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**THINGS
TO COME
MISSION**



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

Editor's Note by Joe Watkins



Joe Watkins

As a student in Milwaukee Bible College (now Grace Bible College), I remember several points taught us in the missions class. (This doesn't mean that I didn't learn more than a few points!) I have used these points much in my ministry.

The first one was that missionaries are to go into a country with the purpose of working themselves out of a job. This was to be done by training nationals. Do as the apostle Paul did in II Tim. 2:2, commit to faithful men the special revelation given to Paul. My wife and I went to the Philippines in 1958 with this objective. In 1986 we felt that we had accomplished this objective and accepted a new ministry in Things to Come Mission. When we accepted this new ministry it required that we MOVE.

This brings me to the second important truth learned. Missionaries should be willing to move when the ministry demands a move. In other words, be willing to have no permanent dwelling place on this earth. Be like the apostle Paul. The book of Acts is the record of Paul's moves. Read Acts 13-14. Mark the times he moved from one city to the other. Note each time "they

preached the gospel." The ministry demands a move to the NEXT city to preach the gospel.

The growth of the ministry of TCM demands a move. The U.S. office needs to be more accessible to all the U.S. and located in a large city. The new location will make it possible for us to better serve the other missionaries under TCM. It will help us reach more here in the U.S. with the ministry of TCM and reach out to other countries.

The decision to move was made in 1986. From that time up until the present, discussions have been held about where to move the office.

The decision has been made, a building has been located and the TCM U.S. office will begin moving December 1st 1990. The new home will be in the Grace Church, Indianapolis, IN. We praise God that the Grace Church has agreed to let TCM use their old sanctuary and rooms for the office of TCM USA.

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THINGS TO COME MISSION, INC.
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We missionaries who work in the office are asking you to pray about this move. TCM is a team. We all must work together in order to proclaim the commission given us by the apostle Paul in Eph. 3:9, II Cor. 5:19-21. We want to make this move in a way that it will not hinder the other team member's ministries in Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia, Phillippines, England, and the U.S.

It is never easy to move. It means pulling up roots again and saying good bye to friends in Cope, packing things in the office and our home, and driving about 1000 miles to Indiana - in DECEMBER!

A New Home For Things To Come Misson:

By Pastor Roy J. Kelsey, President of TCM Board

The Lord willing, Things To Come Mission Headquarters will move from Cope, Colorado to Indianapolis, Indiana. This move has been a long time coming, but it is something that will very definitely be beneficial to the work of the Mission.

The Mission office has been at Cope, Colorado since Eldred Sidebottom became Director of the Mission in the early sixties, soon after the death of Mr. Herbert Palmer, who founded the Mission in 1955. Eldred was Pastor of the Cope Community Church, and so the office was moved from Craig, Colorado to Cope upon Eldred's appointment to the office of Director of TCM.

During those early years, Cope provided the necessary base for

the work of the Mission. The Mission grew from a single work in the Philippines to the present work in Indonesia, Kenya, Brazil, Florida, England, Singapore, and the Philippines as well as an emerging work in South Africa and a new ministry (here in the USA) in the person of Don Fromer. It became apparent to the Board of the Mission that a move was in order so that the needs of the Missionaries and the Fields could be better met. So, in 1986 the Board voted to move the office from Cope to a more accessible and geographically central location. Since that time, the Board has been exploring the various areas of the USA that might fulfill the Mission's needs.

A couple of years ago the Di-



Cope, Colorado Office

rector of the Mission, at the request of the Board, sent a letter to all Missionaries requesting their input in regard in the location of the Mission office. A majority of the Missionaries expressed the opinion that the office needed to be located east of the Mississippi. Following this expression of opinion, the Board appointed a committee to examine suggestions from several sources as to a possible location. Important considerations included: access to a major airport, access to Interstate Highways, volunteer help to assist in the Mission office, driving distances to Grace Churches and Grace Churches in the area, the economy of the area, availability of housing for the Mission staff at reasonable prices, cost of rent, utilities, phone, etc., and a central location as regarding most of our Grace Churches. The Committee reported back to the Board at our Spring Board meeting in May of this year. While they had narrowed the various locations down to a couple, no single location could meet all the considerations. At our Spring Board meeting, a motion was passed that the Board elect a committee to decide upon a new site for the TCM office. This committee was empowered to find a site and effect the move to that site following the guidelines already laid out. Gordon Sooy, Joe Watkins, and Ben Anderson were elected by the Board to make up the committee, and Ben was elected chairman of the committee.

