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John 4:35



Romans 1:5

"Unto the ends of the earth"

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THE DIRECTOR SHARES

UNLIMITED RESOURCES FOR AN UNEQUALED TASK!!

About 30 years ago Mr. & Mrs. J. Herbert Palmer started the Ministry of THINGS TO COME MISSION, Inc. They were MISSIONARIES who had laboured on the foreign field. They had a vision of establishing many churches in the Western slope of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. They wanted to train young men and young women in the ministry they held dear to their hearts. They had seen in the "REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY" that the risen



Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord, had given to the Apostle Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles (Romans 11:13), a command that few today see. "To make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." Eph 3:9.

This message was *hidden in God* in ages past, but it has *now been revealed* and we now have the job of carrying it out to the glory of God. What are you doing to fulfill the command of Ephesians 3:9?

Truly this is an UNEQUALED TASK! But it is not an impossible task! We have the Lord on our side and with God "all things are possible".

In thirty years the Lord has used the Missionaries and National Workers of Things to Come Mission to preach His Word in many countries, Australia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, England,

Netherlands, and many other countries and islands.

You have helped in this great task and we appreciate your part thru prayer, finances, encouragement and other ways. You are a part of the team and we thank you for standing with us.

Let us remember that we have UNLIMITED RESOURCES for this task of reaching the world with the Gospel of our Risen Saviour. "Now unto him that is able to do EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." Ephesians 3:20 & 21.

Thanks for standing with us these past 30 years and let's increase our efforts to reach out further this year and the next and the next! The job is great but our God is greater!

Eldred Sidebottom, Director

IMPORTANT

The mission has purchased a computer and will use it for the mailing list. Will you please look at your mailing address on your I.H. and if there needs to be a change, please let us know. We will be entering the addresses soon and we would like to update our list correctly. As you know, a computer is no better than its data entered. We need your help. Also, when sending gifts for receipts, please send under same name and address every time. We appreciate any help you can give in these matters.

NEEDS IN TCM WORK AROUND THE WORLD:

KENYA:

We need a missionary couple to open up this work. We presently have only one national pastor in Kenya. We need a Church Planting ministry there as well as a Bible School.

THINGS TO COME MISSION IS THIRTY YEARS OLD:

It does not seem possible that TCM is 30 years old, but it is. It was in 1955 that Mr. J. Herbert Palmer of Craig, Colorado founded a home mission, which he named, Things To Come. "Things to Come; is a phrase found in the eighth chapter of Romans verse 38. The etymology of the words are not certain, but assuredly they point to the happenings of the future and it is certain that part of their intent in the context of Romans eight is to be a pointer to the future happenings in the lives of believers as they relate to our assurance of salvation. From that point of view TCM has a strong desire to be in the forefront of the battle to spread the Gospel of the Grace of God over the world as the future unfolds.

Mr. Palmer's vision was for western Colorado, and his home mission was founded to fulfill that burden. As we look at TCM now, we can see that Mr. Palmer's original vision has been enlarged greatly. TCM now has works in many countries around the world: India, Indonesia, Kenya, England, The Philippines, Brazil, and Nigeria as well as here in the USA.

At about the same time that Mr. Palmer was founding TCM, there was a group of students at Milwaukee Bible College who had a desire to reach into those countries that were not being reached by the worldwide Grace Testimony or Bethesda Mission. This group of young men decided to found their own Mission. They founded Hope Mission (Hope of people everywhere, was their motto), and Hope Mission was incorporated in the State of Wisconsin in the Spring of 1956. Among those young men were Vernon Anderson, Joe Watkins, David Noebel, Henry Hudson, and Roy Kelsey. Early in 1957 Vernon Anderson met Mr. Palmer, and after much discussion Hope Mission and Things To Come Mission merged in the Fall of 1957. Since TCM was already established, that name was chosen for the merged missions.

In early 1958 TCM sent her first missionary family to the Mission Field:

Vernon and Darlene with their children departed for the Philippines. They soon wrote back to the USA and requested that Joe and Pauline Watkins come over and help them, which they did in October 1958. The Philippine work has grown to the point where today there are over 250 churches, 10 Radio Broadcasts, 2 Bible Institutes, an extensive printing ministry, an Elder's Training Center, an extensive Youth ministry, and many other ministries.

TCM began committed to proclaiming Jesus Christ in accordance with God's revealed secret of Romans' 16:25-26, Colossians 1:25-27, and Ephesians 3:1-12. TCM is a channel through its missionaries to unreached areas of the world. II Timothy 2:2 contains TCM's theme:

"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."

