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"Unto the ends of the earth"
Romans 1:5 John 4:35

Because of your prayers and gifts, Beverly and I were able to travel from Los Angeles to Indonesia with Vernon, Darlene and Amy Anderson. We arrived in Jakarta on July 1st. Daniel and Jennifer Sidebottom arrived there the next day.

One party told me that they had been praying for 5 years that I would be able to come to see the work in Indonesia. It was a joy to meet the workers and to take part in their 4th annual conference. We also visited different churches and met many



Eldred Sidebottom

new friends.

We had hoped to be able to see the beginning of the Bible School in Jakarta but that did not happen until after Beverly and I returned to the U.S.A. We left Jakarta on July 20th but Daniel, Jennifer and the Andersons stayed to get the

Bible School started.

The number "8" is the number of a new beginning and the Bible School was started on 8/8/88. Praise the Lord. We need some new missionaries for Indonesia and we invite you to fill in the gap there!

Amy Anderson left Jakarta on August 19. Daniel and Jennifer stayed until about the end of September and Vernon and Darlene stayed until about the first of October. Amy is now in Moody Bible Institute. Daniel and Jennifer are back in the Philippines and Vernon and Darlene are in Kenya to help establish a Bible School for Kenya in January 1989.

Many problems were solved at the National Convention and three fellows were ordained to the Ministry. The Convention was held in a mountain setting overlooking terraced hills.

Would you pray for this country of Indonesia, the 5th largest country in the world. Jakarta is a city of between 7 and 10 million people. And we have many national workers who have degrees and are not ashamed to witness to others. But they need your prayer support and do need some Missionary families.

Our Director, Dr. Frans Tamarol, received his degree from the University in Houston, Texas, and is a very capable leader, but he has more to do than one person can accomplish.

Thank you again for supplying our financial needs so that we can make such a trip. We pray the Lord will richly bless and use you for His glory.

Front Page Picture:

Missionary Candidates. Left to right: Daniel and Jean Gross and children (Far East),

Mike and Ronna Smith and son (Kenya), Miss Pamela Button (Philippines), Mike and Donna Maleski (Kenya).

(Thomas and Carol Schneidmiller, candidates for Alaska, were not present when picture was taken.)

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Missionary statesmen were against taking U.S. funds to support national workers. They felt it would only encourage "rice-Christians", those who preach for monetary gain.

From the beginning, Things to Come Mission has helped support national workers. We feel it is scriptural to support nationals as a means of helping nationals reach their own people with the Gospel of the Grace of God.

Missionary statesmen of the past failed to see the truth given to the Apostle Paul. Paul reveals to us in his epistles (I Cor. 12:12-27) the teaching of the Body of Christ. The emphasis is the Body is ONE, with many members (believers from all nations). The members are to work together, one helping the other, in order that the Body can function.

When TCM supports nationals, it is helping another member of the Body to function. The nationals have the feet, eyes, mouths, desire, and calling of God to reach their own people. What they lack, we as believers, can help supply. We can supply funds to help them, books, and a Biblical education. In 1958 when the work of TCM began in the Philippines, a Bible school was started, to train Filipinos. Today there are over 300 churches, the majority of these churches were started by the nationals.

In this issue you will find a very fine article by Dan Sidebottom on supporting nationals.

Memorial Giving

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In our last issue the memorial giving list was not printed correctly. This list is a correction.

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Set Free Ministry- A Fourth World Ministry of Things to Come Mission

by Bob Xavier



Bob and Beth Xavier with their children Jonathan and Rebecca

This recently formed ministry of Things to Come Mission deserves a proper introduction and explanation to our friends and supporters.

What Is A Fourth World?

The United States government is dealing with the Western World, the European World, and the Third World. There is a Fourth World right here in the U.S.A. that is being overlooked by the government and Christian organizations.

This Fourth World is made up of hard core addicts, alcoholics, street people, homeless vagrants, prisoners, prostitutes, homosexuals, runaways, and delinquents.

One can also add to this group those of family and friends whose lives have been emotionally, physically or spiritually disrupted because of living alongside a fourth-world person.

To address the problem of this

Fourth World, Things to Come Mission has formed Set Free Ministry, currently headquartered in Palmetto, Florida, and headed by Bob Xavier, a devoted missionary to the Fourth World.

Why Fourth World Ministry?

Fourth World Ministry is a new kind of cross-cultural evangelism, discipleship and counseling developed to deal directly with these Fourth World people, family members and friends.

The Set Free Ministry will bridge the gap between the institutional church and the Fourth-World people.

Ministry Objectives

The first objective will be the presentation of the gospel in simple language, a language these people understand.

The only hope for these Fourth-World people is the New Life that

comes from accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The second objective will be the after-care for those who truly accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The only culture these people know is that of the Fourth World. They will need much spiritual care. Just as a new-born baby needs much physical attention, so these dear ones need both spiritual and physical attention. This attention will be given in the after-care groups.

