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*Romans 1:5 John 4:35*

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## EDITORIAL

A word of thanks to Pastor Roy Kelsey for his fine work on the International Harvest Magazine. I do hope I can do as fine a job as he did and will possibly be able to add to his fine work. He will continue to work with the I.H., but in a different way. He will be in charge of the printing.

In the Nov-Dec 1986 issue of the I.H. I wrote an article titled "The Director of Development." In this article I listed some of my responsibilities as Director of Development. I failed to list the responsibility of editor of the I.H.

Pauline and I are now settled in Cope and have begun our work as Treasurer and Director of Development.

I would like the I.H. to be a missions magazine that will first of all be a channel that TCM can use to keep you informed of the work of the Lord through TCM throughout the world, and challenge you for world-wide missions.

God has a plan for you whereby you can have worldwide influence. Through prayers you can stand or walk alongside the missionary in Africa, Brazil, Indonesia, Philippines, United States or any other place. You can strengthen, encourage, and lift them up at the very moment they are proclaiming the gospel of the grace of God. Through prayer you can go with the missionary to teach in the national churches, train the nationals, print literature and various other ministries in which the missionary is engaged. Through prayer you can uphold the missionaries who work with the fourth world (drug culture): TCM's USA office, as well those on the foreign field.

God has given you a way to work with the missionaries even though you may not be called nor have the skill to be a missionary. Prayer is one way you can truly collaborate with each missionary. That is, if you want to.

It is interesting that the apostle Paul saw the value of prayer. He, too, realized that he could not do the work alone. He prayed much for the churches which he established and for the saints that were saved under his ministry. He asked for saints to pray for him and his ministry. (Eph. 6:18-20).

I want the I.H. to be used to inform you of the activity of the missionaries, so when



you pray you can pray with intelligence regarding their work. In this issue we will be emphasizing the work in Indonesia. You will be introduced to missionaries Bro. Frans Tamarol, Sister Luz Gaddi and Bro. Joel Molina. You can now join with them and others in their work.

The I.H. must not have 'tunnel' vision, presenting only the fields where TCM has worked. It must have a world-wide vision. Do you know you have the ability to influence more people today than ever before? This is an exciting time in history. More believers are living today than at any other time. There are more gospel workers today, more local churches, more training institutions, and more missionaries.

Through modern means: media, radio, literature, and transportation, we have the facilities to speed up the propagation of the gospel of the grace of God. More nations can be reached, the gospel can be presented in more languages.

In 1958, when my wife and I left for the Philippines, it took 22 days to reach Manila and four days to reach Ozamis City. Today it can be done in 20 hours, plus time for layovers. In 1958 there were very few radio stations and no TV in the Philippines. Today one can watch TV in Ozamis City and radio can be heard throughout the Philippines.

We can reach our world...if we will. The greatest need is prayer. Prayer is our greatest resource. You yourself can influence more people for Christ and have

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# ARE THE "HEATHEN" LOST?



If they are not lost what can the word "saved" mean? The very existence of the word requires the possibility of being unsaved, or lost, as an alternative. And Paul limits the saved to those who call upon the Lord (Rom. 10:13). Paul did not try to soften this reality. He had continual sorrow in his heart for the lost of Israel and was willing to be lost himself, if it were possible, that they might be saved (Rom. 9:2,3). He testified to both Jews and Greeks at all seasons, night and day, publicly and from house to house (with tears) preaching the gospel of the grace of God that they might be saved - and that he might be "pure from the blood of all men" (Acts 20:18-31).

But won't everyone finally be saved? Paul didn't think so in Romans 9:2,3 or in Acts 20! In Romans 10 he limits those who will be saved to those who believe in their heart that God raised Christ from the dead and who, because they believe, call upon the Lord (Rom. 10:9,13). Universal Reconciliation teaching does not find its roots in

Scripture, but in a grossly misdirected compassion for the lost. It directs its energies into twisting Scriptures to try to prove men are not lost instead of bending every effort to get them saved. It is not the answer to our question.

Are those not reached by the gospel hopelessly lost because God did not love them and Christ did not die for them? Paul says "there is no difference" between Jew and Gentile for the Lord over all is rich unto all that call on His name. Is there, then, another difference more absolute than that between Jew and Gentile, a difference between the elect and the non elect? If so, why doesn't Paul say so? To the contrary, see his reasoning in two related verses. "For God Hath **CONCLUDED** them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all" (Rom. 11:32). "But the Scripture hath **CONCLUDED** all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe" (Gal. 3:22). The word "concluded" is translated "shut up" in the NASB. It is used of fish caught together in a net in Luke 5:6. In Rom 11:32 those who are candidates for experiencing God's mercy are those lumped together in unbelief. In Gal. 3:22 the believers are not drawn from a separate group of mankind than the finally lost. The difference comes, not in what they **were** (God put them all in the same net) but in what they **became** when they believed. Until faith comes all are sinners (Gal. 3:22) and all abide in unbelief (Rom. 11:32). They must all look to the same One for rescue, for the same Lord is over all (Rom. 10:12).

To this homogeneity of mankind the call is, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved!" (Rom. 10:13). To

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a greater role in advancing the gospel of the grace of God by prayer than in any other way.

