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2006 MARKED THINGS TO COME MISSION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY and on November 1st we moved to 6202 E. Thompson Road, our newly acquired property, our Hub of operation of the Mission. We are blessed by our new Home. We are thankful for our new Headquarters. Hub - Home - Headquarters all suit the purpose for the TCM communications center.

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What a difference 50 years makes! All communications used to pass through stamps and envelopes and the U.S. Postal Service. Now we hear beeps to answer a missionary overseas calling on Skype, where we can see and hear each other. We now can call by phone or cellphone, write, fax, email, get in touch in so many ways.

How about being a Home? Right on. TCM is home to missionaries in Africa,



TCM bought this bank building in Cope, Colorado, in 1962 for \$600 to serve as our first office.

You can help purchase the new building by designating a gift to Capital Development, which pays back \$27,000 which was used from the General Fund.

USA, U.K., Brazil, Central Asia, the Far East. All our personnel want answers to questions. What does the Office say about a conference in South Africa? A Bible School project in Jakarta, Indonesia? A plan for furlough? Our new Home provides a comfortable place to show hospitality and advance Missions and future missionaries.

Working as a bona fide, official Headquarters is a *must* for any organization receiving tax-exempt donations. Receipts, board meetings, scheduling missionary deputation, prayer letters. *News You Can Use* inserts, publishing *International Harvest*, representing TCM before USA and foreign governments for visas and permits ... so many activities, always need us up front legally. ☀



The Director's Perspective

The Mystery is Mission

Dear Mission Partner,

The challenge for mission comes directly from the Word of God. It is not a concept that was made up by the post-apostolic church fathers and it is not an invention of the modern church. Although it is nearly 2000 years since Jesus Christ died for our sins, the motivation for modern mission remains based solely on the Word of God.

The Mystery

Some time after his ascension, Jesus Christ revealed a hidden truth to the apostle Paul which he refers to as a "mystery." The Greek *μυστήριον* occurs 21 times in Paul's epistles and often refers to this special revelation. When one delves into the meaning Paul attaches to his primary use of *mystery*, it immediately becomes clear that he means *God's mission to the Gentiles*.

The Full Number of the Gentiles

In Paul's first use of mystery in our English Bibles he sets forth the definition, "I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in" (Rom. 11:25). Why was this a mystery?

Way back in Genesis 12:1-3 God chose Abraham with this amazing promise, "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." If we trace the history of the Bible, we see that this was exactly how God worked from that point onwards. In the Old Testament, God the Father developed the nation of Israel. In

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the gospels, God the Son lived and worked among the Jews living in Galilee and Judea. Finally, in early Acts God the Holy Spirit performed great signs in the early Jewish church in Jerusalem and Judea.

Yes, a Gentile could always be saved—by approaching God through the children of Abraham. Unfortunately, the children of Abraham were less than overjoyed at the thought of associating spiritually with Gentiles.

God's Plan Revealed

Enter Saul in Acts 7. The stoning of Stephen, a man full of the Holy Spirit, started a progression of events which led to the dispersion of the apostles from Jerusalem, the miraculous salvation and Gentile commission of Saul, a sign given to Peter that God was turning to the Gentiles and the separation of Saul to lead the new dispensation of the grace of God. The changing of Saul's name from the Jewish *Saul* to the Gentile *Paul* is certainly indicative of major change and reminiscent of the changing of Jacob's name to Israel, the father of 12 tribes. Biblical names and their meanings should never be taken lightly. This dispensation itself was called a mystery by Apostle Paul in Eph. 3 and included 1) the hardening (spiritual blinding) of Israel, 2) salvation sent directly to the Gentiles and 3) a new group of God's people called the Body of Christ which is not based on the law of Moses or the nation of Israel. This new administration of God is indeed great news for every Gentile. We can now approach God freely and directly with Jesus Christ as our mediator and the Holy Spirit as our intercessor.

Coming In?

The main purpose of Paul's mystery is that "the full number of the Gentiles will come in." Every person is either in or

out of God's family. All people start life outside and the whole point of having a dispensation of grace is that people have freedom to come into the Body of Christ. When God decides that the right assortment of Gentiles have been blessed by his offer and come into Body of Christ, he will bring this dispensation to an end and fulfill his promise to Abraham. See the word "until" in Rom. 11:25. We might compare the dispensation of grace to a period of amnesty in a country where guilty people may freely receive a full pardon during a specific period of time. Thereafter, the normal regulations apply.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

All this shows that when we think of the word *mystery*, the thrust of mission is embedded in the word. We live in a missionary dispensation when God is reaching out to every country of the world with his message of grace, "I have forgiven you! I am offering you eternal life. Won't you be reconciled to me by believing in Jesus Christ?"