TCM has a very unique financial policy. That policy is that 100% of all funds received goes to the work or person designated. No percentage is taken out of any gifts received for operation. Only those funds sent in to the Mission undesignated are used by the Mission to operate or pay operating expenses. TCM is a FAITH MISSION. We realize that this needs explaining. To TCM this means believing that God will honor His Word; when the Gospel of the Grace of God is faithfully proclaimed, and when the believers are faithfully taught the rightly divided Word, God will respond by supplying all our needs and that of our missionaries. This does not mean that we do not have an obligation to God's people to share with them what our mission is doing and planning as well as sharing with our fellow laborers the various areas of ministry that TCM is involved with in the various parts of the world. By so informing those standing with us we are assured that they can pray intelligently for God's direction in their giving ministry. We do not make a practice of asking for money specifically, rather we do present needs and ministries, and we allow the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of believers as to how they ought respond with their gifts.

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Meet Don & Sue Sommer

Each day the excitement mounts as we realize that our goal is getting closer and closer. I never realized when I stepped on the airliner that took me to the Republic of the Philippines for the first time in 1981 that five years later I would be preparing to go back for full time service. As I look back on how God has directed me in that time I am amazed at all the obvious signs of His providence in my life.

I left for the Philippines in 1981 as a short term missionary with Things to Come Mission. I had just graduated from the University of Wisconsin and I wanted to experience mission work before entering the career world. I had planned to stay for the summer months and then return to the States and carry on with my life as I had originally planned. It was that short term experience that God used to grab me and turn me around for His service. I stayed in the Philippines for a total of nine months and while I was there I made a commitment to serve the Lord on a full time basis on the mission field.

When I returned to the States I decided to comit at least two years to training and preparation. Although I had several options, I felt that Grace Bible College was the most appropriate place for me to receive my training because it was where I could receive training from a Mid-Acts Dispensational perspective. God confirmed this choice by supplying a part time job for me in Grand Rapids before I even moved there. At Grace I received the necessary Biblical and Theological training that would be required for my future ministry. God also brought my wife and I together during my time at G.B.C. Susan is a former elementary school teacher that came to G.B.C. to discover God's will for her life.

We met, married, and are now preparing to serve the Lord together in the Philippines.

This is our last year at G.B.C., we have been fully accepted as candidates with TCM and we are in the midst of making final preparations for our departure (January, 1986 is our target date). After some time in language school, we will be working in the Bible Institutes in the Philippines preparing young men and women for work in the churches of TCM.

During the next several months we will be travelling throughout the country sharing our plans for ministry with the believers in local churches. We would be glad to come to your church and share our burden for the Philippines. If you would like us to visit your church please contact the mission office and arrangements will be made. Also, please remember us in your prayers as we travel and prepare for this very important work.

Don & Susan Sommer

NEEDS IN TCM WORK AROUND THE WORLD:

BRAZIL:

We need several missionaries to work in Church Planting, Literature, Evangelism, Bible School, Radio, Media (TV, Newspaper, Magazine, etc.). We also need an MSDOS Computer. It need not be a large computer, but it needs to be compatible with the computer in the Mission office, which is a KAYPRO 16 MSDOS Computer. We also need printing equipment of all kinds in Brazil (a Plate Maker, a Camera for making negatives for layout, a Plate developer, an Offset Press or two, a Letter Press, and a Folder). We also need some radio equipment so we can communicate between our various areas in Brazil.

New South American Director For TCM:

Warren Keiper and part of his family are pictured here. Warren and his family went to Brazil in 1969. Warren left a job on the railroad in the early sixties to go into the ministry. After serving as the pastor of a four C's church (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference) Warren served as pastor of the Oconto Falls Church near Green Bay, Wisconsin prior to coming to TCM in 1969.

Warren has served in various positions in the Brazil work of TCM. The Brazil work was directed for many years by Henrique Schmidt, who went to be with the Lord in the Fall of 1983. Warren was appointed Director by the TCM Board at their January Cope, Colorado meeting.

Warren, Shirley, and their son, Leo, are serving presently in the city of Araraquara, Brazil, which is in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Araraquara is located about 300 kilometers North of the city of Sao Paulo, which has a population of around 16 million. Warren and his family have pioneered TCM's work in Araraquara, and



there are many fine young people in their work in Araraquara. We will focus on Brazil in the next issue of IH.

In his new ministry, Warren will be directing all phases of the work in Brazil. He hopes to see 50 new churches established in the next five years, plus a resident Bible School, an Elder's Training

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NEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

IS OUR FAITH TOO LARGE?

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

How long do you hold to a dream? How long do you pray to God for something and constantly hear His answer, "Wait"? How long do you, with excitement, talk of your dream to others before they think that you are 'only dreaming' and cease to listen? When do you finally decide that what you always considered an answer of "Wait" was in fact an answer of "No"? Or, when do you know that God has finally answered "Yes" and you can move forward on your dream?

