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*John 4:35*



*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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## TCM APPOINTS



## DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

## THE DIRECTOR SHARES



“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.” Ps. 145:3. We do rejoice in the “unsearchable riches of Christ” which was given to us by the Apostle Paul and mentioned in Ephesians 3:8, 9.

We do have a wonderful message of God’s love and grace to get out to the world. The Missionaries in the various fields do proclaim the Pauline revelation as well as seek to imitate Paul in his ministry of Missions and methods.

Ben and Joyce Anderson have arrived in Kenya and will be studying the language for a time. Pray for them as they seek to serve the Lord there in Africa.

Don Sommer and Joe Watkins were able to go to Indonesia the early part of November 1986 and take an active part in the ministry there for a few weeks. Don and Sue Sommer will be finishing language school the end of this year. Joe and Pauline Watkins will be returning to the States in November of 1986. They will spend a few months in deputation and then Joe will plan to help in the Mission office as Treasurer of TCM.

Mario Indino and Haroldo da Silva, President of TCM Brazil, traveled to Brazilia to check on Barbara Bowman’s visa. Do pray that Barbara will soon be able to go to Brazil to enter into the ministry the Lord has for her there. The folks there are looking for

her to come and they need her help in the work.

We have had a few people that have asked for applications, and we can use more missionaries in each of the various fields; so pray the Lord will encourage them and allow them to serve Him on foreign soil.

Bob Xavier is now in Bradenton, FL, and needs your prayers as he establishes a new work in that area. Pray the Lord will give them wisdom in every direction that has to be made. Pray that Christ will receive all the glory through their lives.

I don’t like to report that the General Fund of the mission is in the red again, but we thanked you in the last issue for your part in getting the G.F. out of the red; so would appreciate your prayers for this matter. We do not believe in going into debt, so don’t like to be in the red. Thanks again for all of you who have been so faithful in praying and giving that the Lord’s work of Missions might continue. Without you, we could accomplish very little. You are appreciated. The Lord bless you.

*Eldred Sidebottom, Director*

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Things to Come Mission! "What did you say?" THINGS... TO... COME... MISSION! "That's an odd name! Why not Things to Go Mission? Does this mission have something to do with prophecy?" We do believe in Biblical prophecy, but the name was not chosen because we feel Things to Come Mission is fulfilling prophecy or is found in prophecy. "Then, why did you choose such a name?" The founder and former director, Bro. J.H. Palmer, took it from a Bible teaching Christian publication. To him, it expressed the objective of missions — "coming".

I have been asked the above question and have had to go through the above dialogue countless times in the past thirty years that I have been associated with TCM. At first, I must confess, the name seemed odd for a mission name. Time has changed my mind and now I am fond of the name. The name does set forth the principle of missions... Things to Come Mission. It is our prayer that Things to Come Mission will "come" to many nations with the gospel of the grace of God and the Word of God rightly divided.

Things to Come Mission, to Pauline and me, is special. For the past thirty years we have had the blessed experience of working with the mission. The mission has given us untold opportunities to serve the Lord — opportunities that we would not have had without Things to Come Mission.

Now the mission is giving us another opportunity to serve the Lord. The TCM board voted in its September meeting to appoint me as treasurer and director of development.

Please let us share a little with you the opportunities we have had in the past and then let's talk about this new opportunity.

The first opportunity came in 1956 when I was a student at Milwaukee Bible College. Bro. Vernon Anderson and J.H. Palmer asked me to be a board member of TCM. We accepted

the challenge by faith, knowing we were not qualified for such a task. We were both from small towns in Alabama, and didn't know much of the Word of God until we went to Milwaukee Bible College. It was during this time that we were able to help form some of the policies that have guided TCM throughout the thirty years. Some of these policies are:

### 1. Team concept:

a. All personnel of TCM are part of the team from the director down to the missionary. All live by the principle of faith. The director does not receive a salary; he, like the missionary, trusts God to send in each month the funds he needs to meet his needs.

b. Missionaries are part of the board of TCM. Any missionary home on furlough or home for any reason can attend and participate in all TCM board meetings. The senior missionary is given one vote if there are two or more missionaries in the US at once. This way TCM policy-making has the missionary as part of the body — and limits the 'arm-chair general' concept.

### 2. Financial Policy:

TCM will not beg for funds nor offer any gimmicks in order to raise funds. The missionary is not required to raise a certain amount of pledged monthly support before TCM will send him to the field. We left the States in 1958 with just our passage and \$50 support. Our faith rested in God and not in pledged support.

### 3. Support of national workers:

TCM believes that all believers are members of the Body of Christ, Brazilians, Filipinos, Americans, Japanese. We believe God calls some in the Body to preach and teach the Word of God rightly divided. There are some in the Body that are strong spiritually and financially. The strong are to support the weak. There are many Brazilians, Filipinos, and Indonesians whom God has called to preach. They are ready and willing to go but because of lack of funds they can't go

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or are greatly hindered. The ones that are strong financially can then help those who are willing to go but weak financially. This way the Body of Christ works together to get the gospel of the grace of God out to the world. The reason the work is strong in the Philippines is because the mission has helped support Filipinos whom God has called to proclaim the message of grace. Please note I said 'helped' — it is a team endeavor.