I personally do not like to hear the phrase, "Well I cannot give, but I can at least pray." That sounds as though prayer is secondary in importance. Beloved, it is the *greatest* thing you can do.

In each I.H. you will be given a country

that you can pray for until the next issue of the I.H.

Please write to us regarding anything you read in the I.H. about which you would like more information. And do remember, you are a very important ambassador of Christ. You have a powerful weapon to use for the proclamation of the gospel - prayer.

Joseph W. Watkins

## ARE THE "HEATHEN" LOST?

blame God for the lost condition of some is a "cop-out." If a man (any man) hear, he can believe; and if he believes, he will be saved. (Any handling of Scripture which does not lead us to this conclusion is off the track somewhere along the line.)

What about those who have never heard the gospel? I am sure this question has come to your mind at times. It is a legitimate and vital question. Our whole missionary program and outreach rests on the answer to it.

Paul answers the question for us. We may not like his answer, we may try to soften it or explain it away, but his conclusion is very clear: they also are **LOST!**

If those who have not heard are not lost, but are lost when they have heard and not believed, then we are **CAUSING** them to be **LOST** by giving them the gospel! Since, if this were the case, none of those in darkness would be lost; and many of those who hear are lost—the best way to save men from hell would be to make **sure** they **NEVER HEAR THE GOSPEL!** If men will somehow be saved without hearing, missionary work, and even our own personal witnessing, is a waste of time, effort and money.

If they **can't** be saved because they are not elect, it would be folly to try to "evangelize" them. It would even be sinful, for we would be lying when we told them, "Christ died for you."

But can men be saved by responding "in faith" to some other message? If so, that "other message" would be good news to them — it would be a "gospel." Paul warns us against "another gospel" and leaves no possibility men can be saved through a message different (in its essentials, of course) from the gospel of salvation he preached (Gal. 1:8,9). As much as Cornelius knew from his association with the Jews (Acts 10:2), he had to go to Peter to hear words whereby he and all his house might be **saved** (Acts 11:14). If God had any plans for saving men directly, apart from the preaching of the gospel to them, He surely has not revealed it. (The only exception to this is the salvation of those not having the capacity to make decisions, ether due to their youth or mental incapacibilities. Even here, however, revelation is sufficient to bring comfort to a

mother who has lost a baby, but little more.)

What about the manifestation of God in His creation? With all the beauty of revelation in nature referred to in Psa. 19:1-6, it is the "law of the Lord" (His written word) which is "perfect, converting the soul" (Psa. 19:7). The "eternal power and divine nature" of God may be clearly seen and understood through the things He has made. The existence, power and wisdom of God may be clearly known without special revelation, but mankind has consistently ignored, rejected, or misinterpreted this revelation, as Romans 1:21-23 indicates. This leaves man without excuse, but also without savation (Rom. 1:19,20 NASB). Nature, for all its grandeur and beauty, does not speak of God's **GRACE!** Paul does not use this source of knowledge as a basis for salvation, but as the grounds for judgment.

Is God unfair to send men to hell because they did not hear His message? Let us be clear here. No man will go to hell because he did not hear the gospel. The lost will go to hell because they are **sinners!** Every lost soul will be treated in **perfect righteousness** by God and receive fully, but **only**, what he richly deserves.

Nor do we send men to hell by not evangelizing them. They are already on their way. But, when we are silent, we do fail to give them the opportunity to go to heaven. This is quite another thing.

Paul did not waste his time trying to find a salvation for those who hadn't heard — he was too busy making sure they **DID** hear!

We are not called on to question, or even defend, His fairness in dealing with those who have not heard, we are called on to **tell them!** (Rom. 10:15). Let's not dodge the implications of this. Let's not spin our wheels arguing about who is at fault if men die without having heard. **Let's tell them.**

Not until we all see evangelism as our primary responsibility in life will missionary work be what it could and should be. It isn't that many **cannot** hear, but that they **do** not. Let's get the job done. We don't have much time! **Maranatha!**

— W. P. Heath 3/24/88

## BRAZIL

*Mario Indino* writes, "The bright side of the work here is the Grace Theological Institute which has begun with six boys and six girls." This institute is very important for the future of the work in Brazil.

*Barbara Bowman* tells us, "My house was robbed while I was at the opening of the Grace Theological Institute. All my items from the U.S. were stolen. After that experience I came down with a high fever and infection and was so sick." In another letter from Barb she says, "The students need clothing for their Christian work assignments on weekends. Most only have jeans and T-shirts at best. If any church could box up young men's and ladies clothes in small and medium sizes we'd be grateful. They could be sent boat mail."

*Grace Theological Institute:* "Please pray with us that the Lord would help us and give us wisdom as we seek means to meet the \$8,000 indebtedness on the Brazilian property."

## USA

*Joel Molina:* He is TCM's future missionary to Indonesia. He is a former pastor of a TCM church in the Philippines, presently studying at Grace Bible College to equip him for his missionary work. He writes, "The school year is about over, only four more weeks. I am excited to work at Grace Youth Camp this summer. If it were not for His unfailing love that compelled us and his sufficient grace that sustains us, I'm sure we would never have made it through the year."

