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

There is Work to Be Done!!

Have YOU ever been on a work team? How about a work team for missions?

March 4th - 19th I was part of a work team to Curitiba, Parana, Brazil, to help build a needed house for the Instituto Teologico da Graca, TCM's Bible school in Brazil.

Daniel Lippincott, Glen Claypoole, Paul Nape, Denny Ravine, Laverne Winger and I made up a work team to help build this house. Mr. William Bowman, Barbara's dad, had gone two weeks early to get the foundation laid and it was ready for us when we got there.

This was the first time in all my travels abroad that I took work shoes and overalls to the field. I did enjoy working with these men from Ohio and Pennsylvania to accomplish a work for the Lord.

It was good to have fellowship with Doug and Vicki LeFeber, Director of TCM's work in Brazil, and with Mario and Ella Indino, Director of the Bible Institute, and with Barbara Bowman, treasurer of the Brazil Field Work.

We also had good fellowship with Teo and Haroldo, national teachers at the school, and with the students. I was privileged to teach a couple of days in the Bible school in the book of Romans two hours one day and one hour the next but only thru

an interpreter.

We did not finish the house as they were building with block and have a different way of building than by U.S.A. standards. The walls (inside and out) were over half up, the rafters were all cut and the kitchen cupboards were all made and the Brazilian workers will finish the project.

I wondered if I was supposed to go; as the highway to Denver was closed when I needed to leave— but the Lord got me thru! The flight thru Chicago was cancelled - too much fog in Chicago; but the Lord provided a direct flight to New York City which I boarded about 5 minutes before they closed the door. My luggage didn't arrive for two days and my tools didn't arrive for 5 days, but the Lord provided. What a wonderful Saviour we do serve!

We missed our flight from Sao Paulo to Curitiba, the flight from Rio to Sao Paulo was delayed, but we caught the next flight out and the

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Left to right: Eldred Sidebottom, Paul Napes, Laverne Winger, Daniel Lippincott, Denny Ravine, Glen Claypoole



Joe Watkins

Let's Take the Word 'Foreign' Out of Missions

When I was a student in Milwaukee Bible College (Now Grace Bible College) in 1955-58 I had the privilege of sitting under the teaching of some great Grace Bible teachers - men like Charles Baker, J. C. O'Hair, C. R. Stam, Eugene Rueweler, Otis Wasson and others. Sometimes in their teaching they would refer to Ephesians 3:9 "and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery ..." They would challenge us young men (I was 22-24 at that time) to make known to ALL men that wonderful message committed to the Apostle Paul, not just in the so-called foreign countries, but right here in the United States also. Many things these men taught have been the foundation of my ministry and also the foundation of Things to Come Mission.

Since my wife and I began our new ministry under TCM we have seen that when many believers here in the U.S. think and respond to missions they only look overseas to foreign countries. Just recently a church that supported our ministry when we were in the Philip-

pinés wrote and said they wanted their funds to be used overseas. Missions should include all countries and all people. To reach all countries and all people it takes missionaries working here in the U.S. and in other countries.

Things to Come Mission is committed to make ALL men see, Eph. 3:9, that's why we have our office personnel, Bob and Beth's ministry with the Fourth World - drug addicts, alcoholics, etc. in Florida, and the Schneidmillers planning to go to Alaska. That is why we have missionaries in Indonesia, Brazil, Philippines, Kenya, England, China and are looking to other fields.

I read an interesting article written by Bro. Lee Homokl. I am quoting it as he has expressed very well our feelings on the word 'foreign' missions.

"I believe that we ought to take the word foreign out of Missions. I believe it is time for us to ask the question, "Does our use of the word foreign hinder the cause of Christ world-wide?" If we don't see the mission field on our doorstep, can we be convinced that we really are concerned about Missions abroad? The concept of foreign missions causes the Missionary Program of the local Church to be something that is just "tacked on." This enables us to give our money and occasionally pray for "those missionaries out there" and purposely or through negligence fail to get involved with Missions right here in our own town or city.

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What are You Living For?

by Dan Gross



Dan and Jean Gross with their children Daniel and Rebecca

"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity." (Ecclesiastes 1:2) The words were morose and depressing. A more accurate description of my life could not be given. I was nearing the completion of a college degree - soon to enter real life. Yet I was now faced with the fact that my life was numbingly empty. I had no purpose of any real significance to direct my life.