In Things to Come Mission, we take God's mission to the Gentiles seriously. By evangelizing the peoples of the earth and establishing churches among those who trust in Jesus, we can be sure that we are in the center of God's purpose for his church. "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 3:10). The church is a tool in God's hand to make the grace of God known throughout the world.

Targeting the Regions Beyond

In order to accomplish our task, we must target unreached countries. In 2005, TCM was able to enter Uganda. This year we have plans to place a missionaries in Thailand and Cambodia, two Buddhist countries in Southeast Asia. Please read the articles about Genesis & Verna Maraath and Ariel & Faith Mahilum to see if the Lord would have you participate with these families. Remember, *Pray - Give - Go!* That is how the Body of Christ will grow where the nation of Israel failed in bringing in the Gentiles. ☀

FROM THE FAR EAST . . . TO AFRICA

Luz Gaddi writes . . .

The university where I taught experienced low enrollment. I asked myself, "Is it time to move out?"

Being a tentmaker missionary I can't do as much as in serving the Lord full time. After prayers and Bible reading, I wrote Carlo & Elma Paña in their new ministry in Uganda, E. Africa, and they replied, "We do need help!" TCM Director Ben Anderson suggested: "Work up a training system transferable to Christian Ed leaders in other TCM fields, not only Uganda, but also Kenya and South Africa."

My new door opened! I resigned from Christian University of Indonesia with plans to leave Indonesia early February 2007, take a home leave in the Philippines, then fly on to Uganda by March.

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Luz Gaddi. I served as a tentmaker missionary in Indonesia under TCM, teaching English and American Literature at two Christian universities: Surabaya (1986-91) and Jakarta (1991-2007). Whenever school was out I visited Grace Bible churches in Sulawesi, Kalimantan and Sumatra, conducting seminars

for SS teachers, also teaching in Grace Bible schools in Jakarta and Manado. The past two years I helped with proofreading theological books translated into Indonesian to equip workers for the ministry.

I covet your prayers for my new assignment to Uganda, for the Lord to use me for His honor and glory, for my own wisdom and patience to adjust to the African environment. Now serving full time, I also need the Lord's provision for the air fare, Manila to Kampala, Uganda, as well as living expenses when I get there.

Honestly, I have mixed feelings of fear and excitement to set foot on the land David Livingstone prepared for missionaries so long ago. Like he said, "I lay hold on what are the words of a Gentleman, and He will keep them: 'Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

Please write me at lgaddi@tcmusa.org or PO Box 29297, Kampala, Uganda, E. Africa. God bless you with joy and peace.

Director's Note: *Luz's experience and faithfulness to God will be valuable to TCM's pioneering ministry in Uganda headed up by Carlo & Elma Paña. Praise the Lord, her airline fare has been donated. We are targeting an initial support level of \$600 per month. ✨*



Teachers who teach overseas are not only specialized - they are SPECIAL!

COMING IN JULY

Valerie Anderson not only graduated last summer vacation from her Administrator's Course in London, but she has labored successfully to see her vision realized in a beautiful K-12 school functioning in the Central Asian city where she works. She is coming on home leave in June and churches, informal groups, families and conferences will want to open doors for her to tell the blessings. She plans to attend the GGF Conference in Anaheim, California, around the 4th of July. Meet her and enjoy the news.

From her prayer communication: "The Lord has put me in many impossible situations (such as closing and evacuating our former school building in one day, renovating a new school building with less than 1/4 the funds needed, getting the new school registered and open in 2 months—a process normally taking 2 years!) And asked me to take more leaps of faith than I ever anticipated. I am learning like Moses to persevere by seeing Him who is invisible (Heb. 11:27) and to believe beyond dead-lines to resurrections that only the Lord can bring about. During this time the number of believers has grown by 50%. Although that still only amounts to about 1 in every 23,000 people ... God does indeed work out His purposes, yet He is very patient in conforming us to His will."