This is a question we have been asking lately here in Cebu City, Davao City, Cagayan de Oro, and Manila, along with other areas. Each of these areas are 'city areas' and in need of a church building to more effectively and efficiently proclaim the Gospel of the Grace of God. Each of these areas have church members praying and giving for a building. And yet, up to the



Years gone by.

present, not one of their prayers have been answered with "Yes, Go ahead and move".

The Cebu City work started in 1972, the Davao City work started in 1975, the Cagayan de Oro work started in 1982, and the work in Manila in 1979. Since the beginning of the work in each of these areas, the members have been praying and giving to a 'building fund' for the church they have dreamed about.

The first 'Faith Promise' formally used for the building fund in our Philippine churches was started by Pastor Sol and myself in Davao City in 1980. When we started, the church had a building fund

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NOW, "for the rest of the story..."

"Why are you so sad, Carlos? Your appendix is out and you are well again."

"But how can I ever pay my bill?" he asked. "My parents will not do anything for me now that I know the Lord—they wouldn't do much even before."

Carlos had come to know the Lord a few months before. Eunice had heard him, and his companions, serenading a young lady that lived next door. She went out, under the tropical moon, and listened to their songs—and then invited them to visit us and learn some of our songs. Only Carlos came. But he came regularly. He would sing awhile and then spend an hour or so with me talking about the word of God. Soon he had believed the gospel and began to grow in the Lord. He started traveling with us, at his own expense, using his rich and well trained voice in our meetings.

Meanwhile, in Cebu City, one of our dedicated young workers was fighting for his life with a bad heart. Loving and generous saints in the States had rallied around him and provided him with a heart pacemaker and the operation to install it. He seemed to be doing well. In the States one family had given toward this medical need, but it had already been fully met. When



asked what to do with their generous gift they said, "Just send it to the Heaths."

One morning, while Carlos was still staying with us to recover from an emergency appendectomy, I added up the cost of the operation, hospital and medication. It was a sizable sum. Then the

mail came. A letter from Eldred Sidebottom informed us of the gift that had been transferred to us. It came to almost exactly the amount of Carlos' operation. When, that same afternoon, Carlos asked, "How can I ever pay my bill?" I had the joy of telling him that the Lord was able to meet his needs just as He met ours—that, indeed, He had already met it that very day!

-----Now for the rest of the story-----

In spite of the best of care, pastor Eniola's heart stopped and he stepped into the presence of the Lord. That same day his first child was born, just before he died, but he didn't even hear the news. Loving gifts had met his financial needs, but now he had a need that money could not buy—someone to care for his young widow and daughter. Lillian is a competent and industrious young woman. She has been able to support her little family for several years—but it is not like having a husband and father in the house!

A few weeks ago we had the joy of attending Carlos' wedding. He is now doing a fine job as a pioneer pastor in Cagayan do Oro City. He is looking forward to the help that his talented wife can provide. One day I came to him with an exciting thought that had occurred to me.

"Carlos, do you remember the gift that helped save your life when you had appendicitis?" Of course he did. "It was originally given to meet pastor Eniola's needs wasn't it?" He nodded, excitement beginning to show in his eyes. "Did you ever even dream that God was still using that gift to meet his needs? When he saved your life He also was providing for the care of his widow and daughter!" You guessed it. Mrs. Carlos Autida is the former Mrs. Amancio Eniola!

W.P. Heath 9/21/84

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,..."

Romans 8:28

THE BIGELOW BEAT

BIGELOW'S NEWS for the I.H.

“BRAT—TAT—TAT—TAT—BRAT—TAT—TAT” Have you ever heard the sound of an armalite rifle being fired? This was the sound that interrupted our prayers, last night. Cautiously opening our bedroom door which faces toward the highway, a block away, I went out as the “BRAT—TAT—TAT—BRAT—TAT—TAT” continued. No, I'm not very brave because between our house and the highway are other houses with only a narrow space through which a bullet could come. The barangay hall, basketball court, and a small park are on our side of the highway, and that's where the sound of the firing was coming from.

During a lull in the shooting, we heard a few volleys from further north on the highway, and another barrage here. Then it was quiet as Pat and I stood on the little porch in front of the door. But not for long! “Brat-tat-tat-tat!” and we both dropped to the floor behind the porch cement wall! (We found out, this morning, that all the guns were aimed the other way, so we were not in any danger.) I'm sure more than 100 shots were fired, the final burst coming from in front of the Phillipine Episcopal Church which shares a common wall with our compound. It was strange, but while the firing was going on, not another sound was to be heard—no shouting, nor crying. Nothing but silence, broken by bursts of gunfire.

