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*John 4:35*

*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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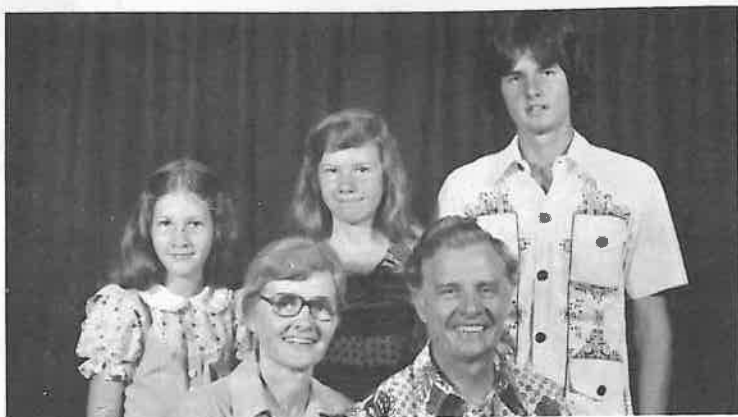
THINGS TO COME MISSION

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## WASH-N-WEAR MISSIONS?



Amy, Darlene Valerie, Vernon, Ben  
Anderson

Wash-n-wear began revolutionizing our daily lives years ago. In the 60's mountain evangelism in the Philippines was always limited by the need to return home to wash, starch, and iron the evangelist's trousers. His campaigns lasted as long as his supply of clean clothes, which was in turn limited by the size of the suitcase that could be toted up the mountainside. What a great liberation when wash-n-wear appeared.

Living out of a suitcase was a Pauline tactic. How many changes of garments did he grab up to flee from Thessalonica? How much was he able to pack when he was seized on the castle steps in Jerusalem? It would be interesting to know what the great traveler Paul considered important for his journeys. Did he back-pack, did he pack things at all? In Matthew 10 Jesus sent the disciples out very lightly — no seconds of anything and no money. "Lacked ye anything?" He asked on their return. Their reply, "Nothing." That was glorious traveling — free and light; however it was for one round trip only. Jesus in Luke 22 instructs the disciples: ". . . For the things concerning ME have an end."

They were to prepare for their own way after that.

Paul made longer evangelistic journeys that doubtless lasted many months. Passages in Acts 13:1-5 and 15:37 give the idea that time was used in preparation for such a journey. Second Corinthians 11 intimates "perils of robbers" showing that Paul did carry possessions with him; he also comments on being "cold" meaning he was at times unprepared for sudden travel emergencies. He writes of "nakedness," those times when he lost all his baggage and actually fasted on the road. Then he was forced to "go native", to replace his baggage from local resources. Surely that was a time when the beloved saints ministered to his needs. Although we read of Paul being "chargeable to no man," he supplied himself for the journeys and went even beyond that. He "coveted no man's silver, gold, or apparel" yet took care of those who ministered with him. Paul must have planned for his journeys, but he still had to write back for that "cloke left at Troas and books and parchments," things he dearly needed for his work, and left somewhere along the way until he

could send for them.

These days our family is beginning to list items that would be the ideal for a Pauline suitcase, a Missionary journey. Wash-n-wear missionaries we shall need to be. Perhaps our day is rapidly becoming the day of temporary missionaries, when visas are granted for shorter and shorter periods, too short to be "proper" in the sense of lodging, baggage, and long range plans. Government regulations and anti-Christianity trends, even anti-American feelings, are making it impossible for us to stay long in any of the fields where we have previously resided and worked under traditional missionary conditions. Thus we are facing the wash-n-wear crisis — to live out of suitcases and still meet the greatest challenge of the Church today. If we must be in no fixed location, then we need to be mobile.

In past decades missionaries with China Inland Mission sailed for the Orient with a restricted 75 pounds of belongings. How could one travel worldwide to do such a tremendous job with 75 pounds of things? Perhaps the answer lies precisely in that 75 pounds — too little to tie them down and nothing to worry them if it needed to be abandoned to get the work done. Experience has taught us also on many occasions that simplicity in life style is the best way to inspire national believers to take up their own ministries of traveling with the gospel.