*Joe and Pauline Watkins:* Adjusting to the wide-open spaces, strong winds, snow, hail, and house repairs. Still looking for 'colorful' Colorado. Since moving here there have been two blizzards. Joe just returned from the Philippines where he attended the 30th annual conference of the TCM work. Had many wonderful opportunities to minister the Word of God rightly divided.

*Santiago Sumilthig:* TCM's future missionary to Brazil. He is also a former pastor of TCM Philippines. He is studying at Grace Bible College in order to further prepare himself for missionary work in Brazil. He writes: "I will be staying at the

college this summer and working on campus. I am now learning Portuguese (the language spoken in Brazil) through tapes and a conversational manual.

*Bob and Beth Xavier:* Scott Fairbairn has arrived to help us. He is 38 years old and has recovered from alcoholism for 2 years. We dearly love him. He is a friend we led to Christ in our beginning in Key West. We have begun the professional handy-man job program. I hope the Lord is in it and we can develop a job bank from it for the men we will have in the ministry.

The Fourth-World to whom Bob and Beth minister are drug addicts, alcoholics, homosexuals, criminals, bikers, street people, gangs, prostitutes, runaways and others who are affected by their lifestyle like abused wives, children and parents. In America alone, there are an estimated 50 to 70 million people living in the Fourth-world.

Bob and Beth do need you interceding for them.

*Vernon and Darlene Anderson:* Here in the U.S. for a short furlough. They will be leaving in July to attend the annual conference of the Grace Bible Churches of Indonesia.

*Veron and Pat Bigelow:* On furlough in U.S. They will return to the Philippines in August. Will be working in Manila. Leah continues to do very well after her kidney transplant.

*Financial Policy of TCM:* Due to recent problems of a few 'Christian' organizations who have discredited the Name and work of Christ regarding finances, Things to Come Mission has printed a financial policy statement outlining procedures TCM uses in protecting the donor. If you would like a copy please write TCM and ask for the financial policy.

## INDONESIA

*Dr. Frans Tamarol:* TCM's missionary in Indonesia. He sent us his recent book in Indonesian on Dispensationalism. He wrote the book to equip church leaders and members with a dispensational teaching of the Bible. He has informed us that the Grace Bible Churches of Indonesia will

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

hold National Bible Conference July 6-10, 1988. Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom, Vernon and Darlene Anderson, and Daniel and Jennifer Sidebottom will be attending the conference as guest speakers.

*Vernon Anderson:* "While in Indonesia it is a must that we rent facilities and start the Bible school immediately. Only as we have a functioning Bible school can we train more workers and bring in missionaries to Indonesia. The government has promised to issue visas to five families *only* for a Bible school ministry. We will not wait until Grace Center becomes a reality before we start the Bible school. Even this project alone takes us into the real of the humanly impossible."

### PHILIPPINES

- The 30th Anniversary Conference was held May 4-8. There were over 400 delegates, pastors and missionaries who attended. There are now 309 national churches with an annual growth rate of 10%. There are two Bible schools and 191 pastors. There is a TCM church in all but one of the 13 regions.
- Continue preparation for selecting a Filipino as the national director.
- Three departments are operating in the red - IGBI, MGBI and the Literature department. Continue to pray for these

needs.

*Don and Sue Sommer:* Congratulations on the arrival of Katharine Elaine Sommer, born September 30, 1987, weighed 7lbs., 4oz. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

### KENYA

*Ben and Joyce Anderson:* Congratulations on the arrival of Tegwen Michele, born January 31, 1988. She weighed 7lbs., 12oz. Ben writes they have been enjoying her. Joyce's parents were able to be with them during the month of February.

- Things to Come Mission is officially registered in Kenya. This is an answer to prayer. New missionaries can now be sent to Kenya under TCM. Pray for missionaries for this country.
- On May 20-22 the Seventh Annual Conference for Grace Bible Fellowship of Kenya was held.

*Festus Njoka* continues to direct the work and reach out into new areas with the written and spoken Word. Samuel Mwangi, the youth director, is busy with teacher seminars, planning a youth camp, and visiting each church in rotation to set up youth programs.

- Pray for the opening of the Grace Bible School January 1, 1989

## BORNEO, NEW GUINEA, BALI, JAVA, SUMATRA, CELEBES

Few people realize that all these exotic names are parts of the fifth largest country in the world: **INDONESIA**. Yes, these names represent Indonesia, the largest archipelago of the Far East, a part of which are 3000 inhabited islands stretching from the cannibalistic tribes of New Guinea (read *Peace Child*), to the 9 million people of the modern city of Jakarta, capital of Indonesia and entrance to the most populated island in the world: Java with its 120 million, mostly Moslem population. Even with 300 ethnic groups, each one with its own customs, culture and language, the government has been able to unify the country by enforcing one national language called Bahasa Indonesia. Now all educa-

tional and media institutions teach in the national language and this is a great advantage to the missionary who can travel anywhere in the country using one language. Bahasa Indonesia is really borrowed from the Malay language making it possible for the peoples of Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia to communicate.

