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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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COME LOVE WITH US in Africa!



**Vernon, Ben, Darlene, Hope, Amy
and Val, Anderson**

"RING..RING..RING!" Sleep vanishes. It is 4:45 AM, Monday, February 22, 5500' above sea level. It is cold and still very dark. A BIG day ahead of us. Get up, light the kerosene lanterns, head for the kitchen stove. Throw in some wood chips, top them with a larger piece of split wood, cover it all with a half cup of kerosene, strike several matches — the wood stove is lit. Go to the drum of rainwater by the back door, dip out a couple of pails, put them on the stove for baths or washing or drinking. Open the kitchen door, go out to the car to sound the horn calling Pastor Pearson in the sleeping village to join us for a cup of coffee and a couple pieces of homemade bread. Meanwhile Darlene is preparing to send us off with coffee in the thermos and several sandwiches. I have filled one box with Bibles for sale, TEE books, and other materials for the TEE seminar. Everything is loaded compactly into our capable, "new", 4WD Diesel Toyota Land-Cruiser which the Lord supplied us.

Two passengers are going along today, each carrying one of twin babies in cloth slings. And what about

that child with the broken arm and his father who should have joined us but never showed up?

For two hours 15 minutes we bounce mercilessly along the sometimes-mud, sometimes-gravel, "hole-y" road to Sumbawanga, the nearest town, 60 miles away. All will have a total vibration treatment on a trip like this. Sumbawanga is just waking up when we arrive. We check to see if there is diesel in town and if the pants we ordered sewn for the evangelists are ready. There is diesel, for which we thank God, but the pants will not be ready for another day. We stop to have another "cup" with the Nielsens (from Denmark), and then continue one more hour over the bumps and through the holes until we arrive at the village of Mumba, high in the mountains. Here we leave the national highway and take a path through the bush. After fording one river and a stream with the car, we reach the church where 14 men from villages 10 to 20 miles away have hiked because they feel their need to learn the Bible better.

We begin with Bible reading and prayer. Then the workers take their first 20 question examination on their first two weeks study in the TEE books. T.E.E. means Theological Education by Extension, a universal system for training church leaders while they serve their churches. It is no doubt the largest Bible training system in the world and it is ever expanding. In TEE the Bible school goes to the churches, a very scriptural method, while the teachers are the books. Now we are trying two courses each 10 weeks of three semesters a year. They should be able to cover six courses yearly. We will have no courses during planting and harvesting. These seminars every two weeks tie the courses together and are used for fellowship, discussion, examinations, checking of the TEE books, and adding material that the books do not cover. The books are written in such a way that each course has 10 sections, one per week. Each section is divided into five parts, one for each day. Each part is again subdivided into 10-20 sub-parts which the student has to answer in writing as he goes along. In other words, it is Bible study by programmed instruction, like my commercial pilot's course and Amy's A.C.E. schooling in Ohio.

After the examinations, discussions and checking of notebooks, we take a break for lunch in a small mud house filled with smoke and darkness. Don't EVER complain about what you do NOT have. There is no furniture in this house except for a few 3-legged stools which raise you six inches from the floor when seated. The roof is grass and the floor is hardened mud. The cook stove is three stones with an open fire in the middle. There are no dishes, no cups, no silverware. Two black pots are set in the middle of our circle of men sitting around on these low stools. A pan of water is passed around and each washes his hands (no soap available). After prayer, eating commences by snatching a small handful of ugali (very solid

cornmeal mush) in our right hands. (Left hands are "toilet" hands due to no toilet paper and only water. In fact, the word for right hand means the eating hand.) Then we begin to roll the ugali around in our hand until it forms a ball. Into the center the thumb is pressed to make a cup effect. With a swish of the hand we dip this ball into the bean pot to scoop up a few beans into the depression in the ugali. Both beans and ugali are piping hot — for my tender hands it is painful — but Tanzanians can pick up hot coals bare-handed so they just laugh. By meal's end all is consumed to the last bean. With stomachs full we head back to the church for an hour of Bible study and instructions for the next seminar.

