSTRALIA — THE LAND DOWN UNDER

by Janet Shriver



Janet, Suzanne, Jon, VernaLee, John and Juline Shriver

We decided we'd answer some of the questions that have been written to us in Australia. Most people are curious about a foreign missionary's life, style of living and news of the family is always of interest. I trust that in answering your questions we can share with you a portion of the burden which God has placed upon our hearts for Australia.

## WHAT KIND OF A HOUSE DO YOU LIVE IN?

It is not a Filipino type house. Made of red brick, it has a large loungeroom (you call it a livingroom), kitchen, laundry, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, 1 junk room (master bedroom, den, literature depot, office and family room), and a toilet (you guessed right - the bathroom is only for bathing).

We have a large yard with 30 new pine trees which the landlord recently planted (we're doing our best to kill some of them), a garden, rose bushes, grapes, nectarine tree and 5 other newly planted trees (Russians love trees). Mowing the lawn becomes an obstacle course with our landlord's tree planting project.

## HOW ARE THE FOOD PRICES THERE?

Meat and milk are still reasonable in price. I bought ground beef for 29c per lb. last week (that is about 45c U.S.). We get milk from a Christian friend who owns a dairy farm. From the 4 gallons of milk we get each week, we have butter, cream, cottage cheese and lots of milk. Canned foods are high and imported ones really high. We have enjoyed fresh oranges and mandarins this winter at reasonable prices and almost as tasty as Florida citrus.

## HAVE YOU SEEN KANGAROOS AND KOALAS?

In a national reserve nearby we have petted and chased the kangaroo, emu and cuddled the koala. Kangaroo are common pests in the bush and are used largely for pet food in the city.

## HAS "INFLATION" REACHED AUSTRALIA?

Inflation has hit hard and fast here. Prices have increased 34 per cent since we arrived. We now pay 57c for petrol (80c U.S.) and it is predicted to reach 1.50 by December. (Petrol is gas).

This last month we had a bread strike, building strike, postal strike, truck drivers strike, dairy and milk bottlers strike, nurses and prison wardens strike. One follows another and we dare not consider the outcome. This country, like the rest of the world, is in a time of economical crisis.

### **HOW IS THE FAMILY?**

We have all recovered this month from the "wog" (we don't know what it is either.) We have all lost weight in Australia (good). Jan has been having more back troubles and will soon be taking therapy treatments.

Our family has grown by two this winter (no, this isn't an old letter, we are having winter in July). Two-year old VernaLee and fourteen-year old Suzanne have come to live with us. We praise God for the privilege of training these girls spiritually as well as giving them a loving home. It also opens up a vast ministry as we reach out through them to their relatives and former foster families.

### **WHAT TYPE OF MISSION WORK ARE YOU DOING IN AUSTRALIA?**

Home Bible classes, tract distribution, Correspondence School, Independent Bible Church, Good News Clubs, personal witnessing door to door.

### **DO YOU HAVE A RADIO BROADCAST IN ADELAIDE?**

There are no Christian radio broadcasts in South Australia. We have yet to hear the Gospel given on the radio. There are two liberal "religious" broadcasts, one of which intersperses "religious comments" with rock and roll music. We are asking God to give us the open door of radio here in Adelaide. Everyone says we will never get on the radio. "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Will you pray with us for a Gospel broadcast in Adelaide?

### **IS THE CHURCH GROWING?**

Independent Bible Church averages 13-15 each Sunday for all services.

Occasionally someone from the church community visits the services. We praise God for a nucleus of spiritual minded Christians in the church.

### **AREN'T THERE ANY CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA?**

Yes, there are many churches in Australia, and Adelaide boasts of more than any other capital city. There are over 500 church buildings (apart from the cults) in Adelaide. Few of these are fundamental and a vast majority are "way out" liberal churches. There are even Satan worshippers in Adelaide and the city's first homosexual church will soon be opening. We also have Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh Day, Christian Scientists and over 100 Roman Catholic churches. With all of these churches one out of every ten people you speak to is an avowed atheist. Strange, isn't it?

### **WHAT IS THE GREATEST NEED IN THE AUSTRALIAN WORK RIGHT NOW?**

Prayer and literature are the two present greatest needs. We are putting Gospel tracts into every home in the city as well as distributing several hundred each week on the streets. Every tract has a card inserted inviting the reader to return the card for more literature, a correspondence course or a home visit.

### **HAVEN'T YOU RECEIVED ANY LITERATURE YET?**

Oh yes, Mrs. Cuttle sent several boxes of her lovely tracts. Grace Fellowship has sent tracts and books. Grace Gospel Publishers have sent several thousand tracts and hundreds of *Moses and Paul*. A lady in Minnesota also sent a gift for tracts. Others have responded with gifts for literature. A special *thank you* for all of these which have been received thus far, but it is only a beginning.

