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Clifford and Lou Ellen Kinkead - newest missionary candidates to Kenya

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TO COME  
MISSION



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

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## THE DIRECTOR SHARES *by Joseph W. Watkins*

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The Apostle Paul, before his death, gave Timothy the command in II Timothy 2.2: **"The things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also."**

I'm so thankful, therefore, for the increasing role of Things To Come Mission in carrying out this "great commission." This is being done through the Bible Institutes established in each country in which TCM has a ministry.

This past April one of our Filipino brethren, who had been preparing for missionary work in the USA, left for Brazil. **Sanny and Jeannette Sumilhig** will join **Mario Indino**, another faithful brother who was trained under the ministry of TCM in the Philippines. These two families will be teaching in the Bible Institute in Brazil.

Then there is another fine couple still here in the USA preparing to leave for Indonesia. **Joel and Darcy Molina**, the Lord willing, will leave in August of this year to begin their ministry in the Bible Institute. They will join another Filipina sister, **Luz Gaddi**, who was also trained in the Philippines.

Some have asked why TCM is sending Sanny and

Joel to another country. "Why not send them back to the Philippines?" TCM feels the Training Centers and Educational Institutes in the Philippines are doing a great job. Testimony to this is the 430 churches and over 300 faithful workers. In fact, we feel we have many faithful and qualified men and women in the Philippines who could be used in other countries. These four individuals, as missionaries working outside of their own country, give support to our belief.

Time doesn't permit going into detail about these countries where the **Training of Faithful Brethren** is going on--Indonesia, Brazil, and Kenya.

However, we need to do more! But in order to do more, we need more U.S. missionaries--missionaries who will commit themselves to long-time service and to the

### **COMMITMENT**

carrying out of that same command given to Timothy by Paul. There is a need for at least seven couples to minister in these countries.

Brethren, isn't this the kind of ministry you want accomplished by a mission organization--the carrying out

of Paul's commission and planting churches with trained and faithful leaders?

Let me change the subject a little. Have you noticed when the U.S. government must choose between freedom and capitalism, and socialism and communism, they will choose socialism and communism? This has happened in China and South Africa.

President Bush wants to grant Favorite Nation Status to China. We know what the communist government did to thousands of students that wanted freedom. In South Africa, again the U.S. government has chosen to follow the communist dictates. The U.S. imposed a Trade Sanction on South Africa. Who wanted this? The AMC, Mandela, and the communists did!

The other day I saw a television interview with the Zulu chief, Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He is the chief of the largest Tribe in South Africa. He has more followers than Mandela and the communists. He asked for the Trade Sanctions to be lifted. Also, he stated he does not have an army armed with weapons and guns, as does the AMC. He has also never advocated violence or killing to overthrow the white government, as has the AMC.

Yet the U.S. government continues to favor the AMC (Communists) over the *IN-*

*KATHA* Freedom Party headed by Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

I have had a burden for South Africa since I visited there in 1989. Since then I have had a ministry with different pastors there. Last

\* **MY BURDEN** \*

month I was invited to return and spend more time teaching and discussing plans for a Bible Institute in that country.

There are many faithful brethren who love the Word of God rightly divided in that country. They want to establish Grace churches throughout their country. They also want to establish a training center for their own and surrounding countries. There is complete freedom now to teach and train. We must enter this country! Would you pray as I plan to visit South Africa in October of this year? I will be teaching in all of the churches, Bible Studies, and Conferences. If you have any questions, please write. ☺



*Joseph W. Watkins*

# PATTERNS OF MINISTRY

By Barbara Bowman

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The following are various "patterns of ministry" which I have noted tend to run in a continuous cycle in the Christian's life. Of course, with some degree of variation in pace and order, this pattern can be applied not only to ministry, but to any project, goal or undertaking to which one might set forth.

First comes the calling, that wonderful time when God whispers in your ear: "I want you to ....." This begins as just a hunch, a mere idea of a way to fill a need. The calling period is characterized by a sincere desire to truly seek God's will and to follow His leading. Hope is the key sentiment at this time, as doubts are erased.

The calling time is followed by divine confirmation, God's seal of approval, His official OK that what you think you hear Him saying is actually what He is saying. This is such an exciting time, seeing all the resources come together so miraculously. Support may pour in from all sides, whether in the form of encouragement or finances, clearly convincing you that you're headed down the right track, so to speak.