A few minutes after the last volley we could hear loud talking, and the sound of vehicles driving rapidly away. Then, Mr. Goling's driver came back to the Gokings' house, and as he went by, he said something about a P.C. (Phillipine Constabulary—a division of the military, sort of like a national police force) being killed. A little later, I saw people around our gate so I called to Winnie. “Please go see what has happened!” Though I was tempted to go myself, I thought it would not be very smart to show my American face. (Winnie had been reading, but at the first sound of the guns, she snapped off her light because her window faces the highway.) Pretty soon she came back with the news that P.C. General de Guzman, with several body guards had been



ambushed and killed.

This morning, Pastor Autida talked with a man, Rocky, who lives over his custom auto fabric shop, right where the ambush took place. Rocky told Carlos that he saw men chasing the general's car, in a small pick-up with men in the back firing into the car as the pick-up came beside it. We heard that the rebels—New Peoples' Army, known as NPA—set up the ambush. They were dressed in army fatigues and were seen for an hour or two before the general arrived at the ambush scene. Some talked with people and two were playing chess in a small waiting shed. The general was on his way home from a restaurant, and the rebels knew he would be passing that way. We heard that other rebels, in uniform, prevented traffic from traveling along this portion of the highway so that they could get the general. Two pedestrians were hit and maybe one died.

The report on the news, tonight, is that the general and his men were only wounded, so we really don't know what to believe. I do know that we heard enough shots being fired to kill a whole company so it would seem a miracle if the general is still alive.

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PICTORIAL PREVIEW OF THINGS TO COME



*Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, President of TCM
Brings a message of Challenge.*

On January 26th TCM held its first in a held in Denver, Colorado. The room that v comfortably, but we had 84 people crowd t presentataiton of TCM's 30 years of minist Jesus Christ. We have 30th Anniversary Ba in Grandville, Michigan the third week in A Banquets in other cities through-out the Media presentation put together by TCM B of each of the Anniversary Banquets.



*Brother Archie Smith and Robert Travis,
TCM Board Members.*



*Mrs. Harland (Ginny) Schriver
presents some Special Music.*



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*Roy Kelsey, Joel Finck, Beverly Sidebottom,
and Eldred Sidebottom.*



*Brother Wayne
Schoonover,
Director of
Grace Ministries,
International.*



Pastor Joel Finck, Pastor at the Co

MISSION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

series of 30th Anniversary Banquets. It was reserved would have seated about 70 to 75 air way into the Banquet and the Multi-Media around the world for our Lord and Saviour, Banquets scheduled in Muskegon, Michigan and il. We are also scheduling other Anniversary nited States in the coming months. A Multi-ard Member, Tim Heath, will be the highlight



Pastor Eldred Sidebottom, Director of TCM presents TCM work.



the large group that attended TCM's 30th Anniversary Banquet.



the Church, presents special Music.



Pastors Lee Homoki & Eldred Sidebottom greet Mr. & Mrs. John Pepterson.

NEEDS IN TCM WORK AROUND THE WORLD:

INDIA, NIGERIA, INDONESIA:

We hear from Brother Rao that we have over fifty (50) Churches in India. Brother Dan Sidebottom at this writing is in India checking on the work, but we need to somehow get someone into India to lead and direct the work there full time.

We need somehow to get someone to serve in the Nigerian work. This country will demand a great deal from any missionary that serves there, but there are many, many people there who do not know Christ, and the field is open. This would be a pioneer type work.

We also need to somehow get someone into Indonesia full time to lead and direct the work. We have a Bible School there that is being run by nationals. They are doing a good job, but they need training and direction.

KEY WEST:

We need a pastoral couple to establish a church in Key West so the Welcome Home Ministry will have an outlet for training and service for those they reach. We also need another couple to work with Bob Xavier and his staff. As a matter of fact several couples could be of service there in Key West. We need a business manager for the work, plus we need someone with public relations experience to do the promotion work for Welcome Home Ministries. These persons would then free Bob to train and minister to in other needed areas. We also need a computer at Welcome Home Ministries.

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which the members were giving to, but the giving was erratic and small. By the time we started the faith promise, the total building fund was only about P8,000.00. Our first year's goal was P12,000.00 and only P4,000.00 plus was given. But the members were not discouraged. Our second year's goal was about P10,000.00 and we reached about P8,000.00. During the next couple of years, the churches around the Davao-Cotabato area also participated and over P30,000.00 was raised for the building fund.

Partnership in a Dream

In 1981 Pastor *Ken Parker* visited the work over here and as a result of this visit and later letters, their church took on the

Davao City church as a 'Sister Church' project. They have shared information and plans with each other as well as praying for each other. In 1984 they started a 'matching gift' project for the Davao City church which would total about \$1,500.00. This was to be available in November 1985.

At the beginning of 1985, the Davao City church had P48,000.00, at the rate then, about \$2,400.00. Their Faith Promise for the year was to end in April. They were still praying, still dreaming, still looking. But they kept hearing the answer, "Wait".