God has provided once again for the Philippine ministry! In 2003 we were informed that the original building of International Grace Bible Institute (IGBI) could no longer be repaired to be safe enough to use for Bible School classes and other meetings. Everyone wanted the rebuilding of this essential, two-storey building to be a priority. Thus the Lord provided through USA saints \$50,000 plus a good amount donated by the Filipino churches. Gerson Bermejo, who oversees all the IGBI campuses, assured us this amount could erect a new building of stronger materials to last another 50 years. He also took charge finding engineers, a contractor, and organized volunteers from TCM churches to work on the construction. Four months later the building is finished! They planned a huge celebration at IGBI-Lupagan and asked me to come for the Dedication on Feb. 10th.

We praise God for the new IGBI which accommodates 85 students presently studying for ministry. IGBI remains true to its

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE ... AGAIN!

by Joseph Watkins



purpose: to train pastors, leaders, evangelists, Bible women. We had this objective in 1959. Now trained pastors are ministering throughout the Philippines.

Something we never thought at the beginning: graduates would go out to serve in Kenya, South Africa, Indonesia, Brazil, Uganda, England, and soon Thailand and Cambodia. Pray for funds for continued operation of IGBI. We provide for the teachers, help with upkeep and send books for the libraries. Students pay for tuition, cook their own meals and take care of chores around campus.

God has blessed in the past and we are assured He will continue to do so. ☼

FOLLOWING ON

■ **PROJECT ABBA MINISTERED** to children in Brazil where over 50% of the population is under 18 years of age. Through donations sent for this project over 500 children in Recife received a gift and gospel message in December. ABBA is aimed at reaching some of the millions of children who do not know Christ. Continue to pray for these children and young people to be evangelized and grow strong in Christ Jesus.

■ **THE GOAL OF** Grace Pastoral Training in Kenya is to meet the urgent need for trained leaders for Christian ministry in Kenya. GPT accomplished a two year mentoring program which matched up committed church leaders with men in the

churches who desire to serve the local church and have demonstrated leadership ability. On October 28, 2006 five men graduated from the program. Pray for these men as they continue to minister in their local congregations and diligently plant God's Word and bear much fruit. Pray for the next cycle of training to raise up more godly men for GPT to pastor, teach and lead in Grace churches in Kenya.

■ **TYPHOON DURIAN DISASTER** relief funds were sent to the Bicol Region of the Philippines in December. The funds gave desperately needed assistance to 129 church families who lost everything in the aftermath of this catastrophe last Nov. 30.

■ **THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION** \$13,000 was raised for the purchase of property for Eldoret Church in Kenya. The church members are eager to finish the building as funds are received. Missionaries Genesis and Verna Maraat write: "The church building in Africa is a major contributing factor to the growth of the local church and we believe that once we have a building, the growth of our church will be greatly enhanced."

■ **ANNABEL MAQUILING SUCCESSFULLY** underwent double valve replacement and valve repair surgery on January 30, 2007. Husband Noel Maquiling writes from Cebu City, Philippines: "Annabel is getting well now

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CAMBODIA CALLING

Cambodia is open to the gospel of God's grace. It is harvest time!



We view our lives in the light of God's plan for us in Christ Jesus. Experiences the Lord leads us through have a divine purpose: to make us more like Jesus. The Lord has His own way of things, and He is asking us to hold on to His promises though sometimes the situation is contrary... and to give thanks... thanks in everything... as good or bad as the situation may seem. We set our eyes on the Divine Hand and there is no other option."

We were privileged to undergo six months of mission training with Asian Center for Mission which gave us adequate understanding of various strategies/ methodologies used in the past and now used in mission fields. For two weeks we experienced tribal life on the island of Palawan in the Philippines as on-the-job training. The last assignment of the course in June 2006 was actually flying to the land of Cambodia for exposure to our target people.

The Lord taught us exciting things during two and a half months exposure to Christian ministries and the Khmer culture and people. We personally witnessed readiness by Khmers for the gospel of Christ. Interviews we conducted with locals and missionaries broadened and deepened our understanding of the Khmers we are targeting to win to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am Ariel D. Mahilum, 34 years old, graduate of Theology at International Grace Bible Institute in Ozamis City. For the next 11 years I experienced pioneering church planting in an urban setting, teaching in a Bible school and serving as Supervising Minister in Cebu Province. As Youth Coordinator I was in charge of the provinces of Cebu, Bohol and Leyte.

