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

## FROM THE EDITOR

**FRUIT and FAITHFULNESS.** The tension between the two in our minds and in our churches and Christian ministries continues.

1 Corinthians 4.2 is often quoted to show that God requires **faithfulness** on our part. We are to be faithful to proclaim and live the Grace message committed to the Apostle Paul.

On the other hand, many verses could be quoted to show that God requires **fruitfulness**. The parable of the talents shows that God expects us to use the gifts He gives us and earn an increase.

There is a balance in most of life and in this matter as well. Ultimately, the issue of faithfulness is most important. Though there might be what man would consider fruit, if we have not been faithful in our service, the fruit that man sees is not counted as fruit in God's eyes.

On the other hand, faithfulness will produce fruitfulness, though not always visible.

Things To Come Mission

strives to be faithful to our task of taking the Gospel of the Grace of God to the world. We seek to be faithful in keeping the message pure and insuring that those who accept Christ as their Savior grow in the knowledge of His Word rightly divided.

In this issue of the *IH* we want to share with you stories of some of the fruit the Lord has allowed TCM to be part of. As you pray and share financially in this ministry, the Lord credits this fruit to your account.

### *How do we balance faithfulness and fruitfulness?*

Many stories could be told of people coming to know Christ as their Savior, Christians learning to study the Word rightly divided, churches planted, lives saved as medical care is made possible, counsel given to encourage someone to persevere in the ministry, etc.

As you read this issue of the *IH*, may God bless your heart and may you be encouraged in your partnership with TCM. ☺

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## THE DIRECTOR SHARES

by Joseph W. Watkins



The Grace Church here in Indianapolis is without a pastor. The board members have been preaching and handling the pastoral duties. Brother Larry Van Arendonk recently gave a very good message on witnessing. He closed his message with the words of a song. I am going to use this song for this section. I need not make any comments or applications as the message of the song is very clear.

### Live To Tell

by: Geoff Moore & Steven Curtis Chapman

1. We've all heard it said that  
Actions speak louder than words.  
And love that is seen means  
Much more than love that's just heard.  
That's the way that it was with our  
Savior whose life told a story of love.  
Someone was watching. Someone was listening,  
Dying to know what He knew so well.  
It would help him believe if he could just see.  
That's why Jesus lived to tell.
2. Now this is my prayer, Lord,  
Help me to live what I say.  
There are so many times I know  
That my actions betray.  
Let it be like it was with my Savior.  
Let my life tell His story of love.  
'Cause someone is watching. Someone is listening.  
Dying to know what I know so well.  
It will help him believe if in me he sees.  
That's why I must live . . .

Refrain:

I must live to tell of the One who has rescued my heart.  
I will live to tell of the One who can bring a new start.  
Lord, take my life and let it be  
A reflection of you for the whole world to see.  
Of the God Who's alive and well, I will live to tell.

3. Now, someone is watching. Someone is listening.  
It could be a neighbor - a brother - a friend.  
You'll help them believe Him if in you they see Him.  
So, what will you do? ☺
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### *A Tribute to Charles F. Baker*

Charles F. Baker was born in Dallas, Texas on October 24, 1905 and died in Escondido, California on September 11, 1994. Mr. Baker was instrumental in helping "all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery" by starting the Fundamental Bible Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1932; founding the Milwaukee Bible College in 1939 (later this moved to Grand Rapids and became Grace Bible College); serving as president of the college from 1939 to 1967; helping organize Grace Ministries International; and being a member of both the Berean Bible Church of Wyoming, Michigan and the Grace Gospel Fellowship of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1967 Grace Bible College named Mr. Baker President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Theology.

Mr. Baker served as editor of the Bible study magazine *TRUTH* and published numerous Bible study booklets and several major works on Theology and the Bible. He might be best remembered as the author of A DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY.

Please be in prayer for Mrs. Ruth Baker who continues to live in Escondido. Pray also that believers within the Grace movement will continue to yield to the Lord that we also might be used by the Lord in His ministry.

A memorial service was held at Grace Bible College on September 22, 1994. ☺

*One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much I had in the bank, nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child.*

--copied

## ***"Street Children: Just Trash?"***

This is the title of an article in the July 1994 Pulpit Helps magazine published by AMG International, Chattanooga, TN 37422. It makes you stop and wonder, doesn't it?

