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

The Director Shares by Eldred Sidebottom

We do appreciate your prayers and gifts that have made it possible for us to establish Bible Training Centers in the Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil and Kenya.

If we are going to reach the world for Christ, we must do it thru training the National to do the work. These Nationals appreciate learning of the truth of God's Word concerning the "Mystery," that secret purpose of God that was made known to the Apostle Paul by direct revelation (Galatians 1:11 & 12). They rejoice to know that dispensational truth brings out the difference between the ministry of Peter and the eleven with their message to Israel about a coming Kingdom to be established on earth; and the ministry of Paul that tells of the message for today about the Church the Body of Christ with its blessed hope of eternal life in Heaven.

We thank the Lord for the new missionaries that were able to go to the field in 1989 and we have some that plan to go in 1990 for

the first time. Praise the Lord for those who see the need to reach out with the Gospel of the Grace of God. **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD?** Have you trusted in Christ as your Saviour?

In 1989, I was part of a work team to go to Brazil to build a much needed house for one of the teachers of the Bible Institute. This year, Ron, my son was part of a work team that went to Brazil to build a dormitory for the Bible Institute. Also, Eldon Callahan and Dennis Herzberg from Colorado went along to help with this work and each one enjoyed the opportunity. We thank each of the fellows that helped in this construction work. The Lord richly bless you for your labour of love. They were responsible for their own travel expenses and gave two weeks of work besides.

Souls are being reached for Christ and the Saints are being built up in the knowledge of God's Word "rightly divided." We are glad that you are a part of the team.

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A Journey into Summer! by Roy Kelsey

On January 27th, 1990 seven men met at Miami International Airport. They had come from Colorado, Nebraska, Arizona, and Ohio, and they were on their way to Brazil. One of these men was an engineer, two were carpenters, two were grain farmers, another was a U.S. Postal Service employee, and the last was a pastor. Why were these men going to Brazil? They were going to build a building on the campus of Things To Come Mission's Bible Institute property at Curitiba, Brazil. Only two of these men knew what to expect when they got to Brazil. For the others, this was to be an eye opening, life changing experience. These men were: Tim Ravine, Ron Sidebottom, Denny Ravine, Eldon Callahan, Dennis Herzberg, Mike Fitzpatrick, and Pastor Roy J. Kelsey.

I have never before been part of such a Spirit led venture of faith as this Work Crusade. From the start, this venture was different. These men were of one mind and one spirit. We arrived in Curitiba about 4:25 P.M. on Sunday, January 28. A delegation met us at Curitiba airport including Glenn and Benjamin Claypoole, who left the States January 13th to serve as advanced party to get the foundation and basement started and building materials on the site. We then made the trip from Curitiba Airport to the Bible Institute, located about 15 miles north of Curitiba just off the Sao Paulo

highway. Doug LeFeber, Barbara Bowman, Mary Hobaugh, Mario and Ella Indino were all there to greet us.

On Monday morning, January 29th, we gathered together for two purposes: One was to have a time in God's Word together and to pray for God's blessing on the Crusade and the second was to have a time of orientation for the team. We shared from the book of I Corinthians, a blessed time, and we prayed together, and this set the stage for the two weeks that would follow. We then carefully explained several things: 1) What we were going to do. (Build a Girl's Dorm.) 2) How we were to eat and drink. We shared that the men would have to be very careful about what they ate and drank. Last year several of the men got sick. We feel that it was because of what they ate and drank. This year they would drink only boiled water or bottled beverages. Praise the Lord, no one got sick this year. 3) We appointed Denny Ravine in charge of the construction. 4) We reviewed what had been done to that point. (When we got there, Glenn had the site excavated. the foundation in, the basement walls on the foundation, the cap nearly on the basement, and was in the process of pouring the bases upon which the floor joists would rest. This was nothing short of a miracle. Glenn had done a fantastic job. Beyond this, Glenn had gathered much of the material needed for the rest of the building.) 5) We



Back row, left to right: Tim Ravine, Ben Claypoole, Denny Ravine, Dennis Herzberg, Glenn Claypoole, Roy Kelsey. Front row, left to right: Ron Sidebottom, Mike Fitzpatrick, Eldon Callahan.

also shared that the men would have the opportunity to visit some of TCM's work and visit some of the sites of great interest, such as Iguasu Falls, which is located on the borders of Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil. These Falls are higher and wider than Niagara Falls.

We then began the construction. The weather was truly outstanding. It was hot because it is summer in Brazil, hence the title of this article, "Journey into Summer!" Doug said to me, "you will have to expect rain at least twice a week while you are here." I said, "Doug, we have prayed for this Crusade, and it is not going to rain us out at any time." At the beginning of the second week, when it had not yet rained, Doug said to me, "I am impressed with your prayers." It was truly amazing because it never once rained

during the time we were working on the building. As a matter of fact, we worked until 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, February 10th, the day we left Brazil. At 1:30 P.M. it began to rain, but that was all right because our work was done.

Each day we would gather at the beginning of the day for a time of devotion and study in God's Word, and it would always set the stage for the day's activities. On the 2nd day the Brazilians joined us, and Mario, Doug, or Barbara would translate for them the thoughts and comments of each of us. As the building went up, American style, the Brazilians looked on in complete awe. Never before had they seen a whole side of a house built on the floor of the house, and then pushed into an upright position. By the end of the first week, the floor joists were in place, the flooring was in

place, the walls, both inside and outside, were in place, and the roof rafters were ready. By Monday evening, Feb. 5th, the East side roof was nearly completely in place. By Saturday, February 10th, the siding on East and West sides was on, all the windows were in, the wiring was roughed in, and the roof was on. Only a few siding boards on the North and South sides needed to be put in place.

