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# HARVEST

*John 4:35*

*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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## HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?



## WILL YOU GO?

## TWO AND A HALF MILLION



Barry, Kathy. Pen and Sandy Pumphrey

**TWO AND A HALF MILLION!** That, I am told on the authority of a leading Jehovah's Witness here in Birmingham, England, is the number of "Witnesses" there are in the world today. "You will find one in every country of the world," he continued.

It was Tuesday lunchtime and I had received a visit from my Supervising Officer. Having dealt with the business on hand our conversation "drifted" round to things that matter. He was interested in my experiences in the Phillipines. This led to the 'whys' and 'wherefores' of four years at the International Grace Bible Institute, and finally on to the inevitable subject of the Diety of Christ.

While it is immediately obvious to anyone who knows anything at all about J.W. doctrine that this particular group does not accept that our precious Lord Jesus Christ was God veiled in human flesh, it is noteworthy that our conversation did provide opportunity to witness. Knowing God personally and being certain of Eternal Life today were two of the things we discussed, and upon which the Lord allowed great emphasis to be laid.

It would be unfair to say that I did all the talking and he the listening. Certainly we covered much in this, our first "real" conversation. It is only

honest to admit I learned much. The fact of two and a half million Jehovah's Witnesses being active in the world today; the Movement represented in every country of the world; in many places persecution is their lot. These are all facts that disturb and concern me.

Last night we were considering at a Methodist Christian Endeavour meeting the fact that the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ was a message that brings "life for all men." (Romans 5:18 NIV). God wants ALL MEN to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth, Timothy tells us. About God being concerned for the whole world the Scriptures leave us without doubt. Negatively speaking Paul said, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel." God has given we who are saved the answer for the heart cries of this world.

No Movement, organization or cult, no matter how "successful" it may be or how great the persuasion methods of its preachers, can bring to the world what it really needs. Two and a half million people in a movement without hope illustrates to us that the world needs what God offers through his crucified and Glorified Son. To quote from the pen of the Apostle Paul: "...peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

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## TRAINING TO TRAIN



Beginning construction of the final building. It is being used now but not complete. Background--classroom, dormitory and library space.

We greet you all once again as friends of Things to Come Mission in our Saviours precious name from Davao City. As people in a leadership position (which all of us are in to a degree--parents leading children, teachers leading students, pastors leading churches, management leading industries, leaders of peer groups, etc.) we need to sit down often and figure out the best way in which to lead. We need to know where we are now, where we want to go and finally what will take us to the goal. We have heard it said that a man who aims at nothing will surely hit it. As leaders we want to be able to tell people where we want to go and how we will get there.

The leaders of the work in the Philippines in 1958 decided that in order to reach our goal of establishing self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating churches; to evangelize; and to train; it was necessary to have a training center where men and women could come and prepare for their future ministry. A ministry of leading the church work so that the church becomes the avenue whereby the world can hear of the wonderful message of salvation through the blood shed on the cross. A ministry of teaching and training men and women to teach and train others. II Tim. 2:2.

To meet this need two Bible Schools have been established here and are open now to teach and train leaders for the

churches here. Internation Grace Bible Institute and Mindanao Grace Bible Institute.

Last year many of you heard that we moved MGBI down from the mountains. We did this for a number of reasons. The men and women we hoped to reach through the school were not coming to train. Most of the students were from other areas. Because it was in the mountains it was difficult to get to at times (there was no boat at night so if one was on the wrong side he had to wade across and that was dangerous) plus it was difficult to get in and out for the students on their weekly Christian assignments. Also we were given a real good price for the land we now have. And due to the unrest and rebel activity there in the original area, it was getting dangerous to live there.

So last year the buildings were transferred and set up about 2 miles outside of Tagum which is a main town about 28 miles orth of Davao City proper. At this time there are 30 first and second year students training in MGBI and 3 third year students on their intern



Intern students - 3rd year of school

assignments. (Due to our move and not having classes one year, we have no fourth year students.) We thank the Lord that all the buildings were moved safely and we are presently using all of the buildings now though the last one moved is not completely finished. Three buildings serve as classrooms, kitchen, library, dormitories, office space and chapel area.