Our present plans are to take up a confirmation ministry which will mean living under temporary conditions and facing whatever necessities suitcase dwellers must endure. Efficient mobility will need to be our watchword along with open-ended plans. The beginning of the journey will be Indonesia, Lord willing, to help some more in the process of their growing up and maturing. We can't stay long with presently closing doors, but we do plan to be effective wash-n-wear missionaries. There are calls to be in many places "at once" — we shall

begin now to pray over the most expedient way to travel — all "tips" from readers most welcome! School from a suitcase will be a challenge as well as physical fitness, mental alertness, financial facility, warm-hearted love, overflowing joy, a mailing address that works, faith to carry out His plans in us.

— *Vernon, Darlene, Amy  
and Val Anderson*



Warren, Shirley, Carol, Leo  
Keiper

Warren and Shirley Keiper & family have returned to the States in January of 1980 and are located at:

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If you are interested in having them speak to your group, please contact them as soon as possible so they can make up their schedule. They plan to return to the field of Brazil the end of 1980 or first part of 1981. Would you pray for them? Carol has already returned to Brazil to continue her work there.

## WORRIES? NO! CONCERNS? YES!



William, Eunice and Jon Heath

May I share with you some of my concerns? No, they are not "worries," praise the Lord (Phil. 4:6, 7), but matters that we would ask you to bear with us before the Lord in loving intercession. Here are a few:

Inflation is accelerating here, as we know it is in the States. The incomes of our workers is relatively fixed, and so small that every increase in prices takes rice out of their mouths — quite literally. In addition, in the Ozamis City area, there has been so much rain that the last rice harvest was greatly reduced. Pray that the Lord will meet their needs and guide us as to how, and how much, we should help them. We do not want to fail to share their problem, but also we do not wish to transfer their dependence to us from their Lord.

The political situation continues tense. Many of our workers are in

constant danger from the presence of rebel forces. Their courage is outstanding as they continue giving out the Word of His grace.

We already knew that MGBI (our Bible school in the Davao area) will need another teacher this coming school year. Now word has reached us that one of the present teachers is planning to return to his former church at the end of the semester. Director Antonio Rombo now faces a need for *two* teachers. Every worker capable of teaching is already a key man in some other part of the work. I will not be critically needed in IGBI this next school year; so I could be one of those teachers. However this would somewhat disrupt the "Books for the Philippines" project and further postpone other important innovations we had planned for this coming year. Pray for His wisdom.

We have still not heard from our representative in Manila concerning the extension of our visas. We do not know from day to day whether we will be able to stay on in the Philippines or not. We trust the Lord will meet this need, and continue to plan with that in mind. The Lord may be waiting for your combined intercession to move His hand — that you might share in the victory.

As false teachers multiply in the Philippines, the need continues to grow for trained Filipinos who know the gospel of grace and will be able to stand for it without wavering. Both the quantity of students in our schools and the quality of their schooling is important to this end. Many new textbooks and reference books in the school library have helped — so has your intercession. Thank you.

Several large areas of our work need a resident missionary. One is the Island of Negros; another the southern part of Luzon. Perhaps you can do something in addition to praying. Are you the one the Lord longs to send to share in this work while the door is still open? That is something to pray about.

I started to write, "Now here are some things that you can thank the Lord for; matters for rejoicing." — But in light of I Thess. 5:18 and Phil. 4:4 we can thank the Lord for the problems listed and rejoice in them too, can't we? We do praise Him for what He is *going to do!* There are things He has already done for which we thank Him also, and in which we rejoice: —

We thank the Lord for the privilege of having our youngest son, Jon, with us since last summer. He has been an encouragement to us and a real help in the work. What a rich joy to see our shy Jon fearlessly witnessing and even preaching the Word of God.

Eunice has been working with the language ever since we first arrived in 1967. It is not easy to learn a language when you are older, specially without attending language school and in a situation where it is so easy to get by

with speaking English. This past month she and Jon attended a month long course in Cebuano. Both have benefited from it. I was so happy to hear Eunice talk in Cebuano for a full five minutes with one of our workers.