At this point the obstacles and sacrifice period begins. God, in His sovereignty, per-

mits you to have to cross a few amazingly high hurdles, holding your hand all the way so that you might learn to trust Him more fully. These obstacles might come in many forms: the trying of your patience to finally reach your goal, lack of know-how or equipment, difficulty in getting others to understand your mission, or even deciding exactly when and how to begin. That is where the sacrifice part comes in--certain sacrifices have to be made at this point to get the ball rolling. Steps

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*that wonderful time when God whispers in your ear: "I want you to..."*

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must be taken for your campaign to be launched, as you realize the seriousness of what you've set out to do. Meanwhile, God continues to show you that 100% dedication to Him and His will is necessary. His grace provides you with initiative that causes others to at this point look at you and marvel. (As a missionary, I know of one setting for this to occur--DEPUTATION!)

At last, you've reached the START of your ministry. Is it a bed of roses? Certainly not! There are now more trials than ever. Critics abound.

Your hopes are crushed. Alas! What you had set out to accomplish for the Lord now looks impossible. God allows that spiritual "stretching" process to continue. You endeavor to not become "weary in well-doing," and day by day God unfolds His work in you and through you. The first building blocks are finally in place. Then a ray of light shimmers through and sure enough, you begin to see some progress.

Just as you determined it would never happen to you, pride steps in at this point. You begin to take your eyes off God and put them on yourself, and confidently walk in fleshly understanding, as if to say, "It's OK God, I can take it from here." Unknowingly, you become busy in "doing," and forget that it is in "living" Christ that others are able to see His light shining through. You can't understand why your joy has dissipated, and simultaneously you get caught in a web of programs, deadlines and formulas.

Then comes humility. You return to your first love, so to speak. God patiently carried you across the cliffs of pride, never allowing you to fall without being there to pick you up, gently reminding you from where your help comes. He wakes you up to the fact that the Spirit-led life is the only way. You move back in



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to the backseat position and once again allow God to be God. Then you reach your destination much more quickly....and you see....

FRUIT! Yes! "It worked! Oh thank You Lord!" You find yourself humming all day long. Whether your goal was to lead a certain person to Christ or see that long-dreamed-of facility be constructed, or whatever, the joy of success simply can't be beat. God smiles, and you smile back. You see the evidence that He brought you safely thus far, and your fruitful ministry bears God's unmistakable stamp of harmony. The puzzle pieces fit together after all!

Then, the plot thickens. God's enemy also heard the

news, and he's attacking persistently, especially at your weak points. You wonder why you have to go through this and begin to question God. "Why is this happening to me Lord? I just gave over this area of my life to you and now my situation is worse.....don't you know? Father, it's obvious I've already learned this lesson before. Why do I have to go through this trial (persecution, criticism, temptation, etc.)?" You conclude that God must be out to lunch, since it doesn't seem like He's hearing

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*Are you missing out on an action-packed life while sitting there waiting on God?*

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your prayer. Could He have changed His mind? Are you missing out on an action-packed life while sitting there waiting on God? As you sink deeper into the despair of uselessness, you begin to call upon the Lord like never before, searching the Word for answers to your questions, seeking wise counsel from other more mature Christians. At this point, God has you right where He wants you, and your vessel is being molded skillfully by the Potter who designed you. You're tempted to just plain "give up," but His sustaining power graciously upholds you in the midst of in-

credibly difficult circumstances. Your testimony remains strong, as you look to Him. You discover that He is all you need. As you breathe in the sweet fragrance of faith, hope again fills your being, which leads you back to the very first spoke of this never-ending cycle--your calling to His service. That's why you're where He's got you in the first place. A new-found contentment now reigns in your heart.

Certain periods of ministry are more enjoyable than others. You might note that the beginning and especially the end of the cycle are far more enjoyable and fun than the middle. There are more hugs, more words of assurance. There is more inspiration, more vitality. The sun shines brighter. The valleys of heartache and long days of discipline involved in the "struggle" periods certainly couldn't compare. But you might also observe that A + B are necessary to produce C. God knows what He's doing and specializes in doing "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20). The end result for each believer is godliness; for each missionary, a fruitful ministry. And for you? Remember to put your hope in Him. He will call you, prove you, use you, and abundantly bless you, over and over again. ☺

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## THE OLD AND THE NEW *by The Editor*

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Sometimes the old and the new don't mix well. Jesus states that the old cloth mixed with the new cloth will not last. Old wine mixed with new wine is not good. However, there are cases of the new and the old mixing.

Within TCM we have individuals who have been missionaries for over 33 years. At the same time, we have individuals who have been missionaries for only two months. Wow!

What a tribute to God's Grace and man's willingness to adjust to each other, train one another, and turn over leadership responsibilities.

Articles in this issue of the IH make reference to some changes which have taken place in TCM this year. In December 1990 the mission office made a successful move from Colorado to Indianapolis.

