



Over 400 Churches and Workers Plus Five Bible Schools

How is it Possible?

by Vernon and Darlene Anderson

The ANSWER is twofold: first, *FAITH*; second, *FOLLOWING PAUL*.

The work in the Philippines started on the *Faith Principle: trusting God for ALL things*.

Missionaries came to the Philippines by faith, with no salary or promised support. In truth, the Mission did not require any missionary to raise a certain amount of monthly support, which meant the missionaries had to rely totally on the Lord to supply all their needs. This dependence built up a strong relationship between the missionaries and the Lord as He blessed the principle and supplied what they needed. Not only did He supply their needs, but also the needs of the Filipino workers and all other aspects of the work. The missionaries trusted the Lord for their personal support, and also for the support of many *PROJECTS* which involved entering into as many areas of missionary work as possible.

Evangelism came first. It meant constant travel, preaching the Gospel throughout the Philippines, crossing the mountains and valleys. The goal? To reach all the Philippines. Rapidly the work was spreading from north to south and east to west...by *faith*.

Training became a must if pastors, evangelists and teachers were to take on the care of the new churches and further outreaches.



2002 Graduates - International Grace Bible Institute - Ozamiz

One Bible school after the other was founded by *faith*. Now there are five resident Bible schools and one Field Bible school.

Literature became a must if the Word was to get out by printed page. The Lord supplied two letter presses operated by foot power. These machines produced many thousands of tracts and literature. Later the Lord supplied offset presses to replace the old letter presses, meaning literature could

go out in even greater numbers.

Radio served as another means of reaching all areas. The transistor radio was just invented and anyone could have a cheap radio even though there was no electricity. Radio stations sprung up in nearly every large town and city. *The Hour of Grace* started broadcasting on ten radio stations five days a week.

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Bible School in Brazil up and Going Again

Why start another Bible Institute? The main reason is that the Curitiba area is over 2000 miles from our Bible Institute in Recife. Because there is such a need for pastors in the different areas, it was decided to start a Bible training center again in Southern Brazil. We had the facilities so we could start with a residential type Bible Institute. Several of the pastors agreed to teach. These pastors travel each week to teach and then return to their churches. Miguel, who lives on the campus, oversees the school and students. Half of the students are married couples.



Teachers and Facilities in Southern Brazil



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Director's Perspective

Why Support Nationals? (part 2)

In my last article I asked this question: "Should we treat Christians in other countries as foreigners who should be responsible for their own needs?" I answered the question by using as an illustration the Body of Christ. We who are saved are ONE in the Body of Christ and Christ is the Head – Rom. 12:3-5. All are to work together as a team in order to get the gospel of the Grace of God out to the world.

Let's us point out some reasons why we should support nationals.

1 – One of the encouraging results of wisely assisting national ministers is to enable them to eventually become self-supporting. Although oftentimes, they may continue to need help because of the challenge of the vast unreached people in areas around them.

TCM has seen many of our pastors in the Philippines become self-supporting over the years as their churches have grown and assumed the support of their pastors. We continue to help them as they start new churches in new areas of the Philippines. While their local church is supporting the pastor, in the majority of cases they do not have the funds to help with the outreach ministry.

2 – Assisting nationals can result in outreach ministries where the church is too small to sustain any kind of organized ministry outside the church. TCM has been able to start churches in many new areas because we did not wait until the church became

self-supporting and able to support their pastor.

3 – TCM has found that there are many nationals who want to be trained and sent forth to evangelize and start national churches. That's why we have established Bible Institutes in most of the countries where we have ministries. We train these men and women and send them forth. If we had to wait for Americans to respond to the missionary call, we would never have been able to experience the growth we have seen in these countries.

4 – The churches in the Third World do not have enough financial resources to evangelize, train, and disciple the unreached masses. If we wait until the national church has the necessary funds to support their own outreach ministries, then we will wait too long. Many will go into eternity without Christ.

5 – It makes good sense to assist in the support of nationals because they know the language and culture and can easily adapt themselves to the lifestyle of the people with whom they minister.

Communication principles teach that the more like the communicator is to the person to whom he is communicating, the more readily he will be understood. This is very important when it comes to communicating the gospel of the Grace of God – Romans 10:11-14.

It takes a foreign missionary several years to become fluent in the national language.

Unfortunately, most missionaries never do learn the language well enough to communicate on an intimate level. Nationals frequently are able to speak several major languages from their background and education.

Through the years, TCM has been able to assist in supporting pastors and Bible women in their ministry. That is one of the reasons we see growth in countries like the Philippines where we have over 400 assemblies and only two missionary couples. In Indonesia we have over 35 churches and only one missionary. Most of the ministry is carried on by the nationals.