I sat at the kitchen table with my textbooks and notes open in front of me. It all seemed so inane. Would it help me any in one hundred years if I had understood gene recombinations? Would God overlook my sin because I was laboring to study mutations and polyploidy? Would these books in front of me lead to a lasting pur-

pose for my life?

"All is vanity!" The words that I had read that morning kept resounding in my mind. Depressing - yes - and yet strangely refreshing. How could it be refreshing to be confronted with the futility of my own life? Suddenly I came to understand this paradox. It was refreshing because it was true! The book that I had read that morning spoke truth. Not very flattering and not very pleasant - but true!

In the following days I read from that book frequently. The Bible started to become truly relevant and meaningful to me for the first time. If the Bible could so accurately point out the mess that I was in, then surely it could offer a solution. My own sin had created

a mess. In my own efforts I only proceeded to complicate the clean-up process. I had come to realize that only God was big enough to solve this problem.

A few more weeks of reading the Bible made it clear to me that God had already provided a solution. Jesus Christ had died on the cross for my sins! He had paid the penalty for me! I was helpless, but He had done it all. I had only to trust in Him. "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:24)

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The day that I trusted Jesus Christ, I began to see gradual changes taking place in my life. I began to realize that I could have real purpose in my life. My life did not have to be fruitless. I could be involved in God's eternal purpose. Nothing could be more meaningful than this. God's purpose revolves around Jesus Christ and He is the One I must proclaim. "That in the dispensation of the fullness of time he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." (Ephesians 1:10)

Since completing my college degree I have had the privilege of telling people in several nations and various cultures about Jesus Christ. I have found that cultures vary widely but all have one common problem. Ever since Genesis 3, man has willfully rebelled

against God until he is permeated and overpowered by sin. It all begins with questioning or doubting the Word of God (Verse 1).

Man became enslaved to sin so that "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5) Men, and women in every nation have become defiled by sin and separated from God. Though cultures may differ greatly, they are all destitute of divine purpose and have become empty.

Mankind is feverishly attempting to solve the problems of the world through politics, social action, philanthropy, and religion. Yet God says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9) There is no solution for a man's problems when he

"There is no solution for a man's problems when he remains at enmity with God."

remains at enmity with God. The only destiny he can truly look towards is death.

What a joy it is to be able to bring the gospel of grace to those who are helpless and hopeless! This is the only message that can rescue the sinner from impending doom. It is this message that we seek to bring to Asia as missionaries with TCM. It is this message that TCM is in existence for. We can have no greater purpose than to co-labor with you in this glorious work.

“Co-Laborers in God’s Vineyard”

By **Abundio Boco**

There is no doubt that the context from which the above statement is taken talks about the ministry. The Apostle Paul, after several years wrote to the believers at Corinth correcting them while they were in the midst of a spiritual crisis. Schisms and other forms of carnality were evident in their conduct as believers. He cited several of their carnal claims as, “I am of Paul” and “I am of Apollos.” Thus, he asked of them this soul-searching question “Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos?”

The problems that plague the growth of the work of the Lord today are innumerable. These man-made barriers take root within evangelical circles and can cause the Lord’s work to lag behind. For instance, unhealthy nationalism may grow in the midst of a united effort shared by both a national worker and a foreign missionary in a minimal size mission group. The climate in which this spirit thrives may be found to be no longer conducive to the growth of the work and thus, breeding discontentment and schisms. This is practically what the Apostle Paul found to be true when he wrote to the believers in Corinth centuries ago and cried earnestly, “For we are co-laborers in God’s vineyard.”

Satan, the adversary always seeks to thwart the continual work of the servants of God. He finds it easy to destroy the teachings of a young minister by adulterating the pure message

with false teachings. Also, the testimony of a pastor may be hampered by luring him into immoral entanglements. Furthermore, a local church’s mission-mindedness may be ended with the inoculation of the virus of materialism. There are many things that the enemy can do to some of the members of the labor force of God and if we, as laborers fail to stand unmoved and alert against Satan’s attacks, we will surely lose in this battle.

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To stand firm as co-laborers in God’s vineyard we need to follow three basic principles. The Apostle Paul found these principles practiced and workable many years ago. The first is what Paul further wrote “... now he that planteth and he that watereth are one.” (1 Cor. 3:9) This simply teaches that all laborers are under the same kind of work as God views it. Figuratively, he says, He who “plants” and he who waters the “plants” are doing the same kind of work and nobody should be held in higher or lower esteem. It is not surprising to see how the “supporters” of the work in foreign lands are used of God to enable national workers to do the work themselves.