### 4. The commitment to a message:

TCM is a mission committed to proclaiming the distinctive message as committed to the Apostle Paul — *Eph. 3:1-9*. We believe as Dr. Scofield writes in the Scofield Reference Bible, "In Paul's writings alone we find the doctrine, position, walk and destiny of the church." If this is true then it goes without question that it will be in Paul's epistles that we find the marching orders for the Christians today. As Moses was the one to whom the people (Jews under the law) looked for instruction, etc. just so the Christian under grace looks to the message of God given to Paul.

Pauline and I praise God for Milwaukee Bible (now Grace Bible) College, where we grew in the teaching of the Word of God rightly divided. It was as students we were challenged for this message. We have not changed our conviction for this truth. The 29 years of work in the Philippines is our testimony to this commitment.

### 5. The Commitment to Mission methods:

TCM's stationery states this in one sentence, "Dedicated to worldwide evangelism through the methods of the Apostle Paul."

A study of Acts and Paul's epistle will show clearly the following methods used by Paul:

1. Preach the gospel. Acts 14:21
2. Taught many. Acts 14:21-24
3. Planted churches. Acts 13-28 (Paul was first and foremost a church planter.)
4. Supported national workers. Acts 20:4-5, 34; I Cor. 4:12
5. Trained national leadership. II

Tim. 2:1-4

Being committed to Paul's message, we are committed to his methods. In fact, he commands us to be so — Phil. 4:9. We started with this method in the Philippines in 1958. Today there are over 100 pastors, 200 plus churches, two Bible schools, one elders' training center, a youth department, child evangelism department, and printing department, all run by the Filipinos.

### 6. Education requirements:

TCM does not require a college degree, secular or Bible, to become a missionary under TCM. If a college degree were required the first two missionaries under TCM would have never been sent out. Bro. Vernon Anderson, the first missionary, had only one year of Bible School. I had only three years — the Bible Institute Course.

Please let me be clear; TCM is not against college degrees. We have several missionaries and board members with college degrees. Bro. Anderson and myself have children with college degrees. TCM feels God calls men into the ministry or to be a missionary not according to college degrees, but according to His will.

The first opportunity led to the second, when Vernon Anderson wrote to us in 1958 asking us to come to the Philippines and help him in the work. He wanted us to set up a Bible school for training future Filipino leaders. Again we accepted the challenge — by faith. We were not qualified to set up a Bible school, but we know God could never use us and show us His power unless we would move out by faith, and trust Him to direct us. We arrived in the Philippines October 5, 1958.

Brother Anderson and I know that for a work to be strong we must have a training program. We immediately began with the construction of the International Grace Bible Institute. It was decided that Pauline and I would be responsible for IGBI and Bro. Vernon Anderson and his family would continue in evangelism or church planting.

IGBI opened its doors in April 1959

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with 32 students. That same year our son, Stephen, was born. We not only began our first year in the Philippines, but we began our family. Running the school was truly a challenge to our faith. We found working in a different culture was not easy. There were many mistakes made, but at the same time many blessings. Training is not easy, it takes patience and time. God has proven that the time and patience is worth the investment.

Sometime later another school was opened — the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute. The director and teachers of this school are graduates of IGBI. Then just a few years ago the Negros Elders' Training Center was opened to train elders in the churches of that island. From these training centers have come TCM's leaders for the schools themselves and for the whole work.

Graduates from IGBI and MGBI are serving in Indonesia, India, USA, England and Brazil. The International Grace Bible Institute is truly international.

Today IGBI, MGBI and Negros Training Centers each have the largest enrollment of students in their history. In fact, second generation students are enrolled, children from some of the pastors who were my students back in the 1960's and 70's. This speaks of the acceptance by the church members and pastors of their Filipino teachers as there are no Americans teaching in the schools now.

After ten years, IGBI was turned over to the nationals to run. Pauline and I then moved to Cebu, the second largest city and centrally located city. This is when we began our work among the TCM churches.

From Cebu we worked with the churches in central Philippines. Travelling to hold evangelistic meetings and Bible conferences, speaking in youth conventions. It was during this time we helped form the youth and printing department.

The Lord enabled us to plant a church right here in Cebu. Today this church has its own lot and plans to start building in 1987. There are 90

members.

Pauline's work has always been in the background. She has been book-keeper, treasurer of TCM Philippines. This is very important work and many hours each day are spent in making sure that all funds are accounted for. She has been my wife and mother of our children, as well as my secretary.

The decision to accept the position of treasurer and director of development of TCM was not easy. We will be leaving a country where we have ministered for more than half our lives, a country that has taught us so much and which has been good to us. A country where three of our four children were born and where one is buried.

It hard to leave such lovely Christians. Christians that we have personally taught, have seen many come to Christ as Lord and Saviour, have seen them grow in the faith; have travelled with, labored long hours with and suffered alongside for the Word of God rightly divided. To leave at this time when we are seeing so much fruit is difficult.

You are probably asking the question, "Why then are you leaving?"

1. First and foremost, we feel God has called us to this new ministry. Many have been praying for us and we have prayed, meditated, and have had many discussions with the board.

2. We feel our ministry in the Philippines is finished. We have trained; now the work must be turned over to the younger missionaries and national workers. We are not saying the Philippines doesn't need more missionaries. IT DOES. We are just saying OUR ministry in the Philippines is finished. We have believed since the beginning of our ministry in the Philippines that missionaries are not to be permanent. They must have as their goal to work themselves out of a job. It simply means we are to train the nationals to take over our work and then the missionaries move on to another work.

We look forward to our new ministry. We go in faith as we have in the past.