How we praise the Lord for these men and women training now for their future ministry in the Lord's work. To have a successful work, a growing work, a fruit-bearing work, we must have trained people, ready to go out, to lead to a specific goal, ready to teach others, handle problems, ready to continue learning.

One of the many joys in life is to see growth. Even if we don't have anything to do with making it grow. It's interesting to see a house or building go up. To look one day and see new and better items. But how much more the joy is to see something that you help to build grow. And it is a joy to see growth here in the Philippines. This is one of the problems in supporting a work in an area you don't get to see, like here. And it is a disappointment to us who see the work grow - who see people grow and ability grow but who also realize that this growth is due to faithful individuals and churches who have stood behind the work in prayer and finances, some since it began - but know that we can not show those responsible that growth. Though we would love to have you see this growth, we know that as you look back from glory, God will show you what He has been able to accomplish through your prayers and gifts.

What a joy to see growth even last night during church "Youth Fellowship". The speaker was one of the intern students this year. A young man who is working in an area now trying to obtain land and erect a church building. A young man interested in seeing the work grow and bringing people to Jesus Christ. I saw a man who had a message to bring to the people here, a man who was enthusiastic in preaching the message, using his voice, facial, and

body movement to increase the effectiveness in presenting the message of peace in Jesus Christ. GROWTH. This is what we want to see in the work here. And we look forward to even more growth in the future.

There are also sad times in life when we see no growth or even death. One of our first year students last year went to be with the Lord this June. A young man 23 years old, a good student, a good musician, a man who looked promising, whom the Lord allowed to be taken from the work, his family and friends. This is hard for us but especially for the family. He had married a fellow student just 16 days before. But with Job we can say "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

One of the graduates of MGBI has within the past six months taken over the work in Panabo. This work began through the radio and then the church here in Davao. How good it is to see and hear him preach, to hear him sing, to see him lead his young people. During the "Youth Fellowship" they presented a skit presenting the message of salvation to a farmer who hated God, make it hard on his wife and children because they wanted to go to church, sing hymns and listen to christian radio broadcasts. But then to see him turn to Christ and reunite his family. GROWTH. And I pray he might continue to grow and cause others to grow. And these are only two of the men and women giving their lives for the Lord's service. All of this is possible as we all pray, give and go.

Let us continue to pray for the director and teachers. Their is a big responsibility as they continue to seek wisdom in the best possible curriculum,



Teachers last year. Salvador Ortenero, Abundio Rombo (Director) Eunice Heath



Present 2nd and 3rd year students. Background—Kitchen, dormitory and classroom space.

the best possible methods, the best possible teaching and training that can be done. They have a big responsibility to see that the students are prepared for the work as they go out to minister to people for the Lord. There is always the work of reviewing the curriculum and making sure all that is needed is there. And there is the time needed to study and prepare for the teaching of the different subjects.

Let us remember to pray for the students also. We now have 30 and we praise the Lord for these. But for many there is always the problem of finances, of travel back and forth to town for their needs, for travel to their respective assignments, etc. There is discouragements, hardships, plus always studying and learning. But many of these will be pastors, and Bible women, leading the churches in the future and we trust the rest holding positions as elders, teachers, etc. in the different churches. So we need men and women prepared to hold these positions.