We load up the car and joggle back to Sumbawanga. The next day we go out an hour's drive on another secondary road to repeat the seminar for the men assembled at Mkunda. Then we return to Sumbawanga to pick up the diesel, mail, and any supplies that are available before heading south for our present home base at Tatanda, 60 miles again. It's dark when we arrive home.

Every second Friday we have a seminar in Tatanda. Once a month we go "down the mountain" to Rukwa. This is a treacherous drive that takes six hours from Sumbawanga to cover 130 km (80 miles). There are times of heavy rains when the trip will be impossible. Forty pastors, evangelists and church workers are now enrolled in these TEE courses at the four centers. Pastor Pearson Simtowe, our Tanzanian Pastor, is working side by side with me to learn how to take up this TEE work by 1983. He is a zealous man of God and we LOVE him in the work. Both our families plan to move to Sumbawanga whenever housing is available. Sumbawanga would be the best TEE base, and also a church and bookstore would be added projects there. It is the only town in our whole SW corner of Tanzania.

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WONDERFUL FRUIT OF THE MINISTRY



Rachel, Pat, Leah, and Vernon Bigelow

Praise the Lord: He is bringing new local churches and Bible classes into existence! A pastor writes:

Alicia:

The number of children attending is increasing. Many accepted the Lord Jesus Christ last Sunday. (This is a work in a nearby town which is about a year old.)

Luna:

1. Children are very interested in learning God's Word, and spiritual songs.
2. The adults are taught in the Word. The Lord changed the life of a drunkard. He is a good testimony to his neighbors. They need much prayers.

Bugallon: (Our new out-station)

1. We go to this village every Saturday. So far 12 persons accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.
2. Plenty of interested children. (Praise the Lord for a minister who is concerned for Children. Luke 18:16)
3. The people here need more prayers. There was a murder last year. Until now the case has not been solved.

Another minister writes:

Director, please request Pastor 4

Danny Go to kindly purchase for me a copy of the Roman Catholic Cebuano Bible ... I want to use this kind of Bible in witnessing to the Roman Catholic people here.

We never want to forget that Satan is also busy. Not only do other religious groups try to stop the message of God's Grace from being proclaimed; but throughout the land, rebel forces are fighting against government forces; and the rebels often try to force innocent people to feed and help them - even church members. Pastor B. writes:

On the second week of January we went around the churches of Nahigin. Miss Helen was with us and until now she is in Negros Occ. supervising the churches of Matanguilon and Carol-an, until the church dedication is finished. We arrived Carol-an on the 9th by riding on the horse ... Near the road was a man killed ... On the 15th we travel to Bodon. Near Tampocon Church a man was killed. We did not go to Tampocon. In Bodon two men were killed so after our service we hurriedly went home ... On the 18th, a man was killed in upper Carol-an. The people could not find the head of the man.

...In Tambo, the priest is also building a new church. They write letters also to their members in the mountains here in Tambo circuit to build a church. These need prayers, I believe. The Nahigin circuit churches need two (2) Bible women if possible.

The ***** and ***** (religious groups) are working hard now. So I need 2 Bible women.

These letters are a good sample of letters that come into the Mission office each month. TCM workers are busy, but the enemy is also busy!

Vernon Bigelow

THE HARDEST MISSIONFIELD IN THE WORLD



Bob, Beth and Becky Xavier

Rather than focus in on and write about the Lord's ministry in Key West, the Welcome Home Ministry, formerly Poorhouse Ministry, I would like to focus in on and discuss your ministry. Yours is the hardest, most difficult ministry in the world! Remember what Jesus Christ, our Lord, said in Matthew 13:54-58? He came to His own home community and the people were offended by Him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is without honor in his own community and in his own house." The Word says, "Jesus was unable to do many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Being a missionary is not easy at home or abroad. Please read what the Apostle Paul writes in the second letter to the Corinthian church, chapter 11:23-33. None of us ever came close to the suffering that that great apostle suffered. None can lay claim as he did, that, "I labored more than them all." Although he was beaten, five times to within an inch of his life, suffered hunger and cold, was shipwrecked three times, was left for dead, was robbed by his own friends and put into dungeons cold and dark, Paul the Apostle was the **freest man in all Rome!** Paul knew the joy of leading a lost, perishing soul to Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sometimes we are asked, "How