Just prior to our Spring Board meeting John LaVier, pastor of Grace Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, contacted the Mission

office with a tentative offer that the Mission locate in the former sanctuary of Grace Church in Indianapolis. Ben Anderson had been in Indianapolis, and had seen the facility offered. He shared with the Board that he thought that it was worth examining. Ed Wishart, Board member from Elyria, Ohio, and I stopped at Grace Church on our way home from the Spring Board meeting to see the site and found Grace Church to be an excellent possible location for the TCM office. We in turn recommended to the Relocation Committee that we accept the Grace Church offer.

On July 14th Joe Watkins, Dan and Jennifer Sidebottom, and myself met with the Board of Grace Church to discuss the details of their offer. They were offering TCM rent-free space. They also stated that they would not charge us for utilities for the first few months until it could be seen just how much TCM's presence was adding to their utilities costs. It was further suggested that a five-year lease agreement be drawn up between Grace Church and TCM, which could be broken with the mutual consent of both parties should the presence of TCM at Grace Church be determined to be a hindrance to either Grace Church or TCM.

At the conclusion of the meeting Joe, Dan, Jennifer and I recommended to the Relocation Committee that they accept Grace Church's offer. The Committee met over the phone and voted without dissent to accept the offer of Grace Church. The proposal was presented to the congregation of Grace Church on

August 5, 1990. It was adopted by the congregation.

When you consider that the TCM office is now handling the affairs of over 40 missionaries, including savings, Bank Card, checking, pension, and insurance accounts, etc., and caring for the record keeping associated with gifts to the missionaries and the Mission itself, the only conclusion you can come to is that the TCM Office has to have easy access to varied financial institutions. Add to this the needs of an office with several typewriters, computers, copy machines, mimeo machines, addressing equipment, etc., and you realize that TCM's office must have ready access to service and supplies. This past year, 1989, TCM's annual income from all sources, passed the \$500,000.00 mark. It is quite difficult to maintain records for income totaling this amount by old fashioned ledgers and pen entries. So enter computers, and with computers the need to be close to support facilities for them. We also realize that we need ready access to mailing facilities that can give us overnight delivery here in the USA, and speedy delivery to other parts of the world.

Missionaries need to have easy access to the office when they are home on furlough. The Director, Treasurer, and other Mission personnel need to have access to Grace churches, and other institutions to make it easier for them to do their task. The only way to provide for these individuals is to move the office of TCM to a place where the real needs of the mission and the missionaries can be

met.

For the above reasons, the Board realized that a move was imperative. Our move from Cope has been necessitated by growth and time. We realize that it will cost money to move the office; however, we do believe that this move is an investment in the future and will enable TCM to better accomplish that which the Lord has commissioned us to do. As a matter of fact, with the present agreement with Grace Church in Indianapolis, it will cost less to operate the Mission office at our new location than it did in Cope.

The Relocation Committee, chaired by Ben Anderson, has established a time table for the move, and that time table sets December 1, 1990 as MOVE DAY for the physical items and people. There is much that needs to be done before that time: Stationary needs to be printed, address changes need to be sent out, all our Fellow Laborers need to be informed and arrangements need to be made for phone installation at the new office. Joe, Pauline, Dan, and Jennifer need to find housing in Indianapolis, and make arrangements for address changes and other items associated with moving. There will have to be some remodeling done in our new office area (before the move). This will cost money, but we feel that it is a great investment in the future for TCM.

One other item is that Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom are retiring from the TCM office at the time of the move. Eldred has been Director of the Mission since 1963 - twenty-eight years. We are hoping that Eldred will continue on

the Board of the Mission to add his many years of experience to our ministry. We praise God for the years of faithful service that both Eldred and Beverly have given TCM. Without them, much of the progress of the past could never have been realized. We are planning a retirement get-together for the Sidebottoms to recognize their tireless efforts for TCM. We will publish the time and location of the event when all is finalized. Eldred will continue as pastor of the church at Eckley, Colorado and so, will not be retiring from ministry for the Lord. Continue to pray for them.