By the end of January the personnel were in place and the office painting and arrangements complete. AT&T benefited due to the necessity of phone calls between Indianapolis and Cope as we sought answers to questions, clarifications, and/or guidance.

On May 3-5 the mission held an *Open House* in conjunction with the Bible Conference of the Grace Church in Indianapolis. We appreciated those who made an effort to see our new facilities.

Many positive comments were received.

We are still in the process of seeking help in the office/book-keeping tasks. Delays in letter writing and production of some publications have taken place due to the work load.

In the past, mention has been made about the financial needs of the home office. Some individuals and churches have responded and for this, we give thanks. The office needs are supported just as any other department or account, by designated funds. No percentage is demanded from the missionary funds, though some missionaries do help with the office expenses.

The move to Indianapolis has helped cut some expenses while at the same time increasing others. Some of our equipment is in need of replacing, and this can only be done as gifts are received for the *General Fund*.

Two articles in this issue are from our missionaries. Take time to read *Patterns of Ministry* by Barbara Bowman and *The Gift Millionaires Can't Buy* by Mary Hobaugh. Both of these will give some insight to areas missionaries struggle with.

TCM appreciates your interest in our ministry. Thank you for taking time to read through this magazine. We trust you will be blessed. ☺

## Indonesian Field Report

Dear Friends:

"...the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9.37-38).

Dr. Frans Tamarol, the former director of TCM's work in Indonesia and presently the director of both the Bible Institute and the literature ministry, is excited to hear about the soon arrival of Joel and Darcy Molina.

Listen to what he writes: "I am glad that many friends in the States are anxious to hear about the Lord's work in Indonesia, as I can gather from the recent letter from our Brother Joel Molina. Please pray for them as they travel throughout the United States, visiting friends and churches, and preparing for their departure to Indonesia in August of this year.

"The Grace Bible Church of Indonesia, with its congregations scattered around seven provinces in three big islands (Java, Kalimantan, and Sulawesi) needs more workers both to minister to our present congregations, and to reach out to new fields. Indonesia is really a big country populated by about 180 million people, and our work is just beginning to grow.

"That is why in 1988 we established a Bible Institute in Jakarta, the capital city of Indonesia. At the present time there are 11 students in our six-semester diploma program and 3 students in our three-semester certificate program."

Joel and Darcy will be helping to minister in the Bible Institute. After spending some time learning the language, they will begin teaching and helping prepare men and women to go out into the harvest fields.

Frans continues, "The house where I am staying with my family is being used for a classroom. But the leasing agreement expires on August 6 this year. It means I have to look for another house to rent.

"The students who are staying with us now may be placed at the school building. Still, we need to rent a place large enough for the Jakarta congregation to meet in.

"I have been planning to visit several congregations that are having some problems or needing some encouragement, but travel expenses have hindered this.

"We are really thankful to our merciful God for sending the Indinos (Mario, Ella, and the children) to spend several weeks in Indonesia last month. We had a very good time with them and the congregations

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# GOD IS WORKING...IT'S TRUE!

## Philippine Youth Work



Osias Cadelina, Jr. (Philippine Youth Director) reports:

We would like to inform the Board (of the Philippine Mission) that the Gospel Team has reached or overshot its Target 33333. In three years we have reached:

- 970 Crusade days
- 22,000 Professions of faith
- 350,000 Estimated number of people who attended

## Philippine Field Work

Antonio Improso (Philippine Mission Director) reports:

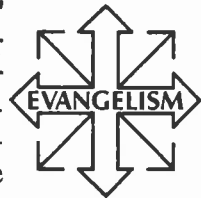
- 430 Churches
- 306 Workers
- 15 Training Centers
- 613 Institute Students
  - 120 - IGBI (Mission)
  - 493 - Regional/local church institutes

## Indonesian Field Work

Dr. Frans Tamarol (Indonesian Institute Director) reports:

- 17 Churches
  - 8 - Self-Supporting churches
  - 9 - Preparatory Churches
- 950 Members
- 14 Workers
  - 9 - With the Churches
  - 1 - Church head office
  - 1 - With the Institute
  - 3 - Church Planting

Frans also writes that there are several places where church members have transferred but there are no Grace churches yet established. "The presence of members actually is one of the strong keys to reach new areas." The potential for growth is another reason they appreciate the Institute and hope for new students.



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where they had opportunity to minister were really blessed. Praise the Lord!"