### **WHAT ARE SOME PROJECTS OUR LADIES MISSIONARY GROUPS CAN DO FOR YOU?**

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## IN JOURNEYINGS OFT

by Rollin Wilson



Rollin, Jetty, Becky and Priscilla Wilson

Among the numerous experiences Paul had as described in II Corinthians 11:23-33, we note especially his "journeying often."

Here in north-western Wisconsin, the Lord has opened doors to us in an area of home missions. For the past 20 months our outreach has been a radius from our home in Couderay, of 200 miles. From this part of the state we can reach into both Minnesota and Michigan. Our original intent was to work mainly in home mission work in Wisconsin; however, we have Bible classes in both of these neighboring states also.

We have often experienced the definite hand of the Lord in protection during the 40,000 miles traveled per year in this ministry. Deer, porcupine, raccoon, skunk, even wolf and coyote, become extreme hazards along the back roads we travel each week. Winter snows and temperatures, freezing sleet and rain - all have been our experience, in "journeying oft" taking the Word of God to distant places. However, the most sinister of our hazards along the road is personal weariness - physical sleepiness! We solicit your prayers; how many times we've been roused while

driving home along some lonely road close to midnight. Perhaps in response to your prayer our Lord kept us from certain peril along the highway.

Our regular Bible classes number three. Tuesday evenings we meet in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lorin Kinsel at Ironwood, Michigan - here we are finishing the book of Genesis. Thursdays we meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melford Oftedahl at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; here we're in the latter part of the study of Romans. Every other Friday evening we travel to Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin respectively. The homes of Mr. Leo Forsyth in Duluth and the Vernon Brews in Superior are the main places for our gathering - I Corinthians is being studied with these folk.

On Sunday mornings Jetty and I teach classes at the Grace Bible church in Bruce, Wisconsin. These dear brethren support our ministry here, along with those who also are interested in home missions.

We have seen fruit through these Bible classes - the rightly divided Word is meeting the needs of hearts through our Lord Jesus Christ.



## WHICH CAME FIRST

by W. P. Heath



William, Eunice and Jon Heath

"Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" The believer has the answer in Genesis 2:19. Yet the question of which is more important today is as much an enigma as ever.

Paul faced a similar problem, related to the relative importance of men and women, in I Cor. 11. Not a "Women's Lib" advocate, he goes back to Genesis for the ultimate solution (vs.8, 9), but he points out that each has importance, in his own place, and, being mutually inter-dependent, neither can be depreciated or deleted (vs. 11, 12).

This principle of inter-dependence is found in many areas of Christian interest. Occasionally a pastor will discount missions and missionaries, forgetting that apart from missions the gospel would never have reached his area at all, and I fear that some missionaries look down on pastors as men who would have been missionaries if they had been "more spiritual," forgetting that no mission could long survive without the faithful pastors and laymen back home. If it is true that no church can see the need across

the street until it is burdened for the need around the world, it is also true that, having seen the need across the street, the total effort will not go to "foreign missions." A neglect of either responsibility will eventually blind men to the other.

Now and then churches and pastors fear that too much emphasis on missions takes income away from the church and sends it abroad. My experience is that once people get a missionary vision they are super-motivated to give "until it hurts," and their giving spills over into the local work.

Some missionaries may take the attitude that the church "owes them a living" and is failing the Lord if a large offering is not forth-coming. When the offering comes they are quick to "praise the Lord for His faithfulness" but may be strangely silent about the faithfulness of the saints who gave, often sacrificially.

How well the relationship between Paul and the church in Philippi illustrates this inter-dependence. Paul

did not expect the believers in Philippi to all join him on the field. He encouraged their ministry *where they were*, saying, "ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the Word of life that I may rejoice in the day of Christ." (Phil. 2:15, 16) Yet they *did send* one of their most faithful men to aid Paul, as their "apostle" to minister to Paul's wants and to aid him in his work. (Phil. 2:25, 26) Paul did not plead for funds, yet the church *did give* abundantly (Phil. 4:18), sacrificially (Phil. 4:19) and repeatedly (Phil. 4:16). Paul was thankful to the Lord, but also was genuinely grateful to the Philippian.

There is another area where this inter-dependence is important. Do believers "evangelize" their neighbors because they study the Word and pray, or do they study and pray because they are engaged in evangelism? We ought not give a hasty answer here.

It is surely true that without a knowledge of the Word we have nothing to proclaim. The study of the Word gives us our message and correctly interprets our experience. Without the outreach of ministry, however, our Bible study tends to become ingrown and hollow. Dividing the Word may become more a matter of splitting hairs than sharing truths. Even the appetite for Bible study falls off and prayer becomes perfunctory.

I can recall times when I was at a low spiritual ebb and found that the answer was not so much in Bible study or prayer as it was in speaking to some unbeliever about his soul. As I saw his stark spiritual poverty I began to appreciate anew what I had in Christ. As I met his questions they sent me back to my Bible for answers. Encountering his spiritual blindness and deadness put me on my knees. The whole experience revitalized my total Christian life for a time.