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There will be many things we will have to learn. For instance, the job of treasurer, Pauline will again have to use her experience in bookkeeping and money handling. We both will learn all there is to know about the books of TCM. We, as in the Philippines, feel that all funds going to TCM by you and others should be properly accounted for. We are thankful that TCM has since the beginning kept good financial records with an audit every year. The Sidebottoms have done a tremendous job.

The Director of Development will become my main responsibility. Some of these responsibilities will be:

1. To work closely with the Director of TCM. Bro. Eldred Sidebottom has too much to do in caring for the needs of the missionaries, developing plans for new fields, handling money and book work. We will be able to help him and he in turn will be able to do a more efficient job. The input of our missionary experience will help a great deal.

2. To work with churches in developing missionary programs. I was a pastor for three years in Phoenix, Arizona. This experience will help in working with pastors and their missionary programs.

3. To work with other missionaries of TCM in various fields. We will be able to use our experience gained in the Philippines to reach out to other fields. I will be going to Indonesia in November to visit TCM's work in that country. I will be teaching doctrine in

the Bible school while there.

4. To represent the mission at missionary conferences, Bible schools, and areas where the mission feels the need to be represented.

5. To challenge for missionary service. There is such a need for missionaries in various fields of TCM.

6. To assist new missionary recruits before they leave for the field. We want to help them over some of the rough spots (culture), before they get to the field.

7. To serve on the board of TCM.

8. To help develop literature for all fields.

9. To set up missionary prayer groups.

10. To help set up a teen missionary program.

Things to Come Mission is not just missionaries working on the foreign field; it is a team like a football team. There are the linemen and the backfield. It takes 11 men to make up a team. The linemen can't say to the backfield man, "We don't need you." and the backfielder can't say to the lineman, "We don't need you." All work must work together in order to have a winning team.

TCM has missionaries in Brazil, England, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, Florida and Cope, CO., and throughout the USA in the persons of our supporters and missions minded pastor. Pauline and I are leaving one area of responsibility in order to help another area. We are still missionaries — part of the team.



### **FIRST GRADUATION DAY FOR CHRIST:**

*Picture shows the student body and faculty staff of the International Grace Bible Institute in Clarin, Misamis Occidental.*

## A MESSAGE FROM TCM'S ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

On August 30, 1965, twenty-one years ago, Vernon Anderson wrote to us from the Philippines, "It was so good to hear that you were sending in your application. Yes, we know the way seems impossible. But that is the only way God works. We can do the possible, only God the impossible. We shall be praying that every mountain will be moved. Be sure that we need you here. There are many open doors and much to be done. We feel that you can have a very full and fruitful ministry here."

Almost exactly two years later we arrived in the Philippines with four of our six children. God had indeed done the "impossible" — He had made us willing to leave the part-time pastorate in Anaheim, a secular job as electronics engineer, our comfortable home, friends, and two of our children, to begin — at 49 years of age — a work in a new land. For eighteen wonderful years He continued to do exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think as He kept us, met our needs, and used us in His service. Our two regrets: that we didn't go to the Philippines sooner and that we could not stay longer.

As I take up another new task — at 68 — I am counting again on His ability to do the "impossible". I think of three general areas of ministry that are before me just now.

— A ministry to the believers, pastors, and churches in the States. So often, as a missionary on furlough, I visited the churches telling of the work in the Philippines — and saw them give, often sacrificially, to meet those needs. Just as Paul, in a "thank-you letter" to the church at Philippi which had been supporting his work for the Lord for years, was concerned for their needs and ministered to them, so I long to be a source of encouragement and blessing to those who have done so much for us. Perhaps, having spent 25 years as a pastor before becoming a missionary, I may be



*The Heaths  
Bernice, Bill and Nancy*

qualified to some degree to do this. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide every step of the way.

— Missionary candidates and missionaries often need help in arranging deputation schedules, obtaining needed items for the field, arranging shipment of baggage as they come and go through west coast port cities, etc. They need someone to represent, not just the mission as a whole, but their individual works in particular, before the churches.

— To continue to make known to the churches and individual believers the missionary needs. May I enlarge on this point a bit?

I believe there is confusion as to the greatest need in missions today. Usually, when asked, "What is the greatest need?", the answer is, "Prayer". Whether this is given in all thoughtfulness or because it would seem unspiritual to give any other

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answer, I believe this is not the greatest need. From a practical standpoint the number two need is usually thought to be "money". This may be due in part to the way the missionary presents his case. When a church becomes really involved in missions they often adopt a "faith-promise plan" to raise finances. A successful Missionary Conference is measured by the generosity of the proposed missionary budget.

Let me not be misunderstood. Without the funds from these dear believers the worldwide proclamation of the Gospel would virtually cease. It is only that there is another very pressing need that is being neglected. All the money that could be brought together for the purpose would be largely useless without *people*.

A generation or two ago the great emphasis was for missionary candidates. Parents were not only willing to give their children as missionaries, but prayed them out to the field. This is still true of some parents today, praise the Lord, but the emphasis seems to be shifting. "Get a good education so you can get a good job — then you can give to missions" my own father told me when I wanted to attend Bible school. This sentiment is growing. When the Roman Empire began to depend on mercenaries to fight their battles instead of sending their sons, it began to collapse. How important that we do not make the same mistake! Could we not trust God for young people (or not so young) from our churches as a part of a more comprehensive and balanced faith-promise program? The churches in Macedonia delighted Paul when they first gave *themselves* and then gave their offerings. 2 Cor. 8:5

Yet even the need for new missionaries is not the greatest one.