We lastly ask for your prayers for TCM during this vital move. These are exciting days for TCM. God is blessing us beyond our expectations. New areas of ministry are opening to us almost daily. Three Bible Schools have been established in the last two years. The Philippine work has a national director in charge of the ministry. We have a new work in the Far East. We have a new ministry here in the USA under Don Fromer. Also, Joe Watkins and I will be traveling to South Africa next Spring to oversee the

organization of a Grace work there.

We trust that you will feel the excitement with us. Come on board as we go forward for the Lord in these final days of this age of Grace. God has committed to us a great message via our beloved Apostle Paul, and as we go about the business of sharing that message with the World, God is blessing. You can be a part of these blessings by praying for us and sharing with us financially. If you have questions about our move, our fields, our missionaries, our finances, our policy, our methods, etc., please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be more than happy to hear from you, and we will answer any and all questions that you put to us.

Please note the new address of TCM: TCM, 2200 English Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201. My name is Pastor Roy J. Kelsey and my address is: 3671 Tallmadge Road, Rootstown, Ohio 44272. My phone number is (216) 325-9449 or 325-2220. Do not hesitate to call me for any information I can give you. Again, we ask that you pray for us and share with us in our ministry. Thank you one and all.

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TCM's Newest Ministry...by Don Fromer

I was gloriously saved in 1975 at age 46 (almost fifteen years ago) following a life of sin and rebellious rejection of the gospel. Because of my early training by godly parents, I had a head start in theology. After my conversion however, God gave me a deep hunger for serious Bible study, which I found exciting and rewarding as the Word of God daily transformed my attitudes, values, and behavior.



Don and Arlene Fromer

In 1983, I was forced to give up my job as an Instrument Engineer at Dow Chemical Co. (where I had worked for 26 years) because of an inner-ear problem. I chose early retirement (with very little compensation), rather than disability benefits, because I wanted to continue working.

For about a year after leaving Dow I sought related work near my home at Beaverton, Michigan without success. Meanwhile, God continued to work in my heart. I was convinced that all that was happening was in His Providence, and my wife and I were prayerfully seeking His direction. About that time, Vernon Anderson was visiting with some of our neighbors in Michigan. Since my wife and I had known Vernon and Darlene for many years, we were invited to have lunch with them.

Upon hearing my story, Vernon Anderson suggested that I contact Chuck O'Connor, who

might know of some Christian concern that could give me employment. Arlene and I met with Chuck on February 23, 1984. The result was something I had never imagined: I preached my first sermon on the first Sunday in March at Berean Bible Church in Cadillac, Michigan. On June 1, I became their pastor. I have been preaching ever since!

Early in 1988 we heard of several Grace churches that had lost their pastors and also had experienced a "split" in their congregations. Pastors and congregations alike were deeply hurt. The Lord gave me such a burden of grief that I could hardly sleep at night. It seemed to me that "these things ought not to be," especially in Grace churches where we specialize in "Body Truth!" I believed that someone should be developing a ministry to point out both the cause of such disasters, and

the Biblical means of preventing them.

What finally crystallized was the idea of an interim pastoral ministry that would provide continuity for churches without pastors while giving them time to make careful and prayerful selection of a new permanent pastor. Such a ministry would inevitably reach churches that were broken and hurting, as well as healthy churches. It also became clear to me that God was calling me to be that "someone!" After consulting with Chuck O'Connor, who agreed that such a ministry was much needed, I submitted my resignation to Berean Bible Church, sold my home, bought a pick-up truck and fifth-wheel trailer, and offered my services as interim pastor to any Grace Church, anywhere the weather will permit us to live in our travel-trailer.

Our first call as interim pastor was to Grace Bible Church of Clear Brook, Virginia, where we served for thirteen months. God blessed our ministry there in a wonderful way. Our next call came from Eastport Bible Church of Long Island, New York, where we are presently serving. We have had an exciting ministry here, witnessing visible fruit in several lives.

Although I regularly and actively witness to unbelievers, and regard evangelism of the utmost importance, I find my own gifts to

be more in the area of preaching, teaching, and edifying of the saints. I believe evangelism is most effective when it is carried out by growing Christians who manifest the power of the Holy Spirit in the everyday, moment-by-moment affairs of their lives.