Timothy was told to guard the deposit of truth (II Tim. 1:14) but the best way to guard truth is to give it away. The more it is given out the better it is retained. (II Tim. 2:2) He was to study, rightly dividing the Word

of truth (II Tim. 2:15), but it was as he *preached* the Word (II Tim. 4:2) and did the work of an *evangelist* (II Tim. 4:5) that he made full proof of his ministry.

This inter-dependence is illustrated in our Bible Institute here in the Philippines. Two years of classroom work equips these fine young men to spend a year pastoring churches as intern students. The year in the field sends them back to their last year of school with a new appreciation for the Word of God and a new eagerness to study it. In the states, Bible College has led young people out in summer ministry, but also participation in summer ministry has led others to Bible College.

If a plateau has been reached in your spiritual life, become actively, aggressively involved in getting the Word of God out to those around you. It will give you something to study for, something to pray about and send you even farther and more effectively with the gospel of the Grace of God.

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During the last six months we have seen the beginning of a church here in our home that has an attendance of about 35 for Sunday school and morning service. We have also taught a number of Bible classes in our home for various groups that would come for fellowship here. We have seen some come to know the Lord in the neighborhood and others are being dealt with and witnessed to from time to time. We are expecting to launch a door to door calling campaign this next week, utilizing several workers who are here temporarily awaiting permanent assignment. We trust that the tracts we ordered some time ago will arrive by then.

My chief work is in helping and ministering to the churches in this area. I have held six week-end Bible conference type "revivals" in the past three months and have an even heavier schedule ahead. In these

meetings I teach through an interpreter and will spend from two hours to ten hours teaching the Word in these churches. The travel to and from, and somewhat primitive conditions while there, take a lot out of an "old man" and it usually takes me a day or two to get over the trip. Studying, letter writing, administrative duties, and counseling and encouraging workers in this area and many unforeseeable activities take up the rest of my time. A week was taken up by attending the annual worker's conference, another by a meeting of the Philippine Board. We are grateful to the Lord for strength and health to keep abreast of it all.

Jon is now in the eighth grade in the school at Nasuli. We miss him but are glad that he is able to be with his friend, Ben Anderson. Eunice is well and busy here for the Lord.

Continue to pray for us. We are not far from the fighting between the army and the rebel underground army, - but safe in His hands. The real battle is not carnal but spiritual and we are right in the middle of that one! We know that you are too, - may we all follow the instructions of Ephesians 6:10-18 and having done all, STAND.

*W. P. Heath*

thankful for all that the Lord has done during this time. We are enjoying the life and service here at Kerala. Not because of the easy work, but because of His love and care.

"I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord, who hath enabled me, in that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." The Lord has opened doors for us to preach and teach the Word. Here we have a group of people to go with us to preach and teach. Every Friday this group is going out to preach. The rest of the days we are doing the other kind of meetings and services.

In three different places we have the brethren together for Bible study and preaching. In these places we are going regularly (Brother John and I). Rev. John was an evangelist in the pentacostalist church. Now he is helping us in the services. He is a poor man with his wife and eight children. We are responsible for his expenses while he is going with us and helping us. Now I am giving him a small amount out of my gift. He is very interested to work with us. Remember him in your prayers also.

Here we have a "Gospel House" near our residence. It is the center of our nearest town. This is a convenient place for the public meetings and other meetings. Here itself we need a public address system. Now we are renting the P. A. system for every meeting. It is too expensive to rent every time. So we are badly in need of one P.A. system. We are praying for it and waiting to hear from Him.

Thank you very much for your prayers, your love and your gifts; which have enabled me to do His work in India. May the Lord bless all of you.

*by M. S. Mathew*



**M. S. Mathew and family**

It is now one year since we started working in South India. We are

## A WORD FROM HENK GERRITSEN IN HOLLAND



Henk Gerritsen

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15)

Praise be to the Lord. To His glory we can say; "He hath blessed." There is much thankfulness in our hearts. We have been gladdened this summer. The Lord has confirmed the work and the calling.

Six weeks in succession I could serve the Lord at a camping in Zelhem. Each day, sometimes three times a day, I could pass on the message. The Lord supplied a big tent for 150 persons. (This was a miracle in itself). Each day there were 50 to 100 persons in the tent. In the morning childrens meeting and in the evening Bible study and vespers. We can only say: "Thank you, Lord."

Souls were saved. Many have been blessed and their faith was renewed. The many reactions showed that God's Spirit had done a beautiful and big work in many hearts. Even a brother who is himself a leader, came fully to a humbling before God and confession of his sins. Today we have come home. We are real tired but full of thankfulness. Through this great blessing the Lord has opened more doors for His

work. In various Gospel groups I am allowed to serve with the Word.