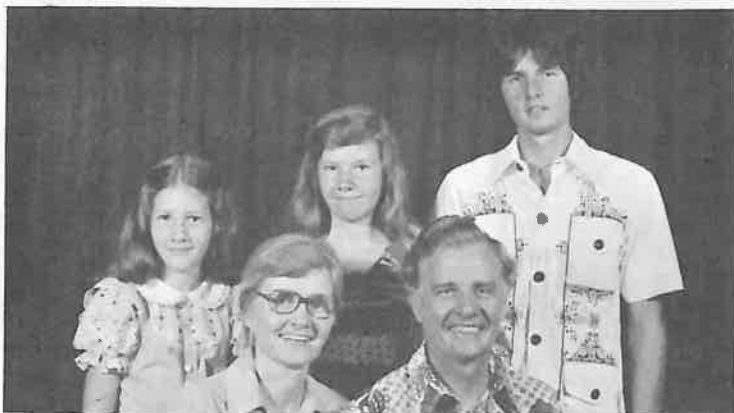
So let us thank the Lord for the schools here. Let us pray that the leaders will seek the wisdom and guidance of the Lord. That the students will apply themselves to really learn and study and grow. And may we continue to support this area of the ministry through our prayers and gifts for His Honor and Glory and the furtherance of the

message of salvation and the teaching of the Word. As the Apostle Paul said to the Philippians in Phil. 4:17, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Daniel Sidebottom

The re-built addressograph has been purchased in the first week of November 1979 and has already been put to good use. We want to thank those who have had a major part in our being able to purchase this machine. You might have guessed that one of the older ladies has given a large sum of money that we might be able to go ahead and purchase it at this time. We appreciate each of the donors as well as each who pray DAILY for the Lord's work through TCM. The Lord richly bless you.

## WHAT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY To the Largest Islamic Country in the World?



Amy, Darlene Valerie, Vernon, Ben  
Anderson

Recently our visa to Indonesia was not extended. We had to leave with tears flowing, ours and those of our beloved Indonesian co-laborers. It was a heart-tearing experience and one from which we shall never fully recover. We could certainly come up with a dozen different answers to "WHY?" from the Word of God because we are not the first nor the last to flee under a religious and political pressuring.

The most important question is this: "What now is our responsibility to Indonesia?" Are we going to forget this land of 140,000,000 souls, most of whom have never heard the gospel? Paul was forced out of Lystra, literally dragged out and thought to be dead. What did he do? He went back to Lystra. And he did this over and over again. Likewise our first effort has to be to find a way back to Indonesia and that is exactly what we are doing now. Perhaps we cannot go back permanently but we believe we can go in for three months at a time. In three months we can preach at least 90 times, and if arranged correctly, even that could be multiplied. By using two or three teams going in and out, we could have missionaries constantly in Indonesia. Mario Indino, our Filipino missionary, has a one year visa, and should already be in Indonesia when

this article is published. Perhaps others who don't have the public reputation we do could get visas into Indonesia. No doubt our greatest responsibility is to help our Indonesian workers, of which we have quite a number. They can't be thrown out and they need no visa. They don't even need to study language! They do need financial help and much prayer just like all missionaries. They need to be trained and there are Indonesian leaders to train them. Mario will also be involved in this part of the work. A famous leader during World War II said, "Give us the tools and we'll get the job done." This is the spiritual counterpart.

What is our responsibility? We must help the Indonesians to evangelize their country. They are pleading for study books and Scofield Bibles. We can supply literature and correspondence courses. As I am writing this article, Darlene is typing the manuscript for the 25 lesson course on the "Hiway of Life" in Indonesian. Printing costs money—but this is a project we can do. Imperative to training is a Bible training center. We are praying and praying for the provision of a multi-purpose building in Manado that can be used for Bible training, church, youth center, publishing house, and office for the Grace Gospel Foundation Indonesia.

Trained, dedicated men and women are the most important tools needed to reach all of Indonesia with the gospel. Ten teams are out right now in far corners of Indonesia preaching the gospel. They go out with no support beyond a one-way ticket, one month's help, and a prayer promise. But living disciples must eat and find shelter. One team of two can keep going for about fifty dollars a month which is far less than the cost of one foreign missionary. Our teams are missionaries in every sense of the word and they are evangelistic, Bible teaching church planting missionaries.

Now again, "What is our responsibility to the largest Islamic nation in the world?" EVANGELISM. Are we going to do everything possible to reach these millions of Islam for Christ? Really, we have no other choice for it is God's commandment. Acts 13:47; 26:18; 1 Tim. 2:4. Thus if we do not do all possible to reach Indonesia it is sin. At this hour the door is open for Indonesians to reach out.