In another letter Frans writes of the visit of the Andersons to Indonesia. "I plan to accompany Vernon and Darlene when they visit Ujung Pandang and Manado. I am

sure I will be a great help to the congregations through interpreting Mr. Anderson's preaching and also by helping leaders in organizational matters. Please pray for transportation expenses for travel to these two places which will be about US\$650 per person." ☺

# THE SECURITY OF THE KNOWN

by Daniel Sidebottom

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How easy it is to pray "Lord, lead me" when you figure you know how the Lord is leading. It gets more difficult when the future is somewhat unknown.

In 1975 when I graduated from college, I was uncertain what would happen in my life. My prayers struggled with *where* I would go. God led me to pastor the Kidley Community Church. During the year and a half there, my prayers were for daily guidance and wisdom, but the struggle for *where* was gone.

In January 1977, I again began praying about *where* I should be. A missionary had challenged me to consider the mission field. My future was uncertain, my prayers maybe more sincere.

The Lord led me to the Philippines where I arrived in May 1978. My prayers from that time on became, again, prayers for daily guidance and wisdom for the work. The *where* was settled for me.

For twelve years I felt peace knowing the Lord wanted me in the Philippines. During the fall of 1990, Jennifer and I began to pray about our ministry in 1991 when we would be returning from furlough. Again, the *where* was settled--the Philippines. Our

prayers were for the *what* of our ministry. After some time of prayer and discussion, the Lord gave us peace as to *what* we were to get involved in. We began to plan accordingly.

Did I say we had peace? Well, for a short time! Then came a request to consider a ministry in the USA office. Now, after 12 years, our prayers were once again dealing with the struggle of *where* the Lord was leading. Our feelings of security were disappearing.

Now, however, the Lord has made His will clear for us and the feeling of security has returned. Both of us miss the ministry and believers in the Philippines and we hope to return some day. But at this time in our lives the Lord has led us to be missionaries in the USA office.

We will be ministering--to churches, at conferences, at camps, in recruitment, in fundraising, in writing and improving computer programs and keeping these up-to-date, by editing and producing mission brochures and publications, and to the missionaries by handling much of their personal mail, receiving and distributing funds for them, sending them financial reports, paying bills, helping to keep

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## OUR TRIBUTE

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Things To Come Mission would like to pay tribute to the following people:

**Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom.** Eldred began his support of the ministry of TCM as a pastor of the Cope Community Church in the late 1950's. He invited the mission to have a conference and board meeting at his church. This led to his becoming a board member, Treasurer, and finally, the Executive Director of the mission.

Eldred served as Director of the mission since January 1963. During his tenure as Director, the mission opened fields of service and/or sent missionaries to England, Indonesia, Australia, Netherlands, Florida, Italy, Kenya, China, Nigeria, South Africa, Dominican Republic, and Singapore.

As the director of the mission he traveled to Mexico City, the Philippines, Brazil, Nigeria, England, Netherlands, and Indonesia. Besides these travels in foreign countries, he has also traveled extensively to churches and conferences in the continental United States.

During all the years Eldred served as the Treasurer and Executive Director of the mission his wife, Beverly, also helped. She was responsible for handling the gifts which



*Eldred and Beverly Sidebottom*

came into the mission, preparing and sending out receipts, making the financial reports for the missionaries, and helping prepare the financial reports for the mission in preparation for the annual audit.

Resigning as the director was difficult for Eldred. He would not have wanted to resign except he did not feel the Lord was leading them to move with the mission to Indiana. TCM owes them a debt of gratitude for all the years of faithful service as the Treasurer and Executive Director. Thank you Eldred and Beverly!

**Archie Smith.** Archie served as a board member of the mission from January 1979 until January 1991. From his election as a board member until his resignation he served as Secretary of the mission.

Archie has served faithfully for these many years. During our January meeting, Archie's resignation as a board

member was accepted. He resigned for a couple of reasons, one of which was the distance of travel to most board meetings and the cost involved.

TCM is sorry to lose Archie's input into the affairs of the mission though we know he will continue to evidence interest in the mission and our ministries.

Archie has prayerfully and financially supported the mission for these many years and his home has always been open to provide a temporary resting place for missionaries as they travel through the Los Angeles area.

Thank you Archie and Geraldine! TCM will miss you as a board member.

**Vernon and Pat Bigelow.** They joined the mission with an interest in serving in the Philippines where they first arrived with their four children in January 1965.

During the 23 years they were in the Philippines, they participated 1) in church growth ministries, 2) as an instructor in the Bible Institute, 3) by helping to organize and teach in a post-graduate program for the Philippine workers, 4) as the Director of the Philippine mission, 5) as the Treasurer and bookkeeper of the mission, 6) as a producer, director, and technician of the radio ministry, and 7) in various ministries of teaching, en-



*Vernon and Pat Bigelow*

couraging, and helping.

