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John 4:35



"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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A TRIBUTE TO
SOLOMON IMPROSO
1951-1985

THE DIRECTOR SHARES



We invite you to praise the Lord with us that Mario and Ella and Jonathan Indino did arrive in the USA and are scheduled to leave for Brazil on November 26, 1985. Pray for this family as they study the language and get into the work in Brazil. A training center is needed and Mario has had experience in this area.

Our thanks to the individuals and churches that continue to support the Lord's work through Things to Come Mission and its Missionaries and National workers in Brazil, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Kenya, Key West, FL., and the home office. If you want to help even further, be sure to send us your address if you plan to move. The last International Harvest Magazine cost us 30¢ each for those returned with an address change. Let's put the Lord's money to better use for His glory. Our general fund is also in the red at this time.

The Warren Keipers have returned to Brazil. The Andersons have returned to the U.S.A. Ben and Amy will stay in the States and Ben will be doing deputation again after the first of the year. Your prayers for Ben have been much appreciated and also the many memorial gifts that were received in honor of Donna Anderson's tragic death. Many of you have also heard of Solomon Improso's death in Davao City, Philippines. Sol was shot by

thugs. Sol was the one that Daniel, my son, stayed with while taking language study in the Philippines and also he went with Daniel to India in 1985. Pray for Jean Improso and the children.

The Vernon Andersons plan to be in Kenya soon and may be there by the time this is published. Pray for them as they seek to establish that work in Africa. Ben will plan to go to Kenya after a few months of deputation.

The Mission is still in need of another family to help in the office. Are you willing to serve in this capacity? Maybe you are retired and still want to serve the Lord. This would be a good way to keep active for Him!

We want you to know that your gifts go 100% to the person or area of support that you designate. We are a faith mission and each of the Missionaries and National workers and the office staff desire to live by faith in the Lord and what He supplies. Thanks for your part in all this and may the Lord richly bless you for your labour of love.

Eldred Sidebottom, Director

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THE CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD

It is a foregone conclusion and fact that any church not involved in MISSIONS or OUTREACH is a DYING church. Any Christian not involved in the task of WINNING men and women to Christ is a hindrance to Christ rather than a help. Beloved, we must become involved, PERSONALLY INVOLVED, in the task of reaching the lost for Christ.

Last month the International Harvest lifted up the Brazilian Field. The Issue was titled: "Focus On Brazil," and we devoted almost the entire issue to Brazil. We began with an article about the nation itself, its population, industry, cities, and spiritual needs. We noted in that article that Brazil has some 125,000,000 people, and for the most part they have not been reached for Christ. We then presented to you some of our workers there in Brazil. Among them were: Cristina Pinheiros, Zeca dos Santos, Sandra Belinelli, Leo & Conceico Keiper, Bernardo & Carol Craesmeyer, Aroldo T. da Silva, Jose Correa, Edio Vieira, and Barbara Bowman. We also presented Mario & Ella Indino, who are in the process of going to Brazil to set up a Resident Training Center.

Each of these young people need your prayer and financial support. We have been asked by several people about supporting some of TCM's workers in several areas where TCM is working. There is no one answer that would suffice for all areas where TCM is working. Many things enter into the determining of what might be considered to be basic support for a worker: 1) The economy of the country, 2) The size of the worker's family, if he or she is married, 3) The expenses the worker must pay out of pocket for the work & ministry, 4) Whether or not the worker has other sources of income which can be used in the work, 5) Whether or not the worker is FULL time in the ministry, 6) The financial needs of the worker, such as parents to support, etc., 7) The position the worker holds in the work of the



Mission. It has been suggested that a national worker in Brazil needs \$200 per month to make it as a worker. This however, will vary from worker to worker because of the above listed factors.

We might suggest some basic levels of support for the workers listed in our last IH:

Cristina Pinheiros is single and basic support would suffice for her. . .

Zeca dos Santos is single and basic support would suffice for him. . .

Sandra Belinelli is single and basic support would suffice for her. . .

Aroldo T. da Silva is married and has five daughters; plus he is the president of TCM-Brazil. He needs more than basic support, plus he needs a car because he has to travel to several areas because he is president of TCM-Brazil. The car will cost about \$1000.

Jose Correa is married, and he has one son living at home, plus he is vice president of TCM-Brazil. He also travels some to other areas. He needs more than basic support.