Another principle is this: It is God that causes the work to grow. Paul emphasized this truth when he said, “I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.” So then neither the one

who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth." What Paul meant here is that it is God's role that counts most because he causes the growth. He's the one responsible for letting our "plants" grow.

Naturally, our efforts, and all of our endeavors will be futile if God will not let it grow. A two-fold fact may be seen as we look closely at this principle. The first is, God cannot let anything grow if nothing has been planted. A lot of God's servants today are invoking for growth of their work, yet nothing is "planted" and if there's any, only in the most minimal way. We must "plant" in God's way so that it will grow in His way. Thus, when it grows, it is because of God's blessing and it will surely become fruitful.

Finally, the last principle is what Paul further said, "... each will receive his own reward according to his own labor." (1 Cor. 3:8b) As every "laborer" of God works accordingly to how God enables him, God gives every member of the Body of Christ a reward which will chiefly depend on his faithfulness as he served the Lord and Master. His "works" will be subjected to divine examination to determine whether they are worthy of rewards. God's way of rewarding his workers will be with absolute fairness as it will be based upon what has been recorded concerning our labors for Him.

How does the phrase, "co-laborers in God's vineyard" apply to the ministry of Things To Come Mission in the Philippines and in other countries of the world? Ob-

viously, national workers and foreign missionaries are "laborers together with God" and one thing that a national worker is truly grateful for, is that there are foreign missionaries who are more than willing to bear the same burden with the nationals although it would mean self-sacrifice on their part. One most vital fact that every national must see is this - the Lord's work in his country is inherently his, and Praise God, there are brethren from other lands who are answering the call to share a part of their time, talent and treasure with their brothers and sisters in Christ. What a blessing to see the love of Christ transcend beyond cultural and geographical limits and this is so because in the Body of Christ, we are as Paul puts it, "co-laborers in God's vineyard."



Pastor Boco, Director of International Grace Bible Institute, Philippines

Missions Today Challenge and Opportunity

by Henry T. Hudson

Some twenty years ago I read a statement attributed to the late professor Freytag, that, "Missions have always had problems, but now missions themselves have become a problem." I remember my confused reactions, and I recall how I dismissed them with a somewhat perfunctory mental nod of agreement. I had had first hand experience with Christian missions and had said, on more than one occasion, that missions, like any enterprise, or any organization, needed a periodic dose of constructive re-evaluation. Besides, what had changed? Was not the basic task to reach the most people, with the least amount of workers, in the shortest time, and with a minimal expenditure of funds? And with this thought I returned to my pastoral duties, which, of course, included "doing" missions the way that missions had "always" been done. Sad to say, as with most pastors, I was like a mirror rather

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than being like a window. I was reflecting established traditions rather than being willing to look at old ideas in new light. It never dawned on me that missions themselves had indeed become a problem. In some ways the situation was analogous to what Field Marshall Montgomery had said concerning Great Britain's ill-preparedness for the Second World War. He wrote

that, "The British Army entered the Second World War in 1939 admirably organized and equipped to fight the 1914 War and with the wrong officers at the top."

What do I imply by this analogy? Do I mean to suggest that contemporary churches, and their related missionary organizations, are somehow or other not prepared for the challenges that face them in the closing years of the twentieth century? Yes, with some qualifications, this is precisely what I am suggesting. I have no accurate way of gauging reactions to such a contention, but I would ask every reader to hear me out. And what better place to begin than by asking every reader to reexamine his own personal attitudes toward missionary work. From my own encounters with various "mission-minded" Christians, I have discovered that generally, their approach rests on two interrelated assumptions: (1) Modern methods of "doing" missions are consistent with the guidelines of Holy Scripture, i.e., the way we do it is the way it has been done since apostolic times; and (2) This means that the Christian - West (North America and Western Europe) must take the Gospel to the non-Western and non-Christian world.