Excerpts of the article follow:

*"If 40,000 spotted owls were dying every day, there would be an outrage. But 40,000 children are dying and it's hardly noticed," said one representative to the Convention of the Rights of the Child at the United Nations in 1991.*

*One hundred million under-privileged and street children struggle for existence in today's cities. One hundred million! Are these children trash? Local businessmen in Brazil call them, "Vermin. Garbage. If we let them grow up, they will be criminals, a blight on our society."*

*Therefore, some policemen (and others) "moonlight" by contracting to kill many of them. In 1991 an average of 300 of these children were killed monthly in Brazil. In 1992 this number rose to 400 each month. About 400 were killed in the city of Recife, Brazil, alone, in one year.*

*Some of these children are young and cute. They can still smile. But most are older, have rotten teeth, and are scar-faced, disease-ridden, flea-and-lice-in-*

*fested, shifty-eyed, suspicious, and fearful. They are the poor, the outcast, the abandoned, the exploited, the children of the streets.*

*How do they exist on the streets? By begging, stealing, selling their bodies, and eating out of garbage cans. The government of the Philippines estimates that there are up to 15,000 child prostitutes in Manila's infamous flesh trade between the ages of 9 and 12 and over fifty percent of them are boys. This is in the city of Manila alone--not the entire nation! In Thailand there are 800,000 prostitutes from 12 to 16 years old.*

*This type of child seems to be bypassed continually by all efforts of relief, evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. They are expensive to work with, they lack the appeal needed for a sponsorship-type program, and they certainly do not make good church members.*

*The Word of God clearly teaches that we, the church, should reach everyone with the gospel, whether poor or rich, of whatever race or level of society, regardless of ethnic background or age, old or young!*

Although TCM does not want social programs to ever take precedence over the preaching of the gospel and the edification of the saints, we recognize the need to meet people where they are. At the present time, two of our missionaries are seeking to work with a somewhat "forgotten" element of our society.

Bob and Beth Xavier are working with women who are part of the court system or coming out of prison. There is a need to help these women adjust to life "on the outside" and fit into our society. The main part of the program is the teaching of the Word of God. These women are learning how the Word speaks to daily life and how it should change the way they live.

Michelle LeFeber is our other missionary working with a "forgotten" element of society. She is working in Recife, the city mentioned in the article, where 400 children were

killed in one year.

Michelle is seeking to work with some of these children around the neighborhood of the new church in Ibura. Please pray for her as she seeks to get the ministry on a solid foundation. The construction of the new church building has hindered her progress somewhat. As the article points out, this type of work is expensive and finances difficult to acquire.



The above quoted article also states, "At the Convention of the Rights of the Child convened in 1991 at the United Nations one representative observed, 'If 100 Boeing 747 planes carrying 400 people each crashed every day, the governments of the world would take action, but an equal number of deaths occur daily amongst children throughout the world but there is little comment!'"

It is true that we can not individually touch each child of the world. But it is equally true that we can touch the lives of some of them. Things To Come Mission offers you a challenge to consider becoming partners in helping us touch children's lives. As you help children (or women--as in the case of the Xavier's ministry) you not only provide social help but you help ground them in the knowledge of the Word of God rightly divided.

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## ***A TESTED FAITH***

***by Barb Sistelos***

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In just one glance at our friend, Vera, here on the Brazil-North Things To Come Mission field (Recife), one would never guess that this attractive, confident, young woman has been through so much in her life. She's not the type to complain either. But rather, she maintains a faithful, thankful attitude in spite of the many obstacles that life has presented to her. Vera confesses, "There are two things that I never thought I could ever handle--being alone and handling money. Now I am doing both!" Now she thanks God for these past years of learning to depend on Him. What's the secret of Vera's smile? Here is her story:

Vera Lucia Sardelich Nascimento was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil. She came to know the Lord there 19 years ago through a girl who was an acquaintance from college. While at the open market one day, Vera saw her friend nearby and mustered up the courage to go over and say hello. Soon, they became good friends and Vera began going to a ladies' Bible study with her. Vera was so pleased to be a part of that group, and have direct communication with God, that she says her greatest difficulty up until that point was accepting the fact that she was a sinner.

In the months following, Vera learned to be the wife and mother God wanted her to be. Although her husband did not want her to go to church on Sunday, he did not see anything wrong with Vera going to her Wednesday night Bible studies. Soon, she began to see God's Word make a difference in her life, and in her children's lives, as she had regular prayer and devotions with them.