Edio Vieira is married, and he has three children, and he needs more than basic support. He is presently working to support his family, but he is willing to go FULL TIME for the Lord, if the support comes in for him.

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GOD OPENS ANOTHER DOOR

This past year, my wife Ella and myself have felt like the Israelites searching for the Promised Land. God has led us many directions in His timing and we are thankful for his provision. God surely knew our hard work trying to gain favor from the Indonesian government for many years for permission to stay there and continue out missionary work. It may seem like a coincidence, but just three days after our visa application was refused, we received an invitation from the Mission office to go to Brazil. Two days later, with tears in our eyes, we left the Bible Institute that we had established. Leaving Indonesia wasn't easy for us because it was the home of my wife and because we love the people and the work. So, we flew to the Philippines, along with four suitcases containing all our belongings, sad and dismayed but comforted by the light of hope that God was opening another door for us in Brazil.

Knowing that processing a visa to go to Brazil takes quite a while and a large amount of money and with the possibility of not even getting one, we decided to request a new assignment from the Mission to make good use of this "time of waiting." Things to Come responded, requesting us to live in Luzon Legaspi City to reopen the work and start a church. Going to this place was like going into another country, for they spoke another dialect. We prayed for knowledge to learn the language and the Lord granted our request. In three months, I was able to preach and teach in their own language. With the few believers that labored with us, the Lord accomplished much, through open air meetings, personal evangelism and home Bible studies. The youth also responded to the Lord's call. Just months after our arrival, four of the thirteen youth there decided to go to Bible School at MGBI. Then just before we left another young man decided to join them. Praise the Lord! The fifteen months of waiting for our visa was not wasted—the Lord blessed it!



After we received word that our visa had been approved, the familiar four suitcases that we had brought from Indonesia were once again packed with our few clothes and books in preparation for our trip to the United States. The Lord then sent Pastor Elmer Rosero to take our place in Legaspi City. (Can you imagine having a family of five and receiving \$17 a month for support? Let's pray that God may continue to provide this TCM pastor's needs.)

On September 18, 1985, we landed in Seattle, Washington. Right away we were shocked with a temperature change from 90 degrees to 40 degrees but Tim and Judy Heath's hospitality warmed us up.

Our two months of deputation visiting churches and fellowshiping with believers has been the greatest joy. It is reassuring and comforting to us just knowing that many are working with us and praying for us "to make all men see the message of the grace of God" to the whole world. The Mission board arranged meetings for us. The pastors welcomed us to their pulpits. The believers opened their homes for us to rest and a car was loaned to us to travel. Sacrificial gifts were given to keep us going and prayers were offered to keep us safe and active in His field.

On the 26th of November we will be leaving from Miami to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and then on to Curitiba where we will be staying. We are planning to

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“Barbara Bowman” ...the Mystery Girl



The girl pictured here is the “Mystery” picture included in the last issue of International Harvest. Somehow we included an article and a picture by Barbara Bowman without telling you who she was. Barbara is from the Berean Bible Church in Minerva, Ohio, where our Brother Dan Lippincott is the pastor.

Barbara came to know the Grace Message while she was an exchange student in Brazil. When she went to Brazil, she attended High School there for the year that she was there. The girl she sat next to in class was named Carol Keiper, the daughter of Warren & Shirley Keiper, Missionaries to Brazil under TCM. She naturally became friends with Carol, and through Carol, with Warren & Shirley. As time went by, she also was introduced by the Keipers to the Grace Message.

Your editor, upon returning from a trip to Brazil last Spring, went to the wedding of Lisa Russell and Harold Kimball (Lisa is the niece of the editor) at the Minerva Berean Bible Church. There I met Barbara. She was very interested in the fact that I had just returned from Brazil, and she wanted

to know if I knew the Keipers. When I told her I had stayed with them in Brazil, she shared with me her desire to return to Brazil as a Missionary. Since then she has made application to Things To Come Mission as a Missionary, and at our September Board meeting in Eastern Pa., she was accepted as a Missionary.

She is presently doing deputation across the Eastern part of the U.S.A. She is still working at Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio, and, therefore, can only do deputation at churches to which she can drive in one day, but she is willing to go anywhere in the Eastern U.S. to present her vision for Brazil to all those interested. We really need to get her to the field in early summer. As was shared in the last IH, she will be working with three other girls in Brazil. Their work will be centered in Music related to the Resident Bible School, children and youth work, and evangelism.