God's Signal

But, the answer soon changed. A new government area opened for development just across the bridge from the present house they are renting for the church. Just a 7 minute walk away. Only 80 meters from the main 'National Highway'. The Lord seemed to say, "This is it. This is my answer to your prayers." On the 14th of January, the church signed the papers for a 'dream church lot'.

The lot is fronting a wide cement road and is over 400 square meters in area. The cost is P100,000.00 if paid in cash or within three months. The church paid P40,000.00 down and signed for three years at 18% interest. This put the price of the land up to P130,000.00, and with the interest, the price will raise to P150,000.00 plus. The monthly payments are over P3,000.00 (the present rate is only 18 to 1).

How can the church pay this amount? I don't know. Thankfully, the church at *Spokane* is willing to advance their 'matching gift'. This amount would total approximately P27,000.00. One of the members here is making a gift of P10,000.00 and with the remaining P8,000.00 from their fund, the combined total would be P45,000.00. If the church is to save over P50,000.00 in 'increased per meter cost and interest', they still need P15,000.00.

Our Continued Petition

This amount is needed by April 14. How nice it would be if the land could be paid for in cash, and the church could immediately begin saving for the price of clearing the land (it has about 10 coconut tree trunks on the land and will probably need some 'fill' to keep the land from being flooded) and building the church.

Please pray with us here that the Lord would touch the hearts of members of the Davao City church, friends from the Davao-Cotabato area, from other churches here in the Philippines, and possibly even friends from the US, so they might stand behind this project, both in their prayer and financial support.

I believe the Lord has answered "Yes". But we wait patiently on Him to supply the lacking amount needed to purchase the land. Please 'wait' with us here.

One reason that Pastor Sol would like to build as soon as possible is due to his desire to offer the church as a clinic base for Evangelism Explosion in 1986. He is presently in his first semester of training and the church is much encouraged and challenged.

CAN THIS HAPPEN AGAIN?

How we desire to see this happen again! In Cebu City, Cagayan de Oro, in Manila, and other areas yet in the future. The Faith Promise program was introduced to the members of the Cebu City church in January 1982. The church exceeded their Faith Promise for 1984, giving a total of P16,000.00 plus and making a Promise of over P18,000.00. The total amount of our fund here is over P60,000.00, but the land here will cost even more than in Davao City. Continue to pray for us here that we also might be able soon to purchase some land and build a church here.

On February 3, Joe, Jennifer, and I were able to visit the Bigelows and the church in Cagayan de Oro. It was their Faith Promise Sunday and we were able to participate in both the morning and evening services. The total promised during the services was over P22,000.00. Their first Faith Promise was just in 1984. During the last five months, they promised over P8,000.00 and over P10,000.00 was given. Remember to pray also for them.

The church in Manila will have the hardest time. It is a bigger city, the prices are higher, and the need greater. Pray for Pastor Gerson Bermejo as he ministers in this area.

THE INDIAN TRIP

Many of you have been praying for the trip of Pastor Watkins, Pastor Sol Improso, and myself to India. Due to the unavailability of connecting flights from Singapore to Madras, we were forced to postpone our

trip. One good result of this was being here when some reports from the Indian field arrived. These reports will give us a better idea of some of the things we will have to look into and be concerned about. Pastor Watkins will not be able to travel with us, but Sol and I hope to leave on the 16th of February. We will only be able to be gone about three weeks, but we believe this trip is important and necessary, and we ask for your prayers (though we might be back by the time this arrives to your home).

Thank you so much for your participation in my ministry through prayer. It is greatly needed and appreciated. It is also my prayer that God will continue to bless you.

Daniel Sidebottom

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Center, where the elders of TCM's churches in Brazil can come for training that will enable them to take over the services of the church in the absence of the pastor, a Pastor's Seminar Center, where pastors can come two or three times a year to enable them to sharpen their pastoral skills and to help them grow spiritually, and Warren hopes to see several new departments to do the work there. He is planning to establish a Literature Department, which will supply literature to our churches, plus publish tracts and other material to be used in church planting, evangelism, and soul winning efforts all over Brazil. He is also hoping to establish a Radio ministry as well as a TV ministry.

We desperately need missionary personnel in Brazil. We are happy to announce that Carol and Bernardo Craesmeyer, Carol is the daughter of Warren and Shirley, has applied to TCM as missionaries for service in Brazil, and that Leo, and soon to be Mrs. Leo Keiper have begun their application process to be missionaries under TCM for service in Brazil. Leo and his fiancée, Con, are to be married early in May of this year. We are praying that they will be heading up the Literature Department of the Brazil work. Bernardo and Carol will be working in the area of Church Planting and Evangelism. Pray for these new missionaries. Each one of them needs support, both prayer and financial. If you would like to help, write the TCM office in Cope, or direct your gift to them at Cope.