See me! I am Pauline. I am 5 years old and I got to go along to Cambodia with my mom and dad. I saw lots of people wearing different clothes and doing things I never did before. I got to play the gongs for a Cambodian wedding too. I liked it! I want to go back there.



**Our Prayer is . . .
Here we are,
Lord,
Send Us!**

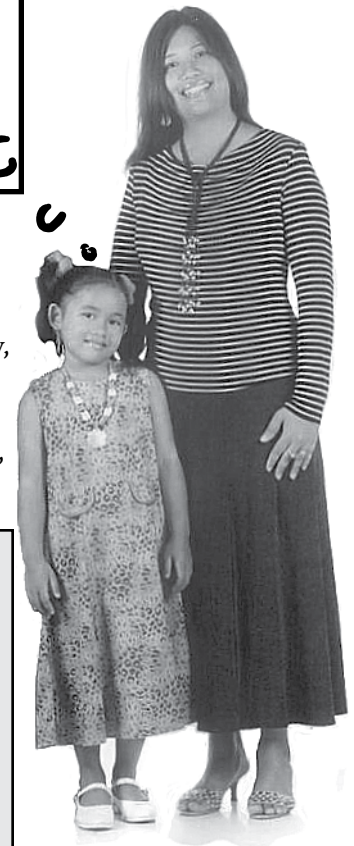
My name is Faith Mahilum, daughter of a faithful TCM pastor. After graduating in Elementary Education, I've worked as a public school teacher for almost 10 years. We faithfully served God in the pastorate until the call came to serve Him in a cross-cultural setting with the Southeast Asian nation of Cambodia. My involvement in children's ministry, youth and worship leading helped me see the possibilities with the KHMERS.

God instilled in our hearts the cause of missions, and saying YES to Him is not easy. But we consider it a privilege to serve and give our imperfect lives to Him to the regions beyond, to fulfill God's mandate sharing His redemptive plan for the whole world.

Director's Note

I first had the privilege of meeting Ariel Mahilum on a leadership journey to the Philippines in August 2004. Though I was in Cebu only one day, I immediately saw that this was a man of God who was experienced and capable in the ministry. Ariel & Faith have both completed an intensive one-year missionary training program and been accepted as TCM candidates.

Ariel has written a budget proposal for his expenses which includes rent, utilities, transportation, food, communication, Pauline's education, language lessons and medical. Our initial support target is \$1200 per month. You are invited to join financially with Ariel, Faith and Pauline in pioneering Cambodia with the gospel of grace.



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... we will continue to sing praises and utter prayers and thanksgiving to Him! Last night we had our vespers in our room since we cannot go to church to fellowship with the other brethren for worship." Continue to pray for Annabel's recovery and that she and Noel will soon be able to return home to continue their church ministry in Butuan City.

■ EVANGELISTIC TENTS HELP Youth conferences in the Philippines. For nearly 50 years TCM Philippines has developed a strong emphasis on youth ministries. Through your gifts to this department, money can be used to offer provocative programs for the youth to inspire and encourage their spiritual and physical well-being. In December 2006 evangelistic tents were purchased and used for the annual National Grace Youth Organization conferences

in many areas and many hundreds of young people received Christ as their Savior.

■ MYRA OMICTIN IS praising the Lord for good health after an illness which left her weak and threatened to prevent her from receiving her work permit. She is now fit and has her one-year permit. Pray for her as she labors hard and also studies to learn Mandarin. ✨



The 2007 GRACE MISSIONS CONFERENCE was successfully held at the BBI campus in Slinger, Wisconsin, January 19-20. Missionaries participating: Don TenHoeve, Andy & Jeneane Hollier, Joel Molina with GMI; Ben & Joyce Anderson, Joe Campos, Vernon & Darlene Anderson with TCM. Pres. Ed Bedore is already planning for the next conference in Jan. 2008.

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A Gift to Remember

Things to Come Mission wants to acknowledge gifts which have been given in memory of a loved one.

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ARE WE READY FOR THAILAND?

by Genesis & Verna Maraas

YES!! By God's grace and your faithful prayers God can make us break through in Thailand. They say, You can't teach an old dog new tricks. So HOW can you teach old missionaries new tricks? Send them to a new country: Thailand! We entered Kenya in 1992. After serving Kenya for 15 years, we desire and dream of going to another country. Our family, the Maraas, has prayed for God to open our way to Thailand since 2002.