Attention will also be given to the para-dependents (wives, mothers, fathers and children) of the Fourth World person. The ministry will present the gospel to these para-dependents through Bible study, group support and counseling. Every individual of the Fourth World will have influence on from 3 to 6 people. When a young man is saved out of the drug culture, it is important that his family, wife or friends understand what has happened and they, too, become saved. If these para-dependents are not dealt with then this young person will soon be back into the drug culture, as many of these para-dependents are also on drugs or alcohol, etc.

The after-care group provides a nonthreatening, nonaccusing system of corporate mutual accountability through which members can aid each other through prayer and encouragement at each meeting.

The Ministry believes that for every new-born Christian it is very important that they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The after-care groups will spend much time in studying the Word of God rightly divided. This Bible study is a systematic procedure of Bible study on how to deal with an individual's sins, help the new believer to realize he (or she) is complete in Christ, and God can solve each problem.

The third objective will be to train those in the after-care group to be pro-

ductive. They will be trained first of all to reach others of the Fourth-World with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To offer hope to the Fourth World.

There will also be self-help projects offered for each. This will provide an avenue for them to begin to work once again. Work ethics are very important elements in the growth of these newly-saved people.

The fourth objective is to tie these after-care of support groups to a local church. Set Free Ministry is the Logo name of the ministry. The Ministry is not a para-church ministry. The ministry at present is working closely with the Palma Sola Community Church of Bradenton, Florida. The church will provide a healthy peer group while in the process of recovery through local fellowship, education and accountability.

How Are Contacts Made With The Fourth World?

Most contacts are made through referrals from co-dependents who may live with a loved one who is caught up in the culture of the Fourth World.

From church members who have friends who are addicted to alcohol or drugs.

From community agencies, criminal justice systems and from local after-care people telling their friends about the ministry.

Financial Support

The Set Free Ministry is operated as a strictly faith work. Missionaries are supported by love offerings from churches, groups and individuals who share the same burden as the ministry - reaching the Fourth World's people.

The ministry also is striving through various self-help projects to supplement the love offering and donations.

All gifts should be sent to Things to

Come Mission, P.O. Box 96, Cope, CO 80812 and marked "For the Set Free Ministry." A tax deductible receipt will be issued for all gifts sent for the ministry.

The Needs Of The Ministry

Financial Support is very important in a ministry like this. Support is needed to pay rent, vehicle expenses and missionary support.

Prayer is our number one priority.

By prayer you can join with the ministry each day. You can walk with each member as they reach out to the Fourth World. You can join in with the after-care groups as you pray for the leaders and individuals and family members of these groups.

If you have any questions please write to Bob Xavier, 8113 18th AV East, Palmetto, FL 34221, or Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 96, Cope, CO 80812.

Santiago (Sanny) Sumilhig



Sanny Sumilhig

Sanny's parents were saved under the ministry of a TCM pastor in the province of Davao, on the island of Mindanao. Sanny was saved under the influence of his parents.

Sanny was encouraged to go to Bible school by his mother. He became a student in the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute, one of TCM's Bible schools. While a student, he became interested in the study of the Word of God rightly divided and became interested in the Lord's work. He was an honor student, has even memorized several of Paul's epistles.

He graduated from MGBI in 1982. Just after graduation he began his min-

istry as youth coordinator for the island of Negros. This is the time that the editor (Joe Watkins) became acquainted with Bro. Sanny. While I was a missionary in charge of the work on the island of Negros, Sanny organized youth gospel teams that held many evangelistic meetings in the towns of that island. He also organized many youth fellowships throughout that island where TCM has around 45 churches.

Sanny also taught for a while in our elders' training center.

Sanny, like Joel Molina, entered Grace Bible College on a scholarship in 1986. He has done very well in his grades and Christian work assignments since entering GBC.

Sanny, like Joel, is interested in becoming a missionary under TCM upon graduation from GBC. Sanny is burdened for the work in Brazil.

Please pray for Sanny. Pray that God will open doors right here in the U.S. for him to minister. Pray also that God will raise up support for him right now to help him in his schooling.

We praise God for the Philippine work. There is another couple (Filipino) who are under training right now in the Philippines whom TCM would like to send to help in the work in Brazil. Please pray for Bro. and Sister Gomer Indino. Gomer is the brother of Mario Indino, the director of Instituto Teologico da Graca, Brazil.

It was reading group time and a handful of third graders wriggled on their chairs around me.

"So the crow turned away from the jug and continued on his thirsty journey." I concluded our last fable.

"No! No! That's not the way it happened!", chorused several indignant voices. I raised my eyebrows in mock surprise, encouraging them to prove me wrong.

"Well, see, the crow found some little rocks and he started putting them in the jug. And when he did that, you know, the water came up in the jug and he got a drink!"