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Until last night we thought we were pretty safe here in the city. Now we know the rebels will come right into populated areas to get the military. It is ironic that even though the P.C. camp is only about 300 meters from where the ambush took place, it took the military and police more than a half hour to get to the scene. Maybe they were afraid? Isn't wonderful that we who have put our faith in the finished work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST don't have to be afraid because HE took our sins on HIS own body and shed HIS blood to pay them. (1 Peter 2:24; Ephesians 1:7)

We have the assurance that the Apostle Paul wrote about in: Philippians 1:21, "for to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." and 2 Corinthians 5:8, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

There is civil unrest in most parts of the nation. Two weeks ago, at the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute campus, Pastor Elmer told about a former student. He was playing basketball, and a young rebel was twirling his gun about. "You better put that away, or I will tell your commander," the Christian told the rebel. "And don't threaten to kill me. Don't you know that I am trusting in the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and if you kill me I will be with GOD!"

Twenty years ago, January 27, 1965, Pat, Joy, Mary, Rachel and I arrived here. Much has happened in those years, and

we praise God for the opportunity we have had to share in proclaiming the Gospel of the Grace of God to the millions who have never heard that salvation is through faith in the finished work of the LORD JESUS CHRIST when HE took our sins on HIS body as HE hung on the cross. One of the ways this is done is through the Sowers' program.

A week ago, Pastors Philip Go, Tito Sausa and Bien Sausa returned from a series of seminars held in Bukidnon. They stopped here to wait for the ship to go to Cebu City. While waiting, they, with Pastor Carlos, decided to have an open air meeting, and because it was raining, they found a group of people under a bridge. It was a very successful meeting and several contacts were made.

Pastor Autida has been doing follow-up on those who showed interest, and already he has been able to have Bible studies. At one, there were plenty of children. (Pat and I are going to team teach a creative teachers' seminar to train members to reach the children.) Some of those contacts came to the services, yesterday morning, and three men attended the evening service, last night.

Even though satan is very active in creating civil unrest, and he has Filipinos fighting Filipinos, our SAVIOR and LORD is still in control, and HE is bringing children, women and men to HIMSELF. PRAISE THE LORD!

While we do not establish a salary and hire missionaries, we may recommend what we feel that a missionary may need to effectively minister on a given field. We require, however, that a missionary have *only* passage money and two months support before going to a field. Each missionary who applies to TCM must realize that we are a Faith Mission, and that they must each one raise their own support. We can advise them and, perhaps, even help them schedule their deputation activities, but we are merely a channel through which believers support other believers as they proclaim the Message of God's Grace. A missionary can seek to raise in support either more or less what we may recommend, or an amount that the Lord lays on that missionary's heart. We feel that we as a Mission cannot interpret for our missionaries or anyone what God's Spirit desires for them. Each person must be led of the Spirit themselves. This Policy was followed from the very start of TCM. Believers praying for and supporting believers in the work of the ministry. This policy has worked for the 30 years that God has used TCM. Paul's aim by the Spirit's direction was that by preaching the Gospel of the Grace of God local churches be established, and through Paul's ministry churches were established throughout the world at the time. TCM's aim has always been the same, establishing National Churches pastored by National Pastors. Today we see churches, National Churches, established in India, Africa, USA, The Philippines, Indonesia, South America, England, and in other places as well, and this has happened through the use of Pauline methods.

Brother Eldred Sidebottom, the Executive Director of Things To Come Mission, is working on the faith principle. He, like all our missionaries, must raise his own support. Only that money designated for him through offerings and gifts goes to him. The only persons paid salaries in TCM are the part time secretaries in our office, who are paid out of undesignated funds that come into our office.

TCM is led by a Board of Directors, The present Board consists of Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, President, Mr. Archie Smith, Secretary, Pastor Timothy Heath, and Mr. Eldred Sidebottom, Director and Treasurer.

Mr. Robert Travis, who has served TCM as a Board member for the past seven years, is on "leave of absence." Also the senior missionary home on furlough is a member of the Board.

TCM desperately needs missionaries. We need immediately a Christian Education Director for our Philippine work plus three missionary couples to work in various areas of the Philippines to direct and advise in the work. We need at least two couples in Brazil, two couples in Kenya, one couple to pioneer in South Africa, and we need at least one couple in Nigeria. These are immediate needs. We also need somehow to get a permanent missionary staff into India as well as into Indonesia, and there are many other fields open to us, if we but had the missionaries to send to those fields, to this day there is no "Grace" work in Korea, a land that is open to the Gospel, and there are many other countries that are open, but we have no one to send. Won't you pray that God will raise up harvesters to go through these open doors?

