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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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Bill, Elizabeth & Sessie Welzien

My wildest dreams could have never have conjured up what the reality of my life is today. Looking back at all the people, experiences and situations that led me to the Lord Jesus Christ, my Saviour, is a breathtaking view. As exciting and romantic and frustrating as it all was, I am so happy - overjoyed - to be right here, right now - in His actual presence.

But why me, Lord? That question is so often expressed in tragic or seemingly hopeless situations, but with tears in my eyes I meditate on Him and think, why me Lord, why should you love me so? Why should you reveal so much of your love to me - to me, a ... a sinner??

As I reflect upon the past, I see it as a vast ocean of people, words, situations, experiences, - a lust and a craving within my soul for freedom. To be freer than the birds, to know God, and to be able to communicate with Him in a very real, and confidential way.

Very early - as a child, I recall playing in the back yard alone. Before my parents called me to go away with them I stopped, and I remember calling to God. I told Him I wanted Him and there was no doubt in my mind that He heard me.

Perhaps I was 7 or 8 years old at the time. And what about the Lord Jesus Christ? I loved Him. Quite possible I was saved. I know I learned about Jesus Christ in kindergarten from the nuns. But upon further reflection I'm sure I heard of Him before that. You see, my grandmother was a devout Irish Catholic and her children were raised likewise. My mother's only brother became a priest and she and her sister clung to that faith. And since my grandmother lived with us, her influence was strongly felt. I was taken to church from my very beginning. so I knew about Jesus. But when exactly did I receive Him? When precisely was I saved? I know there are some who stand amazed at encountering someone who can't remember vividly the exact date and time that they were saved. I am one of them. Yet I believe that I knew Jesus Christ as a youngster. I knew the Lord in a very simple child-like way. I believe I knew Him in a way that I think many desire and strive to know Him today. He was my friend. He was my companion. My heart was hungry for Him. And my question was, "Lord, what would you have me to do with my life?" But you see, I lived in a small world and I had nothing to filter my thoughts

with. I shared very little, if any, of my heart with anyone else. I didn't know that that type of thing was done. But He understood me and He listened to me. I know from that time on the hand of God was upon me.

I recall a time when I said to Him - let me go out and experience the world. I must see what is out there and then I will serve you completely. This was said in child-like innocence. Now here I must interject, I had never studied the Bible. I was totally ignorant of God's Word. I had heard of the Bible. I was told stories that were reputed to be Bible stories (and some were), but I knew nothing personally of the Bible.

I wasn't an evil youth. Mischievous like the dickens - a clown, a joker, but not malicious. I was never in a fight in my life. I was never a violent type. And the reason I state this is because I believe my relationship with God had affected me thusly.

When I graduated from grammar school I went to a Preparatory Seminary and was taught for the next four years by Catholic priests. Though many of my classmates would boast of their drinking feats accomplished on the weekend past, I wasn't drawn to that. Alcohol and cigarettes never interested me. I liked to laugh, to have fun, but that never enticed me. After graduating from high school, I had no desire to go on in the priesthood and if I had to pick one word to describe how I felt when thinking about the minor seminary the word would be nauseous. It was very difficult for me when I told my mother I didn't want to go any further in the seminary.

I did go to college though - for two years. When I finished that second year I had completed fifteen years in Catholic institutions. College was a special time for me. I was away from home, living in a dormitory with a bunch of other fellows. Although my grades were only average, college provided me with the opportunity to think on my own. I could ponder life. I was exposed to many ideas that were new to me. My last year in school I experienced a craving for freedom that

was tremendously unreal. I grew tired of being around the students who complained eighty percent of the time, and they were in the majority. My world was growing and that campus was too small for me. I wanted out. I worked the summer, made a few hundred dollars and flew to Europe. I wandered around Europe for eight months. I hitchhiked and the first few months I slept in youth hostels, but later on as I became a more seasoned traveler and learned to conserve on funds I slept outside, in fields, in parks, under viaducts. I wanted freedom and this traveling life was providing an answer. I roamed about and life became one continuous experience for me. Though difficult, I used to say to myself, "There is no such thing as a bad experience, just experience." Amazingly enough I was beginning to believe that. I met people who read tarot cards, threw I Ching, people who claimed all roads led to God and that Buddha, Krishna, Jesus, and Mohammed were all the same. My childhood faith, once so comfortable, was tossed to the wind. I got drunk my first time in Munich, Germany, and that wasn't the last time. I began to read Herman Hesse books and called myself a "truthseeker". I couldn't sit still. I had to move.

I returned to the States and to the south side of Chicago where I stayed with my folks for a couple of months. I moved into an apartment with a few friends and abode there for six or seven months, but I couldn't stay. I grew too restless and left Chicago with only \$30 and hitched to California then to Washington State and then to Alaska where I spent 3 months. Would you believe it? I still had \$22 on reaching Fairbanks. I met people whom I could stay with, or if not I slept out, or if it was too cold, I'd sit in an all night diner and squeeze a tea bag into four cups of hot water till morning. The road had become my way of life. I loved riding in the different cars and talking to the many different people. They were from all walks of life.

While in Alaska, I met Judy Galblum, a Jewish girl who left the "lower 49" for adventure and freedom. She had spent

THE COACHES OF THE TEAM



Daniel Sidebottom

Greetings once again from the Philippines, from the city of Davao, to each of you as friends of Things To Come Mission. How I would like to see you all and visit with you but as that is not possible right now, I take this opportunity to let you know of some things happening here.