This past spring we had financial cares. At the moment when we thought that we had to work part time at some job to earn something, we received assistance from brothers and sisters here in Holland. At the moment, the Lord hath supplied for all our needs. What concerns the future, we have seen that the Lord blesses our ministry and confirms it and therefore we want to entrust ourselves to Him each day.

Slowly on I begin to learn how we have to proclaim the Message of Grace here in Holland to people who are able to receive it, who are ready for it. (II Timothy 2:2). At the camping I could talk daily with people who have a desire for the truth. The youth also had much interest for Bible study. We continue to pray daily for you all and for the people here in Holland. We expect it all from Him and want to give ourselves completely for Him and His service. Thank you for your prayer and love and help. Pray for the working of God's Spirit, here in Holland also, so that hearts may be changed to the glory of our faithful Savior. (I Cor. 15:58).



What difference does a culture make? In English one should never say, "I and you," but it is correct in Portuguese. And, surprisingly or unsurprisingly, the attitude (the I first) is also very evident in Brazil. Was it the language that influenced the custom or visa versa?



# MANY VOICES

by D. James



Mr. D. James

“Man born free is found everywhere in chains,” wrote Rousseau. We find man entangled in religious and social bondage. We need not go into the network of the ritualism of the Roman Church. Many Protestant denominations cling to vestiges of Judaism. Even after Christ cried, “It is finished,” they will hold on to it. Man will not be content with Grace, but will add his own works to it and incur the wrath of God. About His altar, He says, “If thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou has polluted it.” (Ex. 20:25). Natural man must go on a pilgrimage to holy places for his salvation. The air we breathe and the water we drink are called “free goods” in Economics, yet they are priceless in value. The famous hunter, Jim Corbett, says in one of his books, “There is no mean creature among the denizens of the forest, only man is mean.” If we read Taylor’s “Jurisprudence,” we would be shocked by the abominable sins committed by man.

Many strange and confusing voices are heard in Protestant assemblies. One “Ecclesia” lays stress on the Sabbath, another on Tongues, yet another on Immersion, etc. Why this babel of voices? The root cause of these “isms” and “schisms” is the failure to “Rightly divide the word of truth.” (II Tim.

2:15). In the midst of this pandemonium, the Grace gospel has to make headway. From the beginning God has been progressively revealing Himself and His purpose. When greater light was shed, fetters fell. After the cross of Christ, animal sacrifices had to go. Early in the first century, St. Paul proclaimed freedom to the church from circumcision. The Council of Jerusalem agreed with Paul and said: “We trouble not the Gentiles.” (Acts 15:19). “The gospel of uncircumcision was committed unto me.” (Gal. 2:7). But for St. Paul we would be still circumcising our children in the latter part of the 20th century. Paul emancipated the church from all traces of Judaism by the counsel of God, “For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Gal. 1:12). Paul announced the breaking down of the middle wall of partition between Jews and Gentiles. That the Church is the Body of Christ is a Pauline truth. In Eph. 3:3, he calls it the Mystery. According to Rotherham and J. C. O’Hair, this truth need not be a mystery any longer. We are loathe to shed vestiges of Judaism. In regard to water baptism, as greater light was shed, Paul declared, “Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel.” (I Cor. 1:17). He also said, “By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.” (I Cor. 12:13).

In spite of all this later revelation, the church clings to water baptism. It will be so till the rapture. For St. Peter himself has said, “There are some things hard to be understood in all Paul’s epistles.” (II Pet. 3:15, 16). Hence it is but logical to expect only an enlightened few to accept Paul’s doctrines. We agree with Paul when he said, “But I fear lest by any means . . . your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (II Cor. 11:3).

# THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The establishing of a Bible institute in southern Brazil came to fruition after a trip by Eldred Sidebottom and Vernon Anderson in 1968. A great need was seen by the Brazilians to prepare workers for Christian service, and an invitation was extended to TCM to send teachers to start a Bible Institute ministry. In response to this request, Rollin Wilson and Warren Keiper with their families went to Brazil in 1969. It became evident that a standard type campus institute would not be feasible for the following reasons: (1) It would pull men out of the local churches where they were most needed, (2) Where would the students find jobs to support themselves and their families? (3) The high cost of maintaining property and buildings for which funds had not been received.

After much prayer, yours and the missionaries, seeking the Lord's will, plans were made to start a T.E.E.

program (Theology Education by Extension). Using this method a school could be set up in each church. This eliminated the problems of student support, building maintenance and most of all, kept the students in their own churches where they could teach others of the congregation. This then, became the practical outworking of II Tim. 2:2 on which our school and our mission is based.

The year 1972 saw changes for the TCM team in Brazil. In January the Frank Valenza family joined TCM to work in the TEE program. In June the Wilson family returned to the U.S. as their mission of establishing a Bible training program was completed.

We solicit your prayers for the students and teachers of Instituto Biblico da Graça (Grace Bible Institute) that they always remain faithful to rightly dividing and living the Word of Truth.