We do not know if we will have thirty more years to reach the "unreached" for Christ, but we do not believe that we will have thirty more years. Pastor H.B. Prince had a motto over his desk. It stated simply "Today Perhaps!" We know that we have less time today than we did thirty years ago when TCM was founded, and further we have less time today than we did yesterday. We must "be about our Father's business." That business, as we all know, is reaching others for Jesus Christ with the Gospel of the Grace of God. Let's do it, NOW!

Pastor, Roy J. Kelsey, Editor IH

NEEDS IN TCM WORK AROUND THE WORLD . . . PHILIPPINES:

We need missionaries to work in Christian Education, setting up Sunday School, developing literature for use in our Sunday Schools, developing literature to be used with our youth work. We need at least one missionary couple to work with our Bible Schools, and we need one missionary couple in the Bicol Region. We also need a Missionary to travel between Indonesia, India, and Kenya; this missionary could be based in the Philippines and work there, but travel to these other places when the need arose. We need a missionary to work with our Elder's Training program.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE?



Marguerite and George Deitz, from the First Grace Gospel Church, Ashtabula, Ohio, were challenged by God's Word to come to Key West to make themselves available to work with the Welcome Home Ministry. This couple, by faith, met the challenge and were tremendously effective in helping the Lord's ministry to touch more intimately the lives and hearts of many broken, downtrodden people. Many of the young people who come through the Welcome Home Ministry are bright and strong, as well as alert to their spiritual need. Both Marguerite and George met a person where he was and personally got involved with helping the individual both physically and spiritually.

For five years Beth and I have listened to young people tell us thousands of stories of gross child abuse, neglect and absolutely torturously painful experience after experience. The cruelty of Satan still continuously shocks us, as we endeavor to apply the Holy Balm of Mercy (God's Word) to the wounded soul. *Is. 61:1*

As servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, reconciled to God, we have a three-fold ministry: First, to all men; second, to one another (especially unto them who are of the household of faith). Thirdly, through actively ministering to the individual, by our availability, we minister directly to the heart

of God.

Marguerite and George made themselves available and personally ministered to others, including us, the Xavier family. The praise all goes to God's son, because through Him we are privileged to be living sacrifices, holy and acceptable, to minister to God's heart personally. Are you, like the Deitz's, available to minister to God's heart?

We have requested Marguerite and George to share with you their Fantastic Adventure In Trusting Him (F.A.I.T.H.) through their availability.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9. Those who minister to God's heart are shaping their capacity to love God for all eternity.

We earnestly pray that you are being encouraged by the power of the Holy Spirit to search your heart to see if, perhaps, you might be led to visit us at Welcome Home Ministry, Key West, to be available to Him to minister together with us here.

Wherever you are, keep on doing what you can, where you are, with what you have. **BE AVAILABLE!**

Eternally grateful to be in Christian Service,
Beth & Bob Xavier

ARE YOU WILLING?

George and I renewed our acquaintance with Bob Xavier at a Grace Bible conference in St. Pete, where we were vacationing late in November. George kept talking with him the two and a half days there, questioning him about his ministry in Key West and whether or not he thought we could be used there. Bob said that he was sure that we could be and graciously invited us to come spend three days with them. He said that they lived on a compound of two two-story houses and three cottages. Should we decide to come for a longer period, we should give him three weeks notice so that he could vacate a cottage for our use. He also told George that there was a leaky roof that needed fixing. That's really what started George thinking—he could be a handy man.

Our feelings were, we didn't think we could help much—not what Bob really needed. But Sunday evening, after the end of the conference, we attended Pastor Larry Riemersma's evening service, where Tim Conklin, Director of Grace Publications, Grand Rapids, and his wife were guests for the day. Tim brought the message from Mark 6:32-44—about the little boy who willingly offered Jesus 5 loaves and 2 fish—"a ridiculously small amount to feed 5,000 people." But he gave all that he had; so, Jesus blessed it, broke it, multiplied it, gave it away—with 12 baskets left over. It was as if that message were prepared for us only.

After the benediction, we sat in our seats. I turned to my husband and said, "What are we waiting for? Let's be willing to go where we can be used."

After more days of prayer and discussion—whether to go for three days or more to Welcome Home Ministry—we finally wrote a postcard informing the Xaviers that we were moving down, by faith, and should arrive four days after mailing the card. Since we could not give three weeks' notice, we told them that we did not expect a cottage to be available, or for them to put us up. We were willing to look for a motel.

Excitedly we arrived on the Xavier's doorstep Monday, December 3, 4:15 p.m. Beth graciously received us; Bob was busy counselling. Later, Bob said it was his birthday and that the Lord had sent us just at the right time. And, doesn't the LORD do abundantly above all we can ask or think? He confirmed our daily prayers (Prov. 16:9), ". . . to direct our steps and make them sure" by providing an empty cottage for us to move into immediately! How we praised Him!