Have you ever felt like that crow? I often have in my three years of working with unsaved children at Santiago Christian School. At my fingertips are dozens of children to be reached for Christ and I rush enthusiastically to do the job. Idealistically, I expect to lead them immediately into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and set them on their way to spiritual maturity. But, it doesn't take long to discover that sincere and lasting commitments are rarely achieved so easily. Among children in particular, growth in Christ requires an enormous amount of time and patience. It is a task of daily presenting and modelling Christ-like behavior until at last they overflow with the joy of knowing Christ and walking with Him.

Many times in this process, I have wondered if the time and effort spent are really accomplishing anything. When I still hear the bad language and see the fighting and disobedience I often want to turn away and say, "Forget it God, it's not worth it." But to God, every pebble of truth that we drop into someone's life is worth it. Consider the time and patience Jesus willingly gave to nurture His disciples. Remember how He stuck with Peter

through misunderstandings and denials until Peter finally became a true rock of faith.

Friends, we have been given a mammoth task to do; reach the world for Christ. Let's not be overcome by the size of the job; instead, let's concentrate on the pebbles we can put in to reach that goal. If we persevere and pray for one another, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will one day be able to stand before God and say, "It is finished!"



Valerie Anderson

Valerie is now teaching in a missionary Children's School and is also helping TCM's work in Kenya. Her address is Box 14146 Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya, E Africa.

Why Should Missions Support National Workers?

Dan Sidebottom

A particular uniqueness of Things to Come Mission, Inc. has always been its willingness to encourage foreign support for national workers. In this article, I will attempt to discuss some of the issues involved in national support. I will also want to say "thank you" to those within our mission family who have sacrificially given so that nationals here in the Philippines and other countries could more effectively carry on their ministry.

To begin with, two arguments commonly used against the supporting of nationals are 1) the making of "rice-Christians", and 2) maintaining "cultural integrity." Any mission which includes outside support for the national needs to be aware of and consider these two arguments. By the first, the argument maintains that money in a poor country can buy anything, including Christians, or at least those who will claim to be Christians. It has been stated that a number of people in the country of India will join any group and teach any doctrine if "The Price is Right." The argument asserts that it is always possible to start a church and increase the church membership if the church leadership has enough money to give to the members.

Care must be taken that the finances used really do result in eternal decisions being made for Christ, not just temporal, stomach-related decisions. It is necessary that someone be able to ensure that those who are supported are really needful of the support and are accomplishing the work for which the support is given. It is for



Dan and Jennifer Sidebottom

this reason that TCM does not encourage believers to support national personnel except through TCM. As you know, no percentage is taken from gifts sent through the mission, so the policy is not for the mission's sake. It is only to help make sure that the money given is being properly used.

We have carefully guarded against giving full support to pastors and Bible Women in the local church. However, we do seek to give some small financial help (10 - 50%) especially to pioneering and small area church pastors. We also try to give 50-100% support to those workers who are in organizational leadership positions which do not give them time to work in a specific local church (Bible School teachers, Christian Ed. coordinators, department directors, etc.).

Things to Come Mission does strive to ensure that the national support is given only to those with valid needs and to those who are performing the expected ministry. Even at this it seems that the support that is available for distribution is always less than that which could be used.

The argument of "cultural integrity"

states that each culture is unique and sufficient for the people within that culture. Outside forces should not be used to influence the people. Outside ways and means should not be brought in. This argument taken to its extreme states that even medical hospitals and clinics, religious schools, and foreign organizational set-ups should not be introduced to the culture. In other words, the ministry carried on in each culture should be unique to that culture and use only the methods of the culture (see CHRISTIANITY RE-DISCOVERED by Vincent J. Donovan for an interesting discussion and presentation of this view). This concern for preserving cultural integrity causes some to advise against any outside support of individuals or projects being brought into a country.

Going to the other extreme, some groups bring in all kinds of foreign ideas and projects, including a foreign organizational set-up, which often results in people being drawn out of their normal lifestyle and value system to a "mission compound" where they are given housing, medical help, educational training, etc. This often encourages a dependence and taste for a life different from the rest of their fellow countrymen.

TCM has sought to maintain a balanced perspective. We, as missionaries, live in the culture of the people in spite of our feeling exasperated at some of the cultural customs. As long as these are not opposed by Scripture, we believe we must follow the Filipino custom while living in their country. We do not seek to take anyone out from their culture. We are the ones who are to adjust to the national, not the national to us.

Along with a recognition of the local culture, we also recognize both the poverty of the people and the shortness of time to do God's work here. This balanced perspective, though keeping people within their cultural setting, has

resulted in the building of an organizational structure and mission-wide ministries which are resulting in growth and fruit, but which can not yet be fully supported by the local churches.

Since the beginning, TCM (in the Philippines) has financed the ministries of the International Grace Bible Institute (IGBI), Mindanao Grace Bible Institute (MGBI), the Youth work, the Literature work, the Christian Education work, the Radio outreach, and the organizational structure of our Field work (the churches and workers). Our ministries still seek to keep the students and workers in the cultural surroundings of the family and church, thereby keeping them in touch with reality as faced by the people here.