In 1969 our family flew the mission plane south from the Philippines through Indonesia and across to Australia. The need for the gospel was very evident and we were challenged to pioneer a new work in this largest of all Islamic countries. We moved from the Philippines in 1973 to Manado, Indonesia. We found this to be

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one of the most exciting, and spiritually profitable countries we have ministered in. Soon we were preaching and teaching daily and seeing souls saved and the saints built up. Wherever spiritual growth happens, opposition soon follows. It was vicious, so vicious, in fact, that we could no longer extend our visas for Indonesia. We left that work in 1979 with tears. The looming question then was, "Will the work survive *without* the missionary?" Survive it did and more than survive—it flourished! Those Indonesia believers began training national evangelists to send out to other islands. Congregations were formed. Jakarta and Surabaya are the largest cities: churches have been planted in both of them, and also in surrounding areas. Although the Indonesian government had ruled they would not allow any "new" church registrations, the leaders of Grace Bible Church were able to register. What a miracle! It opened greater possibilities to establish churches everywhere. Today there are 24 groups planted.

Then another miracle happened. We ourselves had been told by the Indonesian Embassy that none of our family could ever return to Indonesia. All this suddenly changed last January when the Lord cleared the way for us to return. From August through November we thrilled at traveling throughout the islands visiting His family scattered abroad.

The pivotal point for future growth is more trained leaders, which means getting a Bible school established in Jakarta. Together we envision GRACE CENTER in Jakarta to house the Jakarta church, the Bible training school and library, organization office, a real "center" for the whole work. The Indonesians realized this great need and turned their vision into a plan of action, a building committee has been formed. Funds are being sought. Trained men and women doing evangelism, teaching and church planting are the basics for the future of the Indonesian work. It depends on them. While waiting until sufficient funds are available to buy or build Grace Center, our Brethren plan to rent a building and to start the school

on July 18, 1988. They are ready to move for Christ...NOW!

The work of Jesus Christ depends on God and by faith alone we go forward. Things can be done through our Lord Jesus Christ. The Surabaya congregation is hosting the annual conference July 7-10. Delegates and visitors from around Indonesia will join together to fellowship and move ahead. Then right after the conference the Jakarta Bible school is to open—by FAITH! We also plan to help them get started. What a responsibility! What an opportunity! What a need!

Indonesia comprises 50,017 villages. Who is going to evangelize those 50,017 villages? There are 132 million souls Moslems to be reached along with other millions of unsaved Protestants, Catholics, Hindus, Buddhists, and Animists—160 million in Indonesia. Many missions are reaching out to these people and God has assigned us our personal unfinished task.

Of the Islamic countries, Indonesia is the most open to salvation and the result is many Moslems taking Christ as their Savior. When the harvest is so ripe and the laborers so few, the master commands us, "Pray!" Both of these conditions are already upon us—what should we then do? Beloved, **PRAY AND PRAY AND PRAY some more**. Our Indonesian brethren do not want to depend on men, churches, missions, nor American dollars, but to trust totally in God's provision. We have often joined their praying churches when the entire congregation falls to their knees and pours out their hearts to the Lord.

Dr. Frans Tamarol, President of Grace Bible Church of Indonesia, recently sent us a 17 page report detailing the work in Indonesia. If you would like to read this report, write the TCM office for a free copy. This report will inform you about the country of Indonesia and the growth of the work. It includes a map of Indonesia and a list of the churches, evangelists, and staff actually doing the work. It beams a clear signal of what still needs to be accomplished. You will be excited to get in the line of prayer. The report is an excellent prayer guide.

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In 1988, almost 2000 years after Jesus crucifixion, millions of Indonesians have never heard the gospel of Jesus. They still live in fear, defeat, black magic, and sin. God is asking us to declare that Hell and Heaven are certain destinations and they need to be informed to them to make the correct decision for their personal eternity. Wouldn't you want to know?

Personally, we intend to help train men and women of Grace Bible Church of Indonesia because God wants to cover all 3000 inhabited islands with the gospel of the grace of God. We intend to commit our bodies to Him as living sacrifices. We intend to follow His leading wherever He leads us. And He will lead us...it is His promise.  
— Vernon Anderson

## T.C.M. BIBLE SCHOOLS

A noted historian once said, "About the only thing we learn from history is — that we don't learn from history." I will run the risk, and give you some history of the Bible schools conducted by TCM in the Philippines. It covers about 29 of the 30 years we have been in that land, so the time base is sufficient to draw some valid conclusions.

Some changes have taken place during those years.

The International Grace Bible Institute (IGBI) was originally taught and directed totally by missionaries. When I arrived in the Philippines in 1967, three missionary families and one single missionary were needed to run the school. The purpose was to train nationals to be pastors and Bible Women. Gifts from the States carried virtually the entire cost of the operation.

Now both schools (Mindanao Grace Bible Institute — MGBI - evolved later from the Ata School) are totally staffed by nationals — all graduates of the schools. The purpose has broadened to provide well trained laymen as well as full time workers. The students now provide and prepare their own food and the Philippine churches are taking a slowly increasing part in bearing the financial burden.

Even though some of our graduates are now going on to secular colleges or into business, our schools remain dedicated to intensive Bible training rather than offering a biblically oriented liberal arts education.

