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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S **PERSPECTIVE**

Ben Anderson

Our Sphere of Activity is Greatly Expanding

Airliners always remind me of how big our world is. Sometimes when sitting for those endless hours, I think about all the towns and villages passing beneath us. It is sobering to realize that 2.7 billion people are classified as unreached—they have never heard a clear presentation of the gospel. The Bible makes the promise that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Apostle Paul asks four logical questions.

1. How can they call on the one they have not believed in?
2. How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
3. How can they hear without someone preaching to them?
4. How can they preach unless they are sent?

Clearly, ignorance does not save. Jesus Christ did his work of grace nearly 2000 years ago. That gift of salvation is available to everyone. But people must respond in faith. Jesus said, “Know the truth and the truth will set you free.” When the terrified Philippian jailor asked, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul’s answer was clear. “Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.” Ignorance of Christ means people will stand at the final judgment without a Savior.

The solution? We must proclaim the wonderful gospel of grace to every man, woman and child on this planet. Apostle Paul calls us “ambassadors of Christ.” He was consumed with taking the gospel to new areas. He writes to the Corinthians, “Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.” Do we have “beautiful feet” ready to go?

Here at TCM our sphere of activity has increased greatly in the past 11 years. We are now reorganizing and expanding our leadership team so that we can effectively take the gospel to more people than ever. To facilitate this expanding sphere, we have added three new positions.

Office Administrator – The TCM headquarters in Indianapolis is the hub of mission activity, and will remain so. Valerie Anderson, a 30-year veteran missionary, is taking this position and we are already seeing positive changes around the office. Key areas of responsibility include finances, communication and missionary services. All questions about TCM can be directed to Val through our office phone (317) 783-0300 or email tcm@tcmusa.org.

Development Director – TCM is a US-based organization. We recognize our responsibility to work closely with the American Grace missionaries, donors, pastors, churches and organizations. Tim Heath, with 40 years of pastoral and missionary experience, will be facilitating the relationship between TCM and our American constituency. Please read Tim’s article on the facing page.

International Director – Ultimately, TCM is a missionary-sending organization. During our 60 years of ministry, we have established an ever-expanding network of churches, ministers and fields. Along with developing strategies for existing and new fields, we will be training and sending more missionaries from our partner fields. I have taken this role and will set up my office in Southeast Asia in November.

As Joyce and I pack up after a decade in the States we feel like first-time missionaries. Yet there is a certain excitement about being “homeless” in order to serve the Lord. The things of this world can become walls which block us from the fields where God wants us to serve. May we have the mind of Christ, who gave up all in order to live as a human and die for our sins. God is asking, “Whom shall I send?” Do you hear? Are you ready to answer? The unreached of our world await your response! ✨

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MEET TCM'S

Director of Development



Tim & Judy Heath

When we go shopping, we walk up to the glass entry doors and they miraculously open. God's will, as He leads in our lives, is something like those moving glass doors. We may not see open doors but as we begin to walk with the Lord, doors open. We experience God's next adventure. After Malaysia, Judy and I were uncertain concerning our future: would we continue with Things to Come Mission? Would we retire with grandchildren? Could we offer our services to struggling churches? Could we do a little of both?

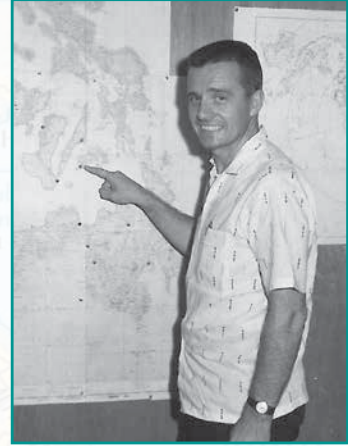
Ben Anderson's vision of a three part TCM leadership team made sense to me. Judy and I prayed about our part in this new venture for God. It seemed this new position, Director of Development, was within my own gifting. Our ministry description involves several things: 1) Visit 15 USA churches each year; 2) Contact pastors and mission chairpersons regarding current praises and prayers for TCM missionaries; 3) Present TCM at conferences (GGE, BBF and others) as well as Bible schools (GBC, BBI and others) to challenge people for missions or pastorate; 4) Organize mission trips; 5) Stay 1-2 months as interim pastor in churches without a pastor; 6) One month per year visit a TCM work to acquaint ourselves with needs on that field. For over 30 years in three different churches, we kept a strong emphasis on missions. Then we went to Malaysia as missionaries. We led teams back in our college days. We have a deep burden for churches discouraged for many reasons. We desire to encourage the saints!