Then, in the early 80's, her husband's work required a major move to northern Brazil--to Recife. Vera really didn't want to move for two main reasons. She was concerned about her husband's health. He had an aortic valve defect which had put him in the hospital several times and Vera knew that the best medical team available was in São Paulo. Secondly, she did not want to move away from her family and friends; namely, her Christian friends at the Wednesday night Bible study. The move was necessary, however, so Vera came with three small

children. Tears filled her eyes as they arrived at the airport.

But God was working all along. In her first month here, Vera searched high and low for an apartment. Then one day Vera met one of our TCM missionaries, Douglas LeFeber, at a real estate agency. Doug was responsible for Carl and Suely Buller's apartment at that time. He showed her the place and gave her his card. When Vera got home, she looked at the card and read, "Pastor Douglas LeFeber." She was elated at how God was quickly providing a pastor for her. Soon she visited his office and met Ardys Nelson, another missionary.

At this time Vera began to get a grasp of the grace message--salvation by faith alone--and had her doubts cleared up about baptism. Vera became more grounded in the Word as she and her family participated often at the Boa Viagem Bible Church. Even her husband came! But Vera would go home sad at not seeing him instantly changed as she had prayed.

The next few years were difficult ones. Vera's faith deepened as she learned of her husband's infidelity. The experience was a humbling one, however, and in the aftermath her husband's heart was open to God like never before. God enabled Vera and her kids to forgive him and he was reconciled to his family. During this period, he was hospitalized due to a hemorrhage which put him in a life-and-death situation. Vera's fervent prayer was, "Lord, even if it's just for a little while, let Edson live." God answered her prayer. He lived for two more years, growing closer to God, his wife and his family. In January 1988, Edson passed away.

Now Vera looks back on the past and sees how she's benefited from it and how God's grace has sustained her. She feels that her primary responsibility is to raise her three children who are now young adults. Marcello, age 20, studies physics at the University. Fernanda is almost out of high school at age 16, while Daniel is a young man of 13. Vera is active at church, serving the Lord as treasurer (which she never thought she would do) and as Sunday School teacher. She works part-time for COMEV (Evangelical Communications, which provides Christian films and tapes) with its director and her friend, Ardys Nelson. She also studies at the Bible Training Center offered by the Boa Viagem church. ☺

# ***I THANK MY GOD!***

***an open letter by Sister Célia***

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*Recife, June 8, 1994*

*Dear Brethren,*

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy" (Philippians 1.3,4).*

*I realize that the distance is great, but inside me, I feel that you are all very close to us.*

*Dear ones, in spite of the fact that we don't know one another personally, I've learned to love you through the testimony of those who represent you, in the persons of Pastor Douglas and Barbara. Thank you, my dear brethren, for your charity and dedication to all the saints who live in Brazil.*

*I am sister Célia, who had the honor of hosting the Bible Church in her residence (home) for quite a while. It was a marvelous experience!*

*Now we are meeting in our own building, in spite of the fact that we haven't finished constructing, for we still need many things. But we trust that God will supply our needs.*

*Brethren, someday maybe we'll see you in the flesh, face to face, but until then . . . "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

*With a brotherly hug,  
Sister Célia*

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*The above letter was translated by Barbara Sistelos. Thank you for praying for our Brazil-North ministry. Célia is a member of the new church started in Recife. This is our second church in the city. The ministry continues to bear fruit because of your prayer and financial support. You share in the fruit! ☺*

## ***WHERE DOES TCM STAND?***

the Development Director

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The title was, "HISTORIC CHRISTIAN DECLARATION SIGNED." The May/June 1994 issue of the Christian American was where I first saw it. Soon after, other Christian magazines were carrying stories about the agreement and the cooperation it signified.

Should we embrace it or shun it? Should we praise God or pray it will not stand the test of time? What should our reaction be?

Well-known Protestant Christian leaders such as Charles Colson, Pat Robertson, Dr. Bill Bright, Dr. James J. I. Packer, and leaders from Wheaton College, the Assemblies of God, the National Association of Evangelicals and Fuller Theological Seminary signed the declaration. The signers made it clear they represented only themselves, not their denominations or organizations.

What was the declaration? It was entitled, "Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium." According to the article, forty key Evangelical and Catholic leaders signed the statement. They urged their followers "to accept each other as Christians, put aside differences and contend for common civil causes."