I also believe the proper doctrine and a correct dispensationalism is essential for a life approved by God, but failing to produce such a life, they are of little value. The emphasis of my ministry, therefore, is on a walk of faith that is worthy of our calling. Such a walk will be most visible in our relationships: To God; to fellow members of the Body of Christ; and to a world that is lost in sin.

For several years, I have admired the philosophy of TCM. I am fully in agreement with its Constitution, Doctrine, Objectives, and Form of Government. I am especially pleased with its insistence on the principle of faith in the matter of financial support. If it is God's work, He will surely provide: If not, we waste our time! We promised God that we will not refuse to serve any church for financial reasons. If they supply our fuel to get there, and provide electricity and water for our trailer while we are there, and prayerfully consider what God wants them to do about our support, we will go. We haven't missed a meal yet! It might not hurt us if we did miss one now and then!

When Things Go Wrong ...Then What? by Luz Gaddi

The unexpected had happened! As I read the rector's reply about my application to renew my contract for another two years with Universitas Kristen Petra, my hands trembled. My contract can no longer be renewed due to the November 1988 Indonesian government's new regulation that all foreign employees can only work here at a maximum of five years. I have been here for about four years and a half already. Caught unaware and unprepared, I felt sad, hurt and frustrated, because the university did not inform me about this new regulation early enough to give me time to look for another job. My contract will expire on June 30. Not until I applied for its renewal and got the reply first week of May have I learned about it.

Questions began to pop in my mind. What have I done to deserve this? Does God know about it? Why did He not tell me, being omniscient? Has He forgotten or misplaced my address somewhere? Is my service for Him in Indonesia going to end abruptly just like this?

I remember seven years ago while studying for my masters degree, I met an Indonesian from Universitas Kristen Petra taking the same course. Being a big sister to her, she asked me one day why not apply as an English teacher to the university? Wanting to become a foreign mission-



Luz Gaddi

ary since childhood, I told myself this must be it! I applied and was accepted. As I left Manila February 1986, I was so excited (not because a former dictator was ousted from my country or because we had a new woman president for the first time) at the thought of serving the Lord in Indonesia, and at the same time teaching English and American Literature at Petra. After much struggle in learning the language, I traveled to churches in Manado, Balikpapan, Tarakan, Jakarta, Blitar, Bandung and Nganjuk mostly conducting Sunday school teachers' training seminars. True, I agonized in prayer about my visa (a perennial problem of most foreigners here, particularly missionaries), but the Lord has seen me through.

But now things had gone all wrong, or so I thought. The glamor and excitement of serving the Lord as a foreign missionary was peeling off.

Nevertheless, that week when

I received the rector's letter, without knowing it, the leaders of the Grace Foundation in Jakarta were discussing the possibility of requesting me to move there, to teach in the Bible School and help with the Sunday school ministry. This had been my plan after finishing the proposed two-year contract with Petra. Now it seems that this government regulation was a blessing in disguise so as to move to Jakarta earlier than planned.

Thankfully, the university, after realizing its mistake has offered to extend my contract for another six months from July 1 to December 1990. Provided I shoulder my return vacation trip from the Philippines this coming August. This should give me time to apply for a teaching job in Jakarta. If accepted I could serve again for another five years. Otherwise, I have no choice but to leave Indonesia. Please pray that the Lord's will be done in this

matter.

When things go wrong, it is easy to sit under the juniper tree like Elijah or go out of the city (the place of service) like Jonah, either blame the Lord or wallow in self-pity. Past experience has taught me that it is in times like these when the Lord reveals Himself anew and shows His power. At times He wants to teach us invaluable lessons. Some of the following promises have encouraged me: "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me," "The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me...", "... and thou shalt know that I am the Lord; for they shall not be ashamed who wait for me..."

That week on my way to school I realized the unexpected that we hate to happen, has a way of refocusing our lives. May I never limit what the Lord can do in and through me not only when things are going on smoothly, but how much more when things go wrong!