The reason for this outside support for ministries is due to our desire for growth and fruit. Though we could practice the position of V. Donovan (bring in nothing but the gospel and force or encourage the people to develop and finance their own style of worship and outreach) we felt that the fact that funds were available and that time was short demanded that we begin ministries supported by outside funds.

If the original missionaries would have waited for the believers here to see the need for, and design, develop, and finance the Institutes, our work would still be in the infancy stage and the fruit would not be as extensive as it is now. The local believers, because of their poverty (we are talking poverty and not just difficult living conditions) and small number, could never have supported the Institute along with the seminars and conferences needed to strengthen the church workers and youth. They would never have been able to purchase printing equipment and print hundreds of thousands of tracts and correspondence courses, or provide books for their workers.

It is in these areas that gifts from outside of the country are most

needed. The local churches (especially in the Philippines and other Under-Developed Countries (UDC)) are usually able to carry on their local ministry and support their local pastor. But when it comes to providing pastoral libraries, funds for attendance at seminars and conferences, funds to help start a daughter church, or funds to support a Bible Training program, the local church is almost always lacking. So, this is where TCM has sought to help the local church and worker.

Are there pitfalls to the program practiced by TCM? Yes, there are. We could have "rice-Christians" as workers and members in our churches. We are constantly on guard against this. In spite of the hardships faced by many of our pastors and members, they have remained faithful both to the Lord and to His message.

One pitfall which was not foreseen is that of unintentionally encouraging the local church to think that they have no responsibility outside of the local church. In other words, some of our churches, though they are supporting their own local ministry, are not reaching out through other ministries beyond their immediate community. Often I have counselled the pastors in churches here to encourage their members to support the mission-wide ministries such as the Radio broadcasts, Bible Institutes, Literature, etc., but very few have done so.

The good news, though, is that many people are now beginning to help on a ministry-wide scale. The Youth work is requiring the churches to sponsor the crusades they are organizing. Many churches help sponsor their young people in the Bible Institutes. Some are giving to the Radio ministry.

In October, due to the debt the mission had here, we sent out a letter encouraging the local churches to begin helping the mission rather than relying solely on the help from the USA. We

were encouraged by the response even though this was basically a one-time-request. In addition, some churches are helping the National Finance Department here clear donated land for rubber planting. Once the rubber begins producing, the income will be used to help some of the ministries here.

The churches in the Davao-Cotabato area are also starting to help MGBI because of the suspension of classes due to the school debt. They are targeting \$150.00 per month for the operational expenses of the school. This is a great encouragement to us as we see them band together and sacrifice to save a ministry they believe in.

With our restructuring of the Radio department, we will begin to help the local churches sponsor their own broadcasts. This will not only provide local-interest programming to the area churches, but it will begin to get them involved in the financing of the broadcasts.

"Even our Calamity Fund is guarded so as to keep it from destroying the local culture."

Even our Calamity Fund is guarded so as to keep it from destroying the local culture. How we praise God for those who have given to make it possible for the mission to help those in medical need. However, we try not to meet 100% of any need a worker might have. Not only would this quickly deplete our fund and make it so others would not be able to receive any help, but it would break up a very important value in the culture.

In many countries of the world, and especially in the Philippines, people are not so much seen as individuals but as members of a family. By refusing to pay 100% of any medical bill, the

family must also become involved. But the calamity help is needed. Often we hear of stories where people are just permitted to die because they lack finances to seek or pay for medical help. Even the extended family can not meet the need. So in these situations, among our workers, the Calamity Fund serves a very needful purpose, saving lives and health as well as family values.

To summarize, it would appear that even though certain individuals are in need of outside support (pioneering workers, organizational leaders, and those with medical needs), it is more the mission-wide ministries and major projects which really stand or fall based upon this support.

An example of a major project would be church land and construction for a large town or city church. In the barrio, or small community church, it is difficult but not impossible for the members to erect a church. Often they receive donated land and the members are able to quickly build a small church, adequate for their needs. Mission help is not so much needed. However, for the large town or city church, it is almost always difficult and impossible for the members to buy and build. Consider the following:

The average city church has only a few members. It seems that our churches are always having visitors come and new people coming to know Christ as Savior through the regular church services and individual outreaches. But often the new visitor comes only one or two times. The common excuse is the condition of the meeting place. The church, because of the lack of members, meets in a small and plain building. Often there are no extra rooms for Sunday School classes or the nursery.

The membership knows they need to build their own church building where the membership will remain and new people feel comfortable. The

problems—few members, the small salary of the majority of the members, and the extremely high cost of construction. The solution—start a church building fund and challenge the people to give. The problem—the fund grows slowly because the membership does not grow. The membership does not grow because of the facilities. The facilities can not change because of the membership. It is a cyclical pattern hard to break.