Things To Come Mission recognizes the value of conservatives working together to insure our culture does not rot from the inside out and ultimately fall. The need to cooperate in speaking out against abortion, euthanasia, outrageous taxes, immoral leadership, and various civil issues and causes is real and important. However, this is not the focus nor objective of TCM. Besides this concern, the statement goes much further than a discussion of cooperation for social concerns.

Charles Colson states, "We have differences, but on the ancient creeds and the core beliefs of Christianity we stand together."

In this TCM disagrees. Please be assured that TCM stands for the fundamentals of the faith such as: 1) the full and com-

plete authority of the Bible, the Word of God, in matters of faith, salvation, eternity, and how we are to live our lives on this earth; 2) the virgin birth of Jesus, 'God in the flesh'; 3) there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and there is no way to the Father but through Him; 4) Jesus Christ died only once on the cross, shedding His blood for the payment of sins; 5) no religion or religious group can give or deny salvation to any person; 6) it is necessary for the Christian to take the Gospel of the Grace of God to our whole world so that all might have the opportunity to hear the gospel and accept Jesus Christ as their Savior; 7) it is necessary to edify the believer through the teaching of the Word of God 'rightly divided' and 8) those who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Savior will suffer eternal judgment, eternally separated from God.

Cooperation in civil causes is needed. However, TCM can not cooperate with the unbeliever in standing for the faith. The individual who has not once-and-for-all accepted Jesus Christ as his/her Savior, and received the gift of eternal life and the assurance of being with God for eternity, whether a Protestant, a Catholic, a Muslim, an animist, an atheist, etc. needs our ministry and therefore can not cooperate with us in ministry.

Things To Come Mission will remain firm in our commitment to the preaching of the whole Word of God. We are committed to making this gospel known to the whole world and seek to offer ourselves to you as a means for you to reach out to our world. Let us stand together for the TRUTH and resist any attempt to compromise the Gospel and therefore cause many to go to Hell!

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If you stand for the TRUTH of the Word of God and believe we must stand against apostasy, write to us. Support TCM through your personal involvement, prayers and financial gifts. Your help is needed! ☺

# RELEASE ME FOR THE MINISTRY!

a report by Cliff Kinkead

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Shortly after arriving in Kenya, I invited my neighbor to take the Bible Correspondence Course. From the following excerpts of letters written by Ngugi Kiguta, you can see the transformation that took place in his life:

*When a [TCM] missionary, Mr. Cliff [Kinkead] inquired from me as to whether I would like to undergo a Bible course, my mind raced to my academic status. I hurriedly told him I had gone through the basics and would only be interested in an advanced course--minimum, a diploma.*

*I now reckon my response and standing was boastful enough to fit the description of "those who thought themselves wise" as recorded in Romans 1.22. Cliff's answer was simple and clear: "There are certain things that differ and those are the ones you ought to study." I sarcastically murmured, "It's okay, after all it's good for spiritual upliftment."*

*As if by divine providence, Mr. Cliff didn't trace the sar-*

*casm in my comment and so he brought me the lessons two days later. These lessons turned out to be exactly what I termed them in disguise--a spiritual upliftment towards salvation.*

*For all along, I had been hovering over the ground spot of salvation, without getting a clear landing signal from the bearers of the cross. This anathema has particularly been disturbing when I classify myself as a Gentile of the least civilized stock.*

*My question has been, "Must the Jews reject salvation before it becomes worthy or due me? Why am I considered second in a soul-saving matter?" Fortunately, your Bible Course has partly given me the answer by informing me about the mystery revealed to the Apostle Paul.*

*I now feel that Jesus Christ had come to place all in the "chosen people bracket," an envious term (chosen people) which earlier invoked jealous pride. I somehow feel accepted and loved now. I doubt if I could have reached*

this position of knowing the question, which answer is Christ, were it not for my Berean Bible Study.

I'm happy about one thing. Christians of any denomination are startled by the simplicity of my testimony, based on salvation by grace. I see how fortunate I was to receive my faith in a Grace Church.

I'm praying that God will place my life in a less disturbing order and release me for the ministry. I would like to target on evangelizing pastors of some doctrineless indigenous churches and thereby reach people through them. I would like to distribute sound Christian literature as I evangelize. I'm hopeful that God will open channels to further

His work.

I don't force things too much lest I create my own way in a sphere where God is supposed to be the opener and usherer. Let the Lord decide and commission us.