Editor's Note - More Recent News From Luz

Well, I am back to Surabaya in time for classes. As mentioned in my previous letter, this would be my last semester to teach at Petra. My contract can no longer be renewed due to the government's regulation that all foreigners can only work here at a maximum of five years. Since I have not helped with the ministry in Jakarta, particularly in the Sunday school work, I feel it's not yet time to leave Indonesia for good. Last May I sent two resumes to two different universities. To my surprise, one of them replied positively. This is Universitas Kristen Indonesia or In-

donesia Christian University. In fact, I received a letter from the dean of its English Department last week requesting me to go to Jakarta so we could know each other better.

How exceedingly kind and gentle is the Lord! I could hardly believe it. I must admit with shame I didn't expect Him to answer my prayers that soon. Past experience has taught me, it usually takes at least four months before major prayer requests are answered. I feel like the psalmist of old when he wrote, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."

Presence With a Purpose - Brazilian Report

by Doug LeFeber

The main purpose of TCM's presence here in Brazil is to reach the lost with the message of God's grace.

EVANGELISM is our main priority. This not only involves the missionary but also our Brazilian converts. We also feel that it is a must to support gifted nationals in our evangelistic teaching ministries.

CHURCH PLANTING is a result of our evangelistic endeavors. We have and are starting and developing local churches in various areas of Brazil. Some of these churches already have their own pastors and others are in the transition between the missionary and 'lay workers'. In these various churches, we are helping to develop Sunday schools and children and youth ministries.

TEACHING AND TRAINING of our believers has been further developed and greatly helped through our training center (Grace Theological Institute). Many of our students are either involved partly or fully in the development of our local churches. Others are involved in our

evangelistic efforts where we do not have an organized church. Through these students and future graduates of our Institute (our pastors, teachers and evangelists trained in accordance with II Timothy 2:2), we are and will be strengthening and starting churches.

LITERATURE is not an option, it is a must! We continue to translate and develop 'grace' literature in Portuguese. It is through the printed page that we will be able to penetrate into other areas of Brazil with the message of God's grace. We are in great need of study booklets and teaching materials in Portuguese to



Doug, Vicki, Michelle, and Daniela LeFeber

help ground believers.

The Time to Invest is Now!

Our new government is "opening up" Brazil to foreign investment. U.S., European and Japanese countries will be investing in present companies and industries or will be investing in Brazil because of its size, wealth and capacity. These investments will bring returns.

We need to INVEST in Brazil in the spiritual realm. Yes the 'returns' of our financial investments will be 'spiritual.'

A Valid Biblical Principle

To contribute and distribute to the needs of the 'laborers,' independent of their nationality, and to the needs of poor believers, whether Brazilian, Filipino or African is a valid Biblical Principle (Romans 12:13; Phil. 4:15-20).

If we eliminate the "full-time" national worker doing the 'work of a missionary,' it will take much more financially to carry on the work, using only missionaries from the U.S. and other countries, to further the cause of Christ in Brazil.

The overall cost of a foreign missionary coming to Brazil is much greater than supporting a national. A good example is that of a Baptist couple that just arrived in Recife. They estimated their overall cost of preparing, coming and setting up here in

Recife, including air passage, vehicle, phone, furniture, etc. comes to over \$25,000. The first year they are spending studying the language and their support is \$30,000 per year!

What often happens is that our national co-workers have to "do without" vehicle, phone, equipment, literature, and live at a 'poverty level' because of lack of funds. Why do we expect our nationals doing the work of a 'missionary' to do without?

In these 'affluent times' in which we are living, it is hard for us to understand and sad to see so many Christians concentrating on accumulating more material wealth than they need or will ever use. There is also the tendency of spending more and more on ourselves (though rationalizing desires turn into needs) while the cause of Christ suffers and multitudes of needy souls go unreached.

It is Biblical, and God's desire that we 'convert' our wealth into good works; to use our financial means to "do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate" (I Tim. 6:18)

God is not out of Funds

I feel that what we are facing today in Brazil and in other countries i.e., lack of funds in every aspect of the work for workers, training centers, equipment, vehicles, literature, etc., is a direct

result of the overall spiritual condition of the church today. No, I do not believe that God is out of funds or that lack of funds is because of an excess of works being developed.

We thank God for those men and women who are using their financial means for His glory and investing generously in the cause of Christ.

