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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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**WHOM SHALL I SEND
AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?
THEN SAID I,
HERE AM I: SEND ME.**

IS IT WORTH IT?

Recently there was an article in the "Reader's Digest" titled "Is It Worth the Risk?" It was about a young mountain climber who described climbing as one of the best things — maybe THE best thing — in life. He wrote about several climbing incidents and various things that happened ... like scaling sheer cliffs without even a toe hold, anchors coming loose, tangled ropes, rocks bouncing past him down mountain slopes, as well as watching four of his buddies falling to their death in the same manner. Many times he said he questioned himself, "Is it really worth it?" And always the same answer ... of course, it is!

But, you know, many people look at missionaries and, without saying it directly, ask the same question. Is it worth the risk ... to leave the United States and all of its opportunities, to deprive your children of the good education which they deserve, to leave all your loved ones and a lifetime of friends, to leave a secure job and enter a life on only faith ... and all without knowing where you're going, what the country will be like, the people, their customs, and a host of other doubts. Is it really worth it?

This thought entered my mind Sunday night as I was listening to Bernardo preach. His sermon text was I Cor. 9:1-18 and what a thrill it was to hear him elaborate, especially on vs. 16, 17, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." He has "caught" the message and it's overflowing! It's four years now since Bernardo was saved and began growing in God's wonderful grace. If he hadn't heard from us, who else would have told him?

Then there's Rose, who was our first fruit. Carol and I met her in the supermarket shortly after arriving in Arara-



Warren and Shirley Keiper

quara. By coincidence it was my birthday. This year at the time of my birthday Rose sent me this note:

Dear Mother,

I really don't know what my life would be if God hadn't found me!

I really appreciate you and how your life is so useful for the Lord.

And Mom, I pray that the Lord can be always the center of my life while I'm here in this world, living in a place where almost everybody is obeying Satan. That's really sad.

And, I'm praying for you (Keipers), too; because I really feel that the Lord can use your lives and mine.

Thanks for being my mother.

Love,
Rose

Is it worth it? There never was any doubt. Of course, it is! But, what do you think? Is it only worth it for someone else?

Shirley Keiper

DIRECTOR'S NEWS NOTES

June 14-19th TCM had its first POST GRADUATE SCHOOL in the Philippines. We appreciate so much the fact that the Berean Church in Sokane, Washington, was not only willing to let their pastor go to the field, but provided his way as well. Thanks so much. And thanks to Pastor Ken Parker for his messages to help upgrade the Filipino pastors education. The Lord is leading the mission toward opening up churches in the cities, and the National pastors want to be able to minister to the professionals. These things are of much importance to the Filipino.

Some of the articles were written for the I.H. to be published in April of this year, but due to lack of funds at that time, we could not print it, as they had news of interest we have gone ahead and published them at this late date. Trust they are a blessing to you.

Brother Innocence I. Udoh, Director of TCM in Nigeria, West Africa writes, "All is moving well over here in Nigeria, except that we are facing a serious biting inflation in all our foods and commodities, and we are lacking funds to cope up with our Mission projects etc ... One of our two Mission motorcycles is completely bad and off the road due to the last accident that nearly took away Pastor Nelson's life. Pastor Nelson is still in bed in the hospital." We would ask you to continue to pray for these faithful pastors and labourers for the Lord as they endeavor to proclaim the truth of the Mystery.

The Things to Come Mission endeavors to stand true to the Message and Method of the Apostle Paul for this Dispensation of the Grace of God. We endeavor to let the Lord Jesus Christ direct us in every phase of the Ministry, and not be brought under rulership of men or organizations. We believe the Bible is the Word of God and it must be "Rightly Divided" to correctly understand God's message for the Church the Body of Christ. The Bible is a new book to those who see a clear cut

distinction between God's dealings with Israel and His dealings with the Body of Christ. Israel's hope is earthly (although it will be like Heaven on earth) and the Church's hope is the rapture and being caught up to Heaven to dwell there for eternity in His presence. What are you doing with the Truth of the Gospel? Would you like to carry that message to some foreign land? Write the Headquarters for an application!