God has continued to supply for me, supplying physically - strength and health, and financially. And how I thank Him for this. I am still staying in Davao City working with the churches and youth here as well as trying to write material for the churches use.

During the last week of July and first of August the Pastors and Bible Women of the Davao and North Cotabato area gathered together for a seminar in Libuton, New Bataan, Davao del Norte for 2 days and 3 nights. There were about 17 of us there and thought it was cold (at night some of us were using our blankets during the service at the church) it was a time of warm fellowship among the workers as well as a time of learning. The topic of the seminar was "Management" and Pastor Solomon Improso, the pastor here in Davao City and myself were privileged to teach on this subject. Of course we could not cover everything (in fact, we will continue this coming January in our next seminar) but we were able to give the pastors some important teaching concerning management. How important that the leaders

of the church have some knowledge concerning planning and making the most of their time.

How we thank the Lord for these who are working with us missionaries to make known the Gospel of the Grace of God. Because of additions as well as subtractions, I am not now sure how many men and women are working with us but I believe it is around 80.

Although we missionaries attend a particular local church when we are not out traveling, and often teach and preach in these churches, as you know, none of us actually pastor the church. So these 80 or so men and women are the leaders in the local church, many actually leading 2 or 3 and some times more churches. These men and women have a tremendous responsibility. To teach and train and "equip the saints for the work of the ministry" and some teaching at the Bible Schools. These are the coaches, the generals, the leaders working to train and prepare their members for the spiritual battle for the souls of men.

We realize to a degree how hard this work is for them. Even in the States it is hard work being a pastor in spite of the tools we have available. Here I believe it is even harder. Because of the lack of many of these tools, the beginning of which is probably their low financial standing. Here with a teacher making about \$600 per month and a regular construction worker earning \$450 a month, a pastor might receive only about P300 per month. So you can see that because of this they have a hard time buying extra tools for their use in the ministry. Buying study books is almost out of the question (part of this need is being met through the ministry of Rev. Heath in providing books for the workers. How we thank the Lord for this). Money for visiting the members if they live far away is hard to come by and so this also effects the ministry. If the pastors have more than one church it is hard to get traveling money. It is hard to start a new outreach for the same reason. It is even

hard for the pastors to attend conferences and such which provide times of fellowship and continual training for them. It is not that they can't do the work but it is that they have a hard time in the work. Some of the churches are supporting their pastor well and many beginning to better support their pastors but it is still hard, especially if the church is small.

We missionaries do not believe we should, as a mission, totally support the pastor in his work. Thereby taking away from the church the responsibility and privilege and blessing of supporting their own pastor. But we have and continue to believe that as much as possible we should seek to help our workers. Therefore, each month many (not all need it) of the workers receive aid from the mission. Though it is small, it does help.

How is this made possible? It is made possible to help these pastors in their churches, to help them travel to new areas, etc. as many of you, each month, pray for these workers and their needs and as many of you give financially to the "Philippine Field Work". Out of this fund comes the aid to the workers and money to help in the outreach. How we as a mission here in the Philippines thank the Lord for how He has, through you giving to this area, made it possible for us to financially help these workers. We thank the Lord, also, that the workers are giving to an outreach fund here. As each month you have sent to the "field work" and as some months special gifts for the workers are received, we rejoice and are able to financially help the workers here.

We can not sufficiently say "thank you" but we do appreciate those of you who pray and give so that the workers here are helped as they continue serving the Lord in the churches He has given to them. Pray with us also that the people here will learn to give out of a heart of love, to begin to totally support their pastors, so that new graduating pastors can be helped, and new areas opened up, and new churches started so that more people are able to be taught the Gospel of the Grace of God and trained to take this to others.

The following is a note from one of the pastors receiving help from the mission. "Wherever the message of God's Grace is preached, there you will find oppositions. This has been the case since the days of Paul. In the Book of Acts, we read that everywhere it was spoken against. There were also other considerations that made it difficult for Paul. But he fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith to the end! It was the grace of God that sustained him. Also, to a very great extent, he was inspired by the loving support of believers everywhere, notably, the saints of Philippi. Paul was able to stand and preach continually because some dear folks were constantly on their knees. One day, with a heart overflowing with gratitude and joy, he wrote, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. (Phil. 1:3-7, 2:13)".

"However, we do encounter oppositions, problems, and difficulties, especially during these days. At times the going really gets tough. And you know the job is far from finished. But by faith we thank God for His grace which is sufficient. And, we heartily thank you for being constantly on your knees for us, that we might be on our feet for the Lord in His work. Thank you also for your financial support. I'm one of many pastors who have been receiving financial help from you through the mission. This has really been a great help. It means so much more than you probably realize. We have also received good books. I was so happy when Mr. Heath handed to me new big books just recently. These are valuable tools very much needed by us pastors. Thank you all so very much for standing with us."

Pastor Solomon Improso

Let us continue to remember these coaches of the team, these leaders in the churches, as they continue to serve the Lord here.