Of course, a perceptive reader will note certain fallacies in these assumptions, but, on the whole, they come close to reflecting the general attitudes toward missions of the average Christian in the Western world. Because of space-time limitations I cannot say as much as I would like to say regarding the suppositions behind such attitudes. However, perhaps this is good, for a number of reasons. For one, brevity might increase the possibility of a wider circle of readers. And for

another, I am forced to follow a method which stimulates deeper personal interaction, and prompts more serious reexamination. Probably, one of the best ways of realizing such ideals is by the Socratic method of simply asking questions. For example, with regard to the first point, which so many Christians seem naively to take for granted, we might focus on questions about the history of Christian missions. How was the Gospel first spread through the known world in New Testament days? Did the early Christians do it through missionary societies? Were they consciously aware of the distinction between "home" and "foreign" fields? What was the role of the local church? And finally, when did the age of missionary societies actually begin? The questions might be dismissed as being "leading" or even "misleading" but let the reader attempt answers. They are valid questions and could elicit critical thinking and constructive changes which, in turn, could further the cause of the Gospel at home and overseas.

With reference to the second assumption, I find myself hesitating, because it involves a rather complex set of presuppositions. Nevertheless, let me proceed again in the Socratic manner. At the present moment, and according to the best of statistics, which country in the world has the greatest percentage of Christians? What city in the world can boast the largest Protestant church? The largest United Methodist, or Presbyterian church? Where on planet earth is the church growing the fastest? If present trends continue, which nation will have the greatest number of Christians by the end of the twentieth century? Does the phenomena of nationalism in

Third World countries affect mission strategy? Is there any difference between Westernizing (religionizing according to Western patterns) and evangelizing? On this score, should nationals be brought to the West for religious training? Does paternalism (patting on the head, rather than on the back) prevail over fraternalism? What about decentralization, as far as "home-based" control is concerned? And so the questions might multiply, but, to a discerning reader, they implicitly impinge on any strategy related to world evangelization.

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Questions sometimes come easy and answers oftentimes prove more difficult. But the questions, as stated earlier, are geared primarily to stimulate reexamination of attitudes toward mission strategy, and are intended to turn mirrors into windows. As far as strategy goes, we need to begin by acknowledging the self-evident fact that the world today is not the same as the world of William Carey, David Livingston, or that of Hudson Taylor. Can anyone stand anywhere in today's Africa, or Asia, or South America and see "the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been?"

Africa today, according to a recent article in **Christianity Today**, is becoming "a Christian land mass." Some observers estimate that by the end of the century, the once "Dark Continent: could have as many as

300 million Christians. In Zaire alone, some 63 percent of the population have their names on church rolls. Of all places, China seems to be witnessing the "most massive church growth in the world." South Korea has experienced phenomenal growth. Some 24 percent of the population are now part of the Christian community. In 1960 it was only 6 percent. The largest Pentecostal, United Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in the world are in South Korea. One church in Seoul boasts a membership in excess of 500,000 people. Churches with less than 2,000 are considered small. Sizeable growth has also been recorded in Latin America. The rate in Argentina has approximated 7 percent since 1980. The Costa Rican churches

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have increased over 100 percent in the last four years. In Brazil, Protestants have gone from 6 percent of the population to almost 20 percent over the last 25 years. In other words, if these statistics are reliable, and there seems to be no good reason to doubt them, then, "The body of believers is growing fastest outside of the so-called Christian West - North America and Western Europe."

This success, for success it is, does not mean by any stretch of the imagination that the work of missions has been accomplished. In fact, on the contrary, it presents the church in the West with greater responsibilities and challenges. How tragic if these statistics caused any Christian to turn away from continued participation in the task of world evangelization. There is great cause

for rejoicing, for such success is the result of the sowing by earlier generations of missionaries. However, a change of strategy is obviously necessary. The main concern should be how to best support and encourage this great indigenous movement around the world. Yes, there are some 45,000 North American missionaries working in the various corners of the earth. But there are already in excess of 100,000 native missionaries. And there are a number of reasons why it is strategically wiser to encourage and support these indigenous workers. Financially, on the average, it costs approximately \$30,000.00 a year for the sending and the supporting of an American missionary, whereas for a native, the average is closer to \$1000.00. If they work in Third World countries then Third World missionaries are more readily accepted. The potential for recruitment is greater, and the cultural barrier is lower. Indigenous workers are not bound by Western organizational structures. The reasons could be multiplied, but these few which have been given serve to highlight the main thesis of my concern.

Lawrence Keyes, in his book **The Last Age of Missions**, expresses his opinion that "the new age of missions must be one of partnership." He goes on to explain what he means:

"Not an organizational union between a few Western agencies, nor an unequal superiority between Western and non-Western societies, nor even a cooperative effort where evangelistic fervor is sacrificed, but it should be a task-oriented association whereby all participants are equals, firmly dedicated to the purpose of reaching the thousands of yet unreached people groups world-

wide. The body of Christ is a missionary cooperative and we can give God glory by our interdependent obedience."