But our time was gone, and we had to leave, but we talked with Pastor Edio, who is a carpenter. "Can you finish this building for us?" "Yes," he replied. Glenn Claypoole and myself agreed to pay Pastor Edio \$200.00 to finish the building and to pay all his expenses involved in traveling back and forth from his home in the State of Santa Catarina.

I guess the hardest part of the Crusade was leaving Brazil. Friendships were formed between the Americans and Brazilians that will continue for eternity. Over and over again I heard comments from the Brazilians: "These men are just like one of us! They work along side of us, and they consider us one of them!" On Friday evening, February 9th, the Bible Institute staff and the Missionaries had a little going away party for us. Many of the men commented on what had happened to them during their time there. Mike Fitzpatrick said, "This is truly one of the greatest experiences of my spiritual life. I will never forget it." Ron Sidebottom said, "I have been a part of missions for

most of my life, and I thought I knew what missions was all about, but I didn't. This trip has really changed my life." Denny Ravine said, "I don't think I will come to Brazil again because it is too hard to leave." Eldon Callahan talked to many people (using his Portuguese dictionary) about Christ. Eldon said, "I have fallen in love with this land and its people!" Benjamin Claypoole told me that in two years he was coming back to Brazil to live after he graduated from High School. "I think the reason is named Alexandria." I didn't hear Glenn say he was moving to Brazil, but it was clear from what he did that his heart was deeply committed to reaching the Brazilian people for Christ. Tim Ravine said to me, "I have heard many people talk about being led by God, but this time I can say, I have been so led." Dennis Herzberg, while a man of few words, was repeatedly deeply moved by his relationship with the other men and the Brazilians. As Dennis and I talked he said, "I never thought I would ever be a part of something like this."

While this trip to Brazil was my third there, I can also say that I was deeply moved by the experience. Not only did I have time to fellowship with a group of truly spiritual grace believers from the USA, but I had time to share and fellowship with some truly spiritual Brazilians. I will have to say that each time I travel for TCM I return ashamed. As I got to know the Brazilians, especially those on our Institute staff, I saw how

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Thoughts Of Home by Michael Maleski

Where do you call home? Most of us would immediately picture some place where we grew up with our family, or maybe a town we have lived in for a long time. For my wife and I, the place we call home is Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

But, we have another home now also. We have been in Kenya now for almost one year where we have experienced many new and exciting things. We often laugh about the misconceptions that we had about the mission field before we came. We have not "suffered for the Lord" in our physical living conditions in the way that we thought we would. There have been a few sacrifices and adjustments we've had to make in our lifestyle, but we are not running around in the jungle, foraging for roots and berries or living in a mud hut.

On the other hand, we have discovered that the place of greatest difficulty for us has been homesickness. It's not just the place that we miss, because home is not as much the location as it is the people who live there. We miss our family and friends and the people that live in our area. Home would not be home if when we get there, all the people that we know and love were not there. It will be a real time of rejoicing for us on the day we drive that road into Weatherly, PA, and are reunited with those we love. To us, this has been the greatest



Mike and Donna Maleski

sacrifice that we have made. This is the hardship we have struggled with the most in trying to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, putting Him first before our own feelings.

You may be saying by this point, "But you're a missionary; you can't let homesickness hold you back." This is true; if you are going to be a missionary, the place that you go to has got to become your home. And our place here in Embu, Kenya, has indeed become home to us. We have come to love the Kenyans we work with very much. The students in the Bible School are like my own brothers and sisters. Our first child will be born here and the time we've shared with our fellow missionaries has been a wonderful blessing. It will be a sad day when we have to leave our home in Embu.

Vernon Anderson has said that being a missionary is a life of saying hello and goodbye. How should feelings of homesickness affect the Christian's life and his place of ministry? Should it hinder us? No. Actually, as Christians it is "thoughts of home" that should motivate us to go out and serve the Lord (even if it is on the mission field). The "home" I am speaking of here is the one the Bible speaks about in Philippians 3:20 where it says that "our CITIZENSHIP is in heaven." And Ephesians 6:5&6 says "even when we were dead in sins, (God) has made us alive together with Christ...and has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." As believers, our "thoughts of home" should be thoughts of heaven. As I said, home is not as much the location as it is the people who live there. The reason why heaven will be so wonderful for the Christian is because we will live there with Jesus Christ and all our fellow believers who have put their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. If we can rejoice in our earthly home, it will be an even greater time of rejoicing on that day when we meet our Saviour and are

reunited with all the others who have been washed in the blood of Christ's forgiveness. I hope to meet you there. Our Lord left his home in heaven at the right hand of God the Father to come and pay the penalty for our sins by dying on the cross. He was a missionary to the world of lost sinners for 33 years without one furlough. We can all ask ourselves, can I leave my home for the Lord?

I have tried to be open with you about our feelings and honest about our weakness as missionaries. Only the Lord can help us to overcome these obstacles, to serve Him out of a heart of love and thankfulness for what he has done for us. Can the Lord be calling you away from home to the mission field. To be a missionary, the first step you need to take is to be willing to leave home. That is the hardest step to take, in my opinion. But once you have done that, the only thing left is to go where the Lord is calling you. No one has ever gone to the mission field without first leaving home. Are you willing? May God's will be done.