Our field in Kenya, Africa has trained pastors who are ministering in new areas and new churches. These pastors need support assistance as they are in pioneering ministries and/or their churches are small.

I praise God for the many dedicated nationals that I have had the privilege of ministering with side by side in order to proclaim the gospel of Grace. They have taught me many wonderful Biblical truths both spiritual and practical in ministry. They have shown me dedication, sacrifice and longsuffering in ministry. TCM has been able, through the years, to help support these men and women. We need to double our effort in the years to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to write or call.

Joe Watkins, Executive Director

New Contact for Ministry in Australia

I came to Australia [from the Philippines] on January 3, 1985, and worked until 1997. It was in April 2, 2000 when I felt the need of starting a Grace Church. Last Sunday, April 7, we celebrated our 2nd year anniversary, with 35 in attendance.

Open Door Bible Church is situated in Melbourne, Victoria. We have 16 regulars, these are the people, who for 2 years have remained faithful to the Lord, and to His Word-rightly divided. We meet every

Sunday afternoon in a hired community hall. I have with me now a very promising young man, whom I have taught Theology and Homiletics and is now under Pastoral training. As I have mentioned, is there a possibility for me to be a part of Things To Come Mission in Australia?

Financial support will not be a problem, as I live (with my wife) on Age Pension. It will be an honor to be a part of TCM.

Pastor Watkins, we have met once in Pasay City [Philippines] and I hope one of these days you will visit us here in Melbourne. There is a group of believers who at the moment are fellowshiping with us also. Please, come and visit us. Terry Romero

Editors Note: Terry Romero was a pastor in the Philippines under a denomination before coming into the knowledge of the Word Rightly Divided. [Dispensational Teaching]

5 Years and Still Moving Forward!

by *Daniel I. Sidebottom*

The 5th Annual National Conference of the Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa was held in the Johannesburg area on 22-24 March 2002. Although I was not here for the beginning of the Association, I have had the privilege of attending all five conferences. The theme for the conference this year was *Grace In Practice*. The focus was threefold and was covered by seminars dealing with Evangelism, Parenting, and Finances. The "Evangelism" focus was led by Pastor Ambrose Johaar, the South African director of Sowers International. The Sowers Intl. evangelism program is used in our Philippine and Kenya fields and we are hoping we can incorporate this program in our ministry here. The participants were able to view the crowd-catching method of presenting the gospel and also listened to a challenge dealing with our responsibilities to evangelize. Pastor Graham Reeves (from Port Elizabeth) and Jennifer Sidebottom (from Pretoria) each gave a seminar on "Parenting." These were both a blessing and challenge to those present. Many of our church families struggle with some of the common difficulties of broken homes and the related struggle with discipline. Pastor Stephens Thobela (our national director, from Cape Town) gave the seminar on "Finances." Although



Dan and Jennifer Sidebottom helping with the registration of delegates

financial management difficulties are not unique to the poor, the extremely limited income of the majority of our Association membership made this topic very relevant. Besides these three main seminar topics, we also had messages and devotions from other speakers who challenged us both in terms of our "doctrine" and our "practice."

This was the first conference in which the church ladies did not have to prepare the food. We had the food catered by the conference facility. Although this made it difficult for some to pay the registration and food costs, it made it extremely enjoyable since the ladies (and the men) were able to focus on the conference, the fellowship, the worship, and the instruction

from God's Word.

Our attendance was down, probably due to the costs of accommodations and food. We were hoping for anywhere from 100 - 120 but only 63 actually registered. However, there were probably 75 who attended.

Our plan is to have our 6th National Conference in Port Elizabeth, sometime in March 2003. This will be on the southern coast of South Africa. Maybe you would like to plan your vacation for this time. Spend the weekend with us at the conference, attend one of our Association churches, and then spend some time at one of the game parks or other local attractions. Let us know your plans.

Meet The Office Staff

Roberta Karnes

We the staff at Things to Come Mission are happy to join you in the support of our missionaries. Apart from general office work by all of us, Pauline processes the gift checks, most correspondence and prayer letters. Antoinette writes the checks for the missionaries and pays their bills and also sends out reports and helps Pauline with the prayer letters. Pastor Phillip publishes the IH and is Pastor of Grace Church here in Indianapolis. I keep the computers running smoothly, coordinating all the accounts and Joe directs the daily operation of the office and ministries on the fields. God has given me this great opportunity to work with the missionaries, the TCM board and staff. I live an hour away from the mission. The hour drive on the interstate to the mission in the morning and another hour to drive home in the evening is the toughest part of the job.