In August 1988 the door opened for them to minister in China. There are many Chinese in the Philippines and this had sparked their interest. Though the ministry there was not openly Biblical (they were English instructors at a university), they were able to share their testimony with hundreds of Chinese and represent the Lord in this great land with a population reaching into the billions.

The Bigelows returned from China in the early part of 1990 for their furlough. During this time they were challenged to direct the work of Prison Mission Association / Bible Correspondence Fellowship. They resigned from TCM effective April 1991.

The mission extends its best wishes to the Bigelows in this new phase of their ministry. Continue to pray for them as we will. Thank you Vernon and Pat for your part in the ministry of TCM.

**Cope Community Church** in Cope, Colorado. In the late 1950's, the Cope Community Church was host to Herbert Palmer and Things To Come Mission. In September 1958 their pastor, Eldred Sidebottom, became a board member of the mission. He was to serve not only as a board member, but as the Treasurer and Executive Director while also pastoring the church.

From the very beginning Cope Community Church has been a faithful partner in ministry with the mission. They have regularly invited missionaries to speak to the congregation. Missionaries have stayed in members' homes and even lived in the community.

For years the members of the church helped prepare missionary prayer letters for mailing. The addresses were all written by hand, and the folding, sorting, bundling, etc. were accomplished with their help. In time, machines were

purchased to fold the *International Harvest* magazine and prayer letters sent out by the mission. An address machine was also purchased which members helped to run.

After a number of years, one lady of the church began to help on a regular basis and was responsible for the address files and preparing the publications for mailing. At the same time, both youth and adult church members frequently came in to file address cards, sort mailings, or anything else they could help with.

The church has financially supported the ministry of TCM for many years and, even though the mission has moved out of their community, they continue to do so.

Things To Come Mission extends its appreciation to the members of the Cope Community Church (and to the residents of Cope). ☺

Development Director

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their address files up-to-date, sending out mailings, forwarding information, etc. It seems even more of a servant role, but Jennifer and I are both enjoying this ministry.

The mission policy does not provide for any salary for us as missionaries, so our support will continue to be from designated gifts. ☺



*Daniel and Jennifer Sidebottom*

# THE GIFT MILLIONAIRES CAN'T BUY

By Mary Hobaugh

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Whether as Americans or as Brazilians, we need to know that "we are not our own, for we have been bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus." We are twice His, first because He created us; then, after we had sold ourselves to the enemy Satan, He gave His life to purchase us back. We are redeemed children of God, accepted in the beloved.

But even as believers, many do not know or understand, or study to know God's will for their lives. Since we are His possession, He is in control. So we have an obligation to carry His message--the "good news" of a better life to come--to a lost world. Just to think that the best this world can offer can never compare to the glories of the next life should make us sit up and think.

If I were a millionaire with unlimited means at my disposal, I could not offer anyone as great a gift as the one extended to every person in the world. Jesus said in John 1:12, "But to as many as received Him to them gave He power to become sons of God, even to those who believe on His name." Besides all of this God gives a peace that the world cannot know, when we

receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior. He gives us His peace even in the midst of war; we who have trusted Him know this peace. It doesn't come by taking a post-graduate course in Political Science or the Humanities. It is the gift of God and it is free.

Why do men, then, not have this peace? While Brazil is a peace-loving nation, many die of violence because of family fights, accidents and all

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*Sin is minimized, endured and enjoyed, so it goes on and on.*

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kinds of evil. Much of this is caused by dishonesty, lying, stealing, coveting, jealousy, and alcoholism. Drugs and pornography also are prevalent. Most people are opposed to what is happening, but can't seem to control their thoughts and actions. Sin is minimized, endured and enjoyed, so it goes on and on.

There is no peace between peoples or nations. Protesters demonstrate for "peace at any price," but they can do no more, and their protests don't solve anything. There is an answer. It is in the Word of God. Isaiah 53:6 tells of a child to be born who would be "the Prince of Peace." He

came into the world as a babe in a manger, told interesting stories and presented Himself to the Hebrew nation as the Messiah. He was scorned, rejected and crucified. The Jews basically said, "We will not have this man to rule over us."

But He is coming again just as the angel announced in Acts 1:11, "and every eye shall see Him." While we wait for His coming we have a message of reconciliation: "that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." This is the message we are here to teach and then to disciple those that believe so they will show others the way. We are not here to sow discord but to point as many as we can to trust the only One who is able to save to the uttermost. He is our only hope for a world without hope.