Bonnie Callman

Miss Bonnie Callman, Missionary appointee to the Philippines, started her deputation in force on September 1, 1981. She has resigned her job and attended Missionary Conferences in California and Washington and Oregon this Fall. Pray for Bonnie that she can soon go to the the Philippines to help in the work there. Bonnie plans to use her office skills in helping in the work of Things to Come Mission in the Philippines.

We are thankful for our Sr. Missionaries who are labouring in Africa (Vernon and Darlene Andersons) and in the Phillippines (Joe and Pauline Watkins and Vernon and Pat Bigelow and Bill and Eunice Heath). Pray for these faithful servants.

FARMING FOR SOULS



Beth and Bob Xavier

Both Bob and Beth Xavier grew up in farming communities. Beth was reared on a little island in Lake Erie, called Catawba Island, Ohio, well known for its fruit production. Bob spent the early years of his life on a large farm in Norfolk, Connecticut, "Yale Farm," on top of Bald Mountain. Both Bob's and Beth's parents were very hard working and conservative-old-fashioned by today's standards.

For this couple, Key West, Florida, would have been one of the very last choices as a location into which to settle. Bob says, "it is nearly impossible to produce a garden or to raise livestock here. For that matter, even to rear children here to grow up healthy and with strong values would be extremely difficult."

Bob says, "Living in Key West is like living in a smelly, swampy area, a breeding place for much sickness and disease. It is God's grace and Christ's incomprehensible love for the lost, hopeless soul of this world which is motivating us to press on in this extremely degenerated city. The prayers and encouragement of the Saints around the country, world and right here in Key West continue to give us strength."

If you want to grow a plentiful and good crop or produce healthy livestock, you must find or cultivate good soil or pasture which will return a good

yield for your labor. Why are Bob and Beth farming in Key West? "Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." (Matthew 9:37).

There is great opportunity afforded to us working in this city of great spiritual conflict, this city in which evil and perversion seem to be so very concentrated. (Eph. 6:10-20).

"Lift up your eyes, and look unto the fields; for they are white already to harvest; and he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." (John 4:35, 36).

If it were not for God's great promises found in the Scriptures, we would be living far out in the country somewhere or up in the mountains, where the pollutions of sin were not running so rampant, where the stink of self-indulgence were not so strong and where abominations of every imaginable and unimaginable sort openly practices were not a fact. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS WORD!!!

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise." (Proverbs 11:30) "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)

You all can be just as much part of the work in Key West as the Xaviers. "Nevertheless, Brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the GRACE that is given to me of God, that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the Gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 15:15-16.)

BRETHREN PRAY FOR US!

I Thes. 5:25

Ten months have passed. Every church and agency sends their problems to Poorhouse. The hospital has sent the insane and desperate and the police drop off the lost and lonely. All is by the hand of God. Now is the time to see if just maybe the local church leaders need to be stirred up. Most of the folks who knock on the church or pastors' doors for help are sent over to us also. The salt has lost its savor and the smell of apathy has settled into most of the churches here.

Poorhouse had been a 1200 Sq. ft. house with 20 or so people in and out day and night, the phone ringing throughout the 24 hours of the 24 hours it could be ringing. Well, God has showered grace and mercy on us and has moved us to a new and temporary location, until we find the house that He wants to be purchased to provide a permanent lighthouse down here. The ministry continues, but we have a bit of a rest temporarily, being that we are not set up here to take in every problem in Key West at this house. We must admit that we are tired ... but not beaten. We are sad ... but not in despair. We do need a larger building to work into a mission capable of handling the heavy work load here.