We have seen souls saved through Eunice's personal testimony, praise the Lord. My teaching ministry in the school seems to be blessed of the Lord also.

In addition to nearly 400 excellent books added to our libraries and given to our workers, there is a shipment of 80 copies of Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words (a copy for each worker) on its way from one small church. More are soon to follow our son, Tim, tells us. Many of the books already received were donated by the young men who came to the Philippines last summer as an evangelistic team. Thank all of you who are sharing in this project.

Sparked by a recent seminar in IGBI on outdoor evangelism, several evangelistic teams go out each weekend. Many have come to Christ through their efforts. The seminar was held for us by Open Air Campaigners, Inc.

Thank you again for your part in the ministry the Lord has given us.

— William Heath

A WONDERFUL MISSIONARY CONF. was held at Calvary Chapel in Massillon, Ohio. Every heart was stired for Christ and the TCM Board met with 7 (YES SEVEN!) candidates for missionary service. A total of 10 applications were given out and we pray the Lord will direct in the lives of others to accept the challenge to serve on some other field while we still have time to labor for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER NEEDS IN ENGLAND



Barry and Kathy Pumphrey  
Ben and Sandy

Prayer concerning God's will for our future has been offered very consistently over these past months. As yet, he has given no clear indication to either of us that he would desire us out of Birmingham. We shall continue to approach the Throne concerning this matter. At this present time it *may* be better to suggest that someone else visit Africa to preach and teach and encourage the Saints there. We are concerned and are writing to folks with the ministry in Tanzania. As yet, however, the Lord has given us no indication to leave the work here. It may be that He is leading us in the opposite direction. Young folks saved under the grace message in Israel have returned to London and Liechester (39

miles from Birmingham). These young folks are zealous for the Lord. At least three are considering full time service. All are anxious to start Fellowships where they are, but they lack the experience. Pray with us please that we be of help to these "eager beavers" for the Lord.

— Barry Pumphrey

"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 Tim. 2:2.

## GIVING THEIR ALL!



Leah, Pat, Vernon Rachel  
Bigelow

The situation in our place is the same. I am not allowed to travel in the mountains by the P.C. (National Police). There are still killings and kidnappings. My eldest son nearly met his death when the rebels tried to enter his home at 10:00 o'clock at night. He escaped by jumping out of the kitchen without the knowledge of the rebels. He was alone in our house in Tampocon because when I went there, I took his wife and children home with me to Tambo. Right now his family is here in Tambo. (Pat, Rachel, Leah and I were in the house in Tampocon back in 1977).

Now in Tambo everything in the store are becoming dearer. Riding in jeepneys also are increasing their fare. Rice is becoming dearer. I am now making a garden and plant it with comote (sweet potato). I also raise a pig and chickens. Right now I have a problem about that pain that is troubled me much on my breast. I want it to be consulted in Cebu. Please pray for me. My members could not help me. (This pastor is more than 60 years young.)

Another worker writes:

My problem is my shoes. It is almost destroyed. I need a new one and I don't have money to buy a new one, so please don't forget to pray to solve my problem.

From Davao:

For your information about my work here in Davao area, the same. I hold work in different places. But my outreach in Mara (was the scene of) another policeman shot by unidentified man and died immediately. Please understand my work. The Rebels are getting worse. I did not mention all what I have experienced in my life today. God bless your work day by day.

From Southern Mindanao a pastor writes:

In Christ's blessed name, greetings. I got your letter a few weeks ago. Sorry I was not able to answer immediately because of the Youth Conference. I got also the money (A family in the States sent a one time gift which was divided among all the workers, even those like this pastor who are not regularly supported). Frankly speaking, I appreciate this gift because in my church they gave me money just enough for my food, and no more for clothing.

On the other hand the work here is blessed by God. Our Bible studies grew and (the members) are now planning to build a church in Barrio Surabaya, along the National Highway. We have three strong families in this place.

