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In the last issue of the Inter-National Harvest Magazine we shared with you the Special Crisis situation that we had in Brazil. Through a misunderstanding Mario Indino purchased a 6½ acre tract of land with a four bedroom house on it. He purchased it for the purpose of TCM starting a Bible School there. The only problem was that TCM did not have the money to purchase the property WITHOUT selling the house that we own in Curitiba. However, since the papers were already signed, and the down payment made, we could do nothing except come up with the money, which we did. We drained all of our standing and some not standing accounts, and we were advanced \$14,000 by a friend of the Mission. The total amount of the purchase price was then given to the Real Estate agent, and TCM had two properties in Brazil.

In response to our last International Harvest article and other communications from TCM, you have generously given until at present TCM has been able to see our General Fund come out of the red. This means that we have had over \$14,000.00 come in for this need. However, we still have the matter of the \$14,000.00 that a friend of the Mission advanced us. We must return this amount to him as soon as possible. This friend has generously let us use this \$14,000.00 without interest until we were either able to sell our house in Curitiba or through the generosity of fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ the funds came in to cover the expense. We thought that we would be able to sell the house in Curitiba, but the money situation in Brazil continues to be extremely unstable, and the interest rate continues to be above 15% per month, and, therefore, people are not investing in such things as houses when they can double their money via putting it in banks in as little as five to six months.

This means that we are going to have to get the needed funds to repay the friend of the Mission who advanced us the \$14,000.00 from some other source than sale of our house in Curitiba. You, the fellow servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, who have so faithfully supported TCM over the Years, are, therefore, requested to help us again in this time of REAL need. If we can somehow receive the amount needed to repay the friend of the Mission, who advanced us the \$14,000.00 without selling the house in

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Curitiba, this will mean that when we do sell the house we will have the necessary funds to make improvements to the new property. We will need to construct a building to house either the men or the women students for the simply reason that we cannot house both men and women in the one house we now have on the new property. We will also have to do some repairs and upgrading in the present house on the new property. The bathrooms need some work, the plumbing needs work, the kitchen as well needs remodeling, and the roof needs some repair also. While this list seems long, the repairs will not really amount to a great deal financially. We would at present estimate that both the repairs and the student housing building would cost around \$5,000.00.

Our desire, the Lord willing, is to start the new Brazil Bible School in March 1988. This gives us only five months to see the necessary funds come in, and to get the necessary work done on the new Bible School property. Please pray with us that the Lord will raise up those who can fellowship with us in this need. We are excited at the prospects facing us in Brazil. Six or so months ago it looked as if we would have to close our Brazilian field, but now things are beginning to happen that cause us to have hope. Again we ask that you all pray for our Brazilian field.

Perhaps you have heard that the GMI Board recently released Doug LeFever as a missionary, and that TCM has begun the process of receiving Doug & Vicki as a part of our Missionary family. TCM has temporarily accepted Doug until the application process can be completed. All contributions for Doug and Vicki can be sent to our TCM address in Cope, Colorado. We see no real obstacles to the full acceptance of the LeFever's as TCM missionaries, and we are excited about the prospects of their becoming a part of our Brazil team. With Doug's experience, he will be of invaluable assistance to Mario and Barbara as the new Bible School opens next Spring. Pray for Doug & the rest of our Brazil team as well as the need we have in regard to the \$14,000.00 mentioned before.

Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, President
Things To Come Mission's Board of Directors

30TH ANNIVERSARY PHILIPPINE TOUR

TCM invites you to attend the 30th Anniversary Program of the work of our Mission in the Philippines. The TCM Philippines Board, pastors, Bible Teachers, students, youth, and missionaries in the Philippines would like to have as many of you as possibly can to visit the Republic of the Philippines work of TCM.

The work in the Philippines began in 1958 through the efforts of Vernon Anderson and Joe Watkins. Today there are in excess of 275 churches throughout the Philippines. There are two Bible Schools, an Elder's Training Center, a printing ministry, a Radio ministry, a youth ministry, and many other on-going programs.

The Philippine work has sent a missionary couple thru the U.S. Board to Brazil, and there is a trained worker from the Philippines working in Indonesia.

The Anniversary Service will be held on the campus of the International Grace Bible Institute, which is located near Ozamis City on the island of Mindanao.

If you could become a part of this 30th Anniversary Tour you would be given the opportunity to visit the work and see firsthand what has been done in the Philippines. You will be able to visit several of our churches, meet the pastors of many of the churches at the 30th Annual Conference of TCM Philippines, see the campus of IGBI, or International Grace Bible Institute, meet the leaders of TCM Philippines, and, in general, become acquainted with the work of TCM in the Philippines. If you would like, we can arrange for you to give your testimony, or offer a word of encouragement to the Philippine saints.

We are sure that a trip like this would be both profitable to you in a spiritual sense as well as being a real encouragement to the Philippine national leaders, pastors, and saints. It will certainly give you insights into the work of TCM as well as to mission work in general. We realize full well that there may be some who feel that rather than spend the money to visit the mission field, they ought to give the money for the work of missions. We feel, however, that the money it will cost is merely

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an investment in missions because upon your return to the U.S. you will be able to share from firsthand information with those who are not able to go, and we are as well sure that this trip will change your life. Never again will you be able to think of missions and of the missionaries as you did before your visit to the field.