many souls have you led to Christ this past month or year?" Well, praise the Lord, He is giving Beth and I the privilege of observing many young people receiving Christ Jesus as Lord. Between Christmas and New Years, God blessed these humble, weak vessels that we are with the joy of seeing 6 new brothers added to the fold. 6 who just had come out of the Streets, 6 who desired that forgiveness, rest, refreshing and renewing that they came to know is found only in Christ Jesus. All six came to study God's Word with us at the Welcome Home Ministry.

Then we saw over 40 in prison one day this year kneel and pray the sinner's prayer. Bible studies go on in our home every day and evening as followup to ground these young people with a knowledge of God's Word, His will, wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that they might be able to walk worthy of the Lord and pleasing, increasing in knowledge and strengthened with the glorious power of God, through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

But, the focus of this letter is on you!! How many souls have you led to Christ? Have you experienced the joy of rescuing a perishing soul from the depths of hellfire and torment forever? Maybe you have a granddad, a mother, uncle, cousin, friend or co-worker, or even an enemy who needs to hear the saving truth of Jesus Christ. Please, Dear Ones, know that our most effective witness is our own lives. People see God in you, **or maybe not controlling your moves**, whether you want them to see or not. Would people see Christ **Present** in you? How about **Prominent**? How about **Preeminent**? Only those of you who have made Jesus Christ **preeminent** can God use truly effectively in the hardest mission field in the world.

You see, Dear Friends, many people will not read the Bible, God's Word,

but they read your life!!

Share the Word of God by your life's walk! Use what you have today!! Just be perfectly natural, completely practical and intensely spiritual. Focus your attention on one or two friends and pray for God to get you interested in these friends for the sake of the Gospel. **Don't preach**; just be AVAIL-ABLE to be used by the Lord Jesus. Use your faith today! Don't put it off!!

Remember, those who live the closest to us know us the best. People must see Christ in our lives. Maybe family and friends have not received the Lord as Saviour because they are asking themselves, "If Christ is so great, why has He not changed your life?" Read your Bible and memorize key verses to use to show the completeness and assurance we have in Christ. Never try "to pick **GREEN FRUIT**," but, rather, wait for the doors of utterance to be opened naturally—Colossians 4:3-6. Just be natural, but let your speech be always with Grace, seasoned with salt that you may know how you ought to answer every man, giving the reason for the hope which is in you.

You may think someday, somehow, that your friends or family may get saved. Remember, though, that loved ones are lost **everyday** outside of Christ!

Share Christ by making Him pre-eminent in your life today. Today is a new moment and a new decision to admit your faults to God and ask the Lord to guide and direct your heart to walk in wisdom toward them that are without.

Let us redeem the time toward all people who do not know Jesus as Lord. Some day we all will have to give an account of our lives at the judgment seat of Christ to receive our reward.

Let us conclude with this thought: It is one thing to be **afraid to die**, but Beloved Brother, it is quite another

thing to be **ashamed to die**.

Please feel free to write to us or visit us anytime. We would be pleased to have your help here at the Welcome Home Ministry, while you vacation or rest with us in God's finished work. For it is God which works in us and through us to do of His good pleasure.

Just do what you can, where you are, with what you have and use your local church to help you, support and undergird you with prayer as you labor for Christ through your life.

Help your church grow, as you reach out with boldness. Remember, the Apostle Paul prayed for the church to pray for him to have boldness to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us know how you are doing in the hardest mission field in the world.

"You are God's elect." "If God be for you, who can be against you?"