Let us join up too. Please write us about being one of a 3 month team. How about building up the training center in Manado? Or monthly backing for the front line teams? Are we going to reach Indonesia.

Whose responsibility is it?

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This experience has been good for me personally in that it has been another reminder of the URGENCY of getting out the Gospel. It is just one of many experiences that God has laid in my path since I started working twelve months ago for the Government Post Office Telecommunications as a Telephone Installer. Each experience seems to emphasize the tremendous need all around.

South of the City there is a Housing Estate (Development) which the Lord has used to speak to me about need and Him being the answer to it. There are conditions on this estate that make me feel completely helpless when it comes to

explaining the Good News. One man said to me last night, a man incidentally who has known and walked with the Lord for over sixty years, "...acknowledge Him in all they ways, and he will direct thy paths." Believe me I have never met needs like this that need His attention.. Truly I need His direction as I consider them. The Lord Jesus Christ IS the answer, but sometimes when I seek to express this to these folks I wonder if I even speak the same Language. I Cor. 2:12) If ever I have had a burden it is to reach these people with the Gospel.

On a personal level we would say that to God we are thankful. Yes, there is blessing as well as burden. Is it not true that our blessings are innumerable? One very great blessing is the way that Kathy has been strengthened to look after our twelve month old twin boys and carry on a ministry with neighbors, ladies meetings, correspondence and missionary meetings.

Not forgetting the all important ministry of the Grace Fellowship here in Birmingham it is good to report that God is actively and powerfully at work in the midst. Folks have come to the Lord this past year and one of these is already actively involved in taking services. Another, while not able to get along to services because of the sheer physical distance involved, has a glowing testimony for her Lord. Already she has a friend considering and enquiring concerning things that matter.

Lord willing we hope to visit the USA for a short visit around Sept/Oct 1980. For those who have not or cannot visit our work here maybe the Lord will make it possible for us to share some of these things with you personally at that time.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:..by faith into this grace wherein we stand.

Romans 5:1, 2



## THREE STEPS OF FAITH

At the recent board meeting in Leavenworth, Washington, the TCM Board decided to step out by faith on three important projects. We are asking your prayer efforts that we may honor God by our faith labors for Him.

### PROJECT H. C. P.

Headquarters Building in Cebu City Philippines. TCM has no headquarters office building in the Philippines. Printing plant, office, stockroom, guest facilities for traveling workers and medical needs are carried on in the house which the missionary rents at his own expense. Rent has doubled this year. TCM has decided to begin the HCF Project to erect a building in Cebu (2nd largest city in the Philippines) suitable as mission office, housing for printing facilities and radio ministry, guest home, Cebu City church (now meeting in poor but expensive facilities), youth ministry office, and housing for the resident missionary family. It was suggested we go into debt for this building, but our TCM Constitution states, "No debt." Please pray with us for God's supply. The Cebu City congregation has a building fund started but HCP would allow them to use their rent funds on the building and the missionary would also assist with his rent funds.

### PROJECT T. M. I.

Training Center Manado Indonesia. Indonesian young people must be trained in evangelism and church planting. There are several qualified men to do the training and many young people who are waiting to be trained. The goal is to evangelize 140,000,000 Indonesians; thus they need a facility for classrooms and student housing. A church building is necessary due to outgrowing the presently borrowed facilities. The office works daily in borrowed rooms in a residence. TMI would buy land for a multi-purpose building of two stories with a hall for evangelism but used daily for the church

and evangelist training program. A building fund has begun in Manado through Indonesian and American friends. TMI has definite time barriers due to government pressures to hinder Christianity.