Daniel Sidebottom

THE NEEDS OF POORHOUSE ARE:



Beth and Bob Xavier

Bob Xavier gave his life to Christ Jesus when God ministered to him through the missionaries from Poorhouse, located in Key West, Florida. His best friend from past years in his home state of Connecticut, Garvey Fox, had become a Believer under ministry of John and Judy Pex, of Poorhouse, just months before. Shortly after Garvey's rebirth, he returned, with a sense of urgency, to Connecticut to share Christ Jesus, his Lord, with his friend Bob. Not long after receiving this witness, Bob met the Pexes, the willing instruments God used to found the Poorhouse ministry in Key West. They were on their way to their new missionfield of Israel and stopped through Connecticut, visiting Bob and leading him the rest of the way to a lifetime allegiance to Christ. Bob, a changed man then (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20), remained in Connecticut. John and Judy travelled on to Israel, where they joyfully continue to share the Gospel of the Grace of God with the Jewish people. Since leaving the U.S., the Pexes have been blessed with a precious addition to their family, a son Joshua, and are looking forward with joy to the arrival of their second child.

When the Pexes left Poorhouse, other Saints carried on the work there. Bill and Sessie Welzien stayed on at Poorhouse, God's lighthouse in Key West, for two years. (Sessie, a young believer at that time, was newly married to Bill when they began their ministry together there. She had been lead to Christ through the Poorhouse ministry not long

before.)

After two years of full-time service at Poorhouse, the Welziens were called by the LORD up to Ohio, to work in a church and to study for further missionary work. Bob Xavier joined them there for four months, volunteering to work with them in an effort with another couple to remodel an old inn and to turn it into a Christain learning center. Bob was Bill's carpentry teacher, and Bill was Bob's Bible teacher. After the four months of working together up north, Bill performed his first wedding ceremony, uniting Bob Xavier and Beth Williams in marriage and preaching the Gospel of God's grace to all on 30 December 1978. The Welziens remained in Ohio for another year and a half, serving in the church with the young people's ministry, Bible studies, Sunday School and evangelism programs. They presently are in missionary service abroad, with their little joy from God, their beautiful daughter Elizabeth. They, too, are Things To Come missionaries.

Meanwhile, back at Poorhouse, the ministry continued and continues. After the Welziens departed for their work in Ohio, a Christain brother, Van, also led to Christ through the Poorhouse ministry, served at the house for a year. Then came Garvey and Hannah Fox (Garvey, Bob's good, old friend, also saved at Poorhouse), who carried on the ministry of the truth of God's Wonderful Grace for another year there in Key West.

Now, Bob Xavier and his wife Beth have realized God's calling them into full-time service as missionaries to Key West, to continue the ministry at Poorhouse, God's lighthouse on Poorhouse Lane, Key West, Florida.

Bob and Beth prayed about working through a mission board at Poorhouse, as the ministry never before had operated through one. Their prayers were answered, when after attending a missionary conference in Massillon, Ohio, in April 1980, they applied to work with Things To Come Mission. They were accepted as missionaries in early June 1980, to con-

tinue God's work as His servants at Poorhouse.

From an early age, Bob desired to live a life of service for others. Attaining many degrees in martial arts education, Bob taught the sport discipline full-time in schools, colleges and police departments. Through strong influence of John Li, a Christian and an international Kung-Fu expert from China, Bob began serious study of God's Word. Further influence of Garvey Fox, the Pexes, Ralph and Jean Balog of Carol Stream, Illinois, Win Johnson, Rocky Mountain Grace Camp (Bob attended the camp for two years), Bill Welzien, Henry Hudson, Vernon Anderson and many others encouraged him to study and to understand God's Grace message, so that today he delights in sharing it with and teaching it to others (II Tim. 2:2).

Beth, saved as a young child, was brought up in a Christain home. Before meeting Bob at the Christain summer youth university in Colorado, the Summit, where she was working in the summer of 1978, and marrying him in December of 1978, she had graduated from American Christain College 1974, double-majoring in English and Biblical studies. Since 1974 she has taught in a Christain school, traveled and worked around the country, finally to return to Tulsa and then to Manitou Springs, Co., to work for the college and for the Summit, under the direction of Dr. David A. Noebel, her former Bible Professor.

The Poorhouse street ministry has been reaching out to many thousands of lost souls in the streets of Key West with the Gospel of Grace. Street evangelism, distributing tracts, one-on-one witnessing to the lost and many times searching souls gathered on the piers or beaches of the island is a key to the ministry. The other main key has been serious teaching of God's Word to new Believers, discipling them to become witnesses and teachers ... Workers who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." Bible studies are taught 2-3 times daily and special studies are given often for new Believers on a one-on-one basis.

There is plenty of good, nutritional food and a place to sleep for anyone truly in need of a meal or shelter. The spiritual Truth of Christ Jesus is shared as spiritual food to anyone who first has been helped with physical needs.

To those souls hungrily and honestly searching God's Word, the doors of Poorhouse are wide open.

The objectives of the Poorhouse ministry in Key West are:

1. To provide at least two Bible study classes daily, targeted toward salvation and other basic Bible truths.

2. To provide an intense effort of street evangelism, in which young disciples can exercise and strengthen their newly learned Bible skills (Heb. 5:14).

3. To establish a regular program of distributing Biblical materials while witnessing the Gospel and ministering the Truth of Jesus Christ.

4. To encourage leadership abilities in others in the areas of evangelism, discipling, youth evangelism, visitation and public service, which allows for interaction of Christains with non-Christains for witnessing purposes.

5. To educate the young believers concerning Satanic evils about which they must be aware and knowledgeable, in order to take a definite, well-armed stand against them (Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:10-20; II Tim. 2:3).

6. To establish a permanent residence-learning center on Key West that could double as a short-term training or testing ground for potential missionaries and as a residence for missionaries home on furlough.