Yes, with God's people all things are possible, but are God's people hearing the cry? We believe that all that is needed is to let it be known that souls are being won to Christ and that the glorious Grace message is sounding forth the freedom cry, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but by HIS GRACE we have been saved"!

As we previously mentioned, we just have moved to a new and temporary location, 927 Seminary St., but still have the same mailing address, P.O. Box 4635, Key West, Florida 33040 and phone number 305-296-2366.

Now we simply are waiting by faith to discover God's perfect location for the new house. We made a first offer on a location that would provide plenty of space to accommodate the ministry. It

is in the 80 to 90 thousand dollar range and would provide 2,750 feet of useable space within the house. Besides being expensive, as is all Key West real estate, it does seem to be just right for God's work here. Considering all, though, we shall wait on Him to see how He directs and supplies. He will show us soon, we are sure, so that we can be ready for the 1981-1982 season. We made an offer to lease the house for a year, with the option to buy sometime within that year. The owner resides in Michigan, so we wait for her response.

BRETHREN, PLEASE PRAY FOR US!

In the meantime, we stay busy here at the new location. We are not set up at the present to take in the 15-20 people, as we were at Poorhouse Lane, but we have several young Believers living with us, diligently studying the Word and eagerly sharing the basics of their new found faith with others. Please pray that we can establish a Things to Come Mission owned building soon, so that we can continue to advance the Gospel of the Grace of God here in our own country, here in this very needy city. Pray that there will be a permanent farmhouse here, where the harvesters and the harvest will be plentiful, where the two can work together and share God's Word with each other, as well as with other harvest ripe for the picking. We see God really working in lives, preparing new believers, by diligent study of His Word, to carry out His instruction given through Paul to Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Yes! "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." (Luke 10:2)

We thank you, with hearts full of love, for your many prayers, your love, your letters, your much encouragement, your generous support. We truly are labourers together in this harvestfield!

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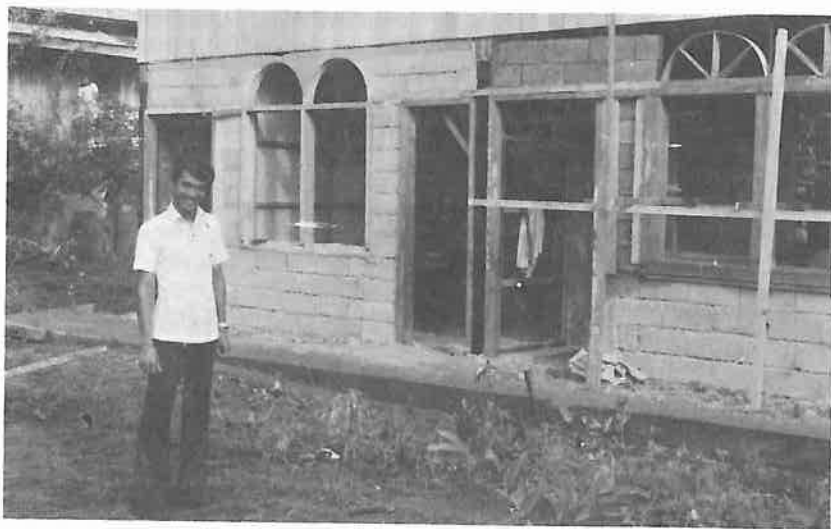
The faculty, staff and students of the Mindanao Grace Bible Insitute greets you — friends and prayer supporters of Things to Come Mission, Philippines. Your commitments to the fellowship and purposes of TCM in her work in the Philippines have made it possible for us to keep rejoicing. We see our vision of desired results accomplished. How we wish you to rejoice with us everytime a student wins a soul to Christ, everytime someone accepts the Word for growth and service, everytime someone identifies himself with the distinct revelation given by the glorified Lord thru the Apostle Paul and even in all the victories we are continually winning in our steps of faith.