A Transition Period

There is what I would call a transition period in transferring the financial responsibility for the development of the work in a foreign country to the national churches.

As evangelism takes place and self-supporting churches are established, they begin to support their own pastors and workers as well as contribute to the evangelistic efforts into new areas. A long-term goal is that these national churches become 'sending' churches by supporting missionaries in other countries.

We are doing the ground work

and need to use and support national workers until we have enough churches to gradually assume greater financial responsibilities.

During this 'transition period' we need to invest in the development of the various aspects of the work mentioned at the beginning of this article.

The Constraining Love of Christ

Perhaps we need to ask ourselves if we really desire to reach those in other countries such as Brazil with the message of God's saving grace. Are we willing to SACRIFICE in order to reach lost souls for Christ? It is only because of the constraining love of Christ motivating us to this end through the power of His Spirit that lives within that we are able.

May we be "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

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News You Can Use At Prayer Time

PHILIPPINES:

Pastor and Mrs. Gomersindo Indino are doing deputation in the TCM churches in the Philippines. Pastor and Mrs. Indino are TCM's newest Filipino missionaries desiring to minister in Brazil. He and his wife will be coming to the U.S. to continue their deputation later on this year. Gomersindo is the brother of Mario Indino.

Pastor Antonio Improso, director of the Philippine TCM work writes: "We have much to praise the Lord for. He has consistently prospered TCM's ministry and enlarged our frontiers. The number of TCM churches has reached past the 400 mark with estimated membership of over 17,000 youth and adults. This last year has seen the highest growth - 48 churches. 13 new pastors were ordained and Pastor and Mrs. Gomersindo Indino were commissioned for foreign missionary work."

Don and Sue Sommer will be moving to Ozamis City after the birth of their baby.

Dan and Jean Gross are settled in Cebu City - P.O. Box 617, Cebu City.

BRAZIL:

Doug LeFeber writes: "It is unbelievable the cost of living at present in Brazil. Everything is

more expensive at present; post-age, milk, gasoline, paper, food. Please pray for the following needs: 1) We need financial support for Pastor Celso and family. 2) We need financial support for Heraldo and family. 3) We need additional support for Pastor Teo and family. 4) Those other pastors also need additional funds. 5) We need vehicles for Pastor Haroldo, Heraldo, Teo and Celso. 6) We need 300 to 500 dollars monthly to get our literature 'in action' - salvation tracts, grace literature, bimonthly publication, materials for S. School, and Bible clubs for children, etc."

KENYA:

Ben and Joyce Anderson and children will be returning to Kenya the end of December.

Mike and Loretta Smyczynski arrived in Kenya. Mike writes: "That evening (of arrival) we went to the school to meet the students. We sang songs, heard them sing in their own language, and I gave my testimony. We both could see their love for us and for the Lord."

Mike and Donna Maleski write: "We thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him in Kenya in the past 16 months. Now we're back in the States and readjusting to life here again. We are staying with my parents until we can arrange for another place to

live and get a car. We are seeking the Lord's will about our future. Please continue to pray with us that God will lead us in His perfect will and that we would be willing to follow where He leads. One thing I desire to do is to go to Bible school. I feel that I need to have more education before entering the Lord's work full time. Our time in Kenya helped us to grow and mature and expand our horizons. We have a great awareness of the Lord's work in the world and have become much less ignorant about international affairs."

INDONESIA:

"The work in Surabaya is growing. In our Sunday school monthly meeting, the superintendent told the teachers to stop inviting new children 'cause there's no more room to put them.' We sorely need a bigger place."

Frans Tamarol writes: "Bible school plans to open its new semester earlier than usual (August) when the Andersons arrive, to make use of their short visit in Indonesia. We are scheduling them to teach several courses. Next semester will consist of two classes (first semester and third semester programs).

First semester program offering 20 credit hours will consist of: BS 101 Book of Moses, BS 121 The Life of Jesus or BS 122 Four Gospels, TS 121 Systematic Theology 1 (Bibliology), CE 101 Doctrinal Basis, CE 102 Highway of

Life, CE 103 Evangelical Sunday school, GS 101 Pancasila (Indonesian Five Principles), GS 102 Study Skills, and GS 103 English 1."