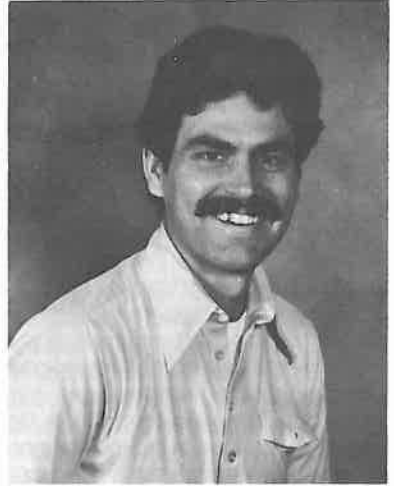
7. To encourage and instruct all who live at the learning center in the benefits of good nutrition, regular exercise, cleanliness, personal grooming and high Biblical moral-ethical standards (III Jn. 2). To offer Spiritual-Physical Conditioning programs to anyone interested.

8. To provide a home for the serious individuals, for discipling, where spiritual truths about the Lord and Saviour

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MEET THE BOARD

Tim Heath is the son of the Bill Heaths who are missionaries in the Philippines. Tim was in the Philippines during 1968 and 1971 for about 9 months each time. He attended Grace Bible College for five years, during which time he was involved in Youth outreach teams in Europe, Mexico and USA. After graduation from College he worked 3 years with Prison Mission Ass'n. Then one year at Alpine Boys Ranch and now is pastoring a church in Leavenworth, Wash. He married Judy in 1972 and they have three children, Jennifer born in 1974, Daniel born in 1976, and Jessica in 1980. Tim joined the Things to Come Mission Board in April of 1979. Good to have you aboard, Tim.



Fiscal Year Audit Report Year Ending May 31, 1980

	Balance 5/31/79	Cash Received	Cash Disbursed	Balance 5/31/80
Philippines	8,861	114,510	113,503	9,868
Brazil	4,084	27,635	29,456	2,263
Africa		3,349	3,349	
England		1,385	1,385	
Furlough				
Acct's	20,561	4,919		25,480
General Fund	402	24,915	24,999	318
India	54	2,126	2,125	55
Indonesia	109	44,546	43,865	790
Piane	(1,393)	14,712	13,096	223
Other Acct's	573	8,004	7,714	863
Totals	33,251	246,101	239,492	39,860

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REJOICE WITH US ...GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS



William, Eunice and Jon Heath

On August 17, 1975, Rev. and Mrs. William Heath held the first church service in the city of Davao. They came here to provide a place of worship and training for the young people, many from the churches in the barrio, who had and would come to Davao City to study in high school or college. This was an important ministry as without it our youth were left without a place to continue their spiritual studies and grow in Christ. At that time Mario Indino was the pastor and interpreter for Rev. Heath. Since then Mario has visited the States and many of you and presently is serving the Lord in Indonesia. When the Heaths returned to the States in 1977, Sol and Jean Improso came and since then he has pastored the church here.

Since the beginning the church has ministered to the young people as well as adults and families and has grown. A daughter church was begun in 1978 in Panabo and now we are praying about beginning a church in Toril. So we thank the Lord for these opportunities. On August 17, 1980 we had our 5th Anniversary

service here at the church. We thank the Lord for these 5 years and His blessings and look forward to many more as He waits in longsuffering. We still don't have our own building but continue to worship and train here. Rev. Heath was the invited speaker for this anniversary service and brought a message on "The Plan and Purpose of the Church"

Mindanao Grace Bible Institute (MGBI) has completed the first term for this school year. The school has three terms (of 12 weeks) each year. Each student takes four subjects, and each subject involves five sessions, of sixty minute duration, each week. At the end of each term the subjects are completed and new ones taken up. This concentration on a few subjects at a time has proven effective. Also it makes it possible for students to drop out for three months, when necessary, without losing the work they have invested. Since the students must provide their own food, they sometimes drop out for one term to earn money, or collect rice, so they can return to school later in the year.

There were 29 students this past term. Some of them were in the school when it was moved from Mabuntao to Tagum. They recall vividly the long hard weeks spent in dismantling the buildings, moving them and reassembling them in the new location. Just a few weeks ago they held a thanksgiving service on the second anniversary of the first class held on the new campus. It was held under a large Santol tree-surrounded by stacks of used lumber and piles of sand and gravel. The men's "dormitory" was the place later used for the chicken house. Their beds were laid out on the ground.

At present there are five buildings on the grounds. The house providing dorm space for the women and housing for the missionary is completed. The "cook house" for the women students- a small bamboo and nipa building-is nearing completion. So also is the house providing accommodations for the families of Director Antonio Rombo and teachers Elmer Rosero. The chapel/classroom (being used temporarily as a men's dorm) requires more work on the roof for its completion. The main school building is in daily use, though only about half completed. The hollow block wall and concrete floor downstairs is completely open to the weather except for the school office. Work is continuing and the school program is in full swing.

The product of MGBI, amply justifies its existence. Over 90% of the graduates are ministering the Word of God-most of them in fellowship with T.C.M. One of our graduates is a missionary to Indonesia at the present time, and many of our fine pastors and Bible women have graduated from our school.

IGBI and MGBI compliment each other nicely and together have provided us with a strong group of men and women who are "able to teach others also".

We are convinced that the two most important things we can do for the Philippine work today is to train as many as possible in the Word of His grace and give them tools to work with (books from

the States and literature from our press in Cebu City). All of the missionaries are involved to some degree in meeting these needs.