Let me take you back to MGBI about 17 years ago. The school's aim was to reach the ten to fifteen thousand Ata tribe in the hinterlands of Davao del norte. This is one of the minority tribes in Southern Philippines. Circumstances beyond our control forced us to integrate our students with students of other tribes while the Atas went further up river. When I took over the directorship of the school in 1972 it was already

integrated with other tribes. Today we are expanding our target from one tribe to Filipinos from throughout eastern Mindanao, making MGBI a Residential Theological School. At present we have graduates serving among the minority tribes as well as in the different provinces and islands of the Visayas and Mindanao.

In 1977 the urgency to move MGBI to a new location was felt. In the early months of the year 1978 preparations for the move were made. Right after the closing of the school year in March 1978, the dismantling of the first teachers cottage began. It was a real step of faith to begin the work of moving all the buildings and facilities some 35 kilometers away with only \$400. on hand. Nonetheless, we felt the Lord was with us. The general purpose, the objectives, the buildings and the whole work are His.

Building beams had to be pulled by Carabaos in muddy trails. The Libuganon river (meaning confusion) had to be crossed. We turned the building material into rafts and crossed the river.



Antonio Rombo
(New building at M.G.B.I.)

Students volunteered to work. Churches around the school sent their representatives to help. Many were praying. Missionaries continued to provide motivation. More money came in and all transferable materials were moved to the new location. The work of re-assembling all the buildings was not easy. Measurements had to be exactly as it was. It was our goal and desire to give glory to Him, that gave us patience and determination. "He giveth more grace as the burdens grow greater. He giveth more strength as the labors increase." Days turned to weeks and weeks to months until the good and bright day of Aug. 18, 1978 came. The point of no return was history. All was set for the next class — the first class of MGBI was held in the new location around the stocks and piles of would-be, rebuilt, building accommodations. Classes were not greatly disrupted though during the transfer. Now while the work of replacing the rotten materials and cement bricks which can not be re-assembled is continuing, the school program is in full swing with seven teachers. One of the teachers is not receiving aid from TCM. She is generously supported by the joint gifts from the Filipino teachers and students and friends of MGBI. Small though it is, she still serves faithfully. It is not a sacrifice to serve those whom we love. "What we are is God's gift to us, What we become is our gift to God." And what we are now becoming is what we will be. And it is your faithfulness and continued prayer support that encourages and causes us to keep standing and producing in the work. At the end of every school term, we hope to produce graduates beginning March 1981. We have not done extensive promotional work for the school yet. Our boys dorm is not yet completed. Will you still help us in the work?

We cannot do the work alone, God wants us to share our blessings, victories and needs. We are told to bear one another's burden. Growth is a painful process, yet if we stop bearing one another's burden, we stop growing.

We do not grow more than our desire and commitment to grow.

MGBI desires to have these goals in the next decade:

1. To have a completed cottage providing accommodations for the family of the three resident full-time faculty members of MGBI.
2. To have separate dormitories for the men and women students. The women's dorm is now almost completed. (Please don't be surprised that we have many incomplete works here. We use that which is usable and available. Live in anything habitable. This world is not our home anyway.)
3. To have mimeographed student workbooks for each of the subjects of the school that does not have regular textbooks. This can be revised every 8 to 10 years to keep it adaptable, updated and effective.
4. To translate and/or sell selected mimeographed material and selected songs/choruses for continued effective relationships between the school and the churches and the young people within the reach of MGBI.
5. To complete all the buildings on the new campus.

These are the five that I can share with you. We have other goals, but I think we can do it within our means. When we share, we too have our part. Only two of the students here are fed by the school. The rest provide their own food and cook it themselves. When our students are sent to their internship they are being supported by the church where they are assigned for a period of 12 months. There they are exposed to the realities of the ministry.

We need more trained men and women in the Philippine work. While religious freedom still exists, we must have a sense of urgency. We need to duplicate our work. The enemies have their timetables. We must buy up the time. We cannot have strong local church.