Please pray for Ngugi as he seeks the Lord's will about supporting his family, enrolling at Grace Bible School, and getting into a ministry where he can serve the Lord. ☺

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We praise God for Jessie Easterly's faithful work in grading Bible Correspondence courses which are being taken by students all over the land of Kenya. - editor



*Cliff Kinkead - 1994 BI Students - Genesis Maraat*

## **"I GOT BRAINS"**

by Valerie Anderson

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"I got brains! I got brains!" Chu Chu sang to himself as he copied spelling from the chalkboard. The tune was familiar and caught my attention.

"Chu Chu," I broke in, "the words are supposed to be 'our God reigns' not 'I got brains.'"

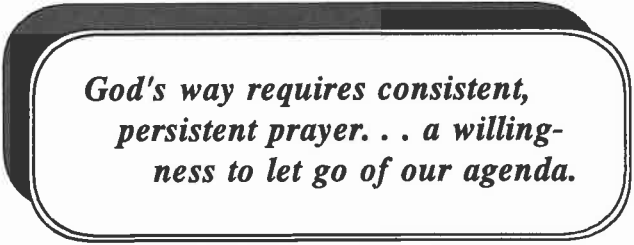
He stared blankly at me for a moment and then resumed with a revised version, "Our God brains! Our God brains!"

"No, Chu Chu," I said, smiling. "Not brains! Reigns! You know, like a king reigns. It means he rules over people."

With a shrug of his shoulders he complied and sang the song my way, but he was clearly not convinced that this was better than his rendition. Change is often an irritating process and it's easy to wonder if the results are worth the trouble.

I know I've felt that way a number of times this year in working with Chu Chu. Chu Chu arrived at Dakar two years ago with a reputation for being unmanageable. He comes from a single-parent home and has a history of behavioral and emotional disorders. My encounters with him as a kindergartner were not very positive and I must admit I dreaded having him in my first grade class. I started praying for a change in him early last summer . . . I am still praying.

Chu Chu and I have had a long and difficult year together. He has this amazing ability to look



*God's way requires consistent, persistent prayer. . . a willingness to let go of our agenda.*

attentive while I give detailed instructions and as soon as I finish he says, "What can I do?" We go through this ritual two or three times before he understands the assignment . . . maybe. The difficulty is that it's hard to tell if he genuinely does not understand or if he's just being obstinate.



This and several other annoying behaviors culminated in his steadfast refusal to cooperate the week we had standardized tests. He was suddenly incapable of doing even the simplest arithmetic problems. We had only done about ten pages of the exact same kinds of problems the week before and he had completed them successfully! Ever wonder what the Bible means by the phrase "gnashing your teeth?" I don't have to wonder anymore!



Valerie Anderson

"God," I said one night after a particularly trying day, "I have prayed every day for this kid and I can't see that anything has changed. You say there is power in prayer so why don't you DO something?!"

Wouldn't you know, the next morning my devotional reading happened to be the story of Christ's crucifixion from Luke 23. I was reading along in a desultory sort of way when WHAM! verse 39 came out of nowhere and whacked into my consciousness: "One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: 'Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!'" That sounded rather uncomfortably like the words I had flung at God in my frustration the night before. I was identifying with the wrong thief!

As I mulled that over, the Holy Spirit began teaching me some things about the process of change. That thief wanted quick results to rescue him from his immediate circumstances. All he saw was a supposed savior who didn't appear to be DOING anything! He didn't understand that by staying on the cross Jesus was making a way to permanently rid the world of death.

I was looking for a quick change, too! But that's not neces-

sarily God's way of bringing about change. He is not tied to our deadlines and ultimatums, and what seem to be the most obvious solutions to us may not bring about the ultimate change He desires. God's way requires consistent, persistent prayer on our part and a willingness to let go of our agenda and let Him bring about changes in His own way. My prayers have now expanded from "God, change Chu Chu!" to include "God, change me, too!"

It would be nice to say that Chu Chu has been transformed into an exemplary student and that I am winning the patience award for the year. Such is not the case. But there are signs that a gradual change is taking place. He is able to control his behavior without medication now and I am learning to deal with problems before they frustrate me. It is a lengthy process with many pitfalls along the way but at least we are moving in a positive direction. Chu Chu's mother came in for a conference recently and offered words of encouragement. "Chu Chu has been so much better since coming to Dakar Academy! Before, I just didn't know what to do with him!"