Thank all of you who have prayed and given sacrificially and faithfully to make this ministry possible.

William and Eunice Heath

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a couple years in Kobuck - a northern Eskimo village. She was visiting her sister in Fairbanks, which is where we met. She admired my search for truth. We became very good friends and we talked about spiritual things much of our time and thought I knew Jesus in a secret kind of way, I never spoke of Him. My simple and open mind was becoming filled with a billion ideas on God. I told Judy I had to keep traveling and a short time later she flew off to Portugal to eventually wind up in Israel. It was a couple of years before I met up with Judy again. I went south that January to San Diego then to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. After I got out of jail, I went to Key West, Florida. A few months later I hitched a lift to Detroit, then headed back west to California. From San Francisco I turned north as far as Vancouver B.C. and then back east on the Trans-Canada Highway to the island of Newfoundland where the highway ends. I was able to scrape plane fare together and from Gander, Newfoundland, I flew to Scotland. Here the British Immigration man was wary about allowing me to enter with only \$60, but when he found a New Testament in my pack his countenance changed and he allowed me to enter. One month later I crossed the English channel to France.

Oh I needed someone, I needed to be comforted. I needed to find peace. My mind was filled with soo many thoughts and ideas, with so many philosophies. I wanted to have an open mind, but an open mind is like an open mouth, not everything that goes in is good. By this time I was introduced to L.S.D., marijuana, hashish, and I took all sincerely in the name of spiritual enlightenment with the goal of expanded consciousness, but

as time went on I found its end product to be paranoia.

I had been trapped in what is commonly known as a sub-culture. Believe me, it is a wholly different culture. It has its own music, dress, vocabulary and philosophy of life. The further out your trip, the more you were in. I saw much phoniness in people who claimed this lifestyle and I hated it. It was just another game. My plan was to go to India. I had heard so much about the gurus there and thought maybe I could sit at a great man's feet and learn the secrets of life. At this point I never knew what a steady job was. Over four years had passed since I left college. I hadn't shaved not cut my hair in all that time.

I received word from Judy, who was in Israel. Judy and I could travel to India together I thought, so it was to Israel I headed. I hiked through Europe to Greece, and then to Turkey and from Turkey southward through Syria and on into Jordan. I spent the most absolutely difficult month of my life, penniless and sick in Ammen. I hit rock bottom. I was stranded and forsaken, I was alone and lonely. Israel immigration wouldn't allow me into Israel without at least \$200 on my person. Twice I tried to cross the border and twice I was turned back. I was a broken man. I cried out to God, "Take me away, take me away, today!" I had had my fill of the world's experiences. In desperation I did something I had never done before. I wired home for money. On June 28, 1974, I crossed the Jordan River.

Judy was staying with an elderly American couple in Jerusalem. She had sent me their address when I was in Istanbul. I made a beeline for 7 Moshe Hess, the very address in Judy's aerogramme. Judy was saved three months before I arrived. She was now studying the Bible with Dr. Clifford and Rina Jacquith, and it was there in that apartment that the Bible was opened up to me. The first couple weeks were very difficult for me with all my "cosmic concepts", but I saw the love and joy in Rina and Clifford's lives and in Judy, too.

Bible studies were held every evening and also most mornings. Rina had a wonderful gift from God for training personal workers. She would always say: He that leads a soul to Christ leads him to a fountain from which he may drink. He that trains a soul winner digs a well from which many may drink. She emphasized the need for every believer to be able to use God's Word.

John Pex, another young fellow Rina had fished in, was turning into a fine ambassador for the Lord (2 Cor. 5:20). John went out to the old city to witness to other wandering youths and bring them home. John had a boldness in witnessing for Christ that was contagious. John, Judy, and I went out hundreds of times in the next few months and witnessed to hundreds of individuals that Jesus Christ was the Way, the Truth, and the Life and the only way to the Father, Jn. 14:6. This testimony I could now proclaim with authority.

Those eight months in Israel with Rina and Clifford set the norm for what is now my life. I had had my belly filled with the world. Paranoia, emptiness and restlessness had lost its glamour. Now I had found not only the Word Himself, but the Words of eternal life for indeed faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, John 6:68; Romans 10:17.

How I thank my Saviour for looking down from heaven and in such condescending love saving this wretched fool from so great a death, making him a new creation and seating him in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, 2 Cor. 5:17; Ephesians 2:6.

Without the rooting and grounding in God's Word all child-like faith will become childish and will eventually shipwreck. God not only desires all men to be saved but also to come to the knowledge of the truth, 1 Timothy 2:4,5. How I thank God for all those saints who stood for the truth when I sought to find the truth. I praise the Father for the Holy Spirit who drew me from a life of mediocrity then through years of varied and harrowing

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THE WORK OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

What is the work of foreign missions? That sounds like a simple subject doesn't it? Well, it is, but I feel we need to remind people again what missions is all about. You probably receive many letters, pamphlets and magazines from different religious organizations each asking for money to support their mission work. You are probably confused and don't know what to support.

I would like to help by giving you some guidelines. I will show from the Word of God what foreign mission work IS. We will not let our emotions be our guide. We will not let "what we think should be mission work" decide for us. We must let the Word of God lead us. If emotions lead us, we will not be building a work on a sound foundation. Emotions can change. The solid foundation is the Word of God.