A glance at our present curriculum will demonstrate the extent of this commitment. (Each "class hour" referenced represents 12 sixty-minute sessions. For instance, "Biblical Hermenutics — 5 class hours" re-



quires 60 hours of classroom instruction):

**Bible book studies: Old Testament — 25 hours.**

**Bible book studies: New Testament — 32.5 hours.**

**Theological studies (Bibliology; synthesis; Dispensational Survey; Doctrine; Theology) — 32 hours.**

**Biblical Hermeneutics — 5 hours.**

**Christian Education — 15 hours.**

**Bible Geography — 2.5 hours.**

**Church History — 5 hours.**

**Cults — 5 hours.**

**Ministry classes (Christian Ethics; Evangelism; Homiletics; Leadership Skills; Missions; Pastoral Theology for men / Womens' Ministries for women; True Spirituality) — 22.5 class hours.**

**English (Basic, oral and written English; Parliamentary Procedures; Public Speaking) — 20 class hours.**

**Music — Elective, up to a possible 20 hours.**

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In addition to this, a full school year is spent on the field as an intern.

When we left IGBI, at the close of 1985, there were about 45 or 50 students in the school, and others completing their internship. Nearly that many were attending MGBI. Since then both schools have significantly increased their attendance. Filipinos can get more people into a bus than we ever could, and they seem to be able to stretch the capacity of the schools as well!

The total cost of operating both schools, including teachers' salaries, was \$16,587 for 1987 — less than one teacher's salary in the U.S.A. IGBI's expenses were \$9,334, but their income was \$7,552. Even with a balance at the beginning of the year, they closed with a deficit of \$595. MGBI began 1987 with a deficit, spent \$7,253 and, with an income of \$6,854, ended up with a total deficit of \$960. As the accounts continued "in the red" the Philippine Board decided to close MGBI — at least until the books balanced. Later, at the recent Workers' Conference, the decision was made to re-open the school, trusting the Lord to meet the needs through His people. We are seeing Him beginning to do that very thing. Thank those of you who have responded so readily and generously.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Have the schools proved worth the investment? They have!

We have 190 pastors and many Bible women ministering to 310 churches —

almost all of them graduates of our schools. All of the department heads, and most of the men on the TCM — PI Board, are our alumni. Two from IGBI have carried out missionary work in Indonesia. One of our Filipino men from MGBI is heading up a school in Brasil — soon to be joined, hopefully, by his brother and wife, all three from MGBI. Two MGBI grads are taking further training at GBC, in Grand Rapids, and plan to be missionaries to Indonesia and Brasil soon. A large number of graduates and former students of both schools are effective laymen in the churches and are well prepared to be the back bone of an underground church — should the necessity arise.

We cannot over estimate the contribution made to the Philippine work by our schools.

But have we learned from history? We are working on it. A Bible school has been established in both Indonesia and Brasil and another is slated to open in Kenya, Africa, early next year, Lord willing. We trust the Lord will use these schools, too, in a great way to strengthen and expand the work in their countries.

History bears out the wisdom of investing generously and sacrificially in IGBI and MGBI during the past 29 years. It is just as wise to invest now to **keep** them going, and to **duplicate them in other countries!** You are our co-laborers in this. May we all have a will to work together for His glory in the days ahead — until He comes.

— W.P. Heath

## LUZ GADDI



The Lord can open closed doors — even government doors. TCM has not been able to get a visa for missionaries to enter Indonesia. Luz was able to get into the country as an English teacher.

Luz is a Filipino who was trained in the TCM Bible School in the Philippines (International Grace Bible Institute). She entered as a student in 1964, graduated in 1968. She worked for 10 years with the Things to Come Mission Sunday Schools in the Philippines training Sunday School teachers for the TCM churches. She has a real love for children. She hiked over many mountains to reach mountain

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## LUZ GADDI

children and learned several languages in the Philippines in order to train Sunday School teachers in those languages.

Luz entered Silliman University in the Philippines in 1979. She graduated with a Bachelor degree in Mass Communication and Master of Arts degree in English and American Literature.

The door opened for her to teach English in the Petra Christian University in Surabaya, Indonesia. The university was able to get the necessary visa for Luz to enter Indonesia. During her off time from the university she is able to serve TCM churches in Surabaya.

Luz is not contented to serve one church. During the vacations from school she travels to other islands in Indonesia to hold Sunday School training seminars in the TCM churches.

We received the following letter from Luz. "I was only given two subjects one section each to teach. Thus I have more time to serve the Lord especially during the weekends. When this seminar in the church will be finished this month, a young member and I plan to visit the churches in Nganjuk, Krian and Porong. Then Jakarta to see what VBS materials they have there. They don't have them here, which shows that churches in Surabaya do not conduct VBS at all. I hope to also see the work there and what can be done in the future as far as Sunday School work is concerned. Glad to inform you also that the Sunday School

here is finally organized. We have two children's departments, one youth and adult department. I'm so happy to see that the elders here have finally realized the importance of an organized Sunday school. I also received a letter from Balikpapan stating the election of their Sunday School officers. Wish I could go back there in May when there's a one week Moslem holiday called Ramadan. Except that the plane fare is expensive. The boat is cheaper but the schedule is only once a week and it takes two days and two nights." Please pray for this need.