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TO THE PASTORS AND THE CHURCHES

My Personal Furlough Philosophy



Daniel Sidebottom

"Dear Brother Dan, ... Thank you for remembering us in your travel plans. We have already determined our missionary budget for this year and do not feel that we can add you on. For this reason, and at this time, we do not feel we can invite you to our church."

The above, though not an exact quote, is a sample of some of the letters that I have received from churches as I have sought to do both deputation and furlough travel. It is for this reason that I feel there is a misunderstanding of the purpose of the missionary as he travels. The following will seek to share with you what I believe a deputation or furlough travel is for. How does the missionary and church work together.

My first term on the mission field was from 1978-1981. After having been gone for three years, I came home in June of 1981 to accomplish the following (not necessarily in order of importance): 1) see my family and relatives, 2) see friends, 3) share with churches and individuals, who have been praying for me and the work and giving financially, what the Lord is doing through their help, 4) to encourage and challenge further participation in prayer and giving, 5) share with churches and individuals, who have not been praying and/or giving financially, what God is doing in the Philippines and other countries and therefore challenge them to participate, 6) to present the great need and the many opportunities on the mission field

with the prayer that God would speak to the hearts of some and lead them to give their lives and go to the mission field, 7) to say "thank you" to those who have stood with me as I have been on the field.

It is my belief that the church and the missionary need each other. The church needing the missionary because it is God's Commission for us to evangelize the world, and this can be accomplished in part through the missionary; the missionary needing the church because it is, usually only God's people who will support the missionary in prayer and finances as he or she goes forth.

The pastor and church can use the missionary to present the need on one or more fields around the world. It should be our desire to increase our knowledge of God's work not only in our own locality but around the world. To often our focus is only on the work in our own area and we forget that God is working in other places also. As your people's knowledge of God's working increases, God can speak to their hearts.

They can come before God in prayer asking, "Lord, what would you have me to do?" This is my purpose in wanting to come to your church. To simply challenge you with the tremendous need outside our own country. To challenge you with the tremendous opportunities outside our own country. To enlarge your viewpoint. To get you to ask, "What would God have me do?"

Hopefully each will feel a need to pray for the missionary and the work. Time after time the Apostle Paul requested prayer for himself and his work. I as a missionary will not be truly effective unless God's people are praying for me. As I have the opportunity to share the work that I am doing, the difficulties, the opportunities, people can better pray. God might lead some to give financially. But because it is impossible for a Christian to support financially each missionary endeavor, I leave it to God to speak to the person's heart as to whom they would support. And I pray that through the presentation of the field, its needs and possibilities, there would be some to whom God would

Speak and lead to the field. Some that would go.

I know it takes money to travel here in the states, it takes money to travel to the mission field, and it takes money to live on the mission field. But even if you know that you cannot support a missionary financially, you can still use him or her to encourage your people's participation in the mission endeavor. By exposing your people to different missionaries and different mission fields, you help to enlarge their vision, to give them God's Worldwide Viewpoint. Would it be safe to say that you hurt your people by not exposing them to the different mission fields and their needs?

By Daniel Sidebottom

THAT THEIR INFLUENCE MAY LIVE ON . . .

A living memorial is much more than an expression of sympathy. More than an expression of love and respect. It is a lasting tribute. There is no more meaningful way to honor a life of faith and service than by a living memorial gift for reaching men and women for the One Who gives Eternal Life. It is a witness to God's love and abundant grace in the life of someone special.

The living memorial gifts received by Things to Come Mission goes immediately to reach people with the message of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ. When your living memorial gift is received, the bereaved family is notified of your concern and thoughtfulness. The amount of your gift, however, is private and is kept confidential.

Names of those honored through memorial gifts, and those who have honored them, are listed periodically in the International Harvest magazine. Should you desire assistance or additional information, a letter or phone call will bring a prompt reply.