I agree with Keyes. Essentially what he is saying, and what I am trying to say is that while man's basic need, and God's saving message have not changed, the conditions in

the world have, and therefore a change of strategy needs to be implemented. There is "a great door and effectual" opened unto the Church of Jesus Christ. How will it respond? Free copies of this article are available:

Pastor Henry T. Hudson
Calvary Chapel

Meet Hilda and Teo

Hi! My name is Hilda. Most of you don't know me, but I'm also a member of God's family and we're brethren in the faith. My friend, Barb Bowman asked that I write something about our Bible Institute, or ITG - Grace Theological Institute, which operates here in southern Brazil, where we also work together.

My husband, Pastor Teo, and I arrived here in the southern part of Brazil 1 1/2 years ago, and since then we've received many blessings of God through the ministry of ITG. The institute already was in existence at that time, at least on paper, and in the prayers of many brethren scattered throughout many parts of the world. However, officially it began to function

on March 14th, 1988, classes began with the students coming from various parts of the state of Parana. The school year ended with exactly 12 students. We welcomed another 4 students this March 5th when we started a new term. Without a doubt, and

by the grace of God, the Bible Institute is a success. Whereas, as you all know, all that is successful confronts many weaknesses and difficulties. We're continually being challenged to trust in the Lord, depend on His provisions for sustaining His work. God has opened many of your hearts to contribute and for this we are deeply grateful. However, our present facilities are rather limited. The Bible Institute operates in a large ranch-type house, with four bedrooms, classrooms and dining area. We turned the garage into the men's dorm and a site for our monitor and family. The completion of a dormitory and a house for us is a

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Pastor Teo's house under construction.

necessity.

My husband and I have served the Lord with the talent God has so graciously given. But you can just imagine how our ministry has evolved without the equipment necessary to do the job right. Such as, a mimeograph machine, xerox machine, and an overhead projector. We're thankful for what has recently been sent down by the U.S. churches though - all will come in very handy!

Maybe you're all asking yourselves, how can we help? My answer to you is - Pray for us! Write us! We need your prayers and letters! Pastor Teo and I, Doug and Vicki LeFeber, Barb Bowman, Mario and Ella Indino, Pastors Harold and Haroldo all make up the teaching staff and leadership. Our address is:

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We'd be very happy to know that you on the other side of the world are interceding for us.



Pastor Teo and family.

Some Facts About Finances for our Donors

As a donor to the work of Things to Come Mission Inc., you should know just how we handle gifts such as yours. Our Mission is somewhat different from most mission agencies in several aspects, both in what we do and how we do it. One of these differences is the way in which this work is financed. We trust the following information will be helpful and encouraging to you.

"Solicitation" of Funds:

TCM will not beg nor offer any gimmicks in order to raise funds.

Disclosure of Financial Information:

Our policy of 'no solicitation of

funds' is not designed to encourage secrecy, nor should it be viewed as a reluctance on our part to disclose financial needs upon request. We will respond factually and openly, to the best of our knowledge to specific inquiries regarding our financial situation. TCM's annual financial statements are available upon request by any donor as well as any other specific information requested by an interested church or individual.

Accountability:

The financial books of TCM are audited every year by Gary L. Woodward, Certified Public Accountant and member of the American Society of Certified

Public Accountants and Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Tax-deductible Receipts:

Things to Come Mission, Inc. has had authorization to issue tax-deductible receipts since 1957. TCM meets all requirements of the Federal Government standards for the appropriate issuance of such for income tax purposes.

Designation of Gifts:

Things to Come Mission will act as an agency to control, allocate and forward 100% without deduction, all funds, designated by the donor for a specific ministry or purpose.

Undesignated funds received by the mission will go into the general fund to be used to meet expenses in the home office and for mission purposes in the U.S.A. and overseas.

How is USA Staff Supported?

Stateside missionaries and staff serving in the U. S. are responsible for raising their support in the same manner as overseas missionaries. The mission does not deduct any funds or percentage from preferenced contributions for use in paying personal support amounts of stateside personnel.

Administration of Funds:

All funds donated to the mission, and for which tax-deductible receipts are issued, are legally required to be controlled by the Board of Directors. Any donation with a generalized designation (such as "use where needed") is

specified for a particular use by the Director of TCM.