The following Wednesday the Xaviers left town for business for a couple of days and George was left in charge. He then began to feel the heavy weight of decision-making and his inability to deal with all the kinds of men and women

knocking at the door. Not having been in the ministry for long nor having had the opportunities yet to learn from Bob the proper procedure for dealing with all types of characters, he was quite apprehensive. But, thankfully, the two days passed without any really disturbing issues arising.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE HERE? Many things have been in need of repair. (The leaky roof? Not done as yet; priorities!)

I have helped Beth a little by mending, washing supper dishes so she could tend the children, made curtains for open cupboards, tidied up her house when she was away. George has replaced screens, run errands, washed windows (job bank for clients passing through) when needed, painted, etc. He has taken Wednesday through Friday, morning and evening Bible studies to relieve Bob on those days. He and I have individually taken Beth and the children to doctors' appointments in Miami and Marathon. One Sunday morning we took the family and one of the men here an hour away to a mobile home park church, where Bob was invited to present God's Word. George and I together have helped clean offices (part of job bank). We both babysat quite a bit, plus more. But, the point is this: **Yes, you can be used!** ARE YOU WILLING to come here to offer your "ridiculously little," that God might multiply it?

We have been blessed to sit under Bob's teaching of the Word—he really has a gift. The morning Bible study is especially for new fellows who come through Welcome Home Ministry.

The LORD is blessing the ministry in many ways—hundreds of boxes of oranges and grapefruit were donated, donuts and canned goods were given. God is providing an urgent need for a car and van (for job bank and group activities). Clothing for the men occasionally is supplied (more needed, especially shoes). Today Bob shared with us that he was going over the available funds to use for the ministry for food and to help the needy—there would not be enough to finish the month. Then, the mail came and it is just like our LORD-HE provided \$2,500 through a Grace church, just for that exact purpose! It made me think of Isaiah 65:24: "Before they call, I will answer."

Welcome Home Ministry has a window washing service, operated primarily to keep the new fellows coming here busy and away from worldly influences. It gives clients much needed pocket money and allows Bob and others great opportunity to minister to a person while working with him—thus bonding him to a spiritual leader and guide.

The two days prior to Dec. 25. Bob and other

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fellows circulated around Key West, inviting the homeless to a free turkey dinner. On December 25, with the help of 2 local ladies, a complete dinner (4 turkeys and all the trimmings) was served to 50-60 people at tables set up in the backyard. Everyone enjoyed pumpkin pie for dessert. Would you have been willing to do that? Bob and Beth enjoyed talking to the people, some acquaintances. All were invited to the Bible study that evening. Several stayed on for it and continued to come nights afterwards.

One evening at about 5:30 p.m., Bob, George and two of the men from the ministry went to a pier to distribute tracts, stationing themselves at various different locations. They estimated that about 1,000 tracts were given out just in one evening. One man who received one came for Bible study the following evening, as the name and address of Welcome Home Ministry was stamped on the back. George and the others were so excited with the experience—it lifted their spirits immensely.

Before I close, I would like to share how the LORD is now leading in our lives. The first Sunday we were here we met a man, Louie Lancia, at the 9:00 a.m. worship service here that Bob leads every week.

One day Louie gave me a book, *Superior Nutrition*, by H.M. Shelton, a natural hygienist. I enjoyed it so much and said that I wished I could read one on fasting, which Louis also produced, *Fasting Can Save Your Life* (same author). I told him that for years I had wanted to learn better nutrition and right food combinations, so he produced *Food Combining Made Easy* (same author). He said that he had

studied nutrition for over ten years. He shared with us his dream—Bethesda House (House of Kindness—where people, especially Christians, could come to peaceful surroundings, enjoy the freshest of foods (nothing canned), bible study, sun, exercise, prayer and nutritional counselling for their physical problems—a total program, ministering to spirit, soul and body.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. *III John 2*

After some time and prayer, on January 28 we agreed to become a team with Louie and make the Bethesda House our goal. We shall let you know in the future how the Lord blesses in this endeavor.

In closing, Bob and Beth need your prayers for wisdom, strength and financial support to operate this very difficult ministry to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to lost, destitute, searching young people. The Xaviers' days are taxed with interruptions, phone calls at all hours, problems to be solved, very little time to relax and enjoy. The children, Becky (3) and Jonathan (6 months), have had health problems. Becky still does.

To sum it up, Bob and Beth need *you*—for 2 weeks, 2 months, or 2 years, whatever. ARE YOU WILLING?

Call THINGS TO COME MISSION 303-357-4291 or Xaviers' 305-296-2366.

We are praying that the Lord orders your steps in His Word and continues to direct your paths.

Happy in Serving Him,
George & Marguerite Deitz

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