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It might take the local church 10 years or more to buy the land and build a church if they were able to give their complete 10% offering to the building fund. But we know that this can not be, therefore making it take even longer than 10 years. Some might recommend that the church should get a loan. But this is almost always impossible as the banks hesitate to loan to a church. If they only try to save their own money, by the time the building fund is large enough to purchase the land and build, inflation has caused the price to rise so that they still can not buy and build.

So we arrive back to our beginning consideration, outside support. The local church is in need of help. And we arrive back again at our responsibility as a mission, thanking those who pray and those who give so that the local ministries in TCM's many fields can continue. Thank you for your concern for those you have never met and might never meet. We truly bow before you to offer our appreciation. And we bow before our Lord for meeting the ministry's needs, even through His people.

With and in His Love,
Daniel & Jennifer Sidebottom

Little did Pat or I know, two years ago, when we met American teachers at a Three Self Church, in Fuzhou, China, we would also be teaching English in China today. But as I look out our study window, I know it is true.

In 1986, we visited a few house churches and a Three Self Church. Except for two or three Buddhist temples, we saw no other evidence of religion. Religious practice was allowed, but not for government workers, nor were young people or children allowed in church. The Three Self Church was recognized by the government. House churches were tolerated, in some areas. (Pat and I did have Bible studies in our hotel room, with our three Chinese guides.)

One night, in Xiamen, Ernie and Marion (our companions) were in a small park. They heard some Chinese students talking in English. Joining in the conversation, they learned that it was a weekly occurrence, in the "English corner" of the park. They also learned that the students had never heard of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ever since our visit to Xiamen, Pat and I have been burdened for the spiritual lack in China!

In recent years, the Chinese government has recognized the need for their students to learn English, especially conversational English. And who better to teach conversational English than Americans. An evangelical group in Des Moines, Washington, The Mission To Unreached People, saw this as an opportunity for Christians to be "tent makers." Last June, I saw their advertisement for Foreign Experts to teach English in Chinese Colleges and Universities. Remembering the lack of a Christian witness to students, Pat and I prayed about being "tent makers." We answered the advertisement, and here we are, at Foshan University.

We are not the first "tent makers." Solomon used his position as King to tell the Queen of Sheba about his God (2 Chronicles 9:8). Paul used his position as a "tent maker" (Acts 18) to share his faith.

I have already had two classes with first year students and one class with English teachers. This weekend is the 39th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, so there will be no school for several days. When we have our full schedule, Pat will be teaching about 80 first year students, two classes, in conversational English. I have 120 (three classes) first year students, 80 third year students, and two, two hour sessions with English teachers.

Several times, University President Xie (pronounced 'Shee') has hosted us at banquets. The other night, he invited us to his apartment. It was very interesting to hear him talk about teaching. He and his wife had to go to a rural area during the Cultural Revolution. After the revolution, Xie spent two years at UCLA, and his wife studied in Canada. We were sorry our



Vernon and Pat Bigelow

visit was interrupted by other visitors. The next night, while waiting to go to another banquet celebrating the 39th Anniversary, Xie mentioned that his parents are Christians. Pat and I are eagerly waiting for another talk with him.

3000 students make up the student body. Many are eager to improve their English and learn about American culture. The staff is large. As I mentioned above, several teachers also want to be able to speak better English. And, Pat and I want to learn Chinese from them!

Last night, two young college graduates, who want to improve their English, visited us. Wei is the son of faculty members living on campus. He and Hua work for the Customs.

During our conversation, we learned there is an "English Corner" in Foshan, and Thursday night, Wei will take us there.

Though we can't teach of our faith, we can teach about Christian holidays. Our Bibles and a hymnal are on a table in our living room. Pat and I will be alert to share our faith. Other missionary teachers have led many students to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chinese culture is one of the oldest cultures in our world. Even though there are maybe 20 million Christians, that is a very small part of the more than one billion Chinese. We believe our Lord will use us to help more of them become Christians!

Joy Comes in the Morning

Amy Anderson

As our Garuda DC10 landed in Jakarta, Indonesia, I was excited about what would happen during the 1 1/2 months I would be there and about seeing old friends. It was like rediscovering my childhood, since I had left the country and culture nine years ago.

Friends were at the airport to meet us with a van, and as we travelled into the city, I was suddenly hit by culture shock! The method of driving, if you could call it a method, is indescribable. The number of vehicles that can fit across the road, three inches apart, determines how many lanes there are. The largest vehicle has the right-of-way and cutting people off is the rule of the road. I also was surprised to see open sewers running down the middle and/or sides of the road. There are all kinds of buildings, from run-down shacks to huge skyscrapers. My first impression of Jakarta was that it was a dirty, crowded city, and not as modern as I thought it would or should be.