Would you *please pray* for Luz. The university has said if TCM would support Luz full time then all she would have to do is teach her subjects and she would be free to do her church work. In other words no extra curricula school work. This would give Luz twice as much time as she has now. As long as the university pays her salary she will have to do other works at the university. There are several American missionaries teaching in this university in order to get a visa to enter Indonesia. They are supported by their mission so they will have more time to serve their church.

We praise God for Luz. Her ministry is greatly needed in the work in Indonesia. Please pray for her that soon she will be able to be free from extra work at the university so she can give more time to organizing Sunday Schools and training Sunday School teachers.

## JOEL MOLINA

## Life Verse: Phil. 4:6-7

Joel was saved under the ministry of one of TCM's pastors in the province of Davao, on the island of Mindanao. His parents were Christians: this same pastor also taught his parents the Word of God rightly divided.

Joel became a student in the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute (MGBI), one of TCM's Bible schools on the island of Mindanao. During student days Joel showed great interest in the Lord's work. He made honor roll as well. Graduation came for him in 1982. After graduation, Joel went to the city of Kidapawan where he established a

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church. He pastored that church for a few years and then he was asked to become the youth coordinator for two provinces in the southern Philippines. He tried to continue pastoring the church while doing the youth work but soon found this was too much and decided to go with the TCM Youth Department full time.

Late in 1985 and early 1986 Grace Bible College offered TCM scholarships for foreign students. Joel, along with Santiago Sumilhig, were chosen for the scholarships.

Joel and Sanny entered Grace Bible College in 1986. There was a little apprehension on our part whether they would be able to pass the entrance exam or be able to keep up with the class because everything is in English and English is his second language. Joel and Sanny both made very

high scores on the entrance exam. Joel has made the honor roll this year at GBC. We are very thankful for these two young men.

Both Joel and Sanny are interested in becoming missionaries under TCM upon graduation from GBC. Joel is burdened for the work in Indonesia while Sanny wants to go to Brazil. Both fields need these men

Please pray for Joel. Pray that God will begin to show Joel when and where in Indonesia he should minister. Pray also that God will open the doors here in the U.S. for his ministry before going to Indonesia. Pray that God will raise support for his future ministry.

Pray also for Joel this summer as he ministers in Grace Youth Camp in Michigan.

Next issue we will tell you about Santiago Sumilhig.

## A MAN OF GOD'S OWN CHOOSING



The key to success or failure of a work for God turns with its leader whether he be the "Boss", the Chief, the pastor. Scores more titles could be listed. In the Old Testament, for example, Israel was successful or failed depending on their king.

Thus in missionary work we ask the Lord to raise up the highest spiritually-qualified leaders possible from among the people. We believe that God has sent us such a man in Dr. Frans Tamarol of Indonesia. We first met Bro. Tamarol in 1979, when we returned to Indonesia from furlough. He was one of the young professionals, very

active in service for Christ. As we began to work together with Frans we soon realized that he was a man with unusual gifts. Although busy teaching in a vocational high school, he was devoting most of his time to preaching and teaching the Word of God; even in his school several came to know Christ through his witness.

After we left Indonesia in 1979, an opportunity opened up when Frans scored top grades in a government test to determine those eligible to study abroad. He was sent to Texas for post-graduate studies. During those years he received an M.Ed. degree in Vocational Education from Sam Houston State Univ., and at E. Texas State Univ. he obtained an MS in counseling and Guidance and his doctorate in Industrial and Technical Education. Even while in Texas Frans was continuing to witness for the Lord and led a co-Indonesian student to the Lord, a man who now publishes our monthly Bible publication in Jakarta, and prints much Christian literature.

On return to Indonesia, Dr. Tamarol was obliged by contract to continue teaching in government schools for 5 years at a salary of \$100 monthly. There is one redeeming factor in this education repayment and that is that Frans is only required to teach a few

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hours per week, giving him much time to serve the Lord. He is capable of taking extra jobs in the business world to subsidize his salary, but then he would have little time to serve the Lord. He has determined to make the sacrifice and lives as a common man.

When Grace Bible Church of Indonesia was registered in 1985, Dr. Frans was elected to lead the national organization. Last August Frans and family transferred from Manado to Jakarta to be closer to the center of the church work, but he had to take financial losses again.

This year Dr. Tamarol published his first dispensational book: *Bible Verses — Do They Contradict?* He regularly writes educa-

tion articles for the newspapers, writes tracts and articles for "Pesan", and the members have chosen him to be their head pastor in Jakarta.

Dr. Frans Tamarol is a moving force to promote Grace Center in Jakarta, the place to be bought or rented for a multi-story facility in Jakarta to house church, Grace Bible School, office, bookstore and resource library, even housing if big enough. We feel this brother is worthy of full support so we are praying that the Lord will supply all his family's needs. A great share of the spiritual future in Indonesia rests on his shoulders even as it did with Paul in his generation.