### PROJECT C. R. F.

Church Building Revolving Fund. It is difficult on mission fields to build city churches. Village churches are less complicated to build. The city congregations are forced to rent thus destroying opportunities to save for expensive land purchases. Many missions have solved this problem by church building revolving funds. In this way American and national believers work together with God to obtain a place of worship and testimony in the city. TCM has voted to start such a revolving fund. We would advance funds to approved churches in cities on the field, who have already purchased land with their own funds. Then the churches would repay the fund like rent but without interest. The returned funds revolve to build other churches. Recently the mission airplane used in the Far East was sold. We have encouraged the donors to redesignate those funds into the CRF which would give us a good base. Our board members and missionaries and many others will donate toward this fund, also churches on the field who want to have a part.

PROJECTS HCP...TMI...CRF...has TCM envisioned too much? God turns dreams into reality by FAITH. These are not selfish requests but they represent advances for His work in the regions beyond. Each project is based on evangelism, edification, education. Donations to any of the projects will be officially receipted and progress reports will be made. God desires cooperation with Him in the Church and we of TCM around the world desire to work together on His team. We solicit your prayers for these important international projects.



## MISSAO CRISTA DO PORVIR (THINGS TO COME MISSION — BRAZIL)

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:16; 17.

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Ephesians 4:5. The above passages are the basis for our work and in the local churches. We could call both the normal base of action by the grace of God; in the formation as well as in the place. First is the organ and second the organization. Having the organing base the other forms automatically. Having Christ as the head, the Churches are established. There is life and growth, all the above verses instruct, counsel, wisdom, praise, psalms, hymns and thanksgiving in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When a new place is being evangelized (possibly where no one has activity: Acts 20:24, and Romans 15:20, 21), and people are being saved, the Lord soon calls a new brother who lives in that place to give his first testimony. Although weak, this brother reads a portion from the Bible and tells what he was before and how he now wants to follow Christ.

In a few months he already is preaching his first sermon about the grace he has experienced, because the Holy Spirit helps him (Romans 8:26). This brother with a few more months of practice begins to have services in this same place receiving help and support from the founding brethren or the local church nearest, and the greatest help from above, because he now searches his own spiritual food in the Word and prayer in the same way as above.

This is the normal way that we operate and was also the method which Paul used and which is in the Bible in general.

But soon after the local Church is established, always begins a portion of problems. For example: other groups teach different doctrines (bringing doubts to the teaching of Grace), and much work becomes unfruitful. Only a few stay faithful and the work becomes more and more difficult.

But we know from the word of God that these things happen and then we start activities in a different place. Working with the hope that some day we will see in heaven those who have worked according to the Scriptural norms as it is written in II Timothy 2:5.

We have the same workers who have helped us in the work until now. II Timothy 2:3.

Henrique Schmidt, National  
worker in Brazil.

THOU THEREFORE, MY SON  
BE STRONG IN THE GRACE  
THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS,  
AND THE THINGS THAT  
THOU HAST HEARD OF ME  
AMONG MANY WITNESSES  
THE SAME COMMIT THOU  
TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO  
SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH  
OTHERS ALSO.

II TIMOTHY 2:1,2



Leah, Pat, Vernon Rachel  
Bigelow

The Vernon Bigelows are settled in to their niche in Cebu City. As this was written (Sept. 27th) Rachel was home for the fall vacation from Faith Academy. It was the first time the whole family was together since the first of July. Rachel will be home next shortly before Christmas. Leah is attending school closer to home. In fact, when the weather is nice, she walks. When it is wet, walking is out because part of the way is through a corn field, and the ground is like glue.

It is very difficult to get a good helper for household work, so Pat does most of it. She does not mind, but it means she cannot help out much with Mission bookwork or letter writing. With 83 National workers, Vernon keeps busy. There are always problems to solve, and we praise the Lord for His wisdom.

The week-end of September 16, Vernon went across the Mindanao Sea to a little town, Initao, where he had a part in dedicating a new local church building. It was a real thrill to see how the members work together in constructing a cement block building. On Monday he continued on across the bay to visit the TCM compound at Lupagan. Tuesday morning he had the privilege of speaking to the students at the International Grace Bible Institute. Continue to pray for the students and faculties at both Bible Institutes.

Conditions are critical in many

places because of the rebels (Muslim and Communist). Several local churches have been closed because the members have been forced to flee to safer communities. But praise the Lord, He is still in control and Churches and Bible classes are being established.