"Thanks be to God, Who gives you the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Your friends,
joyfully in Christ's service.
Becky, Beth and Bob Xavier
Welcome Home Ministry
Key West, Florida

NEEDED BY JULY 1, 1982

**Retired couple to tend Tatanda
Mission Station for one year. Write
to:**

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IS THIS GOD'S GRACE FOR YOU

This brief article will deal with just two aspects of the word GRACE. First of all, as the Dispensation of Grace and secondly, as one of the personal results of receiving grace.

Let it be understood that we preach "Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, BUT NOW is made manifest ..." (Rom. 16:25-26); "the Dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward" (Eph 3:1-11). And also, let it be known that in all of our travels in Southern Brazil we have found no others who preach "Jesus Christ, according to the mystery" without adding to or taking away from it. This "mystery" still is a mystery, even after all the years of preaching Jesus according to the Gospels and even worse, the exhaling of the Holy Spirit over the Lord Jesus Christ (Pentecostalism) which is startlingly advanced. Everywhere we go the need is appallingly great. Who is going to teach it to these needy souls that have not had the same marvelous advantage that you have had? Only you can answer this question positively!

In Romans 15:15-16 we find the result of the Apostle Paul receiving grace — that he should be a minister of Jesus Christ and to offer up the Gentiles to God (as living sacrifices? (Rom. 12:1-2), of course!) being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. A definite work was done in Paul to produce a definite work through Paul! And this by GRACE.

I Corinthians is addressed to the church at "Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called ... saints, with all that in every place call on Jesus Christ our Lord ... **grace** unto you ... from God our Father ..." As we continue reading we generally race on to our marvelous blessing of being kept blameless until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, we should pay attention to vs. 4-5, where



Warren and Shirley Keiper

this grace is given for a purpose which includes "in all utterance." This is what Paul was doing as a minister, uttering the Gospel of Grace. But here it is stated that it is for "all who call upon" His name to do it. In chapter 3, verse 9, we are again reminded that WE are "labourers together." In vs. 10 Paul laid the only foundation, but "let EVERY man take heed how HE buildeth thereupon." Co-labourers must work together (have the same message) and we have been given grace to utter it.

God's grace is given by measure (Eph 4:7) and since it is given according to the measure of Christ Who is infinite, let us never say that we haven't been given enough grace for any minute, day, year or situation. It just isn't true! Our problem is with receiving it. Our flesh doesn't want it. Grace does away with our excuses. But grace does render us subject to God's good, acceptable and perfect will. And "all things work together for good to them that **love** God" (Rom.

The Apostle Paul is greatly admired by all believers, whether they understand the "mystery" or not. They know that he truly served our Lord and loved Him. And he says that he was what he was by the "grace of God." Clearly, God's grace is not ineffectual ... not in vain (1 Cor. 15:10; Gal. 2:20-21).

I rejoice in our wonderful Lord that many, although they don't understand the "mystery", have found His grace very useful in their lives as they produce fruit for Him. How about us who do know the "mystery" ... do we really know His grace to utter it in its fulness wherever it is not known? Who will labor together with us and God in Brazil so that the rich, poor, fat, weak, arrogant, humble, young, old lost souls will find what they really need most — the Lord Jesus Christ? Will you? whether you are rich, poor, fat, weak, young, retired ... but definitely humble! Yes, only you can answer this question positively!

1 Corinthians 16:23. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

Warren Keiper

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Through a special gift each of our TEE seminarians was given a pair of trousers. They have such great clothing needs. They now have complete Bibles in Kiswahili. Our goal is also to present each storekeeper in Sumbawanga with a New Testament and salvation booklet. Always we pray that each family in the churches will own a complete Bible. After finishing one year of TEE, the church workers can become leaders for other members to take some courses. Presently the TEE books must be ordered from Kenya and flown into Tanzania making them expensive. However this is more suitable than building a school campus with staff, food, dorms, etc. These church leaders are all family men with gardens for their living and working in their churches. They could not scripturally or economically attend a resident school.