How the Overseas Missionaries are Supported:

TCM is a "Faith Mission." This means the missionary's faith must be in the Lord to supply his or her needs and not the TCM organization. TCM is a channel through which the missionary receives funds from churches and donors for the purpose of evangelism and church planting.

The missionary is required to raise his (or her) passage fund but is not required to raise a certain amount of pledged monthly support before TCM will send him (or her) to the field. The missionary looks to the Lord to send in each month that which is needed to meet his needs.

Indebtedness:

It is the policy of TCM not to go into debt for operational expenses by taking out secured or unsecured loans, or by mortgaging properties.

Phil. 4:4 - 7: Summarizes the financial policy of Things to Come Mission.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Joseph W. Watkins
Treasurer

News You Can Use During Prayer Time

PHILIPPINES:

Don and Sue Sommer will be returning to the U.S. on their first furlough. This leaves the Philippine work one family short. Please pray for Dan and Jennifer Sidebottom as they assume full responsibility for the ministry in the Philippines. Also continue to pray for Don and Sue as they come to the U.S.

Pamela Button is making plans to leave for the Philippines sometime this summer. Please pray for the needed funds for travel and support. She will be helping the Sidebottoms in the office as well as working with the Filipino children and will have a choir ministry.

Grace Bible College Basketball Team will leave May 14th for the Philippines where they will play basketball and have evangelistic meetings in various cities. The team will be working with TCM's national leaders and evangelists. Please pray for Dave Grube, the coach, as he prepares the team for these meetings. This will be a large evangelistic effort. Basketball is the number one sport in the Philippines, thousands will come out to see them play and at the same time will hear the gospel.

International Grace Bible Institute: Pray for the students as they go out for summer vacation. Many will work in churches. This school is the heart of the many training programs in the Philippines. From IGBI, graduates have gone to Indonesia, India, and England.

KENYA:

Pray for Ben and Joyce Anderson. Ben is having a recurrence of

dizzy spells. He has these spells when standing. This has hindered his teaching ministry. They also have informed us they are expecting twins in August - Joyce does need your prayers during this time.

Pray for Mike and Donna Malecki who have arrived for the first time in Kenya. They will have to make adjustments to customs, weather and people. They will also have to get right into the ministry since they are greatly needed in the work there.

Pray for Vernon and Darlene Anderson. They have to shoulder most of the responsibility of the school and teaching. Vernon writes that they have had to dismiss one of the leading nationals and this has even put more responsibility upon him and all the rest. He writes, "If you know of anyone who really wants to serve the Lord overseas then have them write to us. We have two families here in Kenya who are trying to operate a Bible school, TEE program, correspondence school, evangelism, church planting and teaching and preaching in the churches."

(Update on Andersons) A letter just received from Vernon states, "There is a need for good used and new books for the Bible school's library. Books like English dictionaries, Mr. Stam's commentaries, missionary biographies, good Bible commentaries, a couple atlases and sets of Bible maps. These are only suggestions, you might have some other good Christian books that could be used in the library." If you want to send books, please send to Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 1082, Embu, Kenya, E. Africa, or Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box

96, Cope, CO 80812, and we will send them on to the Kenyan ministry.

Val Anderson, missionary teaching missionary kids in Kenya. The editor praises God for dedicated missionaries who taught our kids while we were in the Philippines. Val writes, "I have had the privilege of really seeing the Lord work in and through me. I have seen my students learning the Bible and have seen my Muslim boy asking to sing, "Read Your Bible Pray Every Day." My neighbor, Meghan, has grown deeply into her relationship with the Lord and we now have a Bible study each week."

INDONESIA:

Prayer is needed for Grace Gospel Institute. There is a need for a U.S. missionary couple to teach and help with organizational matters. The Indonesian ministry has the potential of being just as big as the Philippine ministry.

Dr. Frans P. Tamarol sent the curriculum for January - June 1989 school year. The courses are:

- Personal Evangelism
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to Hermeneutics
- True Spirituality
- Dispensational Theology
- Systematic Theology II
- Indonesian Language
- English I and II
- Basic Natural Science (Special topic: first aid)

Luz Gaddi writes "This month another opportunity for service has opened. Have been teaching the Highway of Life again to two families every Friday. They are new members who cannot yet grasp the difference between the mystery and the King-15

dom. The church has another new outreach. One of the elders, after years of prayers and trying to win his Muslim brother to the Lord is finally won. Being a former village chief, he was able to win four others to Christ. He is even offering to conduct worship services in the village hall."