Both Pastor Joe Watkins and Pastor Roy J. Kelsey have been invited to speak at the 30th Anniversary Conference at Ozamis City. Pastor Watkins served in the Philippines for nearly 30 years, and he will be our major resource person and guide on this Tour. At this time we do not know how many of the TCM Board members will be able to go, but four members of our Board have already visited the work in the Philippines, Tim Heath, whose parents served there for many years, has lived there; Pastor Eldred Sidebottom has been there more than once; Pastor Roy Kelsey, president of the TCM Board, has been there twice, and Pastor Watkins served there for nearly 30 years. So you will not be cared for and guided by those unacquainted with the Philippines.

Some of you may be concerned about what you hear on TV and in newspapers about the political situation in the Philippines. We here in the U.S. are not getting the real picture of what is happening there. True there is some political unrest, but over the years it has not affected the areas where TCM works. The missionaries are traveling freely throughout the Philippines, and our work has been, for the most part, free from physical danger. There are isolated areas in the Philippines where there is trouble, but we do not venture into these areas. The news media in this country has a real gift for painting disturbing pictures about the political situation in many countries, and the Philippines is no exception.

The cost of this trip will be about \$1500.00. We will leave from Los Angeles via Philippine Airlines on a wide-bodied DC-10. Our departure date will be April 30th, 1988, and we will return on May 14th, 1988. The complete itinerary has not yet been worked out, but the major things have been worked out.

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We will depart from Los Angeles Via Philippine Airlines on April 30th. We will cross the International date line in Flight so will arrive in Manila on May 2nd early in the morning. We will continue on to Cebu City May 2nd, and on arrival in Cebu City will transfer to our hotel, The Montebello. We will stay in Cebu City May 3rd where we will have the opportunity to visit the churches in that area. We will see the new building of the Cebu City Church that is right now in the process of going up.

After Breakfast on May 4th we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Ozamis City where on arrival we will go to our hotel, the Mizamis. We will be staying in Ozamis City at the Mizamis Hotel until the morning of May 9th. We have breakfast (American style) at the hotel each morning. We will journey out to Lupagan, where IGBI is located, for the 30th Anniversary Conference meetings of TCM Philippines. On the morning of May 9th we will transfer to the airport for the flight back to Cebu City and go to the Montebelo Hotel. We will be staying in Cebu City until the morning of the 12th, when we will fly back to Manila and go to our Manila Hotel. On the 13th we will have a half day tour of Manila, which will include visiting our churches in Manila area. We will see the work of some other missions while in Manila. On the 14th we will transfer to the International airport for our flight back to the USA arriving the same same day because of the International Date line.

Presently the number that we can take is limited to 30 persons, and the cost is from Los Angeles. You will have to add your airfare from your city to LA. We also have at present not found out what it will cost us to stay in Cebu City May 10th & 11th. We plan to visit some of our churches on islands close to Cebu, but we do not have this information finalized at this time. We are sure that your total cost, including airfare from your own city, will be less than \$2000.00.

We will be happy to arrange the air travel from your hometown to Los Angeles, if you let us know. We are look-forward to this 30th Anniversary in the Philippines with great eagerness. We would count it a real privilege if you

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could find your way clear to join us on this "Journey of a lifetime."

If you would like to have further information on this Anniversary Tour, please write to Things To Come Mission, P. O. Box 96, Cope, Colorado 80812. and we will send you the information along with the final cost and other details.

OTHER MISSION NEWS:

Some of you may have heard that the relationship between Doug LeFeber and GMI has been terminated, and that Doug has applied to TCM for acceptance as a missionary. At present Doug has been sent an application, and we have given him temporary approval as a missionary until the application process is complete. We see no reason why he will not be accepted as a full missionary with TCM. We are excited about the prospects of Doug & Vicki with our Brazil team. His philosophy and approach to missions clearly concurs with TCM's, and his experience on the Brazil field will aid our Brazil team greatly. Any of you who would like to share with Doug in his ministry may send your gifts to the mission office in his name. He has at least one national working with him that he supports, and we are sure that he will lose some support because of leaving one mission and going with another, so we encourage you to share with him.

We have received requests for applications from several people of late, which is very encouraging to us. We have one young couple that wants to join Ben Anderson in Kenya. We have a single girl who has written for an application from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and we have a request for an application from Gomer and Urbana Indino in the Philippines. We also have the two young men at GBC, Joel Molina and Sanny Sumilbig, Joel bound for Indonesia next Spring, and Sanny bound for Brazil. We also have an application from Tom Schneidmiller, who presently is interested in going to Alaska, if the field is viable, otherwise he is open to the Lord's leading. He is also considering joining Bob Xavier in Florida. God is blessing! These are exciting days. Lift these above potential missionaries to the Lord in Prayer.

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PRAYER NEEDS

Pray much about the Special need of the Brazil Special Report. We need to repay this friend of the Mission.

Praise the Lord for the New application requests that we have received.

Praise the Lord for the fact that the General Fund is in the black.

Pray for Joe & Pauline Watkins as they move to Cope to assume the office of Treasurer of TCM.

Pray for those among our missionaries who have seen a decrease in their support of late.

Pray for the 30th Anniversary Conference of TCM Philippines, and for the Anniversary Tour.