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To the Gross Family

To the Maleski's

Name: Joshua Timothy Gross
 Born: February 28, 1990
 Weight: 7 lbs., 3 oz.
 Length: 21 1/2 inches
 Place: Wisconsin

Name: Alexander Patrick
 Maleski
 Born: March 17, 1990
 Weight: 8 lbs., 3 oz.
 Place: Kenya

An Open Door by Jessie Easterly

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15 I greet you in the One Who is that Indescribable Gift, Christ Jesus!

My name is Jessie Palmer Easterly. I was born in Slater, Colorado to parents who loved the Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot remember a time when I was not taken to church and Sunday School. My Dad had studied the Bible by correspondence from Moody Bible Institute, and each week went by buggy, sled, or horseback to the scattered country schools to preach. They called him a "sage-brush preacher"! Whenever possible, all the family went with him. At the age of about nine years, I was (I thought) falsely accused by my Dad of causing the death of a cow, by leaving a door unlocked to the oat bin, so that the cow bloated. I was so upset that I made up my mind to run away from home. But instead, the Lord reminded me of some of His Word, and of His love, making me realize I was a sinner. I soon accepted Him as my Saviour.

The beginning of a Bible Conference four times a year in the Yampa Valley, and shortly after a Bible camp when I was about 15, proved to be a great blessing to me, and it was there that I committed my life to the Lord for service. The Lord opened the way for me to go to Omaha, to the



Jessie Easterly

Omaha Bible Institute, along with a family who had been our speakers at the Bible Camp. Rev. Wilson was the new Director of O. B. I. While I was there, missionaries would often visit and speak to us, so the burden for missions was planted in my heart, specifically for Africa. The Lord also made possible a one year nursing course in New York, especially appropriate for those planning to go overseas. It was in New York that I met Herbert Palmer, my husband-to-be.

In December of 1938, I left for Urundi, Africa, via England, through the Mediterranean and Suez Canal, to Dar es Salaam. From there I went by train to Kigoma, and up Lake Tanganyika by steamer to Usumbura. A little more than a year later, Herbert

came out with the Frederick Hollands, and we were married. We worked with the Hollands at the Usumbura station, and later started a new work about twenty-five miles from the town. Ruth, David and James were born in Urundi before we went home in 1945.

For several years we were at home, but never completely satisfied. In 1949, with Philip and Jonathan also, we returned, but to Congo this time. It was a wonderful privilege to be back in His work again, but this time we were on the way home in less than three years. It seemed that the Lord closed the door there, and we began a small nursing home in Craig, Colorado, with the purpose of supporting the Lord's work. Soon we felt we should be more involved in contact with overseas work, so put some ads in Moody Monthly about service for the Lord. Some who answered were wanting literature, and help to know how to preach the Word. Thru this opening, the Vernon Anderson family, and a little later the Joe Watkins family went to the Philippines, and began the work of Things to Come Mission there. Praise the Lord! While the office was in our home, I helped with letters and bookwork, when the office moved to Cope, my part was on the sidelines, taking care of older people to help support His work, especially the Nationals, and praying for those privi-

leged to go out. I often wished I could go out again, and had thought of it many times. So when my Mother went to be with the Lord on February 28, it seemed the Lord said: "Now is the time to GO!" I was already past seventy-two years old, but willing to help in any way possible to serve Him. It was amazing how all the many things I needed to do in preparation to go just fell into place. The Lord abundantly provided my needs through Social Security, and some inheritance from my Mother's estate. On October 27, I left Denver for Kenya. The trip out was full of frustrations, and for several weeks with illness. But now, I am well and strong again, and praising Him for the privilege of being here in His work.

It was a joy to be able to live with Darlene Anderson while Vernon took the trip to America to help Ben and Joyce with the children, and to visit some of the faithful saints there. She taught me many things I would need to know when I became the only missionary living at the school. As a "house-mother," I need to keep an eye on the students of the resident Bible School—seeing that they get the foods they need to prepare their own meals, keeping ears open to their needs, problems, failures and victories. It is only possible as the Lord gives wisdom! I also work with the correspondence students' lessons. The beginning lessons always

The Rod Of Moses — And The Rod Of God by W.P. Heath

Exodus 3:7 — 4:17

Reaching the world for Christ is a stupendous undertaking. Yet that very task has been given to us. Can one person — you or me — make any significant difference in the face of the odds against us?

While the challenge facing Moses, in the Scripture noted above, is very different from ours, it is helpful to see what we can learn from his experience.

When God called him to deliver Israel, Moses was well aware of the great, but humanly impossible, task facing him. He had already tried it, and with all the knowledge, skill and authority he had gained from his education and training in Pharaoh's house, he had fled in defeat. God Himself admitted at the very outset "I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go —" (Ex. 3:19).

Conscious of his own insufficiency, he had cried, as we are prone to cry, "Who am I?" He was assured, in essence, "It does not matter who **you** are, for **I AM!**"

Moses was aware of the inherent unbelief of Israel, even as we know all too well the unbelieving mindset of our contemporaries. God introduced a course of action which would lead to their rescue from Pharaoh. In it, we can see illustrated His strategy for reaching the world with the gospel today.

"What is that in your hand?" God asked. It wasn't much — only a shepherd's rod. But God does not need much when **He** is



William Heath

at work. A shepherd's staff, the jawbone of an ass, a smooth stone in a sling or a little boy's lunch — these were not merely "much" when God was in them, they were **ENOUGH!**

"Cast it on the ground," cried the Lord. "But it is all I have," Moses might have thought, "and now You ask me to throw it away!"