I do not take any salary from TCM but donate my time and talent to the glory of God and in support of the mission. Some people have been led to send gifts to me and Antoinette as a *thank you* for the administration work we do. This pays for gas and the wear and tear on my '95, F150 pickup truck. Antoinette uses these gifts to help finance their special needs child Ruan, who is deaf and attends Indiana School for the deaf. Thank you for your prayers and support. Your gifts to the missionaries or to the many mission projects go



**TCM Staff: Pauline and Joe Watkins
Antoinette and Pastor Phillip du Plessis, Roberta Karnes.**

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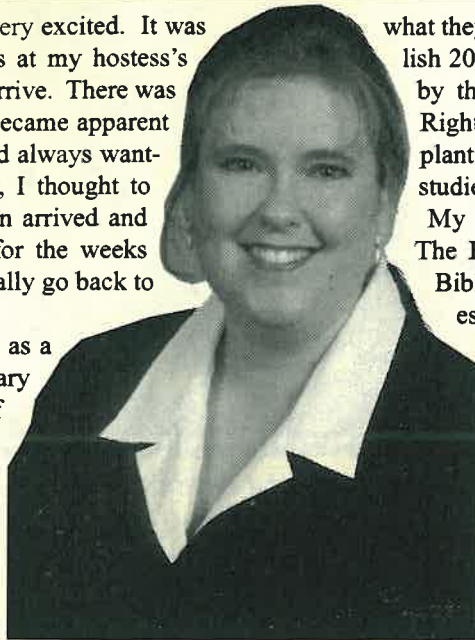
There is a great team spirit and cooperation among us and it is always exciting to come to the office and receive newsletters and e-mails from our missionaries and gifts from supporters. Please continue to do so as we partner together in the ministry of TCM.

TCM's Newest Missionary to Kenya

My first day in Embu I was a bit tired, but very excited. It was my first time out of the country, and I was at my hostess's house waiting for the others in our group to arrive. There was a young Kenyan waiting there with me. It became apparent that we shared a mutual love of music. I had always wanted to teach music in a third world country, I thought to myself as we were talking...The others soon arrived and we proceeded with our planned activities for the weeks ahead. But the seed was planted...could I really go back to Kenya and teach music?

That was two years ago. I went to Kenya as a part of TCM's 'Safari 2000' team. The primary focus of our trip was to build a couple of churches in remote areas of Kenya and to get an idea of what missionary work was like. We had a wonderful time working with Kid's Clubs, doing evangelistic outreach and ministering in the local churches. I thought I was going as a tourist. Little did I know then that my trip had brought me to Kenya for another purpose.

This summer I am moving to Kenya to work with Things to Come Mission. The missionaries in Kenya are currently in the middle of



what they call "Project 2010." Their objective is to establish 20 grace churches in 10 strategically located cities by the year 2010. The project is well under way. Right now, there are four missionary families actively planting churches. They have churches (or Bible studies) established in seven of the 10 cities.

My main role will be working at the Bible school. The Bible school is key in developing Pastors and Bible women to work in the churches. I will be establishing a music program and helping with the music ministries in the churches. I'll be teaching piano, music theory & history and English. My goal is to get the program started and help in developing musicians to work in the churches. I will also be spending a large part of my time working with women and children's ministries.

What an exciting time! God has given me such a love for music and a vision for the people of Kenya. Proverbs 16:9 really sums up

my life right now. "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." My prayer is that God will direct my steps in all I do.

Stephanie Thornton

Kiddies are Precious in God's Sight

*Carlo B. Pana
Thika Grace Bible Church*

Home is the father's kingdom, the mother's palace, and the children's paradise!

In the Lord's ministry, children play an important role. In our international society children become vulnerable and are one of the social problems. Globally they are taken care of since this is identified as one of the major problems in the world. How will the church play its role to reach these precious kids for the Lord? Take this seriously! Children's ministry is very valuable and rewarding.

To make a great home we need to start with children in their early age. To make a great school we must start with the children in the home with proper training. To make a great church we start at home with the parents nurturing the children in the ways of the



The result of the feeding program

Lord. To make a great leader for the local church, we start in the local society in which children were reached by the church program! The Christian home plays an important role in making a great church. Church programs reaching children with the gospel of the grace of God are necessary in order to

reach the children of the community. Several methods are used to reach the children of our community: Children's Bible Club, Children's Vacation Bible School, and the Feeding Program. In our church in Thika, Kenya most of the children that come are a result of the feeding program. It is easy to reach the children through a feeding program. We meet their physical needs through serving snacks and then we feed them the Word of God. One of our members is a result of their children attending the feeding program. The Word of God was shared and then they became interested. Now they are committed to the gospel of the grace of God and to the church.