This is a labor of LOVE. Have you attempted to follow the apostle Paul as he followed Christ? Would you come LOVE with us? From 1 John 4:7 through 5:3 the apostle John uses the word "LOVE" **32 times in 18 verses** —



A LIVING MEMORIAL

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now that is truly emphasizing the point? COME LOVE WITH US.

Perfect love takes away
the pain of sacrifice ...
and turns it into JOY!

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STEPPING OUT TO SERVE

The challenge of missionary work has always interested me. Whenever missionaries would visit our church I was always excited to listen to their stories. As time passed my desire for the mission field intensified. While I was in college I felt so certain of God's leading in my life that I made a commitment to serve as a short term missionary immediately after graduation. I came in contact with Things to Come Mission, Inc., through my home church. I had applied with several other mission boards, but I felt that the program offered by TCM was what the Lord wanted for me. I accepted the opportunity to serve for three months in the Philippines under TCM, and on June 29, 1981, I left for Manila with Mr. & Mrs. William Heath. I felt some uneasiness about going over to a strange land without knowing anything about the people or culture, but I left with the confidence that I was going with God's blessings.

As it turned out, that period of short term service became a life-changing experience for me. It would take much more space than is available to describe all the ways in which God used the time I spent in the Philippines. The Lord allowed me to extend my period of service to a total of eight months. When I came back to the U.S., on Feb. 24, 1982, I returned with a deep burden and excitement for the foreign mission field. The need for workers to go out and spread the message of the Gospel of the Grace of God to the uncounted millions that have not heard is tremendous. I also returned with a firm commitment about the value of

the short term experience for those that feel led into the ministry as a foreign missionary.

I would like to share some of the reasons why I feel short term missionary work is valuable and worthy of our support. First, it is possible for short term missionaries to have a valuable ministry. Although I went to the Philippines with no formal training in theology or missions, the Lord opened up many opportunities for me to have a useful ministry in the Bible schools, the churches, and with individuals. I do not believe that God will allow someone with an open and available heart to waste time in His service.

Second, a short term can be used as a time of testing to determine if an individual is meant to serve as a foreign missionary. It is very difficult to express through words what mission work is like. The only way to really understand it is through firsthand experience. In many cases the short term experience can act as a catalyst to intensify the desire for mission work. In other cases it can do the opposite and show to the individual that missions is not where the Lord wants him.

Third, the person returning from a period of short term service can have a valuable ministry in relating the various aspects of the work to the people back home. It is impossible for the full-time missionary to visit all the churches that support the work during his limited furlough time. However, the short-termer that is enthused about the work can be effective in telling others about what is going on.

I hope that this short article will help to encourage others to serve as short term missionaries. TCM will be sending out summer teams this year to Key West, Florida and the Philippines. If you feel the Lord leading you toward something like this then go ahead and take a step of faith. I'm sure you will not regret it. I can personally say that it was a life-changing decision for me.

Don Sommer

BIBLES FOR THE PHILIPPINES



Joe and Pauline Watkins

It has been great to be part of the Lord's work here in the Philippines for the past 21 years. We have seen it grow from a very few churches, to over 140; from one Bible school, to two; from one radio broadcast, to eight; from a few churches on one island, to churches on nine islands; from two or three gospel tracts in the local dialect, to many tracts and Bible study materials in four dialects (or languages); from no elders' training program, to two types of training for the elders - correspondence courses and church-resident school; from a few trained national pastors and teachers to over ninety now working with the mission. From a democratic government to martial law rule; from a very weak Communist party to a very strong Communist party supported by many of the Roman Catholic priests and bishops; from all open areas throughout the Philippines to the preaching of the gospel by the pastors, to many areas and people closed to the trained national pastors.

During the past two years, we have realized we needed to take a church survey of the TCM churches here in the Philippines. I was put in charge of the survey. We needed to know what

kind of churches we have under the mission. As you can see, there has been a change in the Philippine mission work and in the political situation. We must plan for the future work in the light of these changes. We can't just stick our heads in a hole and say things might get better.

The most important plan for the future is to strengthen the local church by teaching the elders in these churches, edifying the members and leaders through the teaching of the Word of God.