Whatever we have in **our** hand can be of little use until we yield it totally to the Lord, willing to walk away and leave it behind if He directs. When Moses threw the rod down it became a serpent, a symbol of evil. We must be made to see the evil incipient in what we have in our hand also.

Do we have wealth in our hand? Not yielded to Him it could lure us into a materialistic life style, lull us to sleep spiritually, rob us of our sense of dependence on God, and even be a temptation to throw our weight around in the church or on the mission

field.

Do we possess knowledge? Not laid at His feet, it can puff us up; make us opinionated, dogmatic, arrogant and divisive. It can rob us of teachability and blind us to our need for the leading of the Lord.

Our very life, when treasured up for ourselves, can be a stumbling block to others.

Even the Bible in our hands can be used to answer the false views of the lost, without **winning** them; prove a doctrine false, without convincing those holding it; and justify our actions, rather than mold our lives.

After Moses fled from the serpent, he was told to pick it up by the tail. Then it became a rod again. But, there was a great difference — it was then **God's** rod. Similarly, once we have seen the capacity for evil in what we have cast down before the Lord, we are to follow His instructions. If He directs us to pick it up again, rather gingerly now, it becomes **GOD'S rod** — in **our** hand (Ex. 4:20; 17:9).

Do you remember the battle cry of Gideon? "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon" he cried. He recognized the sword he held in his hand as **God's** sword. We, too, have a sword, the word of God. But, it is not our sword, it is the sword of the **Spirit** — in our hand (Eph. 6:17).

When the lowly rod became **God's** rod, it was used to defeat Pharaoh and all his hosts, manifesting the power of God to Egyptians and Israelites alike. With

God's rod in the hand of Moses: the water was turned to blood; the Red Sea parted to deliver Israel (Ex. 14:16) and came together again to judge the army of Pharaoh (Ex. 14:26); water poured from the rock in the desert (Ex. 17:5); and the Amalekites were defeated (Ex. 17:9 and ff).

God was not angry with him when Moses confessed his own insufficiency (he needed to recognize that), nor when he brought up the unbelief of Israel (that, too, needed to be faced). It was when he, after all God had said to him and done for him, said in effect, "**Send someone else**" that God was angry. (Ex. 4:13, 14).

What is that in **your** hand? "Not much" you say? It doesn't have to be much if you place it at His feet. "Enough to do the job!" you boast? Then you desperately need to throw it down before the Lord — you haven't seen the serpent in it yet.

Now, if He so directs, pick it up again. It is no longer your rod. It is **HIS** rod in your hand. Use it for His glory and see Him mightily at work defeating the enemy, delivering the captives, feeding the multitudes and filling your life to overflowing with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

The real purpose of life is not to "be happy" or "find fulfillment" but to see **God** at work **through us**. What a cure for boredom! Life becomes not a spectator sport, but a constant adventure!

WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND? — W. P. Heath

People's Republic of China by Vernon Bigelow



Vernon and Pat Bigelow

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. This name is surely one of the greatest misnomers devised by man. One fourth of the world's population makes up what is known as the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. "PEOPLE'S" suggests ownership by the "people." One does not have to live in China very long to learn that people do not own China. People and organizations rent property but the state owns it all.

"REPUBLIC." "A state in which the sovereign power resides in a certain body of the people and is exercised by representatives elected by, and responsible to them." This is what the dictionary says about a republic. One does not have to live in China very long to learn that sovereign power does reside in a certain very small body of people. But, these people are not representatives elected by and responsible to, the people they rule. The small group of people who are ruling China showed the world that they had no concern for the

vast majority of the people of China last June 4.

REPUBLIC also suggests freedom, but there is no real freedom in the PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. Instead of real freedom, there is fear. The suicide rate is very high, especially among the young people. Few people really smile. Mistrust is shown by most people. Everybody pushes and shoves. Few show concern for others.

Workmanship is not good in most things, at least those made for domestic consumption. There seems to be no pride in workmanship. Most public places are dirty. People throw garbage everywhere.

Officially, there is freedom to practice religion. The government authorizes the Three Self Churches, but there is no public worship outside the recognized churches. In the churches most of the congregation is composed of older people, with a majority of women. We were encouraged last Sunday, to see several college-aged young people in church.

A few weeks ago, an American missionary lecturing on religion in an English Club was stopped by police. They took her to the station house and warned her that it was illegal to teach religion outside the church. We can teach religion in our classroom because it is part of American culture. We answer questions, in the English Clubs, and in this way, we are able to teach what Christians

believe about God. There are many house churches, but these are not really legal.

Americans, living in a republic which is a real republic, don't have any feelings or real understanding of what it is like to live in China. On the surface, these people seem to be satisfied. People, if they can afford it, are fond of going to morning tea, usually from 7 to 10:30. This is a type of breakfast in which waitresses push carts throughout the dining rooms. The carts are loaded with different types of food. Eaters pick what they like and pay for each dish. In all restaurants, tea is served first, and customers drink all the tea they want. Students seem to be happy. Young women and men play volleyball, football, badminton, table tennis and basketball. People flock to theaters, night clubs, morning tea, parks, video game rooms, etc. People are always looking for a way to make more money or to escape China, but in reality, most only want to escape to gain materially.

From January 26 (The time is different each year, determined by the lunar calendar.) is the holiday called, New Years or Spring Festival. The actual holiday lasts four days, but people celebrate for about ten days. Flowers have a great significance during these days, and people spend much money on them. Whole streets are devoted to stalls selling flowers because they bring good luck.