We recommend Barbara to you, and we trust that you will speed her on her way to Brazil. She needs your support...

Editor's Note:

Both Eldred Sidebottom, Director of Things To Come Mission, Inc. and Roy J. Kelsey, President of the Board of Things To Come Mission, Inc. were present at the installation of Dr. Vinton as President of Grace Bible College. We have been encouraged by what we have both seen and heard since Dr. Vinton took over as President of GBC.

Dr. Vinton has been invited to visit TCM's work in the Philippines by the leaders of our work there in the Philippines. He has accepted this invitation, and, the Lord willing, he will go to the Philippines this summer. In

a cooperative effort, his expenses will be shared by Things To Come Mission, Grace Bible College, and Grace Ministries International.

TCM endorses the Board of GBC in their decision to appoint Dr. Vinton as president of the school, and we encourage each of you to pray for him and to support both Dr. Vinton and the school in what ever way the Lord enables you.

Dr. Vinton has written an article entitled "Grace Bible College and Missions," which is also included in this issue.

RESUME OF DR. SAMUEL R. VINTON JR.

Dr. Samuel R. Vinton Jr., President of Grace Bible College in Grand Rapids Michigan is the son of missionary parents who served in Zaire, Africa, and where Vinton grew up.

In 1955, after completing studies at Milwaukee Bible College, Vinton and his wife, Becky, returned to Africa to begin 20 years of missionary service in Zaire.

During his missionary service, Vinton served as director of the Kama Bible Institute, founder of the Kama Pastors' School, legal representative of Grace Mission, executive secretary of the Evangelical Swahili Literature Association of Zaire, director of the Inter-Church Swahili Bible Translation Committee, and author of several books.

Upon his return to the United States in 1976, Vinton began teaching at Grace Bible College.

At the time of his appointment to president, Vinton was associate professor of theology and missions and academic dean at the college.

He holds a master's degree in religious education and a master of divinity degree from Grand Rapids



Baptist Seminary. This summer, he was awarded a doctor of missiology degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

He and his wife Becky live in Wyoming and have two children, a son, William, who is serving with his wife, sue, as a missionary in Zaire; and a daughter, Debbie, who live with her husband, Phillip, in Illinois.

GRACE BIBLE COLLEGE AND MISSIONS

What is the place of Grace Bible college in the missionary program of our churches? What are we doing at GBC to promote missions? And how successful have we been in getting our students to commit themselves to missionary service? Our answers will show, I believe, that missions is alive and well at GBC.

Exposure

We expose our students to missions through contact with missionaries who speak in chapel and in the classroom. Every year we have a one week missionary conference on campus when our students not only hear the challenge of missions but through workshops get to see the various

possibilities open to them on the mission field. Students can also get involved in missions through the "Ambassador Fellowship," the student missionary organization.

Courses

No student can receive a degree at GBC without taking our "Missionary Perspective" course. The other mission courses offered are: "Missionary Career," "Readings in Missions," "Cultural Anthropology," "Religions of the World," "Church Growth," and "Linguistics."

Programs

For those students led of the Lord into missionary service we offer a Th. B. degree in Missions. We encourage

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Dear Friends of GBC:

Six weeks ago I took over the responsibility as GBC's third president. On September 5th, in an impressive ceremony, I was installed as president. At my installation I made a number of affirmations, among them, a commitment to the local church. What I affirmed on that occasion I affirm again to you: GBC is not an island! We're not here to do our own thing. NO! Instead, GBC is a service organization brought into existence by the Lord to *serve* the local church. I am therefore writing to you, not only to reaffirm this commitment, but also to ask you to help me carry out my commitment. I need and want your help.

How can you help me? May I suggest the following ways:

1. Let me know your ideas and thoughts on how we can make GBC a more *church-oriented* and effective Christian institution of higher learning. Share with me your vision and concerns. Remember: I am starting at

zero and have nothing to prove.

2. Come and visit GBC.

3. Send me the names of all your high school age young people. We can never start too early getting them interested in GBC. We need to continue to strengthen our student body and there is no one who can influence young people and their parents better than you can.