The greatest need today is for people with hearts deeply burdened for the lost, whether around the world or around the corner. People who have, to some degree, the burden that Paul

had for his fellow Jews (Romans 9:1-3) will not only pray, they will pray fervently, effectually, and without ceasing. They will not only give, they will give until the need is met, give sacrificially and joyously. They not only will be willing to go to the ends of the earth for Christ, as He leads, but will be longing to do so. They will not merely be a "friend of missions" or "missionary minded", but will see missions as the chief purpose for which churches exist and the main reason why individual believers are left here instead of being taken into His presence.

We do come back to prayer, however, but not lifeless prayer merely asking God to "bless the missionaries". We must pray that our hearts will be deeply burdened for the lost, that we will have the "mind of Christ" as expressed in His willingness to leave heaven's glory and exchange it for the cross of calvary for the sake of lost men. Out of such a burden will flow intercession, giving, and going — a renewed and revitalized missionary outreach for these last days before He comes.

We all need that burdened heart: pastors, congregation, and missionaries. *I need it!* May God grant it to us in full measure.

*Bill & Eunice Heath*

*Editor's note: Bill can be reached at the home of his son, Pastor Tim Heath, 116 Cherry Street, Leavenworth, Washington 98826. Phone (509) 548-4364. Bill, Eunice, and Nancy are spending the winter in Washington so Nancy can attend school regularly while Bill cares for the duties of his office as Associate Director of Development for TCM.*





# TCM APPOINTS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & TREASURER

Pastor Roy J. Kelsey,  
President of  
Things To Come Mission

Things To Come Mission is pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Joe Watkins as Director of Development for the Mission effective May 1, 1987. Joe and Pauline have completed some 28 years on the field all in the Philippines. Joe and Pauline went to the Philippines to help Vernon and Darlene Anderson in October 1958. Joe was the first Director of International Grace Bible Institute.

Three or four years ago the Board of TCM reviewed the Missionary Personnel of the Mission. We were astounded to note that the only Missionary under 50 years of age was Dan Sidebottom. At that time we decided that something had to be done to enlist younger Missionaries or TCM would soon be out of business. We began by sending Tim Heath, a member of our Board, to Grace Bible College on a regular basis to make known our needs, and to let the students know about TCM.

The Board feels that Tim's visits have been of great help in getting TCM known at GBC as well as getting other people in the GBC area to better know TCM, but we realized that more needed to be done. If TCM was to move forward for Christ we had to become actively engaged in challenging grace believers to go to the field under TCM. We have over the past three years instituted a program of greater cooperation with the GGF, GBC, and GMI. We held our Spring Board meeting at GBC in April of 1985, and I spoke at the GGF Convention at Chattanooga in 1985. We were able to present a multi projector slide program at the GGF convention in 1985, a slide program centered in TCM's development in their first 30 years.

At our September 1985 Board meeting at Lehigh, Penna., we discussed the possibility of having a Director of Development in TCM. Since that time we worked up a tentative job description for the position, and in May 1986 we elected Joe Watkins to the Board of TCM and ap-

pointed him Director of Development as well as Treasurer of the Mission. (His article in this issue will share the journey of Pauline and himself in this matter.)

We also voted in May 1986 to appoint Bill Heath as Associate Director of Development. Bill and Eunice had just returned from the Philippines because of health reasons, and we felt that if Bill could not serve overseas, he certainly could serve here. We approached him, and he agreed. Bill will be in charge of the Western part of the USA for TCM.

As we said before, we also elected Joe Watkins as Treasurer of TCM. He will work out of TCM's office. This will give us two full time men in the office of the Mission, Joe Watkins and Eldred Sidebottom. Joe's coming into the office will free Eldred to travel more, and it will enable him to better care for the affairs of the Missionaries of TCM.

In the Development area both Joe and Bill will give of a portion of their time to help churches set up Missions Conferences and to set up Missions groups in the areas of prayer and support. Both Joe and Bill will represent TCM at various Conventions, Meetings, Conferences, etc., as will Eldred.

TCM's Board of Directors is united in their desire to bring TCM to the Main Stream in the "Grace Movement." We hope to open works in Cameroon, Singapore, and Korea, and we hope to re-open our works in India and Nigeria. To do this we need missionaries. TCM also has a five year plan that will see 50 new churches in Brazil plus a literature ministry, a youth work, and a resident Bible School in cooperation with GMI.

We ask that you pray with us and for us as we move ahead for our Lord Jesus Christ. We are excited to have an Office of Development, and we trust that each of you will continue to support both financially and by prayer the two men who serve in the area of development for TCM.

## A MATTER OF INFORMATION

At our May Board meeting TCM voted to sever relations with Welcome Home Ministry of Key West, Florida. The Welcome Home Board voted NOT to have Bob Xavier return to Key West after his furlough. Since TCM's basic connection with WHM was through Bob Xavier, and since WHM is a duly incorporated Not-For-Profit Organization, we thought it wise to break our relationship with them.

WHM's constitution originally had an article that stated that the Director of Welcome Home Ministry would be appointed by TCM. This article was deleted sometime after January 1986, and WHM effectually severed their relationship with TCM by this action. So TCM merely confirmed what had already been done by WHM.