The first important thing that was brought to my attention through the survey was the lack of Bibles. For an illustration, we will take the island of Negros to show you the need for Bibles. There are 2,398 members (adult and young people included) and only 276 have Bibles. Why so few Bibles? Most just cannot afford the P35. (about \$5.) for a Bible. That is right, most of the adult members would have to spend a week's wages to buy a complete Bible. Right here in Cebu City, the second largest city in the Philippines, an average worker would have to work nearly three days for a Bible. You must agree with me that this poses a real problem. How are we going to ever build the saints up in the faith, if they have no Bibles? The very foundation of a strong church is for the members to have Bibles so they can read and study God's Word.

I feel we must do something to make it possible for them to buy Bibles. Here is what we can do. Let us pray for 3 thousand dollars to buy Bibles. A Cebuano Bible (the local language), sold here by the Philippine Bible Society, cost P35. or about \$5. I would like to take \$2,500. to buy Cebuano Bibles. I would then sell the Cebuano Bibles at half our cost, thus enabling the members to buy them. We should not give the Bibles away. There should be a price so they will be

INDONESIA OUTREACH

A report from Mario and Ella on the Indonesian work.

At present Both of us are quite busy helping teaching Bible classes. Ella is handling three Bible classes and I also am handling three. In December we started teaching and handling the School boarding house — controlling and looking after the problems and needs of the students in the Bible Institute. I am also teaching 16 hours a week.

At present we are working in 16 different areas in Indonesia that is including Manado. Almost all of these places are located in the smaller villages. There are still fourteen students working in the field at present, the rest being here in Bible school. In Jakarta they were successful in establishing a new congregation near the harbor. Manado is also having the same target for the month of January 1982 to have another congregation in the northern part of the city. Manado and two other village churches are planning to start their construction of the church building.

We praise the Lord for the Mission's Vocal Group "Voice of Grace" who

finally finished their official recording this month. With the real and clear dispensational emphasis on the gospel of the grace of God. We are hoping there will be more souls that will come to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also building phase one of the Bible Institute Grace Center now.

Mario Indino



Mario and Ella Indino

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valued. We would try to sell one Bible to a family. Then with the other \$500. we would like to print the book of Romans. There is a translation here with the Cebuano on one side and English on the opposite page. We have asked permission to print this ourselves. We need these to give out during special meetings and even in some churches where they don't have enough Bibles to begin with.

When we sell out our first stock of Bibles, then we would take the money we have received and purchase another bunch, then sell them. We

would continue this until the money is used up.

I do believe this is a very serious need. Please pray with us for "Bibles for the Philippines." Maybe God would lay this burden on your heart and you would like to give to this project. There might be a Sunday School class or Bible Study group that would like to have a part in this project. If so, just send your gift to Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 96, Cope, CO 80812, and mark it "Bibles for the Philippines."

Joe Watkins

NIGERIAN NEEDS!

We have a total number of Twenty Four Churches operating here in Nigeria. The approximate number of people attending the services is between 4,000 and 4,200. We are growing every day but the number of Churches have not increased any more because we have no funds for expansion, like money to buy a vehicle or to pay transportation to long distances. Again we have no funds to keep more preachers.

Brother Nelson is able to sit up now. (Bro. Nelson was hurt in a serious Motorcycle accident) His right leg is still bad. He left the hospital a month or two ago (Letter written in December 1981) and is now being treated at home by bone experts. Hospital expenses were too high and we had to go out borrowing to pay for the Hospital treatment.

Please we need at least a vehicle for our work here in Nigeria. Pray for a successful convention for us this year as usual. When is Brother Vernon Anderson coming to us here in Nigeria? We need his visit seriously.

Innocence I. Udoh



POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR MINISTERS

"Sir, can I attend the post-graduate course? If I can, how much is the financial obligations. I was not able to attend last year, because I was still a student. But this coming May is my one year in pastoral work after I graduated at Mindanao Grace Bible Institute. Whatever your decision is, please tell me; so that I can prepare." (This minister will be able to attend the Post Graduate school.)