A special request: We need someone to head up our music department. Do you have someone in your church or know of someone who has a Master in Music who could be considered for this position? If so, please inform Marlin Olson, our academic dean. Thanks for your help.

5. If you have a negative feeling or hear something negative about GBC, immediately call me collect. I am our students to spend a summer on the mission field. Grace Ministries International has the GYM (Grace

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BURNING BRIDGES

by Don Sommer



As I write this article, I am in anticipation of one of the most significant events in Susan and my lives. That event is leaving for the Philippines for our first term of missionary service. By the time this is in print we will already have started to settle into our new life. Up to this point we have had several "bridge-burning" events that increase our excitement about going to the Philippines and at the same time remind us of the friends and loved ones we are leaving behind. We would like to share what these events have been and what things we hope will happen in the future.

The first major "bridge-burning" was leaving our small apartment at Grace Bible College in May of 1985 and starting our deputation ministry. This was a sad moment since it was where we spent the first year of our marriage.

Our deputation travels were exciting because of the many friends we met. In each church we visited we went through the cycle of introduction, relationship building, and farewell in a matter of days. Each time we left a church, we were looking forward to returning on our first furlough and meeting these friends again.

When we made flight arrangements for the 17th of January we knew there was no turning back and that another bridge behind us was gone. Sadness

and a little fear accompanied this, as at any time when God asks us to let loose of all that is familiar to us. We feel that we can relate to the feelings of Abraham when God called him from his home land to a far-away land full of the unknown. We are encouraged and motivated by the knowledge that God is ahead of us and preparing the way.

If all goes according to our present plans, we hope to arrive in the Philippines on January 19. By the end of February we will start language training at the New Tribes Language and Orientation Center. After ten months of language training we will begin our work of teaching at Mindanao Grace Bible Institute.

What we have learned through these experiences is that as the bridges behind us burn there are bridges being built in front of us. We are confident that with each friend we leave in this country there will be a new one waiting in the Philippines. With each fond experience we recall at home there will be many more new ones awaiting us in our new home. The words of this scripture ring especially true to us: "... 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." (1 Cor. 2:9).



Ben Anderson

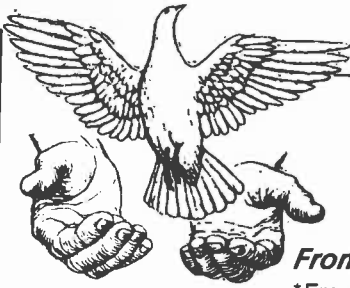
As many of you know, there has been a big change in my life since the last article. My wife and co-laborer, Donna, went to be with the Lord on July 7 while we were just beginning our deputation travels. Donna had a bad heart, which no one suspected, including herself. We can be thankful that her suffering was very short and mild and now she is in the glorious presence of her Saviour, Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 5:1 states, "We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." Although we have never experienced death or seen a glorified body, verse 7 emphasizes that we must "live by faith, not by sight." I have complete faith that I will see Donna when we are all clothed with that "eternal house."

Obviously, Donna's death left me in quite a predicament. Not only was I suffering from the grief of losing a loved one, but I was also without any sure direction in which to turn my life. Since I did not want to continue deputation at that time, my father invited me to come down to Brazil for a few months. The Lord directed and healed me during my stay from August 1 to November 18. It was also an invaluable experience to be able to help in a two month leadership training seminar which was held for the national church. In addition to teaching a Doc-

trine class, I was able to help with driving, shopping, accounting, and fire-starting (two fires each day for showers and kitchen). Best of all were several opportunities to preach in the churches and lead Bible studies. Brazil is a country ripe for the gospel. The seminar was a good start but a great need remains for missionary personnel and efforts. Pray for Mario and Ella Indino who will be starting a resident Bible school.

For me, the next few months will be filled with traveling, speaking and meeting people. In January, I plan to begin a tour of the churches in the West and then head back East in March. I am thankful for a good car and many friends where I can stay along the way. Kenya is still the country to which the Lord has been leading me. I will be in Kenya for at least one full term. Please read my parents' article for more information about our work in Kenya. My departure date is late spring or summer of 1986.

Thanks so much to those who have showed love and concern through prayers and gifts. I know that hundreds of people have prayed for me during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for my safety in traveling and the Lord's work in Kenya. There is a mountain of work that must be climbed. Are you interested in facing the challenge of a missionary? You can help us in Kenya.