WHM sold the property that was purchased while Bob Xavier was the Director of the Ministry earlier this year. TCM has written and requested that WHM return the \$20,000.00 down payment that was made through a gift that came through TCM to buy the property originally that was just sold. We have received no reply as to this date.



*Welcome Home Ministries*

WHM has called Bill Welzein to be the Director of WHM Key West, and Bill and his family are living there in Key West. While Bill Welzein was at one time connected with TCM, he is **NO LONGER** a part of the TCM Missionary Family. Bill has written us that he is no longer in doctrinal agreement with TCM. It was for this reason that the TCM Board voted earlier this year to dismiss Bill as a TCM missionary. We love Bill and pray that God will use him as he ministers in Key West. He and his wife, Sessie, are fine people who love the Lord, and who desire to serve Him.

## DR. VINTON VISITS TCM'S WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES . . .

*During the summer of 1986 Dr. Sam Vinton and his wife, Becky, visited TCM's work in the Philippines. Upon his return he wrote the following report to TCM's president, Pastor Roy J. Kelsey;*

Dear Brother Roy,

Please express to the TCM board members my appreciation for the opportunity that was given to Becky and me to visit the TCM work in the Philippines. It was a tremendous experience, visiting, ministering, and fellowshiping with our missionaries and Filipino brothers. Our experience at the Workers and Youth Conferences were highlights of our trip. We appreciated very much the hospitality given to us by the Bigelows, Watkins,

and Sommers. We were also well cared for by the nationals at IGBI. We also praise the Lord for His protection and safety all along the way.

What follows are some of my observations and recommendations:

1. A solid foundation has been laid which can be attributed to the wise decision of Brothers Anderson and Watkins to concentrate on evangelism/church planting and the training of leaders at IGBI. This should serve as a model for our other fields.

2. The quality of national leadership is impressive. This is, of course, the fruit of IGBI and MGBI. Praise the Lord for those missionaries who devoted their efforts in this ministry.

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3. The Philippines offer us unprecedented opportunities to expand the ministry of the gospel. Doors are wide open and it behooves the mission to prioritize the areas of ministry in which missionary concentration will take place.

4. National leaders are doing an excellent job. I am impressed that they are found in positions of leadership in every area of the work. This is important since the Filipino must take the lead if the work is truly indigenous. This does not mean that the American church should not help financially, for example. What it does mean is that TCM/USA and her missionaries must be sensitive to the aspirations of the nationals. Even though we are helping them financially we must allow them to take the lead and even overrule us, if necessary. Missionaries must accept the fact that the Philippines is their country and must therefore act accordingly.

5. Additional training must be provided for certain key national leaders. Sending young men to GBC is one way of doing this. But I sense a disappointment on the part of some of the older men (especially those at IGBI), in that they were not sent away for further training. My suggestion is that the mission do something to help them

continue their education in the Philippines. I have asked Vern Bigelow to investigate what is involved in pursuing a Masters' degree at the Asia Theological Seminary in Manila. The Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary also has an extension program in Manila that offers a Master of Religious Education degree. Such a gesture from mission to some of the leaders who not only have received their training at IGBI but also have received a B.A. from a local college. I counted between nine and twelve of our leaders who are in this position.

6. Don and Sue Sommer are making wonderful progress in learning Cebuano. Becky and I were able to visit the New Tribes Language School and sit in a class with Don and Sue. The mission should insist that every new missionary study the language as Don and Sue are doing.

7. There is a great need for urban work. Yet this is much more expensive, making it almost impossible for the national church to construct a suitable building. Brother Watkins showed me the property recently purchased by the Cebu City Church. It took them over ten years to do this. The question that remains is: how long will it take them to put up a building? Unless American

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*Dr. Sam and Becky examine conference banner.*

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Christians help I see very little future for any effective work in the large cities. We might be better off remaining in the barrios. This is not a problem faced only in the Philippines but all over the world. GMI is facing such a problem in Zaire.

8. The time has come for TCM and GMI to bury the hatchet and move forward in working together in the Philippines. We should be working together to establish the Grace Gospel Fellowship of the Philippines for at least two reasons: we need to model for our Filipino brothers our unity in preaching the Gospel of the Grace of God; and we must help the Filipino grace believers to work together in preparation for the possibility of our departure from the country. My prayer is that if the day comes that we must depart, there will be a strong national grace church that will carry on and face the uncertain future. In my conversations with Joe Watkins and Vern Bigelow I was encouraged by their attitude. The same was true in my conversations with Harry and Ann Viernes.

I agree with Brother Joe Watkins that the ball is in the TCM/GMI court. Both boards must discuss this problem freely recognizing that the Filipino work is, after all, the work of God.

9. A suggestions has been made that a joint effort between TCM and GMI could begin in Manila, a city of over twelve million. TCM has a good pastor already in Manila. He and Harry Viernes are good friends. Such an effort would require finances for renting or buying a building which would serve as the central grace church of Manila. We would also need to support the pastor and his work.

Let me again express to you our sincere thanks for the opportunity that you gave us to visit the Philippines. We were blessed and encouraged tremendously by our brothers in that far away land. May the Lord give us wisdom and courage to make decisions about the Philippines that will result in a strong and godly church committed to preaching and living the grace of God.

In His Wonderful Service,  
Sam Vinton, Jr.



*Philippine leaders and Dr. and Mrs. Vinton.*



# ORGANIZATION OF THINGS TO COME MISSION, INC.

Things to Come Mission, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Colorado and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as tax exempt.