Since our appointment we have encouraged several to prepare for missionary life with TCM, and encouraged couples to prepare for the pastorate. I am developing a list of people interested in either the pastorate or missions, and I communicate with them on a regular basis. As we serve our second church as TCM interim pastor, we are blessed by people encouraged to grow and serve God better, by their determination to witness more outside the church building. A strong, growing church will be more effective in the community and mission outreach than a church that has lost hope! We need strong Grace churches to have a strong foreign mission outreach. We need each other. We are a team. People ask, "Where is your home base?" At a church, they provide a place for us to stay. On the road, we have family members to stay with while ministering in their areas. In the Midwest we have TCM headquarters in Indianapolis. Our home is wherever we settle in for the night!

Judy adds, "I admit there are times I would like to be in my own home nest to decorate and enjoy comfort and security of a home. However, I enjoy meeting and developing relationships in the churches we have visited, especially the ones we stay in for 1-2 months. Home is where you hang your heart ... that's exactly how it's been. As we hung our hearts in different locations, it's been a joy to pray, laugh and cry with fellow believers struggling with concern for their precious churches. It is a blessing to be Tim's partner in this new chapter in our lives and ministry." ✨

Vernon Anderson – Man of Faith

The problem of how to evangelize the world in the shortest possible time is the constant thought of our minds. Where does the responsibility of this world mission program lie? It lies with the Church collectively and with each member individually. For example a country like Japan, steeped in the paganism of Shintoism and Buddhism—who is responsible to evangelize these people? The Japanese layman who has never seen a Bible? It cannot be! It is the responsibility of you and me who know the Truth of the Church and its members. Missions is YOUR job as well as mine. You are as much responsible for the man in Japan as for the man next door. God is no respecter of persons. Christ reconciled the whole world unto Himself, not just the man on the corner. If you were only responsible for the people in your neighborhood, who then is responsible for those people where there is no believer? Is it that God does not want these souls saved? The Scriptures teach that God wants ALL mankind to be saved! We can be so thankful that someone in past days believed the Church was responsible for all and thus brought the gospel out of Palestine, out of Asia Minor into Europe, to our ancestors who saw their responsibility and gave the gospel to us. Now we owe others. Wasn't Paul the apostle to the heathen and also our example? Did he not go to all nations, tongues and people? Yes! Beloved, if bombs fall on USA, it is because we did not send Bibles and missionaries. There is only one cure: CHRIST! Only one way to bring the cure and that through evangelization. Only one group of people can do it: the Church! Only one way the Church can do it: by real sacrifice. Little sacrifice, little accomplishment ...



Philippine map with churches. Today one island has 100 Grace churches.

“Sacrifice gives the best and the most.

Little sacrifice, little accomplishment ...

A sacrifice is to give the best and the most ...”

Vernon Anderson's Prayer Letter - Philippines 1961

Herbert Palmer – Founding Director

Someone must go! There is no choice in the matter! If they refuse to go, then they must send someone in their place. The lost and dying millions of the world are waiting for someone to come and tell them the story that 'Christ died for their sins, and that God raised Him from the dead.'

Romans 5:6,8.

What are you going to do about it? Beloved, will you go? Or will you take the second best, and send someone in your place? Beloved, God is calling you. Why not obey His call and go? If you can't go, why not pray and send someone else in your place?

International Harvest, Feb-Mar 1958

Jessie Easterly, widow of Herbert Palmer, is 98 years old and lives in Colorado near where TCM began. She served as a missionary in Kenya and remains a faithful prayer partner of TCM.



Missionary Call

Eldred Sidebottom – Former Director

The desire of the Things to Come Mission family is to reach the WORLD for Christ and to teach the child of God the Scriptures rightly divided. We want to thank each of you for your help in reaching that goal. Your prayers and your gifts have been used of the Lord to challenge many to stand to receive Christ as Saviour and have caused some to give their lives a living sacrifice for Christ. Oh, the willingness of His servants to place their lives in His hands. Some of the national brethren have willingly given Christ their all and have sacrificed along with you to reach the WORLD for Christ.