Finally, from Central Mindanao:

You know Sir, we are only receiving ₱80.00 (\$10.26) a month from the 4 churches. ₱40.00 plus will be for my travelling expenses so only 40.00 will be ours for everything we need every month excluding rice. So we are very hard up, and because of this I would like to ask help from you or from the

## Mission.

(If the English sounds a little crooked, please remember that it is a second or third language to the workers.)

THINGS TO COME MISSION was established to help churches in various parts of the world to become self-supporting — indigenous. We praise the Lord that here in the Philippines a few churches are able to support a pastor and his family. Some that were supporting a worker have lost members. (They had to flee for their lives because of fighting between government forces and rebels.) These churches can no longer fully support their pastor. Other churches have few members, and they cannot take care of a pastor.

At the present time, TCM has 80 workers, including a few Bible women, who are working in about 130 churches. (It is difficult to know the exact number of local churches. Some are closed because of rebel activities. Praise the Lord, He is bringing other local churches into existence, even as some are temporarily closed.) About sixty workers are receiving financial aid from the Mission on a regular basis. A single worker gets \$5.50 a month. A married pastor receives \$9.75 a month. We know this is not enough, but we expect the churches to take care of the food and housing needs, and also help with money. From the letters above, you can read that not all the members are able to do even this.

The amount of aid was established many years ago when the cost of living was much lower. Now, our workers are not able to have things that you take for granted. Just recently the government raised the price of gasoline from \$1.45 to \$2.16 a gallon. Though a few workers have motorcycles, none have cars so this price does not affect them immediately. But, everything in this economy is dependent upon the price of fuel — they produce no oil — so everything will go up.

One of our pastors mentioned the need of a pair of shoes. A pair of cheap

shoes will cost about what he will receive from the Mission in aid, for one month. Most of the pastors have children who are in school. If they don't live close enough to walk, they have to use public transportation. There are no public school buses. When the government raised the price of gas, they allowed public transportation companies to raise the fares 20%. I am sure tuition costs will go up for the next school year. All students above grade six have to pay tuition. Should the pastors' children go without education because they have no money?

THINGS TO COME MISSION is really you who pray and support the MISSION. We only represent you, and the only help we can give to other Nationals has to come from you. We believe this is the BIBLICAL way. We believe there is one true Church, the BODY OF CHRIST. Yes, there are many local parts of the BODY, and each local part is called a church. But, the local churches, whether in Enumclaw, Washington, or Canibungan, Tudela, are only branches of the ONE BODY. If one part of the BODY suffers, the whole BODY suffers.

We are concerned about the part of the BODY living in the Philippines. That is why we want you to know something of what is happening here. There are more than 80 Filipino pastors and Bible women who are doing their very best to serve the LORD in local Filipino churches. Many need help to live!

For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them, verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things . . . How that in a great trail of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty



abounded unto the riches of their liberality. (Romans 15:26, 27; II Corinthians 8:2)

— *Vernon Bigelow*

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## MEET THE BOARD



Archie L. Smith

Archie L. Smith, Secretary for Things to Come Mission, Inc., resides in Garden Grove, California and attends the Grace Bible Church in Anaheim. He was born in Indiana but moved to California in 1947, thus almost making him a native.

He believes in Missions and considers it a privilege as a Christian to work for and support any effort that makes known the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He first came to realize the effect and importance of Missionary outreach via the radio, while he was in the military and located in New Guinea and also while in the Philippines. He listened to a radio program called "The Back Home

Hour" over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. This program originated from his home church, The Gospel Temple in Fort Wayne, Indiana. What a blessing and encouragement it was to hear the messages and music from home. Later he became affiliated with the "Water of Life Mission" located in Long Beach, California. This was a gospel tract ministry published in eight languages.

As a member of the TCM Board he does covet your prayers that the Holy Spirit will lead us in the decisions to be made for our Missionary programs, and that many will be challenged to share this responsibility with us to spread the Gospel of the Grace of God around the world.