Darlene Anderson: "Vernon called last evening - good news. The conference in Manado, Indonesia went great, opened by the Governor! Over 400 delegates. Vernon said he preached in many places - he felt things went very well. "Praise God."

U.S.A.

Beth and Bob Xavier: "We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for 10 years of your faithful love, financial support and fervent prayers. We are in the final stages of developing a resident home with Christ-centered alternatives for women inmates with life-dominating problems.

...We have enthusiastic endorsement from both county and city government.

...A local church is willing to provide a five-bedroom home and pay half of the lease payment, if we have start-up funds to operate the home.

...Please seek the Lord on behalf of the Dana's of our country, who lack Christian foundations. They need your help, your prayers and love."

Joel Molina: Joel was married to Darcy Richardson on August 11th. They write, "Thank you very much for your gift. We really appreciate it, it will be very useful

for our expenses that are coming up dealing with deputation and our leaving for Indonesia."

Sanny Sumilbig: Sanny was married to Jeannette Dibble on June 2. They have started their deputation and will be traveling until they leave for Brazil. Joel and Sanny are Filipino nationals saved and educated in the TCM's ministry in the Philippines. Then they continued their education in the U. S.

Vernon and Pat Bigelow have informed us that they will have to take a leave of absence from Things to Come Mission due to financial problems. These problems came about because of the kidney transplant operation for Leah, their daughter. They returned from China in July. They will appreciate your prayers for them at this time.

SOUTH AFRICA:

Johann Anker writes: "Bro. I am writing to inform you that we will

be leaving So. Africa for Australia on 1/10/91. We are excited about this. Now with all that we have learned (the Grace Message) during the past 2 1/2 years, and with all the videos and cassette tapes we have, we are keen to share this Berean message with whomever the Lord leads us."

Herbie Janion: "This letter is to inform you that our annual general meeting of the national body will take place in March 1991. At this meeting an executive church board will be elected under the chairmanship of Bro. Joe Watkins from the U.S.A.

"Please pray earnestly that God will have His hand in these elections as well as upon those nominated and elected to the posts in the national executive board of the church in So. Africa."

Bro. Graham Reeves will shortly be starting his own church in the Port Elizabeth area. Praise God for this progress.

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- Bill Heath.....Assoc. Director of Development

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Due to new missionaries going to the field, we are receiving duplicate names that we cannot tell whether it is husband or wife or children. If you are receiving duplicate mailings and wish to cancel one, please let us know which name and address to use. If you wish to receive the duplicate copies then we will be happy to leave the address as it is, but we do need to know. Also, if you are going to change your address, please let us know so we can change it in our computer right away.

Keep Climbing!!! by Daniel Sidebottom

The innate characteristic of anything found on the earth is to slowly decline and die. It takes effort to keep anything growing and producing. Mission work is not any different. Left to itself, the work will slowly (sometimes not so slowly) decline and die. Understanding this natural law and observing the mission work in various countries of the world (both in TCM and other organizations) gives opportunity for rejoicing. **THE WORK IS NOT DYING!!!**

Upon my arrival in the Philippines as a missionary in 1978 I had the opportunity to travel to many areas of the country. It was a joy for me to see the churches which had been planted through the efforts of individuals connected with TCM. The work was already twenty years old and churches were located throughout the country, North to South and East to West. They were in far-away barrios and large cities. They were among farmers, fishermen, businessmen, and professionals.

Since that year (1978) the work continues to grow. Men and women are reaching for the top, seeking to lead people to Christ and the knowledge of His will (I Timothy 2:4). We are still climbing.

In 1981 the mission made a concentrated effort to determine the number of churches con-

nected with the mission as well as: 1) the number of youth and adults (men and women), 2) the number of church people with Bibles, 3) the number of Bible Studies in the church and community and who conducted these (pastor, Bible Women, elders, youth, etc), 4) the type of church building (structure, complete, wood, cement, bambóo, etc), 5) the location of the church (barrio, town, or city), 6) the population of the church area, 7) when the church was started, 8) when the church affiliated with TCM, 9) who started the church, and various other information.

Another survey was taken in 1984 and 1990.