MEET THE BOARD

Eldred Sidebottom was born and raised on a farm in Illinois and desiring in his youth to be a farmer, but during the war years (1942-1945) the Gospel of the Grace of God was preached in the local church and the Lord changed his desires to labouring for the Lord. He attended Milwaukee Bible Institute, graduated in 1951 and accepted his first pastorate in Belmont, Mich., that same year. In 1954 he accepted the call to pastor the Cope Community Church, Cope, Colorado. While pastoring there he was accepted on the Things to Come Mission Board in 1958. He took the job of Treasurer of the Mission in 1960 and accepted the job of Director of the Mission in 1963. In January 1966 he resigned from the church and went full time with the Things to Come Mission. He married Beverly Peterson of Omaha, Neb. while in Bible School and they have four children. Three children are married and one is a missionary to the Philippines with the Things to Come Mission. Beverly has been a constant help in the Lord's work and has been helping to keep the Mission books thru the years. It would be good to have a dedicated couple to help us in the Office work. Is the Lord speaking to YOU?



Beverly and Eldred Sidebottom

BRAZIL REPORT

By Henrique Schimdt

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccl. 11:1, 2.

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

The words above contain one very important message for the day of grace, for our days of sowing-sowing the word of God through literature, preaching, giving testimonies, manifesting love in the name of Christ. May we be strengthened in the one hope and come to that day of harvest - "if we faint not."

Our work here in Curitiba, Santa Catarina, Brazil, is one work of sowing proving with our lives to the world, which goes in the way of sin. Yes, in the last days of grace the gospel is one thing that is criticized, but for us who labour in the gospel, we have the power of God, and therefore we must, "Cast the bread upon the waters" to find this one day.

This work is a pure work of faith, for us here and for you, beloved Brethren and Friends. Ye which give the money for the Bread, ye which pray and intercede for the helpers in the harvest, ye which understand the need in other lands, ye which reap "if we faint not". I must give my thanks to the brothers and sisters who have sent year after year for our need, and for the work of the Lord. We say THANKS in the Lord's name. Twenty-four years come the ravens over the ocean (Atlantic) and bring us Bread and we drink out of the brook Cherith, and also we will continue in the faith until the Lord come and we go home.

Souls have been saved in the various churches, and we must help them understand the Word of God. The Bible study is the best help and the new converts pray for wisdom, and so walk as new creatures in Christ.

Every year in the month of July the churches have their conference in various places. This year, 1981, we had it in Ponta

do Sul, Parana and the church made the program. The pastors help in the teaching work and Sunday School work. The Local churches do evangelism work in the neighboring areas, inviting the people to come to the church.

The Literature work is more my work here in Curitiba. We give out 150 to 200 tracts each Sunday. Another important work is the evangelism in the house. We work in the harvest in the hope which Paul says in I Cor. 15:58, "That your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

INDONESIA BIBLE SCHOOL 1981

Mario Indino, Philippine Missionary to Indonesia, writes, "The School opened in early August for classes. The first term will take us thru the first week of November. We have 10 men in the dormitory plus two women living outside the campus. Possibly we will have one more man this coming week. Just for their food and other personal needs, we have to spend \$150. a month. We are thankful that we have 4 volunteer teachers. The 23 field workers need our prayers and financial aid also. It is very sad to think that we have people who are willing to go and reach the 120 million Indonesian, but it is hindered with a very little problem of funds. I'm sure that this will remind us to be on our knees all the time interceding for them and for the needed funds. But Thanks to God for the churches that we have now and for the School and students and teachers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ARARAQUARA, S.P., BRAZIL



Months have gone by since we returned to Brazil after a blessed time in the States ... and we're still rejoicing because of the wonderful way our Lord kept the group during our absence. What a beautiful work He is doing in the lives of these dear saints!

Many exciting things have been happening, the most recent was Bernardo's and Carol's wedding February 7th. You can see them in the picture after the civil ceremony which is the only marriage that is recognized and is separate from the church ceremony.