When we turn to the Bible, we must be sure to rightly divide or we could be doing something God has not commanded us Gentiles to do. We must turn to Paul and his writings since he is the apostle to the Gentiles. I Tim. 2:7, II Tim. 1:11. I believe you will agree with me that the greatest missionary (did more than any man and even did more than the twelve apostles-II Cor. 11:23) outside of the Lord Jesus Christ was the Apostle Paul. William Barclay wrote in his book, "Ambassador for Christ, The Life and Teaching of Paul" the following.

"How did Christianity ever succeed in spreading from little Palestine halfway across Europe to Rome the capital of the World? How did the Christians whom you could count by scores suddenly turn into a people whom you could number perhaps by the hundreds of thousands? The explanation of this amazing increase is none other than Paul."

There is a command given to us by Paul that will help us, and if we heed it, then we certainly will know what God wants done in missions. Lets turn to Phil. 4:9b-note: "those things which ye have seen in me do and the God of

peace shall be with you." So, what we have to do is ask ourselves, where we can find the things that Paul did; especially the things he did as far as mission work is concerned? The answer is, the book of Acts.

Turn to Acts 14:21-23. I believe we find in these verses the things Paul did which is the work of missions.

In the work of missions there are two groups of people and these two groups each have two responsibilities. In this article I will only discuss with you one group -- the foreign missionary. The other group is the saints whom God has called to support those foreign missionaries. We will wait until a later time to discuss the second group.

The first group-the foreign missionary. The foreign missionary has two responsibilities. These responsibilities become the work of missions. Note the two things Paul did in Act. 14:21. These two things become the responsibility of missions.

(1). They had preached the gospel to that city. This may sound elementary. Well, it is. It is the first step one must take before he can take the second. I think it is very important that we have a clear understanding as to what the gospel is. There is much confusion today about the gospel. This world is full of religions. Each has its own gospel. Then, there is the Neo-Evangelicalism -- part true gospel and part good works. There are also people who use the term "born again" but know nothing about its true meaning.

In the Philippines, one could be misled to believe that believing Christ died for sins plus believing the traditions of the church, saves. The Roman Catholics teach that believing Christ died for sins plus church tradition saves. Church traditions teach that the Pope is infallible, that he is also the vicar of Christ and they observe the mass, etc. Beloved we know Paul makes it plain that Christ is the only Saviour. We are to believe and trust only in the work of Christ for us. If we add to the gospel, then Christ's work is not enough. Note Gal. 2:21. Paul

makes it very clear if we mix religious tradition to the grace of God, Christ died in vain.

When preaching the gospel here in the Philippines we must emphasize very strongly that Christ is the only Saviour. One can't believe Christ plus church tradition for salvation. It is the work of Christ plus nothing.

Now, what is the gospel? Here, again, I believe we must be correct because we are dealing with eternal destinies. If a person believes another gospel than the true gospel, he will spend eternity forever separated from God, in hell.

The gospel is found in II Cor. 15:3-4: "How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

I want you to note several things about the gospel. He died for our sins. This one truth is hard for man to accept. Man doesn't like to be told he is a sinner. He wants to believe there is some good in him. But he must believe he is lost (dead in sins) before he can believe that Christ died for his sins.

Then, note, He was buried and He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. Here again, man will not accept this miracle. Without the resurrection the gospel would not be complete. We need the complete gospel in order to be saved. The wages of sin is death. Christ died but He couldn't have been our Saviour if he had remained dead; he had to resurrect to become a Living Saviour.

When Christ died on the cross He died for our sins, not His. When he was buried He was buried for us. When He resurrected He resurrected for us. We are to believe this. Not part or that which we like; but all, the death, burial, and the resurrection.

Let us never compromise this truth. Let's never water it down to half-true, and half church tradition. Let's be faithful and demand that the gospel be preached in completeness-Christ's death for sins, burial for sins and resurrection for sins.

(2). He had taught many - Acts 14:21b. When you faithfully preach the gospel, people will believe and truly be saved. Then, what is the missionary to do? Should he tell them to go to the church of their choice? Or, in our case, just let them go back into the Roman Catholic Church? No! Paul did not tell his converts to go to the Jewish Synagogue, he took those babies in Christ and treated them as babies ... He taught them.

This is important to see. He took those converts, taught them, and from these he would form a national church. I believe evangelism is a method we use in mission work to start a national church. Paul started national churches in most of the cities where he preached.



Amy, Darlene Valerie, Vernon, Ben Anderson

In 1958 Bro. Anderson and I decided for the mission work in the Philippines the objective would be to establish national churches throughout the Philippines. We felt, after reading Acts and Paul's epistles, that is what Paul did. Note: Acts 14:23-25; many churches have been established in these islands; churches that stand for the Word of God rightly divided, teaching the true gospel and going out to evangelize others.

Just today one of our Filipino pastors was in my home deciding with me the possibility of setting up an elder's training center to train elders from our churches on the island of Negros.

This is the key to having a strong national church. Train the leaders. By God's grace TCM is doing this in the two Bible schools and now we are beginning to have more training programs for the

elders in the churches.

Beloved, we missionaries have not done everything that has been done here in the Philippines. The Filipino leaders have been trained and they are doing the work -- the work of missions, evangelism, teaching and church planting.

TCM has moved on to Indonesia. The same thing will be done there, the only difference being that a trained Filipino will help in Indonesia.

You may write me at P.O. Box 617; Cebu City, Philippines if you have any questions.

Joe Watkins

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Jesus Christ and all of God's Word can be studied intensely.