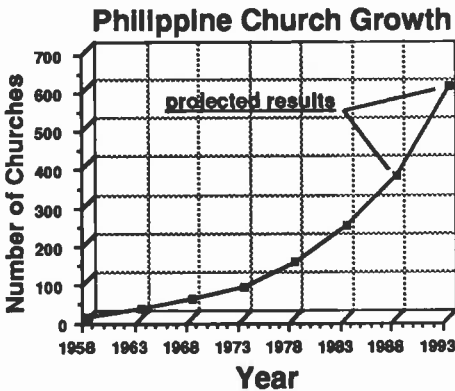
Due to the difficulty in communication and travel as well as the number of churches without mission workers assigned to them, completing the results of any survey is difficult.

1985 saw the first attempt to produce a "Church Growth Goal." From a total of 270 churches the mission wanted to grow to 535 by the end of 1990. This was to be accompanied by a doubling of the size of the average church, from 43 (age 16 and above) to 90. Of course, the results are not yet complete.

During the National conference in the Philippines this year (May 3-6) the Director of the church and worker department (Pastor Antonio Improso - elected

at this conference as the mission director to complete my term of office) presented to the mission membership a "Church Growth Goal" for the final decade of the century, "999 by 2000." The mission hopes to have 900 workers (presently we have about 250), 900 churches (presently there are about 438), and 90,000 church members (presently there are about 20,000). This is an aggressive goal and we covet your prayers as we strive to reach this goal in the coming decade.

Although the results of the 1990 survey are not completely received or tabulated, below are figures which represent the information we presently have available as well as some projected results.



The following information from April 1990 gives an idea of the location of our churches, both in terms of province as well as population. The Philippines designates an area as a sitio, barrio, town, or city. The town would be similar to the county

seat in the United States. The barrio would be connected in government to the town but would decrease in size and importance. The sitio, smaller yet, would be connected to the barrio.

Location # of Churches

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| Sitio | 83 |
| Barrio | 280 |
| Town | 55 |
| City | 20 |

We will list the number of churches by province (similar to our state) beginning in the North. The country is divided into three main areas, Luzon (in the North), the Visayas (the central islands) and Mindanao (in the South).

Province # of Churches

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| Luzon | 20 |
| Visayas | 161 |
| Mindanao | 257 |

Yes, the missionaries and workers in the Philippines keep climbing. Our desire is to continue to reach out, to see constant growth, to never be complacent with where we are, with the growth we have seen, with those we have lead to the Lord, with those we have trained. We can do this because God's grace is sufficient and because you "care enough to send the very best," your prayers, your finances, and yourselves.

The Director Shares by Eldred Sidebottom

The Lord has done great and mighty things through the members of the TCM family! What a team we have - prayer warriors, financial suppliers, missionary workers, national leaders, office laborers and the official board members. Whatever your position in this category, we thank you for being FAITHFUL! (I Cor. 4:2).

Is the Lord speaking to you about becoming more involved in the team? Are you wanting to do more for the Lord? Can we help you get to the field of your choice? Would you like to have more information about prayer needs?

We do thank each one who labors for the Lord both at home and on the foreign field. The Mission headquarters is moving but we plan to continue to reach out to the lost with the gospel of the grace of God and to teach the truth of God's word to the saved. We want to reach the world for Christ - your help will be appreciated. The mission headquarters was moved to Cope in 1961 and the Lord has blessed its ministry through the years. We pray the Lord will continue to bless this ministry for His glory alone.

Let me recommend that those who have been supporting us personally through the years, begin 1991 by supporting either national workers in other lands or the Bible Schools that



Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom

we have established recently. Be assured that we have much for which to thank the Lord for the way that He has supplied through you for His great work of Missions.

A business consultant company in southern Brazil that has contracts with various companies in Brazil including General Motors and Caterpillar etc. made a study over the past two months that showed the present cost of living in Brazil is 25% higher than in the U.S.A. Your prayers and gifts for the Lord's work of Missions will be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Don and Sue Sommer on the Arrival of
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Things to Come Mission, Inc. will forward 100% without deduction, all funds, designated by the donor for a specific ministry or purpose.

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How the Overseas & U.S.A. Staff 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 the churches and donors for their support and ministry. The USA office staff receives their support in the same manner.

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 (or her) 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.