Although they don't believe in

"god" people attach great significance to exploding firecrackers, and most tradesmen believe firing off crackers will ward off evil spirits and bring them good business in the new year. Much money is spent on them and sometimes, one series of explosions will last for as much as a minute.

This also may be a type of emotional release. People live in fear and being able to explode the firecrackers can allow them to blow off some of their emotions.

Fear, released or not, creates a vacuum. It is this vacuum that God wants to fill with Himself. That is why God has allowed Pat and me to be here in China for the past fifteen months. We are telling others about the Lord Jesus Christ, the only One, who can erase their fear. We have not been able to have thrilling open air meetings, as we had in the Philippines. We have not been able to preach in local churches.

We have taught about the Lord Jesus Christ in classrooms. We have answered questions about Christianity in English Clubs. And, especially in our home, we have told individuals about the Lord Jesus Christ. One young lady made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. In recent weeks, we've talked with many individuals. A few are actively reading Bibles we've given them. We are having a Bible study in our apartment. The spring term begins on February 19 and we look forward to many more opportunities to witness for our God.

Kenya Bound by Mike and Loretta Smyczynski

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God - Phil 4:6. It is hard not to be anxious, but we are going to God in prayer for everything. We are the Smyczynski's - Mike and Loretta, from Commerce City, CO. What are we trying not to be anxious

about? We are going to Embu, Kenya, this June as missionaries thru TCM. There are a lot of things that we need to get done and any one of them could cause anxiety if we let it and didn't follow God's Word to pray instead. I think we could say that we are more excited about going than anything else. This will be the first time that Loretta and I will go overseas to another country. We both just praise God that we can go to serve Him and be His servants.

Loretta and I were both saved four years ago. We were both raised Catholics and after we got out of high school we didn't attend church very much. We met each other in 1974 and were married in 1976. We lived a worldly life until 1985. We both realized that we were going no-



Mike and Loretta Smyczynski

where and that our marriage would end if we didn't seek after God and make Him part of our lives. Loretta met with a Christian girl and heard about salvation. She trusted Christ as her Savior and started looking for a church. She found Derby Bible Church. She went there a couple of times and then brought a gentleman home to talk with us about the Bible. I asked all kinds of questions and heard all about the Grace message. I went to church that Sunday with Loretta and trusted Christ as my Savior the next week. Praise God for His most precious gift! We continued going to church and heard more and more about the Grace message. I started going to the Derby School of Theology that Pastor

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Timothy Fund by Don Sommer

The training of national workers has always been the main thrust of Things to Come Mission's efforts in the various fields where we work. We are committed to the principle that the only effective missionary work is that which trains and equips believers to minister among their own people.

Our educational efforts are firmly based upon the only final source of authoritative truth, the Bible. At the same time, we recognize that we live in a rapidly changing world in which the application of this timeless truth is very complex. For this reason, we of TCM believe it is necessary for our various fields to have the most qualified Bible and Theology instructors possible. To accomplish this, we feel a need for some of our Bible Institute instructors to receive advanced training in Biblical studies. This would qualify them to teach Greek and Hebrew in our Bible schools as well as exposing them to modern methods of church organization, administration, evangelism and church growth. We pray that this additional education, coupled with the strong biblical background they received from TCM's Bible Institutes will help them to become even more effective witnesses for Christ.

For this reason, TCM has established a scholarship fund which we call the "Timothy Fund"

for assisting qualified nationals in our various fields to receive further education in Theological Seminaries in their home countries. This is more important than ever as we increasingly concentrate our work in rapidly growing urban areas where higher education is necessary to carry on a ministry among the professional class.

Our first recipient for this scholarship will be Pastor Abundio Boco. He is one of our leading national pastors in the Philippines and has been faithfully involved in the ministry for nearly 25 years. Presently he is the director of the International Grace Bible Institute. For many years, his desire has been to get a Master's degree in Theology. While ministering in the Bible school and churches he studied at a local university, earning a B.A. in education, preparing him for graduate study. His ability, faithfulness and dedication to the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of God is well established. It has been estimated that it will cost the equivalent of \$250 per month for him to transfer his family and study in Manila (this figure includes housing, food, tuition, books and fees.)

If you wish to contribute to the "Timothy Fund," you may send your gifts to the Things To Come Mission office and designate it for this fund.

East Java: One of the Advancing Mission Fields In Indonesia

by Dr. Frans Tamarol

Last year, Gereja Alkitab Anugerah (GAA) conducted its fourth National Conference in Surabaya, the capital city of East Java Province. Director of Things To Come Mission, Inc., Mr. Eldred Sidebottom, attended the conference as one of the main speakers. Mrs. Beverly Sidebottom, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sidebottom, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Anderson, and Miss Amy Anderson also took part in this conference.

The work in East Java has been advancing rapidly through the work of Pastor Rudy Akay, Pastor Tonny Sualang, and the young evangelists: Mr. Jemmy Kumowal, Mr. Marikson Kakombohi, and Mr. Welly Kandou. Miss Luz Gaddi is also doing her best to help the work grow.

In Surabaya, there is one GAA congregation that has 36 adult members. Pastor Tonny Sualang has served in this congregation since 1987. Pastor and Mrs. Sualang have a three year old daughter. Please help this young family in prayer as they serve the Lord.

The second congregation is in Nganjuk, several hundred kilometers south of Surabaya. It has 19 adult members, all of Moslem background. Mr. Jemmy Kumowal serves as an unor-

daind pastor for this congregation. When Mr. Joseph Watkins and Mr. Don Sommer visited Indonesia in 1986, Mr. Watkins had the opportunity to lay the first stone to symbolize the beginning of construction of the church building, which is still in progress.