Do you have a desire to serve the Lord in some new area? We are ready to enter into that area with you! Would you care to have an application for work with the TCM family? Why not write us of your interest in missionary work?

International Harvest, November 1971

Eldred Sidebottom served as Director from 1965 until 1990 at the Cope, Colorado office. Beverly was the bookkeeper.



Joseph Watkins – Pioneer Missionary

Joe Watkins remembers ...

Vernon Anderson wrote in 1958 asking us to come to the Philippines ... to set up a Bible school for training future Filipino leaders ... we accepted the challenge—by faith. We were not qualified to set up a Bible school, but we knew God could show us His power ... and direct us. We arrived in the Philippines Oct. 5, 1958 ... For a work to be strong we must have a training program ... IGBI opened its doors in April, 1959 with 32 students ... Today the Training Centers have the largest enrollment in history: second generation students, children of pastors from '60s and '70s. After 10 years IGBI was turned over to nationals to run—Pauline and I moved to Cebu City, second largest, centrally located city. From Cebu we worked with churches, evangelistic meetings ... youth conventions. During this time we helped form the Youth and Printing departments.

TCM is not just missionaries working on the foreign field—it is like a football team with linemen and backfield—all must work together to have a winning team and we are part of the team.

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Joe Watkins served as a charter board member, pioneer missionary, Director and Assistant Director from 1956 until 2014.





by Ben Anderson

Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So said the Holy Spirit to five leaders of the growing Antioch church, and thus began God's great plan to reach the world apart from the priesthood and laws of Israel. Saul had already learned of his commission when the Lord told the prophet Ananias, *This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel.* What a responsibility! Saul was temporarily blind, had not eaten for three days and had dedicated his life to destroying anyone associated with the name of Jesus. And in case Saul didn't realize the seriousness of his commission, the Lord added, *I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.*

Cyprus: The Gentile Mission Begins

Saul and Barnabas set out on their missionary travels by riding a ship to the Greek island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea. Starting in the eastern port of Salamis, they preached their way westward to Paphos. Several foundational truths arise from this brief ministry on Cyprus.

- The name of Jesus was carried from its birthplace in Israel's *promised land* across the sea to a Gentile land.
- Cyprus was the home of Barnabas, emphasizing the value of an *evangelistic bridge*.
- Luke exchanges Saul's Jewish name with his Gentile name Paul. The good news of Jesus Christ had become a *Gentile message*.

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- A Jew named Bar-Jesus was blinded so that a Gentile named Sergius Paulus could believe—a story which demonstrates a *revolutionary change* in God's administrations.

Upon sailing to the mainland Paul and Barnabas continued to follow a *wandering evangelist* method of preaching in a town and then moving to the next town down the road. People were saved and churches established. Yet this method had a fatal flaw. Paul and Barnabas were two men preaching the grace message to a world of over 200 million people. The wandering evangelist plan was simply not going to make a dent in Paul's God-given task.

During Apostle Paul's second journey, the Holy Spirit showed him a more effective mission strategy. Just before the journey, Paul and Barnabas had separated which allowed them to double the missionary workforce and begin the training of new missionaries. As Paul "traveled from town to town" he came to the province of Asia. Alarming, the Holy Spirit told Paul, "You cannot enter." Why would the Holy Spirit say "No!" when Asia was full of pagans? So Paul turned northeast toward Bithynia. Once again, "No!" Can you imagine Paul's perplexity at this turn of events? The Holy Spirit had effectively guided Paul to Troas, the most northwestern town on the Asian continent, where he was about to learn a mission-changing strategy.

Troas: Birthplace of a New Strategy

At the end of the road in Troas, Paul faced a major decision. He could retrace his steps homeward to Antioch, or he could boldly take his gospel message across the sea to Europe. In a vision that night, Paul saw a Macedonian man begging him to come over. This vision permanently changed Paul's strategy. Note the new language of urgency and purpose in Acts 16:10-11: *we got ready at once ... sailed straight for Samothrace ... God had called us to preach the gospel to them ... the next day we went on.* The strategy which began at Troas accomplished two essential purposes of the gospel.