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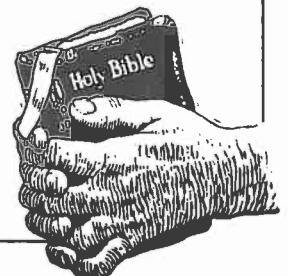
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HARAMBEE

HARAMBEE. It means "pulling together" in Swahili, the national language of Kenya, East Africa. History records that Arabs arrived in Kenya in the A.D. 700's; Vasco da Gama of Portugal arrived in 1498. Then in 1895 the British arrived and ruled until Kenya's independence in 1963. Nowadays 400,000 tourists

arrive to tour Kenya every year. 1984 marked the first survey for Things to Come Mission.

Kenya is strategic to all Africa in many ways: a hub for 30 or more airlines, one of the few African nations that promotes free enterprise, a nation which has not followed the Marxist line. Nairobi, the modern capital city, has over 800,000 people. Many rural people have migrated to the city but face adjustments to the fast pace, regular



work schedules, and impersonal relations so common to urban life. Of Kenya's 20 million people, 83% live in the rural areas. Five to ten percent are nomads, the wandering Maasai people of exceptional height and renown.

Many Kenyans claim Christianity. Is it then valid to enter such a "christianized" field? The Scriptures say in Proverbs 10:20-32: "The righteous (saved) has an everlasting foundation." What of the wicked, the unsaved? "When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no more." Kenya periodically experiences severe drought. In rural areas where cows are the walking sign of prosperity, the whirlwind of today is often drought. Verse 28: "the expectation of the wicked perishes." Planting and replanting without harvest. Verse 24: "what the wicked fears will come upon him." Even now, with 65% of the people into traditional tribal beliefs, they have fear as a daily diet. Without Christ, today as well as tomorrow holds fear. Fifteen percent of Kenya is listed as Islam, another religion without salvation. "When the whirlwind passes, the wicked is no

more," is a challenge for missions.

Kenya presents itself as a challenge of highs and lows: lush highlands and dry plains, modern tourism and ancient tradition, 40 ethnic groups and a one-party government, mud hut colonies and high rise settlements, business suits and wrap-around cloths. It is inspiring to see their national symbol: HARAMBEE — "PULLING TOGETHER."

Before the final whirlwind passes, there is work to be done to establish Kenyans upon the everlasting foundation of the Word of the Lord. Festus Njoka began studying the Scriptures through PMA courses from Cameroon, West Africa. He and other brethren are circulating the gospel of grace via tracts and travels. They have invited the mission to help them.

Kenya will be a developmental work for the future, a new field for TCM, a prospective base to reach out to other African nations where contacts are waiting for encouragement. Evangelism takes first priority, then Bible input for believers, followed by church formation and training of elders.

Vernon, Darlene and Amy Anderson are proceeding to Kenya in January to be joined by Ben Anderson mid-year. Swahili study, housing, transportation, contacts — all are part of opening a new field which now requests substantial prayer backing from the mission family, a fervent pulling together. HARAMBEE.



The Vernon Anderson family from a few years back. We have pictured here: Vernon, Ben, Valerie, Amy, and Darlene. Hope, the Anderson's eldest daughter, had enrolled in Greenville College at this time, and was not with the family at the time this picture was taken. Can you tell which one is which?

A Tribute to Solomon L. Improgo - 1951-1985 -

He was a man of love, faith, compassion, giving, encouragement, and commitment. Life was always lived "to the max." Sol was born the 9th of 13 children. His father was a teacher, his relatives were farmers and pastors, but Sol wanted to be a medical doctor, helping to bring healing to the physical body of his fellow countrymen.

During his college years he lived with TCM missionaries, John and Jan Shriver. He became president of the student body and was a leader of student activism in the school.

In 1970 Sol traveled alone from the Bicol region in Southern Luzon to Lupagan (Ozamis City) to attend Bible College at International Grace Bible Institute.

Even more important than the knowledge and experience gained in the study and preaching of the Word, this was the place that Sol, recognizing his position and condition outside of Christ and the purpose of Christ's coming, received Christ as his Savior.

Sol grew to love the Lord and His Word and work. He was committed now to the healing of his countrymen's spiritual health.

His internship was spent with the dying work in Manila. The present work there is partially a result of Sol's ministry.