Several kilometers from Surabaya are the towns of Cangkring and Tawang Sari. These two places, separated by a distance of about eight kilometers, are served by Mr. Marikson Kakombohi. The work here has just started with a few newly converted people from Moslem. Mr. Kakombohi is still looking for a place to stay in the area. Presently, he is staying with Pastor Sualang in Surabaya which causes transportation to become a great problem. The work in these two places needs prayer and support.

Ngombol is the farthest area reached by the effort from Surabaya. Mr. Welly Kandou is ministering in this area. The work here seems to grow faster than the work in Cangkring. Before assigned to Ngembul, he worked in Cangkring. Several months ago, the newly converted believers faced strong opposition from local authorities. Praise the Lord, all difficulties they have under-

gone has made them even stronger in faith in Jesus Christ. It brings about the advancement of the work in Ngembul. Just recently, brother Welly has reported that the Lord is adding new believers to the church. Of course, he needs more help through prayer.

Also, please pray for Pastor Rudy Akay and his family as he leads the work as Regional Representative of GAA's East Java Region. To all fellow believers who would like to write, please send your letter to Things to Come Mission, Inc., P.O. Box 96 Cope, CO 80812 or directly to Dr. Frans P. Tamarol, Grace Bible Church, P.O. Box 259/JAT, Jakarta 13001, Indonesia. Your letter,

prayer, and support could encourage the work to grow even faster. The number of adult members of GAA in East Java is still very small, but the number of people being reached is not only hundreds, but thousands and thousands. In every congregation, throughout Indonesia, leaders and members work hard in evangelizing people through personal evangelism method, literature ministries, and Bible Classes. GAA does not register the participants as church members until they state their desire in person that they want to become official GAA members. That is why, the number of members in the GAA report is very small.

Amy and Valerie Anderson plan to go to Indonesia when school is out for a summer ministry.

Vernon and Darlene Anderson went to South Africa for special meetings the last two weeks of March.

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News You Can Use For Prayer Time

U.S.A.

Dan and Jean Gross—"Our departure for the Philippines is temporarily delayed as we await the birth of our third child. The baby is expected in late February. We hope to be able to move two or three months after the birth.

Please continue to pray for the saints in Singapore. Remember especially Kim Meng, who is eager to understand the Word of God. Philip will be systematically teaching him."

Tom and Carol Schneidmiller, missionary candidates for Alaska - "Carol and I have been praying, working toward a date to start our grace work in Alaska. Our plan now is June 1990. We have a lot of work to do and need lots of prayer and support for all this to come about."

Don and Sue Sommer—"We will be returning to the Philippines in early May. We have had a good furlough and have had a good opportunity to visit friends, family, and supporters. We want to thank all of the churches and individuals that have so graciously shown hospitality to us during our travel.

The big news in our family is that Sue is expecting our second child in August. This will be the second child born in the Philippines, and we ask for your prayers for a safe and smooth delivery.

We will have a varied ministry when we return to the Philippines. We will be involved in administration, church development, conferences and seminars. Our main thrust however, will be the development of our training program by establishing elder training programs and developing a degree granting program in our Bible Institute."

KENYA

Mike and Donna Maleski—"Our current semester of the Bible school ends on March 14 and we will resume classes again on April 9. Lord willing, by the start of the new semester we will have a new family member; the baby is due in mid March.

Our time in Kenya is passing by quickly. We have plans to be back in PA by mid-July. We are praising the Lord for Mike & Loretta Smyczynski who expect to come and work here just about the time we plan to leave."

Bob and Beth Xavier—"PRAISE REPORT: From a twenty-eight year-old former woman inmate, named Lisa. She writes, *'Thank you, chaplain Bob, for helping me feel I am someone worthwhile and that God loves me. I still have difficulties some days, but I have not used drugs or alcohol for 11 months. I enjoy reading my Bible and waking up feeling good about myself. Thank*

you for showing me that I have a purpose for living.'

Five ladies from the Manatee County Jail, Laura, Sheree, Dana, Ramsey, and Janis are bringing revival to the Florida Correctional Community. Each one of them praise God that they are free! They owe their all to Jesus Christ! These ladies have received His life. They thrive upon God's Word. These women look forward to each day to accomplish Christ-centered goals. Please pray for these and many other women who now are 'more than conquerors through Him who loves us.'"

INDONESIA

Frans Tamarol—"Bible school has just started its second semester of 1989/90 academic year. It was opened with a two-day seminar on soteriology, attended by 50 people in average. The total students in class are nine, seven of them in the regular program and two others in the special program. We are still waiting for two more students coming for the regular and one more for the special program.

We, the GAA with 10 local congregations, 8 preparatory congregations, and 10 fields (some of them are newly reached), do appreciate your working together with us. Please pray for us continuously."

Luz Gaddi—"Last week when Rudy and his family invited me to celebrate his father's 65th birth-

day I met the three workers of the churches in Changkring, Nganjuk and Ngombol. Based on their reports, it seems the fastest growing church is the latter. Not because the first two workers are not as hard working, it's just that in most places the conversion of Moslems is very slow and long because families are very clan-ish here. Nevertheless, according to this pastor in Ngombol in the next village, Kidung Wungo, some 60 Moslems have asked him for a Bible study. This is quite unusual. This pastor said it's because of the bad testimonies of their fellow Moslems. They must have been disappointed or have seen the changed lives of the Christians in Ngombol. I met an American missionary the other week. She said she has been here for ten years but has never led one Moslem to the Lord.