The Headquarters address is: P.O. Box 96, Cope, Colorado, 80812-0096, or 45450 U.S. #36, Cope, Colorado. It is on the corner of Washington and Main Streets.

The official Board of TCM is composed of Pastor Eldred Sidebottom, Director and Treasurer; Pastor Roy Kelsey, President of the Board; Mr. Archie Smith, Secretary; Pastor Tim Heath, Mr. Gordon Sooy, Mr. Kenneth Peebles; and the Senior Missionary present at the Board meeting.

Meetings of the Board are held quarterly each year, except we have no Summer meeting. Board members of TCM must be approved by all missionaries of the mission before being seated on the board. Each board member is expected to carry on active correspondence with all TCM missionaries.

The TCM USA Board designates areas which are considered as fields of operation. Those of TCM who are working within the jurisdiction of any field are members of that field and subject to the discipline and government of said field. One of the Workers in a given field is designated by TCM USA Board as Field Representative; he

functions as chairman of the field committee acting as the TCM USA's representative.

The Field Committee usually is composed of missionary personnel of the TCM local. The members of the Field Committee do not exercise oversight over the national churches, but will exercise whatever gifts the Holy Spirit has given for the work of evangelizing teaching and other spiritual helps and gifts, as well as ordaining national elders for the oversight of the national churches. No TCM missionary shall pastor the national church.

TCM USA ordains its own men missionary personnel prior to their departure for the field of God's calling, provided such have not had ordination previously.

Each area designated by TCM USA as a field of operation is expected to be legally registered in its respective country.

Since the Mission has the safest and most practical means of sending funds to the missionary, all contributions are channeled through the mission treasurer. Every cent is directed exactly as the donor designates.

The TCM Books are audited annually and any donor may request a copy of the financial statement, which is only sent upon request.

## XAVIERS BEGIN NEW MINISTRY . . .

Over the last several months we have had many people either call or write us about the Xaviers. Bob and Beth are still TCM Missionaries. They served for six years in Key West, Florida at Welcome Home Ministries, and as of January 1986 they began an EARNED furlough. Their furlough will continue through December of 1986, although Bob and Beth have already begun their new assignment and ministry in Florida even before their furlough was over. They are presently in the Dunklin Memorial Camp at Okeechobee, Florida. They are presently working with those with Life

Destroying Habits, especially alcoholics at Dunklin Memorial Camp. Both Bob and Beth feel that this added ministry will add greatly to their ability to minister to those of the 4th World Culture.

The Xaviers are no longer connected with Welcome Home Ministries of Key West. As of January 1986 Bob and Beth were no longer part of Welcome Home Ministry. The Board of Welcome Home in Key West felt it was necessary for a change to be made in leadership, so they voted NOT to have Bob return to Key West after his

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## XAVIERS BEGIN NEW MINISTRY (from pg. 13)

furlough. Since TCM's connection with Key West was through Bob and Beth, we voted in May 1986 to sever our connection with Welcome Home Key West. While on furlough this year, Bob and Beth have prayerfully requested the Board of TCM to reassign them to the Bradenton, Florida area to open a NEW FOURTH WORLD CULTURE MINISTRY. The Board of TCM unanimously approved Bob's plan to relocate to Bradenton at their September meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The new work at Bradenton will use the Palma Sola Community Church, where our brother, Richard Erickson is pastor, as a church into which to feed those who are products of the NEW 4TH WORLD MINISTRY. To this point Bob and Beth continue to call their ministry WELCOME HOME, but remember that it is Welcome Home — Bradenton, Florida. The Xavier's motto is: "REACHING AMERICA'S UN-

REACHED FOURTH WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST." The Xaviers mailing address is: Bob Xavier, Palma Sola Community Church, 8604 9th Avenue, N.W., Bradenton, Florida 33529.

When a new work is opened there are expenses that are not normally there after a work is established, and this new work is no exception. Bob has developed a plan of intent for establishing a resident ministry and after-care ministry for Fourth World Peoples of America with life-destroying habits. It will take three years to complete the plan of intent. We encourage you to pray for Bob and Beth in this new venture for Christ, and we encourage you to support them. Bob is as much a missionary as any other missionary in the world, perhaps more so. He has opened himself to a hard ministry because he has felt the Holy Spirit leading him. Won't you let the Spirit lead you to become part of this ministry?

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## NEWS FROM OUR PHILIPPINE STUDENTS AT GBC

The picture shows Sanny Sumilig and Joel Molina—TCM's contribution to the student body of GBC for the 1986-87 school year and beyond. These men are preparing to go as missionaries to one of the fields that TCM has around the world. When they left the Philippines, they had decided to dedicate themselves to the Lord on the mission field.

It is interesting to note that Joel Molina scored 133 on the GBC entrance examination. This is one of the highest, if not the highest, score ever received on the entrance exam. Both of them are doing well, and are a credit to the work of Missions. Both men do need your prayer and support. This first year they are able to work only 10 hours per week, and this does not pay their expenses. Therefore they need for someone to share with them in their room and board at GBC. GBC has given them a scholarship that cares for tuition. TCM certainly appreciates, as do the men themselves, GBC's



*Sanny Sumilig and Joel Molina.*

generous spirit in this scholarship offered to foreign students such as Joel and Sanny.