Exposure: The gospel of grace must be proclaimed in significant centers of population. Paul never lost sight of the universality of God's offer of grace. In Eph. 3:9 he states his purpose simply: *to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery*. Paul traveled directly from Troas to Philippi, ignoring the cities in between. Why Philippi? Because it was a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. Philippi was a center of human activity with connections to all other towns in the region.

Multiplication: Every Christian leader must reproduce himself among resourceful people. Paul explains multiplication this way, *The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others* (2 Tim. 2:2). Using several Bible versions, we see key traits of this resourceful person: listener, learner, trustworthy, committed, faithful, reliable, qualified, able, capable, a teacher.

A great example of such a person is Luke, who became Paul's traveling companion in Troas immediately after the vision. Luke was one of those capable and reliable persons who was mentored by Paul, demonstrated by his authorship of two books of the Bible.

The Troas Strategy in Action

God is not a "respector of persons" and therefore everyone is important. Therein lies the reason for the Troas Strategy. Since God loves everyone and wants every one of them to be saved, then there must be a strategy for everyone to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:13-15).

STAGE 1: TARGET

The most immediate change after Troas was that Paul now had a sure target. Macedonia was farther than the gospel of Jesus Christ had ever gone. The Troas Strategy effectively moved the

gospel intercontinentally from Asia to Europe. In Macedonia Paul targeted the key cities of Philippi and Thessalonica before moving on to Athens and Corinth in Greece. Later Paul did reach Asia, but through the capital instead of the back door which the Holy Spirit had earlier forbidden him from entering.

STAGE 2: PLANT

God's focus is people. Paul's commission was to preach the gospel to everyone. Upon arrival in a new area, Paul began by telling people the good news of God's grace through Jesus Christ. As people believed, Paul joined them together into a worshiping community, teaching and appointing elders among them. Paul said, *Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches*.

The local church became a living and growing manifestation of the Body of Christ.

STAGE 3: TRAIN

A key to Paul's success in rapidly planting churches was his ability to train church leaders.

He followed Jesus

Christ in his discipleship method of training. While traveling, he brought along young men whom he mentored. Paul told Timothy, *You know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings*. While staying in an area, Paul shared informally during the day as he worked and then taught far into the night, knowing that his time was limited. In Ephesus he taught daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus—his informal Bible school.

STAGE 4: RELEASE

A remarkable aspect of Paul's ministry was the short time he spent with each new church. Paul wanted to multiply himself and keep moving. He could not afford to spend many years with one church. From the start, Paul developed his churches to be self-supporting, self-governing and

see **Troas** on pg. 23





REACHING OUT

to the

Regions Beyond

by Pat Kilgo

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? ...
(Romans 10:14-15a)

Perhaps Paul's next thought went something like this: "How can they be sent if they don't know where to go?"

This is the problem of targeting and it is a two-step process – 1) identifying places where the gospel needs to be established through local church plants and 2) assessing the barriers and challenges that gospel workers will face in these places. We must make wise decisions as stewards of God's resources and this begins with a good targeting strategy.

How Did the Apostle Paul Target?

You might think that targeting was easier in Paul's day since almost nobody in the entire world had ever heard the gospel of grace! But the real challenge for Paul was one of economics. How could he best utilize his limited resources? How could he deliver the gospel to the world as quickly as possible? What methods could he use to maximize the size of his audience?

Paul's well-chronicled solution to these problems set the example for many generations of missionaries to follow. What was his targeting approach? Paul started in big cities and in cosmopolitan areas.

Paul's first apostolic journey had primarily focused on the inland regions of Galatia, which had relatively small cities. While he and Barnabas accomplished a lot on this journey, those achievements paled in comparison to the growth observed on Paul's second and third apostolic journeys. On these latter journeys, Paul tended towards church plants in large cities with sizable Jewish populations. He focused on port cities (Philippi, Ephesus, Corinth, Thessalonica) where the gospel could easily travel to faraway places. So successful were these strategies that within one generation of Christ's ascension all the Roman-controlled world had been contacted with the gospel (Acts 17:6; 2 Timothy 1:10). Within a few hundred years, Europe, Asia Minor and large parts of Africa could be called "Christian" countries.