With the bride and groom are some of the young people from Grace Bible Church, four of them were their attendants. Julio is on the far left. Do you remember our telling about him, how our Lord led us to his family because of a letter to him that was delivered to our house by mistake? Julio grew tremendously in the Word during the past year and now is satisfied to stay here to go to school after trying to get into colleges all over the country and not making it. He's finding that it's much better to let the Lord direct his life!

Rose is to the right of Julio and is as enthusiastic as she was the day we met her ... only now she's using her enthusiasm to tell others about her wonderful Savior. She would like to be a missionary which caused quite a reaction

in her family, so do pray for her as she "fights the good fight."

On the far right is Junior, Julio's brother, who was saved last year through the witnessing of some of the other young people. What a joy he is in the Lord as questions about the Word just pour out of him. He's quiet, but is putting his musical talent to work and is composing choruses about his Savior and Lord. He needs much prayer now as he returns to college in another city.

Liliane is to the left of Junior and is Carol's best friend from Parana whom Carol led to the Lord when she was nine years old. She has been taking the Bible Study Correspondence Course and is really established in the Word in spite of not having any fellowship where she lives. It was such a joy to have her with us for a few days before the wedding and to hear her personal testimony.

The wedding was held in a Presbyterian church and was one of the most wonderful opportunities we've had for evangelism since coming to Araraquara. It was beautiful the way our Lord worked out the details and we thank Him for this privilege.

The reason the ceremony was held in another church building is because we have none of our own. The group has been small, but during these three months has outgrown the home we're

meeting in ... praise Him! And just last week arrangements were made to rent a salon, a good sized room which allows for expansion. This puts a new responsibility on the group so pray with us that they will also learn the joy of financial giving.

Yes, He keeps us rejoicing! "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

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ches without strong and fully dedicated Bible Schools. We cannot have such a school without strong men backing it up.

I believe in the purposes of the MINDANGO GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE.

1. To teach the whole Bible as the inspired Word of God, interpreting it in the light of the revelation of the mystery.
2. To equip the Young People to disseminate with competence these truths as Filipino Pastors, Missionaries, Teachers and Workers. (MGBI has a graduate working as a Missionary in Indonesia — teaching in the Bible Training Center).
3. To give PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE in the various fields of Christian Service.
4. To develop a well-rounded christian character in the student through spiritual, mental, and physical self-discipline.
5. To create in the student a sense of mission in relation to the spiritual needs of the country and to challenge him with his responsibilities to FULFILL this obligation in making known the gospel for the obedience of faith.
6. To inculcate in the students Pauline example of working with his own hands to support physical necessities.

Our school program is geared to accomplish these purposes in each individual student during his 4 year period under the institute. We help each of them as much as we can. We drop, suspend and dismiss students who cannot meet our standard of performance. The 3 who graduate this March 29 had 15 other classmates in 1977. But our school program has provided for those who do not graduate a sufficient Biblical background so as to enable them to serve the Sunday School and church in other capacities.

The school needs your prayers, we need at least 3 bicycles for visitation and follow-up, especially in September 1981 as we move on to the next barrio. Each Bicycle here cost about £650. (Just under \$100.) Would you consider this need and see if God has touched you to share? Bicycles do not need gasoline, only a little time to perspire.

Let me close with a word of thanks to all of you who have been a partner of MGBI-DAVAO and with my special mention of thanksgiving to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sackett, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Landphier for their monthly share and to the Grace Community Church Ladies of Largo, Fla. "We shall have all eternity to celebrate all our victories but we only have a few hours before sunset to win them ..." Your abundant giving will be rewarded.

Antonio & Grace Rombo,
Director of MGBI

INDIA NATIONALS



Bro Rao (India) teaching to Sr. Class in V.B.S. at Tadepalli Church

We are thankful for Rev. B.B.B. Prabhakara Rao and Miss Kummara K. Mary who are carrying on the Lord's work in India for the Things to Come Mission. Nearly 150 children attended and 130 of them received certificates for their regular attendance.