Both men are available to share in churches near enough to Grand Rapids for them to make the trip without interfering with their schedule at GBC. If you would like them or one of them to come and share in your church, you may contact them through the school. Both of them have pastoral experience and are good preachers.

# A FUTURE MISSIONARY VISITS THE PHILIPPINES

My name is Kimberly Powelson, and this past summer the Lord blessed me with a trip to the Philippines. I have sensed the Lord's direction to the mission field for some time. I wanted to see if the mission field was exactly where the Lord wanted me. I talked with a close friend of mine, Pastor Ed. Wishart, and he recommended that I try a short term mission project during my summer vacation.

At first I was really excited about the idea, but I never thought that in less than four months I'd be on my way to the Philippines. In the first few weeks after I decided to pursue the trip, it looked as if the Lord did not want me to go. The television continually reported riots and attacks in the Philippines, and how President Marcos had taken money and fled the country. My parents were against the fact of letting their 17 year old daughter travel half way around the world to the Philippines when all this was going on, but soon things had calmed down, and so I sent a letter to friends and family asking for support and prayer for this trip.

In less than a month I had over \$2,000.00 for my trip, when only \$1,500.00 was needed. I praised the Lord and still do! Why? Because of His unending encouragement. On July 30th I flew out of Cleveland, alone, scared, and anxious, for the Philippines. In Manila I was greeted by Missionary Vernon Bigelow, Field Director of the Things To Come Mission's Philippine work. He lives and ministers from Cebu City in the central Philippines. He was to be my "father" and guide for the month I was there.

Mr. Bigelow and his wife, Pat, made me feel quite at home and travelled with me to many parts of the Philippines. The Bigelows are missionaries under TCM. We travelled to many of the churches and schools in the TCM areas of the Philippines. I was able to experience much of the work the Bigelows do. I was able also to share my talent of singing with the Philippine people. I learned so much during my trip, not only about the culture of the



Philippines, but about myself and my relationship with my heavenly Father. So many times we fail to trust God with our lives because there is always someone we know or love that we can confide in and trust. On my trip, I travelled alone! Everyone I met, during that month, I had neither met nor seen before. I was forced to place all my trust in God and rely on His strength and love for comfort and peace.

As I returned home I tried to continue to put more and more trust in God, and less on others. God will *always* be with you, others may not be.

As a senior in high school I am preparing for college and this trip helped me to decide on future plans. While in the Philippines I saw a need for child development programs, and I have always wanted to work with children. Right now I am planning on a major in some type of early childhood education, and later if the Lord is willing, return to the Philippines for a couple of years.

I want to thank everyone who supported and prayed for me before and during my trip. Your gifts were greatly appreciated as was your prayers for me.

*Kimberly Powelson*  
723 Bedford Avenue  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

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## BARBARA BOWMAN UPDATE . . .

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Those of you who received the last newsletter from Barbara know that she has still not left for Brazil, and I am sure that you know with the Keipers leaving TCM we really need Barbara in Brazil. They ask you to pray that the Lord will open the needed doors to get Barbara's visa approved. Barbara continues to travel to those churches that request her to come. She has been in Lehigh, Penna.; Tipp City, Ohio; Massillon, Ohio; Evansville, Indiana; Indianapolis, Indiana; and East Liverpool, Ohio over the last few weeks.

To quote from Barbara's latest newsletter: The old news concerning my visa status is that apparently it has been processed, but that now I am to wait for a "protocol number," or work number qualifying me for missionary visa status. The new news is that there is none. I've called the Brazilian Embassy in Wash. D.C. so often that

the secretary and I are on a first name basis. Of course she has nothing to report, try again next week ma'am. So I'm forced to sit back and wait, and perhaps this is just where God wants me for the moment. He obviously knows what's best for me! "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (II Cor. 6:7)

Barbara was commissioned at her home church of Berean Bible Church in Minerva, Ohio. Taking part were: Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, President of TCM, Pastor Dan Lippincott, pastor of Berean Bible Church in Minerva, Pastor Ed Wishart, pastor of Berean Grace Fellowship of Elyria, Ohio, and Pastor Ralph Compa of East Liverpool, Ohio.

Again, we ask that you pray for Barbara's visa to be approved. We need her badly in Brazil. Barb still needs some support. Pray about that as well.

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*"For we walk by faith,  
not by sight."*

II Cor. 6:7



## EDITORIAL:

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*Pastor Roy Kelsey*

We in TCM believe that the time is short for reaching the world with the Gospel of the Grace of God. We are convinced that we must pool together our resources, talents, and personnel if we are expecting to do anything significant for the Lord of Grace.

September 25 and 26, 1986 marked a NEW BEGINNING in "grace" missions toward the end of WORKING TOGETHER and COOPERATING in getting the task finished that has been committed to all Grace People. On September 25th Things To Come Mission and Grace Ministries, International co-sponsored a Missions Banquet in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The banquet was attended by over 200 people. The Presidents of both Mission Boards spoke. On September 26th there was a joint meeting between the two Mission Boards, GMI, and TCM. The purpose of the meeting was to get acquainted with each other, and to discuss some common challenges.

Among those things discussed were: 1) Establishing a Joint Bible School in Brazil, 2) Establishing Manila in the Philippines as an area where the two Missions would work together to establish churches, 3) Establishing a joint work in Cameroon, and 4) and lastly a basic in principle agreement that neither Mission enter an area where the other Mission had work without first sharing with the other Mission so our testimony will be that of cooperation rather than competition.