Mary E. Hobaugh

*"I am now getting settled in the capital city, Goiania, of the state of Goias where I will soon be starting Bible studies and possibly teaching English. I have just been here a few days so the above has been in my thoughts while I was spending a few weeks in Recife and hearing war news on C-Span. Truly 'Jesus never fails.'" ☺*

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The following list is provided to encourage you in praying, giving, and going in the work of Things To Come Mission, Inc. Since 1958, when the mission started with one field and one missionary couple, we have planted new ministries in seven countries. Use this list to help you prayerfully and financially support these ministries and missionaries. Maybe you might also consider going to one of these countries.

## BRAZIL

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JOE & PAULINE WATKINS  
BOB & BETH XAVIER

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The mission policy gives the director of the particular field authority to determine the use of gifts marked "where needed." In the case of gifts marked "where needed" without any country designation, the USA director will distribute these to accounts as needed. In the past two months the USA director has used "where needed" funds to help the Field Ministry and Bible Institute in Brazil because of their lack of operating funds. ☺

Development Director

### "BOOK-BOOK!"

There are small insects in the Philippines that cause a lot of damage. They are called *bukbuk* (pronounced "book-book"). These little creatures love to eat books and literature--anything made out of paper.

But another problem faces our Christian friends around the world. Our four Bible Institutes are in need of classroom and library books and past graduates are in need of their own personal library for their continuing study. The workers are also "devouring" what books and literature they have been able to get their hands on.

Indonesia just recently ordered 20 copies of both *Things That Differ* and *Dispensational Theology* for the students and workers.

The Philippines has written "there are none of Stam's

books in stock." 200 copies of *Things That Differ* could be used immediately by the Institute, students, and workers. 50 copies of *Dispensational Theology* would also last only a couple of weeks. "Many want *Bible Truth* so we need plenty of these also." *Scofield Bibles* are also being requested. Some study-literature has been written in Cebuano but funds are not yet available for printing.

So if you could help to supply this "book-book" demand or even replace the ones eaten by the *bukbuk*, your fellow Christians would greatly appreciate it. ☺

Most often literature is made available to workers and students at a discounted rate. They are usually made to pay something so they value the literature even though their finances don't allow them to pay the full price.

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*"When anxiety was great  
within me, your  
consolation brought joy  
to my soul."*

*Psalm 94:19*

What would you do if you answered a knock at your door one morning and found someone standing there with a gun in his hand telling you of his need for \$200? Would you feel like you were being the "cheerful giver" that God wants you to be in that instance? I know I sure wouldn't! And the last thing that Things to Come Mission wants to do is to give you the feeling that there is a gun somehow trained on you when specific financial or material needs are mentioned.

We are very aware that there are so many requests from numerous sources crying for the chance to continue legitimate ministries for the sake of spreading the gospel. Dan and I personally receive letters and literature from quite a few different organizations and sometimes we feel guilty that we can't give to them all or give a lot more than we are.

As you know, TCM has never had an aggressive approach to raising funds. We seek to carefully let people know of special needs without always mentioning the specific dollar amount. If individuals personally ask about certain needs, we feel free to answer

them. But we trust that God will speak to people's hearts when there are needs without having to beg for these funds.

Some feedback we have received, though, is that while many people appreciate this policy, there are those of you who do wish to know more specifics. Some of you want to hear more than just a car is needed, more literature has to be printed, or a work team is going to be sent. You would like to know how much and how soon. Some of you want to respond in more fervent and continuous prayer. Others of you may have the desire to give extra or to even consider going yourself.

For this reason, TCM wants to hear from you if this is something you would be interested in. We will be forming our TITUS (Tell It To Us Straight) Team--a core of people we could write to when there are major or emergency needs and you want to know.

Please let us know of your desire to be a part of this team (use the enclosed envelope if you wish). Thanks for your concern for TCM. ☺

Coordinator of Auxiliary  
Ministries

## AN INTRODUCTION

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In January, Things to Come Mission held their winter board meeting at Grace Memorial Church in Denver, Colorado. Some important decisions were made at this time.

Though time and space limits us in reporting on all of these decisions, we would like to introduce you to our new Board of directors.

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**Joseph Watkins** - Executive Director. Joe served as a board member and Treasurer in the early years of the mission. In October 1958 he became a missionary to the Philippines and served there until 1986. In January 1987 he was elected as a USA board member and in 1988, he became the Treasurer of the mission again. He was also appointed as the Development Director. He served the last few years in this capacity until the January 1991 meeting when he was elected as the Executive Director.