Thailand is 94% Buddhist and 4% Muslim in a population of 66 million. God is not willing that any should perish. Our family strongly desires to bring the gospel of grace to the Thai people, to turn them from darkness to light (Acts 26:16-18). One website mentions belief in spirits and ghosts, a corresponding interest in astrology, palmistry, the occult. Confucianism and ancestor worship are associated with the substantial Chinese population of 14%. Sharing the gospel with Buddhists and Muslims is not going to be easy, but we believe our God can do miracles.

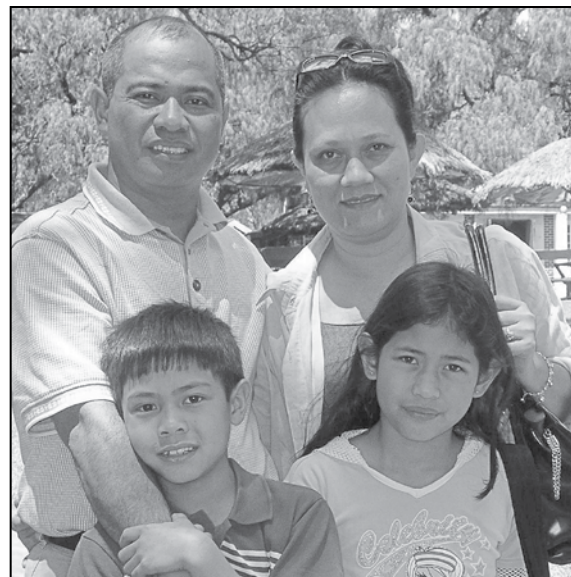
Thailand means *land of the free* and proclaims freedom of worship. Although less Christian than surrounding countries, the Thai people have freedom to believe in Jesus Christ.

Abundant evil goes on in Thailand, particularly in Bangkok, called the sin capital of Asia. Over two million derive their income from the sex industry ... it is evident the gospel of grace is desperately needed. The only force to bring inward transformation to the Thai people is the life-changing message of Christ.

Thailand is located strategically in the midst of countries less evangelized. To the north are Laos and Myanmar (Burma). To the south are Cambodia and Malaysia. As God enables, we will start a grace work in Thailand, then use Thailand as home base to reach out to its neighbors.

Christian missionaries brought the first printing press to Thailand. The King learned English and Latin from the missionaries, but then he said: "What you

teach us to do is admirable, but what you teach us to believe is foolish." You can see we need a sense of humor—laughter and a pleasant smiling attitude are highly regarded ... we already have those. Tuna fish, pineapple and prawns are the main exports ... we love those. Mai Ben Rai means *never mind* ... we have learned patience and flexibility after 15 years of missionary service. Please pray for us as we depart Kenya in March, visit the USA and enter Thailand in November! ☀



Genesis, Verna, Josiah & Andrea Maraas



How can I help?

3 COUNTRIES
PROJECTS

AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA



Multimedia Projector

Dean & Sheba Padayhag are planting a church in Kempton Park, a suburb of Johannesburg. The picture above shows one of their first Sundays. A useful evangelistic tool is to invite neighbors and friends to watch Christian films and sermons on DVD. In addition, the projector can be used for Powerpoint and videos for Sunday school and worship. This equipment is available in South Africa for \$1000.

SOUTH AMERICA BRAZIL

Natal Transportation

Joe & Michelle Campos, together with their four children, will be returning to Natal in May 2007. They will be living in Natal, a city on the northeast coast. This will be a completely new church planting ministry as the nearest TCM church is in Recife, four hours away. The Camposes need a van large enough to accommodate their family plus equipment and the leaders and members who will be working with them. Joe has stated that a van like the one in this picture costs \$10,000 of which \$1050 has been raised.



EAST AFRICA KENYA



Office & Church Complex

Pastor Samuel Mwangi writes that he would like to complete the main office and church complex in Embu. This town is the provincial headquarters of Eastern Province and the central meeting place for the surrounding 10 Grace churches. Embu is where Things to Come Mission first began working in Kenya in 1986. Pastor Mwangi, a former builder himself, has estimated the cost of completion at Kenya shillings 114,490 or \$1700.

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