Please pray for plans to start a work in Bali. Bali is the most famous tourist spot of Indonesia. In fact, there are tourists who think Indonesia is a part of Bali instead of the other way around. The place is predominantly Hindu. The government encourages the Hindus there to maintain it because their temples are one of the main tourist attractions. Rudy Akay said we now have a contact there and that what is needed is finances."

PHILIPPINES

Abundio Boco, director of Inter-

national Grace Bible Institute, writes, "There are 101 students at the campus of IGBI enrolled as students, aside from the 11 interns in the churches. At the same time, our grace training centers are doing their job in the training of more local workers. Let us constantly praise God for the trainers who are burdened to reinforce our grace movement in the Philippines through trained workers. Let's uphold these men in our prayers daily as we confidently approach our Father at His throne of Grace. We have Pastor Babylonia's training center in Palawan, Pastor R. Elvina in Negros Oriental, Pastor C. Adrales in Isabela and Pastor J. Nombre in Bacolod City, aside from the Elders' regular seminars conducted periodically towards this purpose."

Dan and Jennifer Sidebotom will be returning on fur-

lough at the end of April.

BRAZIL

Mary Hobaugh: In our last IH Mary wrote an article titled "Why I am Going to Brazil." She is now in Brazil and writes, "The pastors told me they have Sunday schools but they need teachers. If I can teach the students to teach Sunday schools, that will fill a need." Mary is one of our senior citizen missionaries.

SOUTH AFRICA

Pastor Woolard reports-"The work in S.A. has grown since Joe Watkins' visit last year and as a result of our video presentation and the relevant literature on the Grace message a number of reformed clergymen have shown an interest in the Word rightly divided."

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stress the basics of salvation through faith in the atoning work of Christ Jesus. As I work with this ministry, I pray that each one who studies the Word of God may come to know the matchless love of our Saviour as their own, and will grow in His grace and knowledge. I praise the Lord for the nine students He has brought to the Bible school, which began January two. They all seem to have a deep love for the Lord, and as they are taught by the other missionaries here, our prayer is

that as they learn the Word that soon they may be able to go out to their villages and other places, and "be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2:2.

I praise the Lord that He has opened the doors for me to serve Him here. I wonder if there are other "older," retired believers out there, who ought to ask the Lord if they also can be used somewhere in His harvest field. Why not say with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me"? Isaiah 6:8.

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Bob Hill was running at the church. I was excited about being able to study God's word and see that we could understand what He has revealed to us. Loretta and I became more and more involved in the church. We both became deacons in 1987 and in November started a singles group with our associate pastor and his wife. In April of 1988, I was accepted on the Elder Board and started teaching the High School Bible Study on Sunday. We are still involved in these ministries today and attending classes.

We both have had a heart for the mission field and prayed that someday God would open a door for us to go. That someday is here. We will be working with

Vernon and Darlene Anderson in the Kenya Bible School as teachers. We will also be involved in the Theological Training by Extension work and visiting churches.

We are His servants and will do whatever work needs to be done to bring glory to His name and spread the good news to the people of Kenya. We are both excited that we can help train young men and women in God's word and that they will someday be able to work in Kenya as God's ambassadors. We both go on the strength of Christ - Phil 4:13. Please pray for us as we continue to prepare to go. The effective prayer of a righteous man avails much - James 5:16.

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deeply they were committed to reaching their own people, and I asked myself, "Is there such commitment in the USA," and I had to answer, "No!" Brazil is a beautiful land and it is filled with beautiful people. Many, many of whom do not know Christ, but they are open, and they will listen. That is what moved Mary Hobaugh at 75 years of age to pull up stakes here in the USA and move to Brazil. One of the things we had to do when we were there was to ask Mary Hobaugh what to do with her body, if she happened to go to be with the Lord there. She replied, "I want to be buried here in Brazil."

Beloved as our Work Crusade left Brazil I asked them, "How many of you would like to return here again?" To a man, they replied that they would return. "Yes!" Tim Ravine said, "In a minute, I would return here." Eldon Callahan said, "I would like to come down here with my wife each winter and work with our Missionary staff in Evangelism and Church Planting.

Beloved, it is evident that God is blessing our work in the land of Brazil. We now have a Bible Institute with four buildings on the property: A House for the Dean, a Boys Dorm, though it is small, a Girl's Dorm that will house up to

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40 girls, and an Administration Building. It costs about \$500.00 to \$600.00 per month to operate the BI, as we call it. We need for many of you to catch the burden for Brazil. We need for you to pray as to how God would have you to be a part of this great work. You need not feel as though you have to shoulder the whole burden. Just do your part! Pray about what God would have you give to this need. Income to operate the BI has been meager in the past. In January only \$50.00 came in to operate the school. The reaching of Brazilians for Christ is at stake here. We need your help!

Our National Missionary staff in Brazil now numbers six full time families: Pastor Teo and family, Heraldo and family, Pastor Celso and family, Pastor Haroldo and family, Pastor Jose and family and Pastor Edio and family. Each of these National Missionaries are under supported. Please pray about how you could become a part of the support team here in the USA for these grace men and their families in Brazil. You need to add to this list the men and women that will be going out from the BI on their "Intern year." They have finished two years at the BI, and now are going out to get practical experience. After their year as an "Intern," they will return to the BI for one more year of study, and then they will be ordained as pastors and Christian Education Workers. Zeca, Pedro, Carlos, Mark,

Herolda, Yara, and Eunice will be going out. They need support as they work with our pastors and churches. You, the readers of the IH and supporters of TCM, are the only source that the TCM has for income to this work. Please pray about this matter.