## MY TESTIMONY

*Crispim Rodrigues dos Santos, Student*

I was a fervent Catholic and I loved all the attractions of the world. I drank, danced, gambled, and if anyone wanted to fight with me, I could find no reason not to fight.

I had heard much about the Bible, but nothing directly from the Sacred Scriptures themselves. For this reason I had a great desire to know what God's Word really says. One day my wife and I visited her sister. While there I noticed a book which appeared forgotten and was covered with dust. I opened it and read a bit and found that it wanted to talk to me. This book was the Bible.

I then asked my sister-in-law if I

could borrow the book. She told me that she would not lend it to me, but would give it to me because she didn't have time to read it.

Before I had any contact with Henrique, I had read the Bible from cover to cover and the New Testament two or three times. After this I said to my wife, "From this day on I am no more Catholic. If you want to continue Catholic, continue in it. However, I am a believer now because I see how God saves a person."

When Brother Henrique returned the next time, I was already saved to Christ on April 15, 1960, and he rejoiced with me. (His wife later joined him in Christ.)

## MY TESTIMONY

*Oswaldo Vincentes Batista da Costa, Student*

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I want to tell you how I was lost in the world. Being lost, I

loved to sin and Satan was my false friend. My life was full of trouble and my family suffered much because of



# THE MINISTRY IN HOLLAND

by Peter Wiering



Peter and Etta Wiering

This past winter season we had part in a weekly Bible study-fellowship with a number of believers in this area. How we enjoyed the spiritual fellowship. Even though we came from different church backgrounds and had different convictions about certain subjects, we also realized our oneness in Christ. It was our personal hope that we could be united in a church fellowship and work together to evangelize in this area, but not all are ready for this.

As Etta and I reflected on our present situation and prayed for God's leading, we came to the conclusion that we should start church services here in Dieren, beginning with our family. Up until now we have tried to work toward a church by doing Sunday school work and holding meetings with adults, both in Dieren and Eerbeek. A great deal of our time, of course, is given to literature work, which helps the work of God in Holland and other countries. We feel however that we should emphasize the local work more.

This spring I began (again) the door to door witnessing here in Dieren and am continuing with this. The Lord is

opening doors and hearts through this. In July we had a week of Vacation Bible Club. Kendall Thompson and Brian Cain from G.B.C. helped us, as well as some others from Dieren and the Lord worked with us in a blessed way. At the same time we started our Sunday morning preaching services. We plan to start Sunday school and youth meetings again next week. For these meetings we can use a fine building which belongs to the Christian Reformed Church and which they use some of the time for youth work. Henk Gerritsen has been assuming full responsibility for the Sunday school in Eerbeek.

This morning, about 45 minutes before our Sunday morning service, the phone rang. It was Mr. Kapel from Dieren. I have been helping this man spiritually and he has come twice to our services on Sunday mornings which we started three weeks ago. Now he told me that he had talked with his brother (who lives in Eerbeek) who had told him that we did not baptize with water. Therefore he could not come to our meetings anymore or work with us.

Thus we experienced once again

how our conviction about baptism presents a real obstacle to working together with other believers in Holland. Our conviction is that water baptism at one time had a place in God's program, but that it was eclipsed by the unfolding of the glorious gospel of the grace of God and the fullness in Christ. We believe that since that time there is "one baptism"; (Eph. 4:5) the baptism which is the work of God's Spirit (I Cor. 12:13) and which joins the believer to Christ in a spiritual union. The Lord reveals this real baptism to us in the epistles of Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. We respect the conviction of believers who practice water baptism, and we seek to practice the unity of the Spirit with them and also seek to work together with them. Our experience has been, however, that believers often have withdrawn from us because of our conviction about baptism. This stimulates us to continue to make known the truth of the dispensation of grace, including the "one baptism," here in Holland. We seek to do this "in love."

*Praise the Lord with us for the following:*

- \*For the contact with various persons in Dieren and the area around it in Bible study, etc.
  - \*For the children who heard the gospel in the Vacation Bible Club and especially for those who wanted to believe in the Lord as their Savior.
  - \*For the many who are being reached by the literature we send out regularly.
  - \*For God's blessing upon Henk Gerritsen's ministry.
  - \*For the opportunity to use this youth building here in Dieren.
- Please pray with us for these matters:*
- \*For a reviving and soul-saving work of God in Dieren, Eerbeek and this area.
  - \*For opening of minds and hearts to the truths of the dispensation of the grace of God.
  - \*For God's leading and provision in each phase of our and Henk's ministry.

\*That we may know God's will as to us taking a furlough next year, and if He leads us in this, how to arrange certain important matters concerning our work and family.

\*For the grace fellowship in Birmingham, England. (We praise the Lord for the blessed fellowship we had once again with these dear friends as we were with them at the Grace conference and in Birmingham this summer.)