All of the people in Tadepalli were encouraged and the children acquired a good knowledge of the Bible.

Cottage Prayers have also been con-

ducted regularly at both the places (i.e. Mysore Co. Colony and Tadepalli).

Bro. Rao reported that they have started a school for the poor children in Mysore Co. Colony in June 1981. Not only the parents of the children but the whole colony people have attended and they felt very happy for the school. T.C.M. School for Children is the name of the school. Would you pray for this good work in India?



Sister Mary is taking Intermediate Class in V.B.S. at Tadepalli

YOUTH WORK IN PHILIPPINES

I want to thank you all for your interest in the work of the Lord through Things To Come Mission. In the more than 20 years since the Lord raised up this mission, He has seen fit to abundantly bless the mission labors in the states as well as around the world. I know that these blessings could not have been ours, these labours could not have been accomplished, were it not for those who stand with us in prayer and finances. At this time I have one area of the work here in the Philippines that I would like to share with you so that you can pray about this.

In 1979, Oseas Cadelina, the youth coordinator for the Davao (Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, and Davao Oriental) and Cotabato (North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudara and Maguindanao) area looked at his area and work, and began thinking. He saw about 44 youth groups who were joining together in about 20 circuit fellowships and then these in one regional fellowship. These require much travelling and work to coordinate these meetings, helping the officers to develop a program, choose topics and contact speakers. All with the purpose of strengthening our youth, grounding them in the Word, developing talents and leadership abilities, seeking to aide them in the Christian walk and work.

As he looked at all this he still felt there were areas and needs not being met, possibilities not being tapped. Having taken training in teaching basic evangelism and follow-up, and having materials available to train others, he began to invasion evangelism training being held in each of the 44 churches in his area. And this by the end of 1981. Having available a full length film on the life of Jesus with a good evangelistic message and in Cebuano, and being himself interested in music, Oseas felt led to begin a gospel team. Named the "Sparrows Gospel Team", his purpose was to train the members in evangelism and follow-up and then to train them to train others. Then to

use the team to teach evangelism in each of the churches. After training was held and the members were prepared, the team would hold an evangelistic service, presenting God's message through word and song. Then the next evening they would show the "Jesus" film. With the members of the church ready to counsel with those who would come forward during the invitation, and also ready to begin Bible Studies with these new believers.

As the Lord led, from the beginning to the end, Oseas developed this ministry. In 1980, he began choosing a team and practicing songs with them, he began teaching them and he began holding training in the churches. I was privileged to help him train in two different churches. And February 1981, the Davao Sparrows Gospel Team held their first evangelistic meeting and film showing, the church having been especially prepared to deal with the interested people. (There are now two teams. One in the Davao area and one in the Cotabato area. The Cotabato team is led by Pastor Max Amlon.) We look forward to God's continued blessing upon this important ministry. It provides an opportunity for some of our young people to use their music talents as well as to teach the things they have learned as well as opportunity for people to hear God's message of reconciliation in Christ.

This has been possible as we work together. A filmstrip projector with tapes for training and the "Jesus" film are borrowed. The film projector is the missions and we hope to soon have a generator to use when there is no electricity. Some of the guitars are the property of the team members. But speaker equipment, amplifiers, speakers, mikes, stands, strings, tape recorders, accordian, and travel expenses still need to be provided for. We praise the Lord that some individuals and churches here in the Philippines have felt led to support this endeavor. I write this to you to let you see another area of

the work here made possible as you have prayed and given, and so that you also can help in prayer for these two teams. Pray that God will continue to supply the needs and use them mightly. Pray for both Oseas and Max that they would have wisdom in leading these teams and they would see fruit for their labours.

Daniel Sidebottom

"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.

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