— Vernon Anderson

## A TRIP TO THE VILLAGE

7:45 a.m., Saturday. Our diesel pick-up starts with a roar and a puff of blue smoke. Joyce, Tegwen and I have had our breakfast and are ready for the trip to Twamakaa Village where our farthest and newest church is located. Today we are having a Theological Education by Extension (TEE) seminar with Joshua and Festus and then a Bible Study with the church members. This seminar occurs every two weeks with a seminar for six men in Kerwa Village on the other Saturdays. These classes are strictly for the leaders of the churches. The courses are designed to increase the Bible knowledge of the pastors and also teach them how to shepherd their churches Biblically. Although it has been raining all night and the roads will be very muddy, we hope to make it to the seminar anyway as these men have sacrificed time and money to study TEE.

7:50 a.m. As we approach the end of the pavement (called "tarmac" here) we are greeted by a sea of thick black mud and several trucks and public service vehicles facing every direction. We praise the Lord for sending rain for the people's gardens but it also turns the roads into a mess. I lock in the front wheels and shift into 4WD. We crawl between the vehicles being pushed up the steep slope by the passengers and local young children who will be paid a few cents by the driver. Once we turn completely sideways and another time we slide

against the bank. After three slow kilometers we are past the worst part. We breathe a sigh of relief and thank the Lord for allowing us to pass safely without getting stuck. Some of the vehicles will be here until noon when the sun comes out and dries the road.

8:35 a.m. The rain stops as we pull into Kerwa Village to pick up Festus. Many children who have attended one of the five-day clubs run out to shake our hands and greet us in the local dialect, "Ni kwega?" (Is everything fine?) "Ni kwega!" (Everything is fine!) Festus Njoka, the director of Grace Bible Fellowship, says goodbye to his wife and seven children and climbs in, and off we go again. This part of the road is being paved so it is a little better.

As we bounce and jolt down the road I think of Joshua Kithuka and how Twamakaa Grace Bible Church began. In 1985 Festus was passing out literature at a market 12 kilometers from Joshua's village. Joshua's younger sister, Mutio, was selling some produce at the market and received one of the salvation tracts from Festus. She returned home that night and showed the tract to the whole family. In Kenya each family lives together in a compound. Joshua began to think about what the tract said and wrote to Festus, asking him to come and teach them more. Festus made a few trips to Twamakaa dur-

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ing 1985 and established a Bible Study at Joshua's house. But it was not until early 1986 that Joshua understood the gift of grace which God was offering him and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Joshua grew up in a denomination that emphasized church membership, water baptism, and other religious duties for salvation. His life was completely changed when he realized the completeness of Christ's work on the cross. Now Joshua studies the Word every chance he gets, alone and with his family. He always has an encouraging word from the Bible and loves to witness to others about God's saving grace.

9:15 a.m. We turn off the paved road and begin the last six kilometers to the church. The "road", which is virtually impassable in a heavy rain, consists of a track running across one river, several streams, rocks and deep sand. After 20 minutes we pull into the compound of Joshua's family. Joshua is 23, single and has built his house here. The family is all out to greet us with friendly smiles and warm handshakes. Joshua's mother looks like she is 25 but she is the mother of ten children. After the greetings we are motioned to some chairs and a table placed under a tree for shelter against the growing heat from the sun. Esther, Joshua's aunt, brings "chai" (tea with lots of milk and sugar) for us to drink while we talk. Joshua tells of his recent trip to a nearby town to pass out tracts. Many were eager to read of God's love while some rejected what Joshua was saying. One old man told Joshua that he was spreading lies among the people. When Joshua told the man that everything he was saying was from the Bible, the man wouldn't listen and became more angry. Finally, Joshua had to leave him. Joshua also teaches his own TEE seminar for six of the church members. He says they are progressing well although one person is having problems with the English. The class is preparing for their final exam.

10:05 a.m. Joyce leaves to teach the children at the church while Festus, Joshua and I begin our TEE seminar. We always start with prayer and a 20-question quiz covering the material they have been studying for the last two weeks. Today they both get all the questions correct so we go

on to the discussion. Joshua says he has had problems when going on visitation alone. We discuss the situation and decide it would be better to go with an elder from the church and to be sure the family is prepared for the visit. We continue to discuss the practical and doctrinal questions brought out by the book. In the distance we can hear the sound of drums as the children sing in the church.

11:30 a.m. Festus, Joshua and I are walking the ten minutes to the church through the family shamba (garden). Heat waves shimmer up from the sandy soil. There has been a drought here for the past two growing seasons. There are no ears of corn and the beans and peas died long ago. The well has dried up so the family now has to go some distance for their water. Next trip Joyce and I will bring a 200 pound sack of corn to the needy people of this church.

The children's lesson has finished when we get to the church. Joyce taught a lesson about heaven. Sometimes heaven seems impossibly far away for these poor children. It is good to remind them that it is a real place where the believers will all be together with Christ one day soon. The verse they have memorized is a part of John 14:2,3: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I am going there to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me." Mutio has been translating for Joyce. She loves the Lord and along with her brother Matheka is a candidate for the Bible School we will open in January 1989. Several of the young people and adult members have a desire to serve the Lord but have had nowhere to go for training until now.