Vernon Bigelow



We would like for you to meet Robert D. (Bob) Travis the President of the Things to Come Mission, Inc. Bob is a Farmer - Rancher who was born and reared in Eastern Colorado.

He has been a member of the Anton Bethel Union Church for about 27 years and served on the Church Board for about 21 of those years. Bob began a ministry some 10 years ago when he joined the Prison Mission Association staff. He has preached in jails and prisons from Mexico to Alaska and from East Coast to West Coast of the USA.

Bob's wife, Irene, has been a constant help to Bob both on the farm and in the Ministry. They have four children - all grown and away from home. One daughter is serving as a Missionary in Ecuador with her husband and family. Bob and Irene plan to visit them in Ecuador in November 1979. Pray for them. Bob also plans to visit the ministry under Henrique Schmidt in southern Brazil and also the work of Warren Keiper in Sao Paulo state in Brazil.

As President of the Board of Things to Come Mission, Bob presides over the official Board meetings and is a close help to the Director Eldred Sidebottom.

Your prayers for Bob will be appreciated as he continues his ministry in the local congregation, in Prison Mission Ass'n. ministry and in TOM's ministry world-wide.

Eldred Sidebottom

## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL



Cindy, Joe, Pauline and Cheryl Watkins

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. When studying the Word of God it is important to note the principles of God. His principles never change—they are the same in every dispensation. It is the principle of "God so loved the world", we want to see in God's purpose for Israel.

God's dealings with Israel take up about 70% of the Bible. One well-known Bible teacher says, "If the importance of a subject can be measured by the place given to it by God's Word, then this must be one of the most important that could engage our attention."

What, then, was God's purpose for Israel? Why take up 70% of the Bible to tell us about His dealings with the Jews? The answer is found in Genesis 12:3. (1) "I will make of thee a great nation." (2) "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Do you see the principle here? God says He will bless all families (Gentiles) of the earth through Abraham. In other words, Abraham and his descendants were to become a channel through which God would reach the world.

Let's look at a little background to Genesis 12 in order to see why God chose

Abraham. In Genesis 9:1, after the flood, God told Noah to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth. In Genesis 11 we read about the tower of Babel. There we see the failure of Noah's descendants to carry out the commission of Genesis 9:1. God could have judged mankind right then by destroying them completely since mankind was in complete rebellion and was dis-obedient to God's will. Genesis 11:1-4. Instead of judging mankind, God confused their tongue or language. Then man had to spread out. Next, God acted in grace and chose Abraham and his descendants. Why so much scripture? The answer is simple. God wanted a clean or obedient channel to use to reach the world. But Israel became like those at the tower of Babel - disobedient.

Now, let's look at some of God's dealings with Israel as He tried to get them to be the channel He could use to reach or bless the Gentiles.

**FIRST:** God gave Israel the law. It became the constitution of the nation. The Law governed every area of the Jew's life. In the Law, God had given to Israel everything they needed to make them a great and a holy nation. The Law was God's revealed Word to Israel. There was one very important thing required of Israel - obedience. Exodus 19:1-6. But from the beginning of the Law Israel broke it. The Word of God reveals to us how the rulers, judges and kings disobeyed the Law.

**SECOND:** Because of Israel's disobedience to the Law God sent the prophets. The prophets were not concerned with starting something new. They called the Jews back to Moses: Isa. 8:20, Jer. 6:16, Mal. 4:4. Their message was repentance. Ez. 18:30 Israel's response to the message of the prophets was one of rejection. Paul tells us, "they killed the prophets." I Thess. 2:15.

**THIRD:** After God sent the prophets He sent John the Baptist. John's message was a message of repentance. Matt. 3:1-4. John's ministry was under the Law; he didn't start any new

program. Israel's response to John's message was to allow him to be killed.