9. To establish an outreach to young children, employing Child Evangelism Fellowship techniques and materials.

10. To provide, when necessary, training in basic reading skills, phonics, for those with reading problems who would like to be able to read the Bible, using God's Word as the main source of reading materials and vocabulary.

The needs of Poorhouse are:

1. To provide temporary shelter and food to young persons desiring to stay at Poorhouse and study Bible truths.

2. To establish and support an extensive child evangelism program.

3. To purchase a printing press, to enable us to print tracts and other Christian literature, Bible studies, etc.

5. Funds to purchase Bibles to distribute.

6. Pray for spiritual growth in our lives. Pray for physical strength to keep up the workload. Pray for wisdom to deal with the many lost and searching souls in Key West.

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experiences to eventually find the Christ in a Biblically sound way.

After returning from Israel I spent nine months with my parents in their home. I taught Bible studies wherever there was an interest. Many days I spent downtown handing out tracts. When I left, I went to Key West, Florida, and took part in a ministry to the lost people in that tropical paradise. It was there I met Sessie Bonilla. She came to my home to participate in our twice daily Bible studies. She had a sincere love for God's Word and studied diligently. Nine months later we were married. After my being twenty-seven months in Key West, the Lord led us to Massillon, Ohio, to work with pastor Henry Hudson and the saints of Calvary Chapel. Here I was ordained and have been taken on staff as a Bible teacher and youth minister. It was also here in Massillon where our gracious God blessed us with a baby daughter, Elizabeth Rose, who was born to us this past April 22.

Accurate and true are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: You shall know the truth, and the Truth shall set you free, John 8:32.

NO TIME?

No time for Him, for Christ our Saviour?
No time for Him and for His gift of love?
No time to say: "I love you Jesus"?

No time to take His way that leads above?

No time to say: "He died for you and me"?

No time to say: "Oh Lord, Thy will be done"?

No time to stand up and be counted

As faithful to the Great and Holy One?

How long, oh Lord, wilt Thou be waiting

Before that Day of Glory dawns:

How long, oh God, how long we faint you;

In earthly ways we live as pawns!

No time for Thee, our risen Saviour?

No time Salvation to receive?

No time? God give us time to whisper;

"Oh save me Lord, I do believe!

I do believe in Thy appearing,

And claim Thy promise and Thy love.

Oh, Lord, my time is yours, oh use me,

And take me to Thy Home above."

FAITHFUL WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

This morning, I returned to Cebu City from a visit to Lupagan, Clarin. Lupagan, as you old I.H. readers know, is the location of the TCM Compound, including the INTERNATIONAL GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE Campus. Though the picture was taken at the 19th Commencement Exercises, last April, I just got it when I visited the school. Yours truly is pinning



one of the honor students, George. (Too bad Dan Sidebottom was facing the other way, or you could see his face, too.)

George is now serving in a small church, about 50 miles north of Lupagan. He is doing a good work, there. All the other graduates are busy in their assignments - all six of them.

Though they finished their classroom work, ten ladies and three men have to do their one year internship before they get their diplomas. Two ladies, Dinah and Auro linda (Linda), are living at the campus as they serve their internship.

Here in the Philippines, public school students are more fortunate than those in most U.S. schools. Here, religion classes are available. In fact, it is the law that if religious groups have teachers available, they must be allowed time to teach religion in the schools. We praise God for the opportunity He has given to Linda. Each day, she teaches several classes in the Tudela High School, about a mile north of Lupagan. When I arrived at the compound gate (behind Director



Leah, Pat, Vernon Rachel Bigelow

Panza on the Yamaha), Linda was just leaving for the school, wearing a uniform like the other public school teachers, to teach young people about the Grace of God.

Dinah doesn't teach in front of a class, but she is also involved in a teaching ministry. Dinah is the secretary for the Radio Department, and the one who grades the lessons of TCM's correspondence school. When I visited her office, Dinah was just beginning to grade the more than 300 lessons of Linda's classes. You see, Linda is using Mrs. Baker's HIGHWAY OF LIFE course in her religion classes.

Just a few statistics to show you how the Lord is using the correspondence lessons to bring sinners to Himself, and edify those already born-again. Since the HIGHWAY OF LIFE Course was first offered back in the 1960's, 4531 people have been enrolled. 258 men and women have been enrolled in a course on the Book of Mark. 368 have been registered for a course on Salvation. These both in the Cebuano dialect. In all, the Mission offers eight courses, in Cebuano and/or English. 5410 Students have been enrolled.

During the last letter month of the radio program, 400 people sent in letters. According to statisticians in the U.S., for

every person who writes a letter, 5000 are listening. Here in the R.P., I'm sure the rate is much higher of those who listen but don't write because of the poor mail service in rural areas, and because many adults do not write. Even at the 5000 figure, there are 2,000,000 people listening to the HOUR OF GRACE carried on seven stations, in two dialects daily, and a third dialect on Sundays.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Ps. 145:3.

Our hearts rejoice in the Lord and His provisions for the work of reaching the World for Christ. We do thank each one who has prayed and given that the Lord's work thru the Things to Come Mission might continue. We know the Lord will richly bless each of you for your labour of love.

SEVEN NEW MISSIONARIES were accepted by the Board of Directors in May of 1980. We do rejoice in this fact, but we realize that we need about SEVEN new Missionaries every six months. What are YOUR plans for reaching the World for Christ???

One of the SEVEN has decided not to go to the field at the present. Two families (FOUR of the SEVEN) are on the field even though they might not have their full support.