My mom gave me a poster that hangs in my bedroom. It reads, "Judge each day not by the harvest, but by the seeds you plant." I was reminded of that the other day when I asked the kids to choose a marker for a drawing activity. "I want red!" Chu Chu declared firmly. "Red is the best color because red is Jesus' blood." **That's a seed . . . a seed with a promise of changing into something beautiful in God's time.** ☺

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*("Street Children . . ." con't. from page 8)*

Of course, Michelle and the Xaviers are not the only missionaries working with children and women. Personnel on each of our fields seek to develop a well-rounded ministry dealing with each member of the family.

Please keep us all in your prayers. Ask God what part you should have in helping to reach our world with the Gospel of the Grace of God. Can you go? Can you pray? Can you give? ☺

# ***A SEED-SOWING COWBOY!***

by Donald Sommer

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"...I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some" (I Corinthians 9:22b).

The people of Maranding had never seen an American cowboy before. This would not seem unusual since this bustling little coastal town is 10,000 miles from the United States. These folks were much more familiar with the slow plodding sound of a water buffalo as it pulls a plow through the knee-deep mud of a rice field than with the gallop of a horse coming alongside a stray calf on the wide open prairie.

The news that a cowboy had come to Maranding was rapidly spreading through town. He was going to put on a demonstration in the public market. As it got closer to the time when the cowboy would put on his show, the open plaza around which the market vendors had their shops began to fill with people.

When the program finally began there were several hun-

dred people that had gathered to curiously observe what was going on.

The crowd shouted with delight as they watched the cowboy fling his lasso through the air and precisely snatch the arm of a boy running at full speed. They stood amazed as they saw a whip cut a piece of paper held up by a volunteer from the audience. With each lash the paper would get smaller and smaller but yet the biting tip never touched the hand of the holder.

All the time the crowd attentively watched, they were being told how the various feats illustrate spiritual truths in each individual's life. They

**The Philippine Youth Director's goal—  
3,500 evangelistic meetings in 10 years!**

were told how God drew his people to himself with "cords of a man; with bands of love" (Hosea 11:4). The whips illustrated the point that "for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Hebrews 12:6). And most importantly, the sharp crack of

the bull whip touched the hearts of many as they were told of the scourging the Lord Jesus Christ received. Yet in this we rejoice since "his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree . . . by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

For many people in Maranding that visit of the American cowboy was much more than a curious event that distracted them from the day-to-day routine of life. When the rope tricks were finished and the cowboy sat down, a local evangelist stood up and challenged the people to make a decision for Jesus Christ.

Several indicated they believed the message they had heard that day and wanted to trust Christ as their personal Savior. Granted, it was only a handful that came to make a public profession compared to the multitude that attended that day. Yet, had the cowboy not come, it is possible these people would have never taken the time to listen to the gospel. They may have ignored the message of salvation through Christ until the day they died.

The ways in which the gospel can be communicated are innumerable. The simplic-

ity and directness of its message makes the presentation of the gospel adaptable to a seemingly infinite variety of methods and techniques.

I had the privilege to witness this first hand as I accompanied Evangelist Lee Homoki to the Philippines for a three week evangelistic tour in April and May of 1994. With Pastor Tim McGarvey and Pastor Joel McGarvey, we visited several areas of TCM's ministry. By using his ability to perform cowboy tricks with ropes and whips, Evangelist Lee was able to draw large crowds and give them the opportunity to hear and respond to the message of life through the gospel.

Techniques such as this are commonly used by missionaries and evangelists to attract crowds in order to gain a hearing for the infinitely more important purpose of presenting the gospel. This is especially true in tropical and developing countries where so much more of everyday life is lived in public places like plazas, marketplaces, busy streets and neighborhood gathering points.

Some of the more popular methods of attracting large crowds for mass evangelism



### Drawing a Crowd - Sowing the Seed

include film showings, puppet shows and singing groups. We often feel these types of events are not worthwhile here in the United States since people have constant exposure to professional entertainment.

However, in many of the countries where missionaries labor, these things are still novelties to the people in the more remote areas. They serve as successful methods of sharing the gospel.

The problem, however, is in getting to the people. Many people live in areas which are remote and isolated from convenient methods of transportation. The trips are often long, uncomfortable and dangerous. Usually there is no electricity at the site of the meeting and a generator has to be carried along.