**Roy Kelsey** - President of the Board. Roy has been a board member since January 1984 and in 1985 he began serving as the President of the Board. He was elected in January of this year to serve another term in this capacity. Roy also serves as the pastor of Com-

munity Bible Church in Rootstown, Ohio.

**Ed Wishart** - Secretary. Ed has served as a board member of the mission since January 1990. At the January meeting of this year he was elected to serve as Secretary for the board. Ed also serves as the pastor of Berean Grace Church in Grafton, Ohio.

**Daniel Sidebottom** - Treasurer. After serving for 12 years as a missionary in the Philippines, the board has asked Dan to take a position as a member of the USA board. During this meeting he was elected as the Treasurer. Dan was also appointed as the Development Director of the mission.

**Eldred Sidebottom** - Member. Eldred has been a board member since September 1958. In August 1960 he was elected as the Treasurer which he held until January 1988. Since January 1963 he has also served as the Executive Director of the mission. Eldred's retirement as the Executive Director became effective during our January meeting. He will continue as a board member. Eldred also serves as the pastor of Eckley Community Church in Eckley, Colorado.

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## News You Can Use.....for prayer time

**Barbara Bowman** has had to change her plans for working this summer. Just previous to her beginning work, her father was diagnosed with cancer. At the time of writing, they are in Mexico seeking treatment. Please pray for them and the extra stress and expense they are going through. Barb is still planning to return to Brazil for her second term of missionary service this fall.

You know what loneliness is, right? You have probably experienced sending your children away, or having your parents leave on a short trip, or watching your spouse leave for some distant place. Now try to put yourself in the place of **Mario & Ella Indino**. Mario watched his wife and two young children get on a plane in Miami and fly to Brazil. Ella and the children had to return because of the children's schooling. Mario will remain in the USA for some time of furlough travel and reporting to churches and friends. Pray for them during this time. Mario wrote he was so lonely driving from Miami and then arriving at the house where he was staying and going into the empty bedroom.

**Doug & Vicki LeFeber** still oversee the work in Bra-

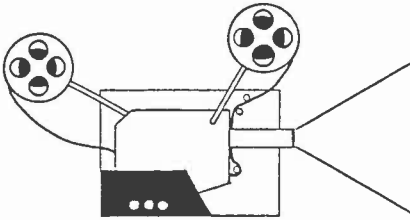
zil. Due to the furlough of Mario and Ella, Doug has been doing a lot of travel and some teaching in the Bible Institute.

On June 17 Doug underwent an operation to remove his gallbladder. There will still be future tests scheduled to check the spots on his liver. Doug is hoping to be home in September for a short furlough.

**Don & Arlene Fromer** have completed an interim pastorate in Michigan. They are seeking the Lord's leading now as to their next assignment. Remember them in prayer.

**Don & Sue Sommer** are keeping busy in the Philippines. Along with teaching two classes at IGBI he is also overseeing the repairs of buildings at IGBI, overseeing the bookkeeping of the mission, representing the USA mission to the RP board, seeking to create a computer catalogue of the Institute library books, and encouraging growth in the total work. They write that Katharine (almost four) is continuing to adjust to the country and culture though it is difficult. And Carl is already starting to stand up with the help of tables and chairs. Continue to pray for them.

**Osiás Cadelina, Jr.**, the Youth Director of the work of Things To Come Mission in the Philippines, reported there were 40 youth meetings held from April 1990 to April 1991. These are not local church meetings but camps, conferences, or regional youth meetings. The reporting is not complete (at least six have not reported) but there were a total of 2,861 youth who attended and over 60 who accepted the Lord as their Savior. Praise God! Osiás ("Jun") is a great youth director and very enthusiastic. He continues the use of gospel films and has seen tremendous results.



**One missionary**, recently having been traveling in the USA, wrote concerning their financial situation: "A couple of times we just slept in the rest areas. Many times we just skipped meals. It was very hard for us as a family .... If it was possible, we travelled in the most inexpensive way." Yes, our missionaries sacrifice and suffer, but I think it is done somewhat willingly because they know it is for the salvation of the lost and edifi-

cation of the believer. But pray for them. Seek God's face on their behalf. Ask God to open the windows of heaven to pour out His blessings on their lives and ministries.

The **Cebu Church** is still in the midst of rebuilding after the typhoon destroyed its roof. Vernon Anderson and Ed Jeude have offered suggestions on the reconstruction and work is progressing slowly as funds are available. Don Sommer writes that the building has been cut back to only two stories and "they hope to get the new roofing on soon."

**Dr. Frans Tamarol**, the Director of the Indonesian Bible Institute and Literature ministry, writes, "My wife and I do appreciate all the friends in the USA who have prayed for my son, Friendly. His tonsil surgery has taken place on March 20 and it seems to have had a positive result, especially in preventing the rise of his temperature which in turn brought about convulsive seizures.