Joel Molina, trained Filipino missionary, worked as a pastor and youth pastor in the TCM work in the Philippines before coming to Grace Bible College to prepare for his ministry in Indonesia. He has one more year of study at GBC. Pray for an opening for Joel to minister during this summer vacation. Pray also for open doors as he begins deputation this year.

BRAZIL:

Pray for Pastor Edival and his new wife, Jane, in Recife. His church is struggling and growing. They need lots of prayer. This couple is now living near the church and hope to begin a "couples" ministry during 1989.

Pray for Pastor Haroldo, president of the Brazilian mission. He has preaching points near Florianopolis in the mountains.

Pray for Pastor Teo dean of the Bible school and pastor of the Curitiba church. He's had health and financial problems this year.

Pray for Mario Indino, director of the Bible school. This school year, 1989 - 90, began in March.

Pray for Doug LeFerber who is the Brazilian Director. He has the responsibility of overseeing the national churches and pastors.

Pray for Sanny Sumilbig, our Filipino trained missionary. He worked as youth coordinator in TCM's work in the Philippines. Pres-

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ently studying in Grace Bible College preparing for his ministry in Brazil. He will be working with Mario Indino, another Filipino missionary, in the Bible school in Brazil.

SOUTH AFRICA:

A door of opportunity. The editor has been invited to go to South Africa to preach and teach the Word of God rightly divided, by Bro. Bruce Wollard. Bro. Wollard and Leonard Leo has been studying books by Bro. Charles Baker, C. R. Stam, J. C. O'Hair. Bro. Woollard has a Bible Church in Port Elizabeth.

UNITED STATES:

Bob and Beth Xavier write: "I have been ministering to some very troubled juveniles. Three of them received the Lord this week through the support group ministry. It took six weeks to build a trusting relationship with these kids. These young people are considered so bad that they are not allowed to be with the youth in their detention center. These kids are locked down by themselves.

There are now a few Black Christian leaders with whom we have met to begin Overcomers Support

Groups in their community. One of these leaders, Peggy, is going to the jail with me to cofacilitate a women's group. There is also a high probability that the ministry of the local church will be maintained in many inmate's lives

CHINA:

Pray for the ministry of **Vern and Pat Bigelow**. They are beginning their second term of teaching in Foshan University. Their ministry consists of one-on-one witnessing because of communistic restrictions. Witnessing in an atheistic, and Buddhist society is very difficult. They will need much patience and wisdom in dealing with each person. There is no foundation on which to build a witness.

SINGAPORE:

Dan Gross plans a trip to Singapore in September. Dan writes, "We recently received a letter from Mr. Tan, inviting me to speak at a conference his church is holding in September. This church is one of the largest in Singapore with about 800 to 1000 members. I have been specifically asked to "introduce dispensational teaching" to the church.

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The Director Shares continued

Missionaries were there to welcome us. Our flight home was without incident and all were glad to be home again. Mr. Denny Ravine took a video camera along and took about 5 hours of tape so we hope to have some video tapes soon to show more of the work the Lord is doing in Brazil.

Do pray much for the Brazil Missionaries and for the Bible school students, and the national teachers. Doug LeFeber is working in four different states of Brazil and so is not at the school all the time. They live in Goiania (near Brasilia) and also visits the work in Recife (about 700 miles northeast of Goiania). The Bible School is in Curitiba and that is about 700 miles south of Goiania. We also have churches in Santa Catarina which is the next state south of Curitiba, Parana. When Doug is at the school he is helping to

teach.

Mario is the Director of the school and has a big job and needs your prayers. We do thank the Missionaries for feeding and housing us and washing our clothing while we were down there.

Barbara is teaching at the school and using her car to do lots of traveling. She is Treasurer of the Brazil Field Work and would appreciate your prayers for her daily.

We do thank each one who has had a part in providing funds to build the needed house. The Lord richly bless you. As always, it took more funds than what we had planned, but we are thankful for this building and trust it will be finished soon.

A special thanks to all those who provided my transportation to Brazil and back. The Lord bless you for your labor of love.

Eldred Sidebottom, Director

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The Bible does not teach that Missions is foreign. Rather it teaches that Missions begins on our very doorstep and certainly includes the people abroad. Being involved in missionary work in our own country (Which means we are to have a positive, verbal witness to our own family, neighbors, associates and friends. It means being involved in the ministries right here at home such as: Sunday School, Bus Ministry, Tape Ministry, Literature Ministry, Telephone Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Newspaper Ministry, Radio Ministry, Youth Ministry) will certainly cultivate Missionaries who will eventually go to the other areas of the world. I believe that this lack of Missionary activity here in our own country is one of the major reasons why we are lacking both Missionaries and funds for the fields elsewhere.