After graduation Sol became the pastor at Clarin (3 miles from the school), as well as being asked to help develop material for our Theological Education by Extension which in time led to his being a teacher at IGBI. Besides having a ministry to the church members and school students, he was able to lead one of the girls of

the area to the Lord. In 1977, they were wedded.

Their ministry together began in the church at Davao City. Here again his ministry was founded on a commitment to the Word of God. He studied and preached the Word both in the church and in the homes. He loved his wife, his family, the church members, and the lost.

Shortly after his arrival to Davao, he became the radio preacher for the Saturday broadcast of the mission's radio ministry "Hour of Grace." He constantly received letters containing questions he would later answer or testimonies of people coming to salvation or a greater understanding of the Word "Rightly Divided" as a result of listening to the regular and Saturday broadcasts.

His commitment to his people's growth led him not just to preach and teach from the pulpit and in home Bible Studies, but also to provide specialized training for them in ministry.

Soon after his arrival at Davao, he underwent Child Evangelism Training with his wife and arranged training for the members. Campus Crusade for Christ also held training in the church and these trainings resulted in continued ministry with children and evangelism. Souls found Christ and these and others were grounded in the Word.

Sol was involved in the seminars for the pastors of his area and helped teach in some of these. In 1983 he became a member of the TCM RP board, helping to shape the overall ministry of the mission.

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Daniel and Solomon

Dan Sidebottom Shares about Solomon

It was in June 1978 that I first met Solomon. Three weeks after my arrival in the Philippines, Joe Watkins took me to Davao City. Language school was in this city and while going to school, I would be staying with Solomon Improso, one of the pastors of TCM RP (Things To Come Mission, Republic of the Philippines).

He was about my age (I was to find out later that he was about 1½ years older than I) and was very friendly. He greeted Joe and me with enthusiasm and seemed to be so glad to see us. In time I learned that he was a happy man. He loved to serve. He loved!

The family (Sol, Jean, and their first born, Ken) welcomed me into their home as a brother. For three years (my complete first term on the field) I was to eat with them, share their home with them, fellowship with them, discuss God's work with them, participate in

God's work with them, learn from them and love them.

We ministered together in Davao City, both in the church and in homes. We ministered together in Panabo where we helped start a church. We ministered together in Talomo where, after I left for my furlough, the people started their church. He forced me to use the language I was learning, both in the home in common discussion as well as by giving me every other mid-week service, which I had to do in Cebuano. In time, I spoke in Sunday School, Church, and just before leaving for my furlough in 1981, I was able to preach over the radio, all in Cebuano.

We taught seminars together, traveled together, served on the RP board together, and in March of 1985, went to India together to minister there. He was a man of God, loving God, His Word, His Work, His people, as well as as his own family. His family, church, relatives, friends, and I will miss him greatly. Thank you God for letting me know and love him.

Please pray for Jean and the children. At this time they will remain in Davao City helping with the work. Jean wrote, "Ken's grades have come down after his father's death. Isha Jean still looks for her dad. E.E. is having some health problems and will grow up without knowing his dad. Josh and Mark are getting along alright." When a new pastor is called to the church, the family will need to relocate. Many have sent in gifts for the family and these are much appreciated. To you who have prayed and given, Thank You.

Daniel Sidebottom

Call to the Mission Field

Barbara Bowman is an American Missionary Candidate, and because of this she needs a minimum of \$500 per month to get by in Brazil. An American needs medical insurance, and as well needs to set aside a certain amount in their furlough fund each month. TCM requires at least \$25 per month be set aside for the furlough fund. We need Barbara on the field now. She needs your prayer and financial support NOW. Barbara has missionary status with TCM.

Mario & Ella Indino have just gone to Brazil. Since they are foreigners in Brazil, their support level will have to be greater than the Brazilian Nationals. We estimate that they will need a basic support of \$500 per month to care for their needs. They will need medical insurance, and they will have to place funds in a furlough fund as well. Mario & Ella have Missionary status with TCM.

Bernardo and Carol Craesmeyer have three boys. Carol is the daughter of Warren and Shirley Keiper. Bernardo & Carol have Missionary Status with TCM. Their needs are much greater than the basic because of their family, their medical needs, and their need for furlough funds, etc.