**FOURTH:** God then sent His Son - Christ Jesus. His message was repentance. Matt. 4:17. Christ was born and lived under the Law. Gal. 4:4. He came to put an end to the Law. Paul tells us the Law was to bring Israel to Christ. Gal. 3:24. Since Israel had rejected the Law they also rejected Christ and demanded that He be crucified. John 1:12.

**FIFTH:** Before Christ died He promised He would send the Holy Spirit. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to speak of Christ - not Himself. In the first 6 chapters of Acts we have the ministry of the Holy Spirit in and through the apostles. The message was one of repentance. Acts 2:38, 3:19-22. There was a change in the message of the apostles. Israel now had to repent that they had crucified Christ. Act 2:22-38. Israel's response to the message of the Holy Spirit is shown to us in chapter 7 of Acts with the stoning of Stephen.

With the stoning of Stephen we have an end of God's dealings with Israel. They had refused to become the channel through which God would reach the Gentiles. God had done everything to make them a Holy nation. Israel rejected God the Father in the O. T.. They rejected Christ in the gospels and they rejected the Holy Spirit in Acts. What would God do now? He couldn't use Israel as a channel to bless the Gentiles or the world. God acted in grace again and chose one man - Paul. Acts 9:15. God chose him to be the vessel He would use to reveal a new message and new program. Eph 3:1-10, I Tim. 2:7, II Tim. 1:11, Phil 4:9. Paul tells us that His message was a secret: not revealed to the prophets, John the Baptist and 12 apostles until first God revealed it to him. Col. 1:25-27, Eph. 3:1-7.

Today the message is to go to all the world but not through Israel. Israel has been blinded and set aside. No longer is the message of repentance offered to Israel. The Jew today must believe that Christ died for His sins just as the Gentiles must. Romans 11:11-36. Today the message is to go to all the world

through individual members of the Body of Christ. II Cor. 5:18-21. The message today is not the Law of Moses (Gal. 2:16), but the message of the gospel of the grace of God. "Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, and he was buried and he rose again the third day according to the scripture." I Cor. 15:3-4. Today we are baptized by one Spirit into the Body of Christ. I Cor. 12:12-13. We have a relationship to Christ that Israel didn't have - we are ambassadors for Christ. There is no more one nation becoming a kingdom of priests, but all members of the Body of Christ are ambassadors for Christ. II Cor. 5:18-21.

Beloved, we feel God has called us as ambassadors of Christ to the Philippines. We have seen God work not only through the missionaries, but also through the Filipinos. We are using several methods to establish a national church. One method is the radio department. The Hour of Grace is heard over 10 radio stations every morning five days a week. There are the Bible Schools as another method. Two of these Bible Schools are training future pastors, evangelists, leaders. The youth department is another method. The youth department reaches hundreds of young people through youth camps and seminars. Then, there is the printing department. We print gospel tracts in five of the Filipino dialects and one Indonesian dialect. The wonderful thing is that each of these departments is headed up by a Filipino ambassador.

There is a special need we would like for you to pray for. We will need a new vehicle when we return to the



Philippines. Have been looking at a new Toyota pick-up truck. Would like to buy the truck here in the USA so we can use it to save gas. Have to buy a Toyota as we can buy spare parts in the Philippines. This is one of the problems we have with the old Mazda which we now have in the Philippines--we can't get spare parts. Would you please pray with us for this need? Please write us at 1950 Ryders Lane, Mobile, Al 36605 if you have any questions.

Joe Watkins



Warren, Shirley, Carol, Leo Keiper

The Keipers have served faithfully in Brazil for 10 years and are busy with reaching souls for our Lord. They are planning for a much needed furlough in January of 1980. Pray that the deposit that is required for all leaving Brazil might be lifted and this huge sum of money will not be required of them. Pray for their physical strength also.