On Saturday February 10th, just before we left Brazil, we went to look at a place for Mary Hobaugh to live. We found one located about six kilometers from the BI. It was a Condo apartment. At first, they said that they would rent it to us, but they changed their minds, and they wanted to sell it to us. They were asking 130,000 Cruzados or about \$2700. After much prayer and sharing, we decided to buy it. We are now asking that you fellowship with us in this matter. This place that we bought is part of a Condo. It has two bedrooms, a large living-dining room combination, a kitchen-breakfast nook combination, and a laundry room. After the initial cost, the cost per month for us will be \$35.00. Mary will pay the Mission \$80.00 per month for living there. There is no way that we can build a building to house Mary or anyone else for that kind of money. We need to examine the possibility of buying other Condos such as the one Mary is using. If you would like to be a part of this venture of faith, investing in Brazil for Christ, please contact the Mission Office.

Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections

Have you ever thought about King David's actions concerning the death of his newborn son? We read in 2 Samuel 12.15-23 that while the baby was still alive, David fasted, wept, prayed and pleaded that God would spare him. But, after a week, the baby finally died. The servants, however, were afraid to let the King know because they figured since he was so distraught while his son was living how much more so would he be when he heard he was dead. But, David guessed the child had died by their whispering and with that he got up, washed, dressed, ate, and "went into the house of the Lord to worship." To answer the servants' question, he told them that while the baby was alive there was still a possibility that God would be moved to have mercy and spare him, but once he had died, the case was closed — the answer was "No"—and life moved on.

How many times, though, do we reverse the process? We know there's a possibility of failure, danger, death (maybe remote) but that's down the road so we only breathe a few sentence prayers now and then, "Lord, help me, guide me, give me wisdom, etc." and we move forward in faith (so we think). But, faith in what? Faith that things will go the way we plan, hope, and think that they should go, feeling sure we must have Gods blessing and approval since things seem to be going smoothly. However, there suddenly may come a time when we are caught holding a "dead baby" - a certain financial need wasn't met at the deadline; a Christian co-worker turns against us and brings a legal suit; a simple, routine operation results in permanent brain damage. Then we get serious in our prayers. "God, why? I know that I . . . but, I thought that You . . . and now this happened and it . . ." (and so on). Many times we do our serious praying, soul-searching, and communing with God after it's too late instead of during the days, weeks, months beforehand.

Of course, there are things that suddenly happen to us that we could never have foreseen and thus, couldn't pray specifically for them. And we know that Satan will continually try to hinder the Lord's work, also. In these cases, it's sometimes hard to distinguish between temporary obstacles (which are used for faith builders and can be overcome) and end-of-the-line brick walls which mean a solid "No." (Just like the frustrated mom who finally asked her child, "Which part of the word 'NO' don't you understand?")

Maybe we do understand what 'no' means by now but we fail sometimes to recognize it or accept it. For David, the death of his son seemed pretty final. I'm sure he believed that God was able to raise a baby from the dead so he could have gone on pleading indefinitely, but he knew in this case that God had promised judgment on his previous sin and he accepted that. However, there are many times when we don't know why something is happening and that's when we realize we don't even know how to pray as we should. Isn't Romans 8.26-27 a great promise? "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."

We can rest in the fact that God knows what's happening and why. We can also rest in the Lord as we come to Him in prayer and give Him our worries, cares, concerns, desires, and hopes. Don't pray to know—just know to pray! - Jennifer Sidebottom

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"But none of these things move me; neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that, I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" Acts 20:24.

Definitely this was Paul's precise statement of his commitment and this verse has always been a blessing to me as I desire this verse to be my constant commitment. Paul had successfully demonstrated his commitment, and obviously NOTHING had moved him away from his commitment. I want to be like Paul, and I want to be like Christ most of all.

I understand that commitment is always associated with the words: hardship, hunger, trials, sufferings, poverty, nakedness, sickness, others, and even death. It requires faithfulness, honesty, sincerity, obedience, loyalty, etc. Definitely, it is a real HARD and a terrible

word to choose to live by, but I understand ministry is COMMITMENT. In fact, commitment is often the missing jewel of the precious ministry of the Christians, and not many want to find it because they know it's hard.

As I lived single for more than 28 years, I always wanted to make sure that if I ever felt the need of finding a wife that she understands the word commitment (the way I understand it), and willing to live with it. I made sure she loves the WORD, the WORK, and the LORD.

I am now engaged to Miss Jeannette Dibble (on the Christmas vacation of '89). She is a young, godly lady, and amazingly committed to the ministry. I'm always proud of her commitment to God.

We are badly needed in Brazil, so we plan to get married in June (6/2/90). We plan to rent an apartment in Grand Rapids this summer then work on the week days and travel to the nearby churches on the weekends. We plan to travel full time on deputation in September, Lord willing, and leave for Brazil early January of '91.

We want you to prayerfully participate in our desires, and in the commitment we have made to serve God in the following ministries: teaching in the Bible Institute, youth ministry, evangelism and discipleship, and later on church planting. Therefore, we want you to consider prayerfully our immediate needs: we need a car for deputation, open churches for us to speak and share our burden and ministries in Brazil, successful wedding and marriage, and above all our spiritual lives. In the service that counts, Sanny Sumilhig