From another island:

"Received your information about the 1982 Post-Graduate School to be held on April 25-30, 1982. Please include me in your list as one of the students for that school this year."

From a third island of the thousands making up the Republic of the Philippines:

"I received your letter last week through Pastor Nombre. I'm glad to hear information from you about the Post-Graduate School. If I'm qualified for this study, I would like to be enrolled. I'm glad to be received.

"With regards to our group, we are well and striving to go ahead. I'm preparing for my membership drive for the church."

These letters are from three of more than 90 workers who are proclaiming the Gospel of the Grace of God here in the Philippines. Many of them (last year - 35) want to increase their skills in the proclamation of the Gospel. To this end, TCM is sponsoring the second Post-Graduate School, the last week in April 1982.

Last year, Pastor Ken Parker was the guest professor. This year, we are praising God that Pastors Roy Kelsey and Ed Wishard from Ohio will be the visiting teachers. They will teach courses in Church Administration and Advanced Pastoral Theology. Pastor William Heath will continue his teaching ministry with a course in Basic Greek. Pastor Joseph Watkins has

material on Bible Study. I will teach on Human Relations. For each of the five days, the pastors and Bible women will be in the classroom for almost eight hours. And during the months ahead, they will complete written assignments on their own.

The Lord willing, there will be a regular school year devoted to the degree program at the INTERNATIONAL GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE Campus. This will be in addition to the present four year Bible Institute training. Several ministers are presently working on their degrees at secular colleges and universities. This is in addition to their responsibilities in the positions in which the Mission has placed them. They will be teachers in the degree program. The Lord willing, I will have a master's degree by June of 1983. Together, we will be the faculty in the degree program.

Five days after the Post-Graduate School ends, the Annual Conference begins - on May 6. Brothers Wishart and Kelsey will be the special speakers. During the four days, workers and delegates from nearly 150

churches will listen to messages on THE CHURCH. The conference will be hosted by the churches on the Island of Bohol, east of Cebu City, in the Mindanao Sea. The Conference site will be a church several kilometers up in the mountains overlooking the sea. (We'd be happy to have **you** join us if you could arrange to spend your vacation here in the beautiful Philippines. Maybe next year?)

These are busy days for the Bigelows. While Vernon will be at the Post-Graduate School and Annual Conference, Pat will be across the Island of Mindanao teaching at a women's seminar. On her way back to Cebu City, she'll stop and pick up Leah at the Missionary Boarding School in central Mindanao. Before, and after, the family will be trying to get ready to leave on furlough, sometime after July 20th. The first two weeks of June, Vernon will be in Manila finishing the third summer session of the Master's Degree program.

Vernon Bigelow

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Thanks! A very BIG THANK YOU for your prayers, encouragements, gifts and labours for the glory of the Lord. We do appreciate your faithfulness thru the 28 years of ministry thru the Things to Come Mission. We marvel at what the Lord has been able to accomplish thru yielded vessels fit for the Saviour's use.

As I write this I am thinking about the Resurrection as it is that time of the year in Colorado when the crocus are blooming and the daffodils are not far behind and trees and such are budding and it reminds me of the Resurrection of Christ and what that accomplished for us. Because He lives, we live also and shall live for eternity. What a blessed hope is ours in Christ.

(Titus 2:13, 14.)

Would you like to go to some foreign field to tell the people of other lands that Christ died for the ungodly, for sinners and for enemies? (Rom. 5:6-10). Why not write for an application and serve under T.C.M.?

If we have your name or address wrong on this publication, please inform us so we can get it corrected. Sometimes it is hard to know the exact spelling of names and addresses. If you are getting more prayer letters than you care to receive, or if you would like to receive more than you are now getting, please write us of these matters.

Beverly and I want to thank you for

your part in our ministry here in the home office. Your prayers and gifts designated for us are truly appreciated.

Would you pray for the T.C.M. Board of Directors that we might have wisdom to carry on His work in His way and for His glory? Thank you.