## NEWS FROM THE WATKINS FAMILY

Brethren we now know how our friends in the Bicol region of the Philippines feel when they have to face a typhoon. We have just experienced one of the worst hurricanes ever to hit the Gulf Coast. Hurricane Frederick was clocked at 145 miles per hour just 15 miles south of our house. A tornado tore a path through a business area only 500 yards from our house. The Lord protected us from harm. Our little house literally shook on its foundation. We thought many times the roof would go. A huge pine tree fell next to our house but only limbs from it struck the house, doing minor damage to the roof. We praise God damage was light compared to many others; two windows were blown out and one-third of the shingles on the roof were blown off. The back window of our car was blown out. We were without lights for 9 days, whereas others in the city were longer getting their power back. We have never seen such destruction as we have in the city of Mobile right now. Do pray for us as we get things back in order.

It's a real joy to get out and meet the brethren in different churches. I just returned two days before the storm from visiting churches in Houston and Mineral Wells, Texas and Oklahoma City, Ok. Will leave this week to participate in missionary conferences in Spokane, Port Orchard and Seattle. Are you praying for me as I travel? I have seen some awful accidents; it seems everyone on the highway is in a hurry.

WOULD YOU PLEASE PRAY  
FOR TCM'S PROJECTS EACH  
DAY? H.C.P. ... T.M.I.  
... C.R.F. THANK YOU!!



**Daniel Sidebottom**

### CONTINUE IN PRAYER — COL. 4:2

Due to the fact that we are renting the place where the pastor lives and where we hold services; due to the fact that the owner of the land wants the land for commercial purposes; due to the fact that we have heard rumors that he will try to burn the people out; due to the fact that the pastor and I have for the past three weeks been looking around the city for suitable land to build a church on, we ask that you please pray with us that we might be led of the Lord to the best possible place for this work to be carried on in the future. That the owner would be kind, that the permits to build and all that goes with it might be approved and that the work might continue to be a lighthouse leading men to our wonderful Savior. We are not sure when we might get land, when we might build, but we feel that we should be looking and planning on moving and we want to "lean not to our own understanding" but "acknowledge Him" knowing that He will "direct our paths".

Not only do we ask your prayers, but we invite you to praise the Lord with us, or with me. One year and one day after I began language study, after being asked by the pastor to conduct the Bible Study in Cebuano, I was able to teach a lesson on prayer for about 40 minutes in Cebuano. I know that it left much to be desired, but I thank the Lord for the little ability to talk and teach in Cebuano

"Thank you" to those who were praying for me and those who through their gifts made it possible for me to attend school. Also pray—that I will continue to study and learn and become better equipped to teach and preach and witness and talk in Cebuano. I thank thee Lord.

Daniel Sidebottom

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . . ?

The Lord fulfilled the dream and prayer of the Things to Come Mission and parents as the four youth (Jeff Townley, Steve Hume, Ken Kemper and Jon Heath) left Sea-tac airport in Seattle, Wash. and flew first to Los Angeles, Calif, where the Korean Airlines flew them to Korea and on to the capital of the Philippines--Manila.

The team was welcomed in Manila by Eunice Heath, and quickly proceeded southward to Cebu City on the Island of Cebu.

After a memorable over-night boat ride, they arrived in Oamis City on the Southern Island of Mindanao. They had now traveled over 10,000 miles to their destination and their real ministry immediately began.

They spoke in the two TCM Bible Institutes (International Grace Bible Institute and Mindanao Grace Bible Institute) preached in churches and gave their testimonies in public schools and open-air meetings.

One of the city High school head teachers in Ozamis City made this statement about the youth team, "I admire these boys for being willing to stand in front of all these people and share their faith, even though they are very young."

Each one developed their abilities of teaching and preaching, being used greatly by the Lord.

How much could a High school - College team do in six weeks? a fair question that is difficult to answer. God's Word was given out; many tracts were distributed; personal contacts were a daily blessing. Our promise - God's Word

will not return unto Him void!

In addition to this, the lessons these young people learned may be even more exciting and evident. Several feel the call into missionary work. One is planning on additional Bible training, then return to the work in the Philippines.

The Things to Come Mission is planning to have additional teams ministering in the Philippines this coming summer, 1980. If you are interested in going or leading a team, contact the mission headquarters and an application will be sent to you. Deadline for acceptance is January 31, 1980.

By Tim Heath, Team Co-ordinator



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