We use all our means and ways to reach many for the Lord. The burden in the hearts should not be replaced with anything else but the love and joy of seeing these souls being saved.

Bible School in Recife, Brazil

Joel Molina writes: We just finished our first week of classes. Everyone is excited about the seminary. I was talking to one of the students yesterday (Esilson, the engineer who helped Doug with the blueprint of the church) and he is very excited. He told me that everybody is feeling that we have a serious seminary going on. Everybody is excited also that they will have a weekend Christian ministry as part of their schooling.

What we need real soon are desks. I will do the research to determine the cost. I am still debating whether to buy desks or long tables.

Brazil Literature Ministry

We are very excited to tell you that God is doing wonderful things with our literature ministry. Urian Rios is working hard to put in the hands of confused Christians very much needed literature. He has already published three booklets and the acceptance has been very positive in our churches and by some outsiders. We have invited many to our Bible conference. The conference will concentrate on the subject "Sign Gifts and Tongues," and our main speaker will be Pastor Urian Rios. Booklets on the subject as well as other booklets translated by Pastor Urian and Jule Rios will be available for the participants (approximately 100 people will attend).

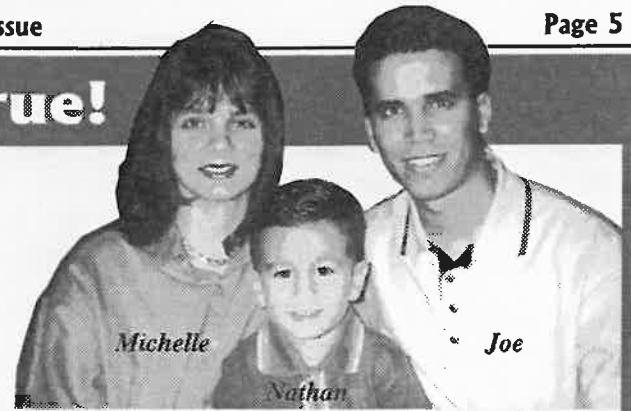
Our Dream has Come True!

After seven years of preparation in the U.S., our family is finally able to fulfill the Lord's calling to be missionaries in Brazil. We have been in Recife, Northeast Brazil, for four months, and the challenges, difficulties, and blessings, all confirm that God brought us here.

We have been stretched in many ways. Although we felt we were finally "prepared" to come to Brazil and do ministry, there are challenges no school prepares you for, problems we are certain we cannot solve, people with needs we cannot meet, and ministries that require skills we do not have. That is where dependence on God comes in. We must depend on God in everything we do, but when we try to work in our own strength, He reminds us of how much we need Him. More and more we realize God did not choose us because of our skills or our preparation, but solely because He wants to work in and through us.

Recife is an exciting, yet challenging place to work. There is an upper class that feel they do not need Christ, and a huge poverty stricken class, that many times come to church because it is the only social environment they can afford, or the only institution that offers assistance of any kind to the needy in underdeveloped countries. Our job is to use every opportunity we have to share the transforming message of Jesus Christ, and train the sincere believers to join us in this worthy cause.

Michelle and I have been working in two churches, the Boa Viagem Church in a middle class area, and the Ibura Church, in a poor area. The two churches have completely different needs, other than the shared need to follow Christ. Our imagination and planning did not allow us to see all the ministry needs we would encounter, as a result we had to be flexible to the Lord's leading



once we arrived. As Solomon affirms, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" (Proverbs 16:9).

Project Abba Children's Ministry remains on the top of Michelle's list of priorities, but in the time being her time has also been shared with music in Boa Viagem and teaching adolescent girls in Ibura, two genuine needs with which we have been faced. I am teaching at our Bible Institute, helping Doug LeFeber pastor the Boa Viagem Church, teaching the adolescents in the two areas, and assisting in the structuring of both churches as well.

Our plans to implement AWANA are still up. We are in the process of learning about this program, and in the next month or two an AWANA missionary is going to come and train our leaders. We want to implement it in August. This will be part of our Project Abba children's outreach, and we are confident it will be a great tool for this ministry.

Please pray for the ministry here and for our effectiveness as missionaries. Pray that God will use us to show His love to the Brazilians. Feel free to drop us a note! Our E-mail address is campos20@terra.com.br

Joe, Michelle and Nathan Campos

How is it Possible?

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Vehicles were needed to carry evangelists and workers out to towns and barrios. The Lord supplied a number of vehicles for the Bible School and Field Work.