The church building has mud walls and a grass roof. Grass does not last nearly as long as sheet iron but it certainly is cooler. The floor is dirt and the "pews" are made of three 3-inch diameter poles placed on braces about a foot off the ground. Due to termites they have been known to break in the middle of a service, dumping all those seated onto the floor. The wise church member treats these "pews" with respect. The church is already full of people who have been waiting for as long as two hours. Joshua begins the service with prayer and

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two songs which are accompanied by a drum and a ring gear hit with a metal rod. The people love to sing even though there are only two hymnbooks in the church. Most songs in the book have been memorized. Joshua gives some announcements and then invites me to teach the Bible Study. Today we look at some reasons why we should study the Bible and then how we should study it. During the question time a grandmother asks how she can study the Bible when she can't read, a common problem here. We decide that her grandchildren who live in her compound can take turns reading the Bible to her each day. The children agree to do this which makes the grandmother happy.

1:00 p.m. Once again we are seated under the shade tree at Joshua's house. The sun is boiling and the breeze is hot and dry. Joyce and I drink some water from our thermos. We make a point of not drinking unboiled water in the villages. The water here in Twamakaa looks like weak milky tea. We do drink the tea but trust it has been boiled. So far the Lord has protected us from serious stomach problems from the food and tea. A young girl comes up and asks if she can say her memory verses. We have a program for those who do not have a Bible. If they memorize all the books of the Bible and John 3:16-21, we give them a free Bible. So far we have given away over 20 Bibles, mostly to Junior High and High School age young people. The girl says the verses perfectly in the Kikamba dialect. We applaud her efforts and congratulate her. She wants a Kikamba Bible which I will bring next time if I can find one in Embu.

Lunch is chapati and chicken stew. Chapatis look like dry pancakes. The food is hot and very good. This food is special for us and is a real treat for the local people also. The normal fare is corn gruel and beans. The meal is finished off with more tea and conversation. Joshua is very active in the ministry and has many things to tell about his trips, the church and the members.

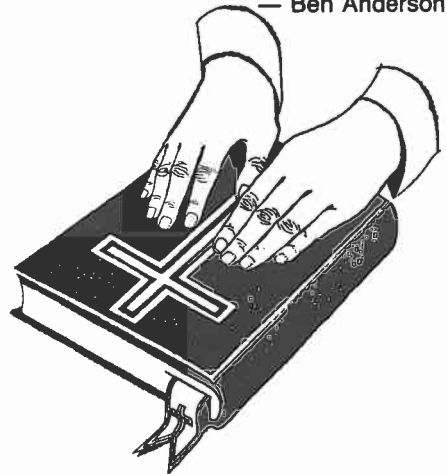
2:30 p.m. All the people gather around the truck. Some have special prayer requests for sickness or relatives who are away. I pray for all the requests and also

thank the Lord for this fine family and church. It has been an inspiration to be here. After saying our goodbys, Festus, Joyce, Tegwen and I climb into the truck and set off down the narrow track running along this shamba. On the way to Kerwa Village we discuss with Festus ways to help this church.

4:00 p.m. Tired but happy we climb the hill back into Embu. The sun has dried the road so much that it is already getting dusty. Tegwen, who loves rough roads, is sound asleep in her car seat. We are never too tired to stop by the post office to check for letters from friends, relatives and the mission. Today there are three letters and some boxes of literature for Festus. We eagerly read the letters on the short drive back to the house.

We rejoice that the Lord has allowed us to take part once more in His work here in Kenya. So much more can be done for people in villages like Twamakaa. Every Saturday and Sunday we make a trip like this one. But the Bible School will take more and more of our time and resources. We must have help to carry on these various ministries. Is the Lord calling you to assist in His work in Kenya? If so, tell us about it at Box 1210, Embu, KENYA. "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14. (NIV)

— Ben Anderson



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## **GOD SAID "NO"**

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said "No."

He said it was not for him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said "No."

He said that her spirit is whole; her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and God said "No."

He said that patience is a byproduct of tribulation, and it is earned, not granted.

I asked God to give me happiness, and God said "No."

He said that he gives blessings; happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and God said "No."

He said, "Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow, and God said "No."

He said I must grow on my own, but he will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked God whether he loved me, and God said "Yes."

He said he gave his only Son to die for me, and I will be in heaven someday because I believe in Him.

I asked God to help me love others as much as he loves me.

And God said, "Now you have the idea."

## **Is Your Church Mission-Minded?**

- i. Evaluation of the Leadership
  - A. Do they stimulate the members for missions?
  - B. Does the pastor preach 4-7 messages a year on missions?
  - C. Has the leadership established a mission committee?
  - D. Are missionary letters read from the pulpit on Sunday morning?
  - E. Are you encouraged to read missionary biographies?
  - F. Are members encouraged to become missionaries?
  - G. Are the missions committee members well informed about the ministry of each missionary supported by your church?
  - H. Is prayer emphasized for missions?
  - I. Does the church have a policy for missions?

The local church is the seed bed for missionaries. The seed is planted and the seed is cultivated in the local church. The local church is the foundation for missions. If the local church fails, missions fail.

Next issue; we will evaluate your church's strategy for missions.