Targeting Cosmopolitan Areas

TCM has used Paul's strategy in almost every field it has entered. Our missionaries are usually headquartered in big cities and towns where there is a lot of access to large numbers of people. Statistics tell us that half the world's population lives in cities, and that many city-dwellers come from smaller, more rural locales. One rural pastor of a sizable church in Southeast Asia recently told me that literally every teenaged member of his church in the past 15 years has left his town upon graduating from high school to move to bigger cities, usually to look for work!

As ministry work in urban centers grows and people are disciplined, inevitably some will have a desire to branch out, or "return to their roots" with the gospel message. TCM supports these efforts and helps these ministers establish the gospel in new areas. In this way the gospel can penetrate to the furthest, hard-to-reach places away from big cities.



The Kilgo family lives in a Southeast Asian country where they are planting a church

Identifying and Targeting Areas That Need Bible Churches

The mission of TCM is “to prepare people for Christ’s return using the methods of the Apostle Paul.” To this end, TCM’s directors, executive board, and mission teams carefully consider countries, and areas within countries, to identify strategic spots to start church planting efforts. Much planning and prayer are put into these decisions. Below are some questions that are asked before entering a new area:

- 1) What kinds of government barriers exist that would deter church planting efforts?
- 2) How open are the people to outsiders, and to hearing new things?
- 3) What sorts of cultural barriers exist that might need to be considered before planting churches?
- 4) What impact (if any) have other evangelical groups had in this area?
- 5) Do we have any contacts in this area? (A contact is someone you know who lives in the area and is eager to help with church planting.)
- 6) What personal characteristics should the missionary have? What type of missionary will be respected? Americans? Filipinos? Experienced ministry workers? Young People?

The answers to these questions require a lot of research. Some of this can be conducted by finding out about the culture using the internet, or networking with other evangelical groups to draw on their knowledge of the area. Often a visit to that country is required to gain more information.

In Malaysia, for instance, TCM has used these methods to reach out with the gospel. The Malay people, all of whom are constitutionally considered Muslims, make up a 62% majority. It is illegal to witness to Malays or share the gospel with them; obviously, that is a barrier! Thus, TCM’s strategy to help establish the gospel in Malaysia has been to headquarter itself on the island-city of Penang, which is heavily populated with Chinese (about 45%) and much more cosmopolitan in terms of religious tolerance.

Penang is only about 6% Christian so there are certainly many ministry opportunities in Penang itself. However, as people originally from other smaller towns have been discipled, they have shown a desire to return to their hometown with the gospel message. One lady is from a small church-less village about 1.5 hours from Penang. She has expressed a desire to help reach that town and is working with our missionaries on a plan. Another new believer who trusted Christ is from mainland China. He is very excited about Jesus Christ and now shares the gospel in his home country, where TCM is not welcome. These are just a few examples of the advantages of headquartering in urban centers.

No matter where TCM goes, or what methods it uses, the work must always be covered in prayer. Please continue to pray for TCM as we target the regions where Christ is not named. ✨

PLANTING GOSPEL SEED IN CAMBODIA

by Ariel Mahilum



Planting is a crucial stage in missions and never an easy one: right seed - right soil - right environment - proper care - all are required in the planting procedure with no short cuts and no *one-size-fits-all* methods. Let me use the acronym *PLANT*.

Planting is *PERSONAL*. Cambodians accept the person before they accept the preaching. Khmers are relational and avoid confrontation. The message moves through the messenger.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

LEARNING are a must and acquiring them necessitates humility and grace from the Lord. When I first came to Cambodia, I thought the people impolite for not looking at me while I was speaking to them—the opposite is true! We know there are ripe souls and fertile soil for the gospel in Cambodia but only God knows their exact location. Peter, the seasoned fisherman, did not catch any fish until he obeyed Jesus' direction where to cast his net.

APPROACH varies in every culture. We "go out and preach" (*attack*) and at times we say "come and see" (*attract*). It helps to know that before a person has religion, he is first a human being with felt needs; and unless those needs (love, honor, acceptance) are met, he will be repulsed by another *religion*.