When we arrived at Panjaitan's

house, I was met by many more friends. Most of the young people who had been in Manado where we had lived for five years were now married, with children, and had moved to Jakarta. It was a source of frustration to be aware of the fact that I had spoken Indonesian so fluently at one time, yet now I had to look at these friends blankly, asking them to speak English.

That afternoon we spent riding around in a van trying to find rooms in homes where we could stay. I was extremely tired from our long trip, and the heat seemed unbearable. It did not help matters much when Benny, an Indonesian friend, asked me why I had come to Indonesia. I looked at him while my mind swam around, trying to find a good answer.

That night when we finally arrived at the home where we were to stay, I broke down and cried. Was I willing to live out of a suitcase, sleep in a room with two other Indonesians while being

bitten by mosquitoes, adjust myself to new cultural practices, and accept ways of doing things that I thought were backward? Most of all, what in the world could I do here that the Indonesians could not do for themselves?

Ps. 30:5 says, "...weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning." That verse was extremely appropriate, as God worked on my heart that night. I realized how extremely selfish my thoughts had been and although I had a great burden for the lost, I had allowed my comfort to take precedence. I purposed in my heart and mind that I would look at the positive and allow God to use and teach me in whatever ways He desired. And He took my prayer seriously!

I was able to make friends with Eva, a girl in the house where we stayed, and with Ben, a neighbor. It was a wonderful experience to share with them Jesus Christ and living for Him. They began to come to some of our services, and I was pleased to see positive responses as they would ask me questions and discuss spiritual things when we returned home.

God also provided an opportunity for me to do some teaching. During a conference in Surabaya, I was able to teach the children each day through an interpreter. It was fun to see the excitement in the children and their

eagerness to hear Bible stories. I was impressed by the fact of how very important children are to Jesus Christ, and a ministry to them should be a high priority. Later on, in Jakarta, I was also asked to teach a group of teenagers and a women's meeting. There is an incredible joy that comes with being able to share the Word with other people while learning with them.

The greatest effect my time in Indonesia had on me was seeing people everywhere (approx. 9 million in Jakarta), and realizing that only a handful know Jesus Christ, many of whom have never heard His name. While riding buses and taxis and also during my trip back to the U.S., God opened opportunities for me to share my faith, mainly with Muslims. I picked up my Indonesian enough so that a couple times I shared in Indonesian. The people responded well, one taxi driver even lowering my fare! A most common statement they make is that there is one God, but Jesus Christ is only a prophet. He did not die for our sins. If only they knew!

I am now at Moody Bible Institute, and I thank God for the experiences I had this summer. It broadened my knowledge of the lost world, and causes me to desire more to be prepared by Him for His service. "But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" (2 Cor. 2:14).



Amy Anderson





Don, Sue, and Katharine Sommer

"I want to continue working as a pastor but the church cannot support me and my family, and we are without rice". In the past two years that I have been in the Philippines I have heard that sentence or something similar to it dozens of times. What does a struggling pastor do when his church is too small or the members are too poor to meet the basic needs of him and his family? As missionaries we can offer to help him with a special gift or support him regularly but it is soon obvious that simply giving money only creates dependence and then eventually a return to the same situation.

The simple facts will help to show the magnitude of the problem of the undersupported minister. First, it is estimated that 70% of the population of the Philippines lives below the poverty level and the figure is increasing as the economy of the country steadily deteriorates. Secondly, many of the churches within Things to Come Mission are small (average 40 members 16 years old and above) and even if the people are faithful to give, they cannot raise enough to support the pastor in the church. It is clear that there is a serious problem but the question re-

mains how to remedy the situation.

Our Filipino workers have come together and come up with a way to help this situation through the formation within Things to Come Mission-R.P. of the NATIONAL FINANCING DEPARTMENT (NFD). The purpose of the NFD is "to generate support for local churches, Grace Workers and the National organization, with emphasis on the special needs of underfinanced workers and pioneering works or churches". The NFD has several ways in which they hope to accomplish this objective. Specifically; 1. To encourage and train church members regarding their biblical responsibility to support the workers in their local churches. 2. To solicit funds from churches and members for the assistance of underfinanced workers. 3. To implement fund generating projects.

I would like to say more about the third method listed above. The NFD has begun a project that will generate funds that can be used for the assistance of workers for the next 30 years. TCM-RP has received a donation of over 10 acres of land that is ideal for the planting and harvesting of rubber trees. Only a very few parts of the world have the land and climate suitable for rubber trees, but Mindanao, in the southern part of the Philippines is ideal for planting. After planting and with proper maintenance in five years the trees will yield \$150 worth of rubber latex monthly and after eight years that amount is tripled. This will be a tremendous assistance to the workers here.