The missionaries and national workers traveled by boats and buses, which all moved very slowly and were not trustworthy. A new step of faith: **An Airplane**. None of the missionaries had flight training, but the Lord supplied training in a miraculous way, a special story in itself. By faith He supplied the first airplane, then a second, and even a third. Suddenly the whole Philippines was accessible—not only the Philippines, but Indonesia and Australia!

The Lord continued working wonders by **faith**. He called into service many dedicated and bold national pastors, evangelists and teachers who went everywhere preaching and planting churches by **faith**. Without them the work could never have grown to where it is today.

However, **FAITH** is not the only reason the impossible could be accomplished. The missionaries were determined to use **THE**

METHODS of the Apostle Paul. Paul's methods are clearly outlined in the Book of Acts. One example is in Acts, chapters 13 & 14, where the apostles went everywhere evangelizing the lost. After **evangelism** in a place, they called out the new believers and **taught** them the Word of God. Then they **planted a local church** in that place. They trained and **ordained elders** to care for that local church. Out from these churches they **called men and women to be trained and sent out** to do more evangelism and church planting. The apostles left the churches and went on farther, to places where Christ was not named. They **revisited the churches** over and over again, strengthening the new believers. They **wrote letters** back to the church members to teach faith, doctrine and Christian living.

And **Yes...Suffering** is also involved in following Paul's Methods—missionaries and national workers have faced many kinds of suffering, weariness, frustration, hardship, sicknesses, deaths. But such is following Paul. As Paul suffered with **JOY**, so missionaries and national workers had **the joy of suf-**

fering for Christ and seeing the impossible happen!

"We walk by **FAITH** not by sight..." "Without **FAITH** it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God..." Let's try to **FOLLOW PAUL** as he **FOLLOWED CHRIST!**

Prayer request, Kenya

Gardner Improso

We have always believed, that the church is made up of people, it is not a building or denomination. However, we have come to a time when those who have seen the difference of our lifestyle in the gospel and teaching want to come together as a group for worship, fellowship and edification. It was our goal that in the month of May, we could start a church.

The first hurdle is to find a suitable building that is affordable and accessible. Nakuru is a commercial town where every building is being used in order to get as much money in return as possible. We ask your prayers that God, in His great way will provide us a suitable place and building where we can meet.

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Congregation moved at IGBI-Davao Graduation

Mario Indino

READY TO SERVE! Was the main theme at our 2001-2002 graduation. Five men graduated this year. Vernon preached a stirring message on dedication and commitment.

The congregation was particularly moved when they saw Jonel Maglasang marching,

escorted by his mother. Jonel is the son of the late Jimmy Maglasang, the Pastor who was slain by the Communists a year ago. Recently his older sister was shot and survived but is now paralyzed. Jonel is committed to carry the baton he received from his Dad. Jonel and his Mom are grateful

to you all who extended help financially since Pastor Maglasang's death. This made it possible for Jonel to continue his studies at IGBI-Davao.

These young men are now ready to go and serve our Lord. We need churches and brethren who are willing to stand behind these men in prayer and finan-

cial support.

At present the mission is having a program of helping those Pastors who are doing pioneering work by giving them \$60 a month. But due to very limited funds only few are being supported. Our united effort will greatly enhance the furtherance of the ministry.



International Grace Bible Institute Davao

A Continuing Gift

Things To Come Mission would like to acknowledge the following gift which has been given in memory of some family member, friend or respected person who has passed away.

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TCM Field Projects

Kenya Ministry:

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| 1 - Books Things That Differ - Pastor Stam's | \$250 |
| Bible Truth - Charles Baker | \$200 |
| Dispensational Relationships - Charles Baker | \$250 |
| 2 - Used eye glasses are needed - can be sent to the TCM office. | |
| 3 - Chairs for a growing new church in Thika | \$300. |
| 4 - Printer for Kisumu Grace Bible Church | \$200 |
| 5 - Need Inspiring Hymnals (These are out of print) | |
| Can use secondhand ones as long as they are still useable. | |
| Send to the TCM office. | |

Brazil:

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| 1 - Bible Institute Needs: | |
| a) Desks | \$300 |
| b) Bibles | \$250 |
| 2 - Bathroom fixtures for Iburu Church | \$300 |
| 3 - Bathroom fixtures for Dios Carneiros Church | \$300 |

Philippines:

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| 1 - Radio ministry per month | \$100 |
| 2 - Printing more Christian Education Literature | \$250 |

South Africa

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| Musical Keyboard for Port Elizabeth Church | \$300 |
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