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Lord has accomplished great and mighty things since the last International Harvest has gone out from the office. How true to His Word He has been — "Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Ephesians 3:20. "Unto Him be the glory" for every blessing that He has bestowed upon His work through the Things to Come Mission.

Since the last I.H. Beverly and I have had the opportunity of being in the Netherlands to visit the Peter Wierings and see the Lord's work in Holland. We also attended the Conference in England and were allowed a speaking engagement. I also spoke three nights in meetings in the Birmingham area where our National worker, Barry Pumphrey, labours.

I was permitted to visit the work in Nigeria, Africa and have fellowship with Brother Innocence I. Udoh and the many pastors. Having spent a full month with the brethren, my heart goes out to these who are living so modestly and abiding so faithfully in the work. The only means of travel these brethren have is by foot or bicycle, yet they are spreading out into new areas all the time. Inno. has written that the work has grown much

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# THE SMELL OF BATTLE IS IN THE AIR

by *Vernon Anderson*



**Vernon, Darlene, Amy, Valerie and Ben Anderson**

With these challenging words, Darlene opened her latest letter from Manado, Indonesia to me here in America. She goes on to say, "You may not be the most popular fellow in town but you're surely the most talked about." She was talking about the stand we have taken in "Christianized" Manado, Indonesia, against liberalism, ceremonialism, and paganism in the church and the outright worship of evil spirits. Over and over again, we have challenged Satan from the pulpits of many churches. Satan has accepted the challenge and has lifted his hand against us. The Department of Religion, a government office, has received a raft of complaints against me from the liberals in an effort to force me out of the country. Indonesia is a land of 140,000,000 people, making it the fifth largest country in the world. It is made up of three thousand or more islands that span a distance equal from New York to Los Angeles. Of the 140 million, 100 million are Muslim. There are pockets of Christianity such as Manado in several places in Indonesia and we have felt this is the ideal place to spend one year studying Indonesian as it is

also only about 400 miles from Davao City in the Philippines where our son, Ben, age 13, is studying. Our purpose in Manado was to only study Indonesian but from the day of arrival, we have been flooded with invitations to preach and teach. We just could not answer "NO" to such urgent, hungry pleas for spiritual food and help. These preaching invitations have brought us into the Christian community which we found to be filled with pagan practices and controlled by the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. We have attempted to make a bold stand for the truth. But you don't challenge the devil on his ground without a fight. It came to a climax the last Sunday I was in Manado, before coming to the U.S. for the wedding of our daughter Hope. There is a Chinese church in Manado that has stood for evangelical Christianity and has always chosen their pastor from an evangelical Chinese Bible school. Recently, due to pressure from the National Council of Churches, their pastor had to resign. I have spoken several times in this church. But now the denominational leaders wanted to get complete control of the church and

put their own man in the pulpit. I openly challenged the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches from the pulpit the last Sunday I was there. So, after I left, they have started efforts to bring our downfall in Indonesia. Darlene is holding the ropes until I can return in early September. Our visa is up for renewal in October. The National Council of Churches does have the power to force the government to refuse our visa renewal. But we are trusting the Lord to overpower them if He still wants us to serve Him in Indonesia. Prayer, much prayer, is needed in this regard.

Paul often talks about our warfare, the spiritual battle that is raging and our responsibility as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. We don't feel the Lord would have us compromise with Satan even to stay in Indonesia. What kind of a ministry would we have if all we could say are those things that would bring no offense to the devils and demons that control the minds and hearts of the people of Indonesia?

In response to Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me," we have come to Indonesia. When Paul was quoting these words, he was in the custody of King Agrippa for preaching the truth. He was placed in custody by the religious Jews who despised his message of truth and showed up their hypocrisy. Christ was crucified for the same. We shall follow their path whatever the cost.

Ben is now in 8th grade at the Wycliffe Children's School in the Philippines. Even though separated, we are one in heart and mind. No sacrifice is too great for Him.

You who have stood with us deserve heartfelt thanks. We love you all and are so grateful for all your help and prayers. We lack no good thing. He has, and will supply all that is needed. On

this trip in the U.S., a friend handed me a check for \$1000.00 for a new plane so we are much closer to our goal. Again, we trust Him and have no doubt that He will do that which is right. Praise the Lord with us. Don't be concerned about inflation! God knows all about inflation. If you are sick and weary, open the Word to Psalms 37 and take heart. The Lord's coming draws nigh! Soon all sickness, pain, heartache and separation will be gone for eternity. As the Psalmist says, "Don't fret." — but Pray!

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since I was there; therefore they have need to build larger buildings for each of the churches. Praise His name! Pray for these matters.

Recently I visited Northern Wisconsin to see the Lord's work being accomplished through the Rollin Wilson family. The Wilsons have Bible classes in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. It was a joy to meet the saints who are interested in the Word of God "Rightly Divided" and to speak in some of these Bible classes.