Despite the hardships involved in making the trip, the missionary realizes it is all worthwhile when he sees the enthusiasm and excitement of the local people when such an event comes to their village.

In the Philippines alone, our National Youth Director, Pastor Osias Cadeliña, has a goal of conducting 3,500 mass evangelistic meetings in 10 years. That may seem like a lot, but when you consider there are nearly 30,000 Philippine *barríos* (villages) without a church, the task seems extremely necessary.

Your involvement with Things To Come Mission through your prayer and financial support makes it possible for the ministry of evangelism to continue throughout the world. ☺

## ***NEWS YOU CAN USE . . . for prayer time***

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**DON & ARLENE FROMER** completed their interim ministry in Enumclaw, Washington in June 1994. Their ministry was greatly appreciated (the church has called Pastor Charles and Mary Barrett as their pastor). Some months were spent in New Mexico with their children and trying to complete some needed maintenance on their truck and 5th-wheel home. Don and Arlene have been called to interim in the church in Evansville, Indiana. Pray for them as they seek to help the church in this period of transition and calling a new pastor.

**CLIFF & LOU ELLEN KINKEAD** continue to minister in Kenya in spite of the medical difficulties Cliff has had. It seems a miracle the Kinkeads are still able to serve overseas. Cliff spent some months under the doctor's care in the U.S. and, after improving, they returned to Kenya. After some months there, Cliff came down with hepatitis and spent some weeks in the hospital. Along with this, his heart was causing trouble as well. But, praise the Lord, he has improved and, in spite of losing weight, being discouraged, and fearing for his life, he is back to teaching in the Bible Institute. Thank you for praying!

**JOEL & DARCY MOLINA** were unable to obtain a visa to re-enter Indonesia. In October 1993 they had to return to the U.S. because of the requirements for his 'green card.' Since they were not able to return to Indonesia at this time as full-time residents, the TCM board has, with the approval of the TCM-Philippine board, assigned them to the Philippines.

They will live in the Philippines but their main ministry focus will continue to be Indonesia. They will try to visit Indonesia 2-3 times a year to continue teaching in the Bible Institute in Jakarta. Other missions are also assigning their Indonesian personnel in the Philippines since they cannot get visas to live in Indonesia.

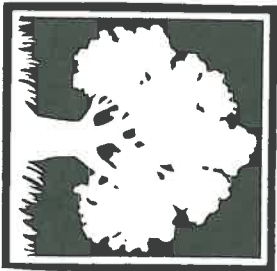
**BEN & JOYCE ANDERSON** continue their furlough though they are not traveling much at this time. Ben is enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary completing his Masters degree in Missions. He hopes to complete his course by June 1995 and then travel until December before returning to Kenya. Please be in prayer for them.

**DAN & JENNIFER SIDEBOTTOM** represented the mission at the missionary conferences in Washington and Oregon. Nine churches were visited and the ministry of TCM was presented. One of the main focuses was the great need for missions around the world. Mission research groups state there are 12,000 unique people groups without an evangelical church. This represents billions of people without an opportunity to hear the gospel or fellowship with other believers. Pray with us that new missionaries will be raised up as a result of this trip.

**VERNON & DARLENE ANDERSON** continue to minister in Kenya. Vernon was able to attend the National Conference in Indonesia in September. Darlene has had some medical difficulties. Please be in prayer for them.

**SANNY & JEANNETTE SUMILHIG** report blessings in the Brazil-South ministry. Sanny is the director of the Bible Institute and has also recently been able to organize the youth ministry in two states, Parana and Santa Catarina. Three youth meetings will be held each year in each state and then, once each year, the youth from the two states will meet together for fellowship and teaching. Please pray for the family as they have had medical difficulties as well.

**DOUG & VICKI LeFEBER** are home for their furlough which began in October. Doug plans to organize a work team to help build a church in Ibura, Recife, during January and February 1995. If you would be able to help physically or financially in this project, please contact the mission office. ☺



## A CONTINUING GIFT

Things To Come Mission would like to acknowledge the following gifts which have been given in memory of some family member, friend, or respected individual who has passed away. Cards have been sent to the families of those whose memories you have honored.

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### ***SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST!***

Since the opening of the former U.S.S.R., TCM has prayed about helping bring the message of God's Grace to this vast area. Recently we have been contacted by an individual who desires to be a short-term missionary to this country. Please pray with us for all these arrangements. ☺