Leo & Con Keiper are Missionary Candidates under TCM. Leo is a citizen of the USA, and he & Con will need medical insurance plus a furlough fund to be set up for them, as they will have to come to the U.S. periodically to report to their supporters, plus raise support. We would estimate their basic support at \$750 per month. They have no support promised as of yet, plus they will need airfare to come to the U.S. to begin deputation. We would like to have them here soon after the first of the year. Their airfare will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2200 round trip. Leo & Con will be working in the Literature department of the work in Brazil, and we need them NOW. Won't you help?

We also need a MsDos Computer

for the work in Brazil, plus we need printing equipment. We can possibly buy printing equipment there, but we will need the funds to do that. If you would like to help, it would be greatly appreciated. We also need MISSIONARIES in Brazil. The work has great great possibilities, but we need many many more missionaries than we presently have. As you know the Anderson family has already departed from Brazil, and Leo and Con have not had the opportunity to raise their support as of yet. PRAY PRAY PRAY PRAY that the Lord will raise up those who are willing to go into the HARVEST in Brazil.

Warren Keiper stated that their goal in Brazil was 50 new churches, a Resident Bible School, a Literature Department, a Youth Department, and a Media Ministry. Brazil is WIDE OPEN to the Gospel NOW. If you cannot to, you can pray for and support with your gift to those who are willing to go.

Pastor Roy J. Kelsey,
Editor

Take My yoke
upon you
and learn from Me,
for I am
gentle and lowly
in heart
and you will find
rest for your souls.

—Matthew 11:29

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God Opens Another Door

establish a Bible Institute in order to train the nationals to be better equipped in the Lord's work, establishing the faith. In order to do this, we need to study the Portuguese language. The first year will be devoted to this as well as visiting the churches, organizing a school board and preparing the materials and facilities. This is only made possible with our joint effort in prayer and giving. Please continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; with all praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ" (Col 4:2, 3)

Mario Indino

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Dear Friends

listening and want to do everything possible to make GBC a school of which we can be proud. I would never have accepted the position of president if I didn't believe that GBC has a vital ministry to play in our movement. Where I grew up in Africa there is nothing more important than loyalty to the family. GBC is part of my family. My loyalty therefore will lead me, not to abandon or to deny her, but to work with all my might to make her the school that will bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. I can't do this alone. I need you to work with me because GBC is not my school but OUR school.

Thank you for your prayers. The spirit of unity and cooperation this semester is tremendous. We are excited and enthused about GBC and proud to belong to the GBC family.

We now have tapes of my installation service. I would like you to have a copy if you so desire. Just drop me a note.

My prayer for you is that you are experiencing God's best in your life and ministry.

Yours in His wonderful service,

Sam Vinton, Jr.
President

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GBC & Missions

Youth Ministry) Team program which is geared to prepare those who desire to spend a short term on the mission field. Even those who are not going out under GMI can profit from the special pre-field orientation program offered with academic credit. There are presently four couples in full time missionary service who came through the GYM team program.

Since 1980, twenty-two former students have left for the mission field as full-time missionaries or are presently on deputation. During this same period of time we have had 44 students who have spent a short term on the mission field. Even though many of these will never become full time missionaries, their influence in the local church will be significant. For this reason we praise the Lord for His blessing upon our missionary emphasis at GBC.

Are you interested in serving the Lord on the mission field?

Let me encourage you to come to GBC and receive the training that will prepare you to serve the Lord effectively. Are you wondering where God can use you? Come to GBC for our academic work is welded to a program of Christian service which God will use to show you where He can use your gifts in His service. Remember, with God it is not so much *capability* as much as *availability*. That's where you begin when you attend Grace Bible College.

Sam Vinton
President- GBC



His commitment to the church was not without cost. The financial return from the church was always small, yet he willingly faced this for the future of the church members. He refused other positions, even within the mission, so he could continue the work in Davao City and see the church grow and be able to build their own building. He started the regular and systematic giving of the members for the building fund.

His dream was partially fulfilled when in January the church purchased land and made plans for an October 27, 1985 ground breaking service.

His love and commitment for the members led him to develop his own "Bible Teacher's Class" where he taught selected and committed members for three months. After this training, each was expected to teach a Bible class on a regular basis. An advanced three months course was begun for other members.

During 1984-1985 the church was having at least 20 regular, weekly Bible studies being conducted by the members. The church was growing. A new work in a neighboring town had been established with a few of the members. Previous to this, Sol had been instrumental in planting a church in another town also.