Eldred Sidebottom, Director

INDIA — PRAY



A group photo with the School Children and teachers

Sister Mary is doing well among the women and children. As usual we are conducting Sunday services in three churches in three different places. Most of the congregational people are interested to hear the Word of God. Every Sunday from 10-12:30 at Mysore Company Colony and from there at Tadepalli from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. and finally at Nulakepet from 3 to 4:00 P.M. In other days I conduct cottage prayers in places where I have been called.

This month we had two special programs: one we have conducted a retreat for girls only and another Republic day for our Indians on Jan. 26th.

Nearly 60 girls attended the retreat and all enjoyed the time together.

Republic day Bro. Rao hoisted the national flag and one of the teachers



Rev. B.B.B.P. Rao hoisting the national flag on Jan 26, 1982, Republic day in school campus of TCM Elementary school. Children and staff attended.

of the T.C.M. Elementary school read the Bible and another teacher offered a word of prayer. Then Bro. Rao gave a message to the children and the people of the colony who attended.



Teacher of the TCM Elementary School for children reading the Scripture lesson from the Holy Bible. Bro. Rao standing at the side.

In regards to the Youth work, we have plans to improve this work. We want to conduct a Bible seminar for the youth. The young people are so interested in having such a program in their church. Please pray for the work in INDIA!

Rev. B.B.B.P. Rao

EQUAL DISTRIBUTION???



Bill, Eunice and Nancy Heath

It is not easy to realize that there is a water shortage in the world when we have about two months of almost continuous rain. During January and February and even back in December, it was even too wet for the rice crop! Farmers in our barrio lost part, and some most, of their rice harvest because the rain beat the rice down to the ground where the heads sprouted. Others were able to harvest but had no sunshine in which to dry the rice and either had to sell it "green" for a fraction of its value, or lost it due to mildew. Pray for these people. Some of them are desperately poor already and can ill afford to lose their crops.

As I thought about the constant rain and the world drought I realized that there is not so much a shortage of water in the world as a lack of distribution. How much better off all concerned would be if much of our rain could be shared with the arid areas of this planet! Then the thought occurred to me that it is much the same with the Water of Life. There is enough preach-

ing and teaching of the Word of God to reach the whole world — but it lacks an even distribution. While some are so used to constant meetings and Bible classes, child evangelism, seminars, and all kinds of good things that they have lost their appreciation for them, other vast areas have never yet heard that salvation is by grace without the works of the Law. Let us pray and work and plan to the end that there be an equitable distribution of the Word of His grace!

We are grateful to the Lord for the strength and health to continue serving the Lord here in the Philippines. Thank you who have been praying for us. Thank you, too, for sending some of your fine young people out here to help out and to see for themselves what the needs and opportunities are. Pray that some of them will be led to return later as full time missionaries.

Yours in His Wonderful grace,

— The Heaths

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TOOLS FOR THE GRADUATE

A number of years ago TCM had a project to get good Dispensational TOOLS (BOOKS) for the graduates of our Bible Institutes who were going into the Lord's work. We tried to supply them with the following TOOLS and with your help were able to do this. Now we have a number of graduates who have not been supplied with these BOOKS. We feel this is a great need and ask you to pray that these National Workers will be supplied with the needed materials to do the work.

For \$75 to \$80 we feel we can supply a worker with the following:

1. Leather Scofield Bible
2. Dispensational Theology by Baker
3. Acts by Baker or by Stam
4. Understanding the Gospels by Baker

5. Strongs Concordance
6. Vines Expository Dictionary of N.T. Words

We are constantly sending good books by C.R. Stam and by C.F. Baker and others to Indonesia and the Philippines. Your prayers and gifts have helped greatly to accomplish this. May the Lord richly bless you as you allow Him to use you in His service around the world!

We also want to take this opportunity to thank the Berean Bible Society, the Grace Publications and the Scripture Truth Book Co. for the Generous discounts that they give to our Mission for these good TOOLS.

Eldred Sidebottom, Director