We thank you for your part in making these travels possible and we also thank you for your support of the workers who are labouring in these areas. We know the Lord has richly blessed you for your part in His great ministry through TCM and its Missionaries.

The mission has also opened new works in Indonesia and Australia since the last I.H. As the song writer has put it, "To God be the glory, great things He has done."

The books of the mission are audited each year by a professional public accountant and any donor may receive a fiscal year audit upon request.

If you are receiving any prayer letters from our mission that you do not want, please inform us so the Lord's money may be used to the best possible advantage. If you would like to receive any or all of the prayer letters of the missionaries, we would be glad to put you on any or all of the

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brothers Rollin Wilson and Warren Keiper, in 1969, to learn the Portuguese language. They visited us for the first time in September of that year. Today, there are those completing the courses these men taught on the sea-coast.

### NEW FIELDS

In September of 1973, we opened three new preaching points on the sea-coast of Santa Catarina: in Tijuco, Areia de Baixo, and Ormacao. These people we now visit and evangelize.

Other fields that are attended by our brethren in Parana are: Campo Largo, by Warren Keiper, and Lapa, by Frank Valenza. Two more brethren from the school in Barrancos are now in western Parana: Jesalino and Osvaldo, who are serving in Arroio Quacu, Tres Irmaos and Colonel Mendes.

This is a brief account and tells of our Lord's upholding me in struggles and much prayer with much love from our friends who shared our needs with themselves. They sustain us and participate here in the sufferings as well as the glory to come. What more I want to say, I'll say from Luke 17:10:

So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do."

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of us to do.

If we apply these treatments as medicines to our faintheartedness, then we can say Eph. 6:10 with assurance and a healthy heart:

"Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of HIS might."

When difficulties and times come when our hearts are discouraged we can be as the Israelites who walked across the Red Sea on dry land. They could only do this because: "the waters were a wall unto them" (Ex. 14:29). God will not remove the waters, but He can help our attitudes toward them. (Warning: Be careful, faintheartedness

is apt to reoccur. As soon as you feel the symptoms of fear, discouragement, personal pride, lack of time alone with the Lord, or lack of faith: apply the remedies given above.)

## "MORANGA OU MOGANGA"

*Dona Judite Valenza*

(A typical *Farmers* dessert in Brazil)

(The above Portuguese words are 2 names of the squash or dessert)

Use a large squash that is green and yellow striped on the outside. Inside the color is yellow or orange. When it becomes orange inside, it is ripe to use for this recipe.

(The quantity depends upon you as this squash is large . . . use one half or a quarter. Save the other half for other Brazilian squash dishes - write me for the recipes, if you like this one.)

Cut up the squash, but leave on the outside skin. Boil the large pieces in water that has 2 cups of sugar added to it, and let the pieces boil till cooked. (The sugar gives a nice crust on top.) Drain. Serve warm or cold. Put on the table in a large bowl. Each guest takes a piece, removes the skin, and mashes it up with his fork in his dessert bowl. Then, pour milk over the top. This is the real FARMER'S way!

As the Brazilians say: "Experiment"  
- *Fast - Inexpensive - Nutritious!*

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me.

Then, on December 25, 1972, a most wonderful day for me, our beloved Jesus indicated the right way to me and I accepted Him as my Savior. In Him I was liberated from my troubles and sins of the world.

Today, however, my life has been marvelously transformed. I have been freed from Satan's grip and my home is tranquil and in peace and harmony. I am THE new man. My life is with the brethren in His service, bringing glory to Him that gave us eternal salvation, our beloved and blessed Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you. Amen.

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pastors, radio. This is all I ask — prayer.

If the needs are not met then I can do nothing else but cut back. I will not blame God and say it is God's will. I just can't believe that what the above pastors are doing is not God's will. The Bible is very plain.

These pastors are doing what Paul did throughout the books of Acts. The failure will be upon the Christians who can give, but fail to. The failure will be because many didn't care enough to pray. I believe that some are called to preach, some are called to give, some are called to pray. If all three will be applied to our problem here then God will bless.

*Joe Watkins*

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magazines that can be used for visualizing stories, verses and songs.

Flannelgraph lessons and back-grounds (new or used).

Odds and ends (sewing kits, soap, etc.) that could be used for awards in the children's work.

### **WHY DO YOU USE MARK FOR A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE INSTEAD OF JOHN?**

In the Philippines Mark was used

because it was only sixteen chapters in length and has a good basis for Dispensational Teaching. Here we used it because the course had been written and proven effective in the P. I. and we didn't have the time to write another. Also, the book of John is commonly used by other Missions in every country and we did not want to repeat the same material.

### **DO YOU EVER GET LONELY FOR THE PHILIPPINES?**

Yes, just about every time a door is slammed in our faces, someone tears up a Gospel tract or curses God and us. In the Philippines people did not so vehemently reject Jesus Christ as they so in Australia.