"At the present time he still needs continuous consultation with a neurologist, preferably a pediatrician-neurologist. Also, the physical therapy will be continued to cure his right hand. Thanks a lot for your support and prayers both for the work and for my family. God bless you all."

**Vernon & Darlene Anderson**, after spending a couple of months in the Philippines helping in the repairs of the Institute buildings, are expecting to be in Indonesia for a couple of months. Frans Tamarol has scheduled some

traveling for them and they are also expected to teach a special course in the Bible Institute.

The Andersons are expecting to be back in the USA in August at which time they will try to visit some of the churches and their friends. ☺

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## \* ANSWERING THE CALL \*

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Our newest missionary candidates were accepted in January of this year--**Clifford & Lou Ellen Kinkead**.

After Cliff graduated from Bible College, where he had met Lou Ellen, he worked in many ministries and churches. He has served as a board member, a Youth Pastor, led Bible Studies, and pastored the *Grace Fellowship Chapel* in Phoenix for 15 years which he started from a Bible Study.

In 1988 Cliff and Lou Ellen were able to visit Kenya where one of their daughters, Joyce, is a missionary with her husband Ben Anderson and their three daughters. It is the Kinkead's desire to minister with the Andersons in Kenya. They are hoping to complete their deputation and arrive in Kenya before the end of this year.

Please be in prayer for them as they make final arrangements concerning their business, house, family, etc. How exciting it is to see this couple prepare for missionary service at this time. ☺

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## An Introduction

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**William Heath** - Member. Bill served as a missionary in the Philippines from September 1967 until January 1986. When he returned to the States he was elected as a board member. He also served as the Assistant Development Director for the Northwest area until relinquishing that position in 1991. He just completed a number of months as interim pastor at Grace Bible Church in Grants Pass, Oregon.

**Gordon Sooy** - Member. Gordon has served as a member of the board since September 1985. He is the President of a chain of eight Napa Auto Parts stores in the Elyria, Ohio area.

**David Adams** - Member. Dave was elected as a board member during this meeting. We welcome him. Dave also serves as the pastor of First Grace Gospel Church in Ashtabula, Ohio. ☺

The Editor

# Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections

A popular song that I have heard on the radio recently ends with the line: "Thank God for you...the wind beneath my wings." It is based on a story of two girls from very different family backgrounds who become friends and keep in contact through the years as they go their separate ways. At the end, one of them is dying and she finally admits that she has always admired the spontaneity and life of the other. But then the other confesses that she has always wished she was more like the first. They find out that they have been the wind beneath each other's wings.

I see a lot of correlation between that situation and what we have experienced in missions. There have truly been many dear people who have been the wind beneath our wings as we have lived and worked overseas. Because of their prayers and faithful giving, we were able to continue in our ministry.

My Grandmother is one of these people. She has always been very willing to support me as a missionary. There were times, though, when she was concerned about how "dangerous" it sounded when I was with an Indian tribe in the jungles of Bolivia or in the midst of the unrest in the Philippines and she wondered why I didn't stay in the U.S. and find a "safer" Christian ministry here. But I went anyway because that's where I knew God wanted me and she still continued supporting me.

This last year while we were home on furlough I got to spend a little extra time with her. And one time in passing, she mentioned that she had thought about being a missionary when she was younger but it hadn't worked out. So for her to be involved in my being a missionary was a way in which she was able to actually realize that dream in her life. It turns out that I'm part of the wind beneath her wings, too.

Do you see, then, that it works both ways? Those that go to a foreign country need others to be the "wind beneath their wings" to get there. But those same missionaries can be the wind beneath others' wings, too. As we see missionaries continue in their work, which can be very hard and frustrating at times, it can help motivate and set us free to do what God wants us to do.

Have you ever had the thought when hearing about some missionary that "if they are willing to do that there, then I can at least try to do this here?" We need examples of people going all out for God--we need heroes, people we wish we could be like--for they can be the "wind beneath our wings." Just because we aren't in a foreign country doesn't mean we aren't on a mission field. This world is not "home" to any of us and we need mutual encouragement and motivation to keep up the fight.

Maybe the next time you write to a missionary or whomever, besides letting them know that you are thinking about them and praying for them (the wind beneath their wings), tell them that you appreciate their example and that it encourages you in your job or ministry (the wind beneath your wings). The Body of Christ cannot function without all the parts working together, so thank you...thank God for you, the wind beneath our wings. Jennifer Sidebottom - ©

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