Would you pray daily for Bill and Sessie (William and Cecilia) Welzien and their 21 months old daughter, Elizabeth. They are in Italy-- A NEW FIELD OPENED IN 1980--learning the language. Let me quote from one of Bill's letters. "We would appreciate your prayers - first of all - that we learn the language rapidly and thoroughly and then for clear direction and guidance from above with complete obedience to the Spirit's moving ... I would be overjoyed if tomorrow I could wake up speaking Italian. It is real work for us. We do need as much PRAYER POWER as we can solicit the saints of God for (Heb. 4:16; Rev. 8:3&4) this

language challenge! ... Last weekend we went to Assisi but not without plenty of tracts. The week before to Firenze with likewise. The people accept them quite readily. We are dismayed the missionary activity (or rather in-activity) we've witnessed thus far. There is no real Evangelistic thrust ... The percentage of Evangelicals in Italy is .06%."

We would also ask your prayers for Bob and Beth Xavier who have gotten in some deputation work and are planning to be in Key West Florida for the Ministry there in December of 1980. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS WHICH HAVE ALLOWED US TO HAVE A FEW MORE MISSIONARIES AND FOR THE OPENING OF TWO NEW FIELDS OF LABOUR!

Bonnie Callman of Cheektowaga, N.Y. and Kathy Grace of Altoona, Pa. were also accepted as Missionary candidates in May of 1980. Realizing the difficulty of single women doing deputation work, we would ask your prayers and co-operation for these two young ladies. They would like to go to the Philippines this coming year of 1981. If your Bible Class or church can use them please contact the office.

YOU! and YOU! Would you like to be a part of the Things to Come Mission SUMMER YOUTH TEAM TO THE PHILIPPINES? Tim Heath is planning on another youth team for 1981. If you are interested, please contact Tim at 215 West St. , Leavenworth, Wash. 98826 or phone (509) 763-3598 or contact the TCM headquarters in Cope, Colo. (303) 357-4291.

It has been my joy to attend the Missionary Conferences in the Great Northwest (Spokane, Port Orchard, Seattle, Wash. and Grants Pass, Ore.) and also Florida Conference. Thanks to the Pastors and members of the churches who made us feel at home and treated us so royally. We pray that we are able to be a blessing to them and we know that they were a blessing to us.

We ask you to continue to pray for the NATIONAL WORKERS who are labouring with Things to Come Mission in

Nigeria, West Africa, India, Indonesia, Brazil, England, and the Philippines.

home for a few days this past October. Continue to pray for their ministry and for their twin boys, Sandy and Ben.

It was a joy to have Barry and Kathy Pumphrey from England with us in our



**Barry and Kathy Pumphrey
Ben and Sandy**



**Bill Heath, Dan Sidebottom, Joe Watkins
& Vernon Bigelow**

INDONESIA SCHOOL

These are some quotes from a letter recieved in October 1980 from Mario Indino. "The Bible School is going on fine. We have 21 students right now, 13 men & 8 ladies. We also have 5 out in the field. They will stay there as part of their practice for 7 months. At the present we have 5 teachers but only two full time. Martin Kambey and I handle two subjects each, teaching 8 hours a week. The others are working outside but taking part also in the teaching here. The subjects taught are Doctrine, Evangelism, Dispensation, Homiletics, Cults, language and music. Next year when the interns will be back from the field, we will need more full time teachers to handle the other subjects. Martin and I will be teaching 20 hours a week next year for the major subjects.

"The Dormitory is quite crowded now. We are limited to accept students unless we can rent a place. This is something to pray about. We wish to train as many as we can while we still have the chance. The majority of the students are really doing fine & most of them are college students before coming here. The school budget is quite tight.

"Persecution is quite severe in some places. One of the interns while holding an afternoon meeting was stoned by some people around the village. Fortunately none was hurt only glass windows and doors and roofing were broken. But these happenings encourages the members to stand strong for the Lord."

Would you pray daily for the work in Indonesia, Nigeria, England, Brazil, Italy, Phillipines, Key West and India? Inflation has created a real problem. Pray!

STAGGERING STATISTICS

The number of Protestants is approximately the same today as it was in 1830, though the population of the world has more than tripled since that date. More than half the people in the world do not know the way of salvation. 3 million villages in the world are without a single resident gospel witness. 2000 tribes are without one word of Scripture, for their languages have never been written down. 65 million souls in Africa, 75 million souls in Latin America and 400 million souls in open areas of Asia are yet to be evangelized. Mission authorities estimate that no more than 2 million new souls are reached with the gospel each year through church services. There are 43,000 Protestant missionaries overseas, one for every 50,000 heathen. 94% of all ordained ministers in the world minister to the 9% whose mother tongue is English. 6% minister to the other 91% of the world's people. 90% of all Protestants are among the 9% who speak English. The average Protestant gives 3% of his income for church and charity. 96% of all church funds are used in bringing the gospel to the 9% who speak English. 4% is used to bring the gospel to the other 91% of the world's people. American Christians spend less than 1/10 of 1% of their income for foreign missions--less than \$3.00 a year per person. American Communists spend 38% of their gross income for their cause.

The Things to Come Mission Board wants to know that the present convictions of Peter Wiering are such; i.e. in agreement with the TCM Doctrinal Statement, that the Board has extended an invitation for he and his family to return to the Mission field of his choice at his choosing. Peter is pastoring the Grace Bible Church in Marinette, Wis., at the present time.

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