Yes, when the temperature reaches 1 degree C. and we have to keep the fire going and then huddle around it to keep warm.

Yes, when I buy bananas for 28c per lb. (42c U. S.) and remember buying the same amount of bananas for U. S. 10c in the Philippines.

We also miss our Filipino friends and family. Our little Manuel is getting married soon. He graduated from Bible school and is ordained into the ministry. Solomon has also graduated, been ordained and is teaching at IGBI. Salvador is ordained and working on TEE materials. Our dear Luz is still traveling the Philippines as a soul winner, Bible teacher, children's worker and sharing in like sufferings of the apostle Paul. Praise God for these dear ones who are now our representatives for Jesus Christ in the Philippines.

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Many times we hear people tell what THEY have done for our Lord and try to give the glory to Him with such words. Isn't this the same attitude? Oh, the heart rejoices and the Lord receives His rightful place when HE does something through us (Acts 15:4, 12). With the right perspective we can come to Col. 1:18.



lists. All we ask is that you pray for the various needs as they are presented in these letters.

The brethren in India are asking me to come to India this coming year; so we ask you to pray with us about this matter that His will be done. We have four national workers in India; and if I go, I should plan to spend at least a month with the brethren.

There are great needs for more missionaries in many lands, but an urgent appeal has come for more personnel in the Philippines. If you would desire to serve the Lord at home or abroad, please contact the mission headquarters.

*Eldred Sidebottom*

## ON FURLOUGH

The Vernon Bigelow family is now in the states on furlough. Their deputation travels have taken them along the west coast and into the mid-west. The family is seeking housing in the state of Washington so the girls can enroll in school. Their plans are to return to the Philippines to take over the ministries of the Joe Watkins so they can return to the States for furlough in 1975.

Would you like to adopt a Nigerian orphan? The T.C.M. church members have taken in the children of Christian parents who were killed in the Biafran War. These children need help with the cost of school books, uniforms and fees as well as clothing and food. The church members housing these orphans have their own families to care for as well as these added orphans. You can adopt an orphan and provide for his/her education and care. Write to the mission for more information if you would like to adopt a Nigerian orphan.

## OPPORTUNITIES

This year exceeds all others in the number of open doors that have been presented to me to minister the Word and represent the mission. With speaking engagements at missionary conferences in Riverdale, IL, and St. Louis, MO, to a week of evangelistic meetings, speaking at the B.B.F. conference and two weeks as missionary speaker at a youth camp in Arkansas, this first half of the year has been a busy one. Intersperse this with filling the pulpit at the church in Joes, CO, and jail services in north-eastern Colorado, and this has given me a good number of ministries outside the mission office.

The fall schedule is just about as full. The first part of September will find my family traveling with me to Alton, IL, Toronto, Canada, and services in Buffalo, N.Y. Then it is to be a rushed week and a half to say "good bye" to our son who is entering the Navy and my getting materials together for the extended missionary conferences on the west coast which starts the last week-end of September and ends the last Sunday of October.

Our Lord is faithful and does provide opportunities for us to serve Him. Our desire is to be ever faithful and useable in His service.

*Marvin Duncan*

## REVIVAL???

*by Frank Valenza*

Many of you have sat in a church where the pulpit was pounded and a call for revival was made. Usually revival did not come.

Would you be shocked if you were told that the word "revival" is not found in the Bible — well, be shocked — because it is not there. Maybe that is part of the reason that revival never seems to come.

If we want a change in our church, there must first be a change in us.

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Maybe we should use a different term, instead of revival let's call it A LETTING. "LET this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" Phil. 2:5. "LET us therefore cast off the works of darkness and LET us put on the armour of light" Rom. 13:12. The power for every believer is there in Him: "Christ in you, the hope of glory" Col. 1:27. This is the NOW POWER for each Christian who will LET Christ work in and through his life.

When we hear about promises that have been given by God, we usually think of Abraham or the nation of Israel. Today, as Believers, we also have promises that God has given to us that we can treasure and think on:

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Phil. 1:6. And, there is more, the writer to the Hebrews says: "Now the God of peace . . . make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working IN you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, THROUGH Jesus Christ" Heb. 13:20, 21.

The problem often is that we are like a gardener trying to water the

garden with a bent hose. Instead of fruits, we are producing drier deserts within deserts because we have not LET the power of strength and spiritual refreshment come through. Too many times we have been QUENCHING the Spirit (I Thes. 5:19) when we should be LETTING the Spirit.

Our NOW POWER is the Holy Spirit and God's Word (Eph. 1:13 and II Tim. 3:16, 17). LETTING the two *blend*, work IN and work OUT through our lives, our lives will no longer be ours — but HIS.

"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:" Gal. 2:20. "LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" Col. 3:16.

LET not this world lead you astray;

but LET Christ in your life to stay.

LET not this world the Spirit in you bind;

but LET Christ work through you till the end of time.