His interest in the soul of men and for mission work led him to attend the Evangelism Explosion Clinic and in the fall of 1984 he started his first semester. Five members were able to complete this and the second semester was begun in the summer of 1985. In March 1985 he was able to visit and minister in the work of TCM in India. What a joy and blessing he received

and imparted during these three weeks. He planned to visit again in 1987.

To help carry on this work in the city and surrounding areas, Sol began praying for a motorcycle. The Lord, after 7 years, answered his prayer through the help of fellow believers. The motorcycle was purchased on October 2. Because the shop needed time to arrange the registration papers and check out the motorcycle. At about 3:00, he told his wife he would be back in an hour to prepare for the Thanksgiving and Dedication service scheduled that evening for the motorcycle. He never came home again.

On the way home, he stopped to pick up the paper which carried an article he had written. Two young men approached him. Asked for the key, and apparently when he hesitated, one hit him over the head with a gun. After searching his pockets for the keys and registration papers (they apparently were standing around the shop where the motorcycle was purchased and knew that he would have the papers with him), they proceeded to start the motorcycle. Having trouble starting the bike, Sol had time to start getting up. The man with the gun then shot him in the stomach area. Sol died shortly thereafter.

Sol, we miss you. Why you should be snatched from your work at this time, we don't understand. But we know God is good! He makes no mistakes. As God provided for you, so He will provide for your wife Jean, four sons and one daughter; Ken (7 years), Joshua (6 years), Dan Mark (4 years), Isha (Hebrew for "woman", 2 years), and E. James ("E.E.", 3 months).

My brother Sol, you gave so much.
I loved you. DIS



The blessing of crisis

By SOL IMPROSO

How many people have found life going along smoothly for years when, all of a sudden, they have found themselves in the midst of some serious crisis!

Perhaps the sudden death of a loved one changed life completely and presented serious problems wholly unanticipated. Perhaps it was the sudden loss of wealth, so that life had to be completely readjusted. Perhaps the kind of crisis we are going through in our country these days, so that minds are full of anxiety and uncertainty over what will happen next. There are hundreds of unexpected incidents that can suddenly bring one face to face with stark and stern realities completely unforeseen.

For believers in the Lord Jesus Christ such crisis can prove great spiritual blessings. They tend to draw us closer to our heavenly Father, to cause us to pray more and to lean harder upon Him. They show us the insecurity of all that is temporal and give us deep appreciation of our eternal security in Christ. They give deeper meaning to the Scriptures we study and even to the hymns we sing.

They sanctify and enrich our fellowship.

The Apostle Paul, who had been through one desperate crisis after another, wrote as follows:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

To those — and only those — who truly love God and are 'the called according to His purpose' all things do indeed "work together for good."

This is why God's Word to the Christian is:

"Be anxious for nothing (don't worry about anything) but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6,7).

One spiritual songster puts it this way: "If it were not for problems I wouldn't know that He could solve them. Through the eyes of God we will see things differently. (P.O. Box 373, Davao City 9501)

Blessed is he
who has
learned
to admire,
to follow,
to praise, and to lead.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



PRAYER NEEDS: (Things to take to the Lord)

1. Barbara Bowman, Missionary Candidate to Brazil:
 - A. She needs churches to open up to her so she can present her vision for Brazil.
 - B. She needs both personal and field support.
 - C. She needs passage funds for Brazil.
2. Ben Anderson, Missionary Candidate to Kenya:
 - A. Ben needs churches to open up to him so he can present his vision for Kenya.
 - B. Ben needs both personal and field support.
 - C. Ben needs passage funds to Kenya.
3. Don and Sue Sommer, scheduled to leave January 17th for the Philippines:
 - A. They still need both field and personal support.
 - B. They need passage funds to the Philippines.
 - C. They need prayer warriors.
4. Mario and Ella Indino, Missionaries to Brazil:
 - A. They need prayer support (warriors).
 - B. They need some personal and field support.
 - C. Praise God for their safe arrival in Brazil.
5. The General Fund of the Mission:
 - A. The General Fund has been in need of some special infusion of funds for some time.
 - B. Mailing the International Harvest drains the General Fund.
 - C. For your information it costs over \$1100 to print and mail one issue of the International Harvest.