## THANK YOU!



### Director's Notes

For being a part of the great work of the Lord through the ministry of the Things to Come Mission. God has used your prayers and gifts to accomplish the salvation of precious souls in this outreach in Africa (Nigeria), Brazil, England, India, Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines. Over and above this He has used you to establish two training centers in the Philippines and one in Indonesia. These are training the national believers to do the work of the Ministry. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. A reward is assured and the need is supplied for those who are faithful in giving and praying that the ministry might continue. Thus, your sacrifices are appreciated and are being used in His great work of Missions. The one main purpose of the Church, the Body of Christ, is MISSIONS. Are you in it?

Because a number of people have asked for projects that can be made for the ministry in the Philippines, a

list is here given for your consideration: Wordless books, Notebooks with greeting card covers, Baby clothes and blankets, Lightweight blankets for students (43 students) in Bible School (48 by 72 inches). Highway of Life lessons are always needed and useful in the ministry there. Again our thanks to you who have shown such interest in the Lord's work through TCM. I believe II Corinthians chapter four expresses the feeling of those labouring for the Lord. Read that short chapter and notice the "We" passages:

Therefore seeing **WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY . . . vs. 1**

**WE PREACH** not ourselves but **CHRIST JESUS THE LORD . . . vs. 5**

**WE HAVE THIS TREASURE** in earthen vessels . . . vs. 7

**WE ARE TROUBLED ON EVERY SIDE . . . vs. 8**

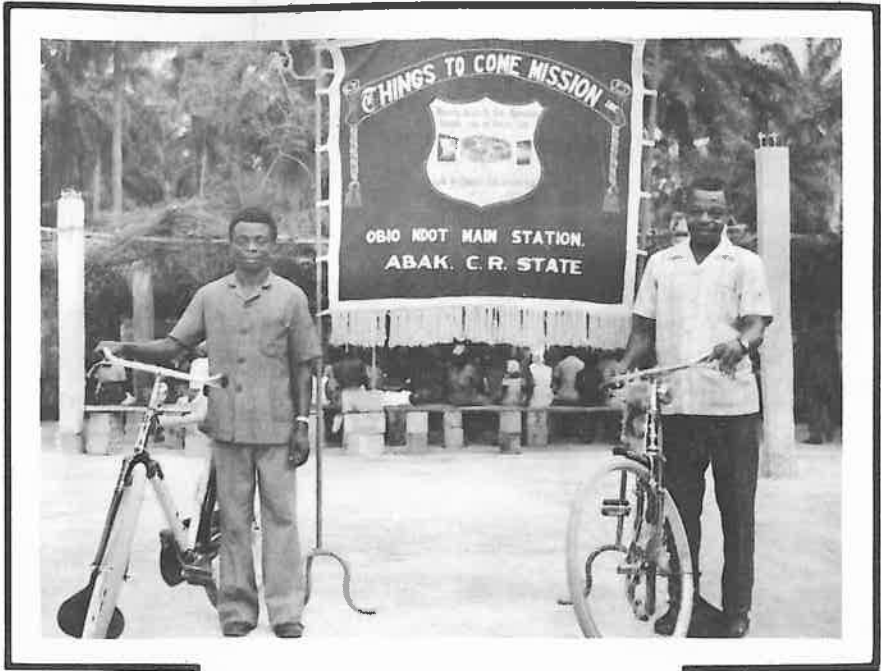
**WE WHICH LIVE** are always delivered unto death — **FOR JESUS SAKE . . . vs. 11**

**WE HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH . . . vs. 13**

**WE LOOK** not at the things which are seen, but **AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN . . . vs. 18**

God has given us a ministry, the ministry of reconciliation — the Gospel of the grace of God. We preach Christ as the only Saviour for a lost and dying world. We are merely vessels of clay that are often delivered unto death even as the Saints of old were delivered to dungeons, fire, den of lions, prison, etc. WHY? "That the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." II Cor. 4:11. But the thing that keeps the believer going is that we are not looking at the things about us; but at eternal things that we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. Have you given your life into His service? His purpose? His will? There is no greater life!

— *Eldred Sidebottom, Director*



Two new Bicycles for the Pastors in Nigeria, West Africa which were provided by the Cope Community DVBS group. We do appreciate all the help to the national brethren in the various fields. Continue to pray for them. But pray also for a vehicle for this work. They do need a car of some sort!

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