We in TCM realize that there are differences among "grace" people and between "grace" missions, but we

must put aside our differences in respect for the greater cause of the truth of the Gospel of the Grace of God as revealed to and through the Apostle Paul. For this reason, TCM pledges to cooperate, not merge, with others of "like precious faith" in these closing days of the age of grace. We will let God be the judge over the deeds of others.

We feel that we are not appointed to be the guard dogs over the handling and dispensing of the message of grace among those dispensing and handling that message, but we are rather committed with the "word of reconciliation," and to be "ambassadors of Christ."

This is why we are excited in TCM. We are determined to fulfill the challenge of the Gospel of the Grace of God making full use of the tools God has committed to us. This is a time for working TOGETHER. We need to understand that we are not to compete with each other, but to cooperate.

## KEIPERS RESIGN FROM TCM

TCM regrets to announce that Warren and Shirley Keiper, Missionaries with TCM since 1969, serving in Brazil, have resigned from TCM effective Sept. 26, 1986. Leo and Con Keiper, and Bernardo and Carol Craesmeyer have also resigned effective the same date. Leo is Warren and Shirley's son, and Carol is their daughter.

We are sure that many rumors will fly as to why they resigned, but rest assured that it was an amiable parting. Warren and his family were simply not comfortable with the new direction TCM is taking. By this we mean our desire to cooperate with GBC, GMI, and the GGF.

We in TCM will continue to pray that our Lord will use Warren and his family to bring honor and praise to Christ. We are sorry that this had to happen, but we are truly convinced that the Lord is leading us in this new direction.

We know that Warren and Shirley and their family have not made this decision on the spur of the moment,

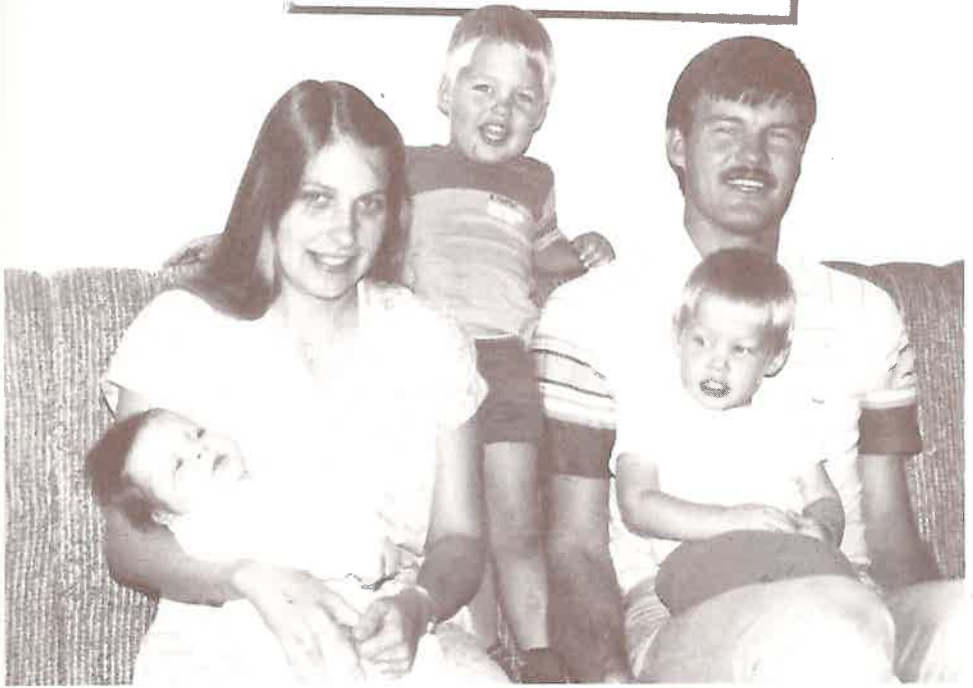
but that it was something that they talked over and prayed about for some time before they decided to resign from TCM.

We also in TCM have not on the spur of the moment decided to go in this new direction. We have carefully and prayerfully planned about each move we have made, and we pledge to you to continue to do so. We want our supporters and readers to know that we are **NOT WORKING TOWARD MERGER**, but rather toward a new spirit of cooperation. We want to spend our energy in getting the Gospel of the Grace of God out rather than in fighting others who are doing the same thing.

The office of TCM will continue to handle the finances of the Keiper Family until other arrangements can be made. The Board has left it up to the judgment of our Director, Eldred Sidebottom, to work out these parting details, but the Board feels that the necessary steps must be taken before the end of 1986.



*Con, Leo, Shirley and Warren Keiper.*



*Bernardo and Carol (Keiper) Craesmeyer and boys*

## TCM NEEDS MISSIONARIES!

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**PRAYER NEEDS**

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Pray much about the deficit in our General Fund.

Pray much that Barbara Bowman's visa will soon be approved. With the departure of the Keipers, she is much needed in Brazil. She still needs support also.

Pray for Joe and Pauline Watkins as they make the transition from field work to Treasurer and Director of Development.

Pray for Mario Indino as he directs the South American work for TCM. He is now South American Representative.

Pray for Dan and Jennifer Sidebottom as they complete their schooling and prepare for return to the Philippines.

Pray for Bob and Beth Xavier as they begin a new work with 4th world people in Bradenton, Florida.

Pray much for the establishment of a joint Training Center in Brazil by both TCM & GMI.

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