I believe this is a worthwhile undertaking by the NFD as it is seeking to provide a consistent source of additional funds from within the Philippines and is a way to help the churches here become truly indige-

nous. The plantation will be managed by Pastor Rudy Decena, pastor of the church nearest the site with the assistance of Pastor Sagrado Improso, the director of the NFD and an experienced rubber planter, with several acres of his own rubber land adjacent to the NFD land. The land has already been planted and will need to be maintained for five years before the trees will begin producing latex. The expenses for the planting were met through a matching fund agreement between a U.S. donor and the NFD in which for every \$1 equivalent raised by the NFD within the Philippines the matching fund provided \$4. This way the project was a joint effort in which both parties had interest. But the project still needs \$800 yearly for the next five years. Could you pray about participating in this project on a matching funds type arrangement.

Perhaps some are questioning whether or not a rubber plantation is consistent with TCM's policy of being a "faith mission", I believe it is very consistent. The project itself is a project of

faith, the planting was done with cash, not borrowed money, trusting that the Lord will supply the funds for maintenance over the next five years. As in any agricultural project you must trust that the Lord will provide adequate rain and protect the trees from fire, disease and insects. It is a bold step of faith in which the Filipino believers are saying they are ready to take on the challenge of self-support. I hope you can be a part of this move of faith.

**ESTIMATED COST OF PLANTING AND
MAINTAINING THE NATIONAL
FINANCING DEPARTMENT'S
RUBBER PLANTATION PROJECT**

<u>Description</u>	<u>US Dollar Equivalent</u>
Clearing Land	\$200
Budded Seedlings	\$275
Planting	\$140
Fertilizer	\$40
Manager	\$18
Pesticide	\$20
Misc.	<u>\$30</u>
Total	\$723

**ESTIMATED YEARLY MAINTENANCE
COSTS**

<u>Description</u>	<u>US Dollar Equivalent</u>
Labor	\$630
Management	\$70
Fertilizer and Pesticide	<u>\$100</u>
Total	\$800



Rubber tree in production



News You Can Use During Prayer Time

New Missionary Candidates

Mike and Donna Maleski will work with Ben and Joyce Anderson in Kenya. Mike is a carpenter and Donna will receive a teaching degree this December.

Daniel and Jean Gross. Formerly missionaries in Singapore under the Navigators. They plan to live in Manila, Philippines and try to start works in India and Malaysia and help the church in Singapore as well.

Pamela Button. She will work in the Philippines with children, youth and the church in Cebu City. She would like to use her musical talent in her ministry.

Mike and Ronna Smith are finishing their training at Grace Bible College and then would like to go to Kenya to help the Andersons in training the nationals in the needed ministry there.

Tom and Carol Schneidmiller have been accepted by Things to Come Mission as missionaries. They felt a calling to open a mission field in Alaska for the gospel of the Grace of God in that area. Tom has a real musical ability as well as being a Pastor teacher.



Tom and Carol Schneidmiller

INDONESIA:

Frans Tamarol: Excerpt from his letter. "This money, especially the \$500 for the Bible school, will help us in providing several text books needed this semester and two office desks for full-time teachers.

The Andersons are finishing their teaching. On Saturday, October 1st they will leave for Kenya. We'll still have 12 weeks ahead to finish this semester with five more courses. We have 6 students enrolled.

The work is growing fast. We have 23 full-time workers serving the Lord in 17 congregations and 5 new fields."

Vernon Anderson writes: "We desperately need a missionary teacher for the Bible school here if it is to grow and accomplish its purpose."

BRAZIL:

Barb Bowman writes: "Mario had a car accident. He descended a steep hill, unpaved with big rocks, lost control of his car, veered to one side to keep from falling into a little river, veered to the right and rolled a couple of times into a ditch with sewage water. I couldn't believe he was alive when I arrived. Car very badly damaged. Please pray for funds to repair.

The Grace Theological Institute finishes its second term this week. There are 12 students.

The TCM annual conference in July hosted by Pastor Edio's church was fantastic. Three chartered buses full of brethren attended the three-day event, with solid Bible teaching, wonderful fellowship and record-setting numbers participating."

Doug LeFever writes: "I will be

spending approximately three weeks in Recife, then one week in Goiania and then back to Curitiba for two weeks in the Bible school. Because of my time in Recife and Curitiba, the work here in Goiania is having growth problems. I am praying for a Timothy to pastor the church in Recife.

I am trying to build up the work in Curitiba so I can spend less time there. Heraldo is going to the school as teacher/student and also working in evangelism.

KENYA:

Letter received from a **Pastor George Marabu**: "Please, we are requesting your mission to agree us to be a part of your church members in Kenya and send your missionary to come and help us and teach us to grow spiritually to the truth of our Lord."

PHILIPPINES:

Pastor Jun Pielago writes: "Urgent prayer item: Two weeks ago we were informed by Mr. Mayuela (owner of the furniture display center where we have been holding our Cebu Church Services) that they will soon vacate the place. They can no longer pay the monthly rental. This means the church will be forced to move out. The most practical place is in our new church building - however, it is unfinished. Please pray for \$400 to put the roof on so we could use the building. We now have 14 Bible study groups in different sections of the city of Cebu."