Let's drop the word foreign from the vocabulary for missionary activity. Let's not give our people the implication that somehow the missionary work being done abroad is of greater importance than that which is being done in our own city!"

To be Pauline in doctrine and practice is to direct our evangelistic

and church planting efforts toward people - "all men" - not nations. Under God's program for Israel nations were in view - Matt. 28:19-24 Luke 24:47. This program has changed. Israel failed to become the channel of blessing to the world. (Gen. 12:1-3) God set Israel aside and raised up the apostle Paul who was given a special message - Eph. 3:1-9, II Tim. 1:11, Col. 1:23,25. Now there is no more Jew first, but to make "all men see" and mercy is shown to all alike - Rom. 10:12-13;11:32 and believers reconciled to God by the cross - II Cor. 5:19, Eph 2:16.

In order for a mission to accomplish it's goals, there must be missionaries working in the U.S. as well as abroad ... a team working together.

In this issue of the International Harvest we shall continue the topic of the need for supporting nationals. I think you will find the article written by Pastor Henry Hudson very informative on the subject of national support. Then please note the article written by Pastor Abundio Boco, a Filipino national, who is presently director of International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines. Pastor Boco is a graduate of IGBI and has a BA degree from Misamis University. His article stresses the importance of U.S. missionaries and nationals working together to get the gospel of the grace of God out in the Philippines.

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One thing most visitors notice upon encountering the Filipino people is that they are usually very friendly and eager to help. You can ask them for anything and they'll try their best to do it for you (if it's possible) even if it's a personal sacrifice for them. As a foreigner, you can really feel important, wanted, and loved. But as with most "goodness" or righteousness in this world, if it is based on our own effort, the Bible says it's like filthy rags. (what a blow to the ol' ego, no?)

Of course, this is applicable in all cultures around the world but there are some interesting things I have noticed after being here a while that aren't immediately obvious to the short-term observer. Mainly, it comes down to the fact that this "love" is not so unselfish and unconditional as it first seems. Rarely in this world is anyone ever willing to do something for nothing. It may appear totally "free" but deep down there's still an idea, a hope that something will be gained - even if only recognition, simple praise or thanks, a smile, or just a "good self-satisfied feeling." Here in this culture, though any type of immediate compensation may be firmly refused, in their minds they are now "one-up" on you. If they ever need some favor in the future, they feel they can ask you for help and will expect you to do what you can for them. And they've got good memories!

The problem with us foreigners is that they might ask us for something that we might not feel comfortable granting or we don't feel it's a very wise thing to do, so we might refuse (however graciously). But we may not realize that we are offending this person because we aren't "playing the game according to the rules." So you see why even government employees and politicians here have a hard time following through on a certain policy or project when people who helped them into their position come back to ask for favors in return. How can they refuse them?

For Christians there can be a lot of pressure. Sometimes the choice comes down to which is more important (if there is a conflict) - spiritual values or cultural values? Who should we be pleasing or obeying - God or men? (Galatians 1:10)

Just recently we heard of a case where a long time hired helper of a wealthy family suddenly just killed his employer. The explanation we heard - he had a grudge or something from five years before that he never forgot (or forgave). A Filipino's memory is sometimes used much more than God's. God chooses not only to forgive us when we trust Jesus to be our Savior, but He also deliberately forgets our "debts" of sin against him and sees us as a new person with great potential. This is an area that is sadly lacking in the Philippines and Christians are just as guilty of it as those who aren't. Things that have happened five, ten, fifteen, twenty years ago are still the source of "walls" which prevent fellowship and cast shadows on the testimonies of so-called Christians.

Do you know people in America like that? Sometimes I just want to shake them and say, "Stop living in the past - wake up and get on with your life as God wants you to live. How would you like it if God only saw you and thought of you in the past - before you became a Christian - and held all those grudges against you continuously, no matter whether you became a Christian later or not?" I'm so glad God is God because no one else could show that much mercy and unselfish, unconditional love. And my goal is to become more and more like Him. I just hope and pray that those people I might have offended when I first came here five years ago are becoming more and more like Him, too! - Jennifer Sidebottom

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