Please pray for the political situation. Pastor C. Temporada was abducted by the communists. He has been missing for several months. Some think he is dead. His son, who is a pastor under TCM, had his house burned — a warning from the communists.

Pastor Boco (director of International Grace Bible Institute) writes: "This second term we have 30 freshmen, 18 second-year and 7 third-year (all men) plus 42 interns in the churches. Adding all this up we have 97 enrolled students here in the school."

USA:

Joel Molina and Sanny Sumilbig: Continuing their studies in preparation for their future ministries in Indonesia and Brazil. Joel had a fruitful ministry this past summer as a counselor at the Grace Youth Camp in Michigan.

Joe and Pauline Watkins: Joe has traveled eight to nine thousand miles during the past few months while attending conferences and meetings. Pauline continues the day to day work in the office as well as the typing she does for me.

Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom: Eldred directs the mission and Beverly helps with bookkeeping.

Ellen Cecil helps with the prayer letters, the IH and keeps up with the addresses for the missionaries.

Bill and Eunice Heath: Bill continues to write Bible study material and books. He represents TCM on the West Coast. We praise God for his ministry of writing as his writings are a great help to TCM.

Bob Xavier: "Opportunities for us to provide really effective ministry is unlimited. We have the limitation of not enough income to operate Set Free Ministry. We would request you to please pray for the opportunities which have been made available to us. We have been given a wide-open door to go into the correctional institutions and provide family biblical counselling to the inmates and their whole families through our overcomers support groups."

USED CARS!! I must confess there are times when missionaries feel like they have much in common with used cars!

Worn tires— we don't feel quite right about having a collection of shoes like Mrs. Marcos did, but shoes get so dusty, dirty, and wet in these tropical countries that maybe we should consider amassing a bunch of cheap shoes to choose from instead of spending the time and effort to clean and/or re-tread the "two pair and the spare" each time we want to go out.

Paint job wearing thin— it's hard to keep that smile of "unending patience and gracious tolerance" from fading after a while, especially as it winds down to the end of the term.

Upholstery ripped and ragged—with all the weight of daily decisions, frustrations, confrontations, etc. we have to put up with, it's a wonder we haven't come apart even more at the seams.

Out-of-date style—maybe our old cotton and polyester shirts, skirts, and pants can be worn for 3 - 4 years (year round) in a foreign country but, especially upon returning to the U.S., we can feel real "frumpy" when we step off that plane and discover what the latest styles are.

No set sticker price—we don't have that extra financial security of a "fixed price" income; instead we sometimes feel like we must "sell ourselves" to the Christian public and just be thankful for whatever support we can get.

The list could go on—perhaps you have already thought of other analogies. But you know, I think there's still something special about used cars (besides being more affordable). They've got... character—a depth of character that goes beyond the surface, and...personality—a unique personality all their own. They aren't clones off the old assembly line (although at one time

maybe they were, but people change, individualize, mature with time). They are down-to-earth, practical, found in all status and income levels, and usually the cars of choice for training "student drivers." (Oh boy!) With used cars, you don't have to worry so much about a scratch here or there. They can take some hard knocks, show a few scars, and yet shrug it off and just keep on going. There's no "flawless" image that must be maintained. It's not what's on the outside but what's on the inside that counts and some of those old cars have a lot more "Power" under the hood than the new ones (spiritual application presumed).

In taking a look around, there are so many cars, all shapes, colors, and sizes... a red Porsche, a green, wood-paneled station wagon, a little yellow VW "bug"...some just "born," some that have been around a long time; some well kept up, others neglected and run-down; some gas guzzlers, some gas sippers, (here a gas guzzler would be more desirable if we are thinking of it in terms of spiritual food); some can really "tear up the road," and some just barely putt along. A new car sure looks good on display in the showroom but how is it doing anyone any good there? A car's real purpose is demonstrated when it is being used—whether it can run and be counted on when the going gets tough. That's what God wants—tested people, proved people, people He can count on, people willing to be used. How about you? Are you trying to maintain that "showroom appearance" and only sticking to Easy Street where it's smooth and clean? Or do you have a few battle scars, signs of wear and tear, mud on you fenders that shows you've been down the gravel road and around the corner? God's car lot is always open to the public but don't be surprised if none of His cars are ever around for display. All of the cars entrusted to Him are "used"!

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Evaluate Your Church's Strategy for Missions

- 1 - Does your church have a workable policy for missions?
 - 2 - Do the members know the policy?
 - 3 - Does your policy have key goals for missions?
 - 4 - Is there an awareness of the need for written goals?
 - 5 - Does the church have short-range goals and long-range goals?
 - 6 - Is there a plan or method for carrying out your goals?
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Faith/Hearing

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God).
Hebrews 11:6*

So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Romans 10:17

How, then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?

And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?

And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach except they be sent?

Romans 10:14-15