NETWORK of friends and ministries is basic in planting. We need to introduce ourselves to them to avoid ministries being caught in "friendly fire". Only 2% of Christians will push believers to join hands to pursue the highest goal in Mission: *to win souls to Christ*. Network includes the team who supports us by prayers and finances. Missions is a team effort.

TRUST in the Lord of Missions. The fundamentals are trusting in God's Word, His promises and power. Trust God to grow the gospel seed. Missions is God's work. What a privilege and all glory belongs to Him alone! ☼



Students pray for salvation after message

EVANGELISM IN CAMBODIAN CONTEXT

by Myra Omictin

Special Occasions. Birthdays, Christmas, weddings and other Cambodian holidays are great opportunities to integrate the gospel of Christ into the lives of the locals. We take advantage of these chances to bring them God's message of love and salvation instead of waiting for them to come to us. We usually hold parties with the intention to introduce the gospel to our guests, aside from

**Faith & Ariel Mahilum
with Myra Omictin**





expected gestures of serving food and drinks. When we celebrate our birthdays, for instance, we invite our Cambodian friends, English students and neighbors including those newly acquainted individuals.

Somewhere in the course of the party, we share a verse or two about God, share the message of salvation, and pray.

It is not necessary to be preachy as long as seeds are planted and Jesus' name is proclaimed. Our guests listen because the gospel is presented in a very personal and heartfelt way. We share what we believe and why we believe it.

Friendship Evangelism. We meet people every day with opportunities to make friends. I have three points to explain this method:

1. **Lifestyle.** Friendship evangelism should be the lifestyle for all believers, not only pastors and vocational missionaries. A person sharing the gospel with others plays a vital role in evangelism. Whether through talking to a *motodop* [public motor transport driver] or simply comforting a troubled person, the Holy Spirit leads. We share our faith by giving a gospel tract or talking to that person about Jesus.

2. **Relational.** Effective evangelism is based on relationships. Cambodians are very relational people just like many other Asians, so friendship evangelism has an advantage over public evangelism. It is easier to evangelize when you gain their trust. A perfect example is our relationship with our neighbors. When we first moved into our new apartment/dormitory, our neighbors were not friendly. One reason perhaps was that we were new in the community. We started talking to them every day when we had a chance. We played with their kids and even gave them food when we had parties. Now we have a very good relationship with the whole family and even extended families. They talk to us and give us food and other things. One of their grand kids studies English at our English Club. On top of that, the grandmother is close to me (I hug her often) and I was able to give her a gospel tract.



3. **Intentional.** As we make friends we keep in mind that we do not make friends just to have friends but to make the gospel known. This sharing of the gospel should happen naturally in the context of a relationship. For example, the English Center in the city is not just for school but also for getting contacts whom we can evangelize. Several of our students have heard the gospel. A couple of them believed in Jesus and what He did on the cross. Our approach ministering to them is somewhat holistic. We teach them English so they can improve their chances to get a good job. At the same time they get to know Christ as our relationship progresses. Then we have more opportunities to share the Bible.

TCM Cambodia's main ministry is Church Planting. We use a dormitory for university students who come from villages and whose parents mostly cannot afford to finance their housing. We provide free lessons. They join Sunday church services, weekly prayer meetings, and help teaching in our ministries in the villages. Aside from helping students holistically, we are able to build camaraderie with the community where they live because of good relationships with the parents. Our reputation as a Christian organization is spread out to these communities. Furthermore, students serve as Light-bearers to their families as they share their faith by actions and words. ✨



EMPOWERING & GROOMING

by Dean Padayhag

20/20 Vision, which aims to plant 20 churches in 20 strategic places in South Africa by the year 2020, was launched on December 3, 2011 by Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa (ABGMSA) in partnership with Things To Come Mission. Though the churches had grown locally and had constantly endeavored to reach out in their respective communities, yet they had not really taken an intensive and aggressive national church planting initiative until this time. *20/20 Vision* was well-accepted during the conference and both national and local leadership are trying to keep the fire burning. No doubt, there is a change because we have now a dream, a destiny, a goal, an aim and a vision to plant more churches.

The question is how to get there? The vision is in our hearts and minds, but how can we see the reality of it? We can see the vision by faith, but we will only see the reality of it by work and of course, by God's grace. Vision is free, it costs nothing but the work to achieve it is expensive. It is costly. There must be an investment of time, energy, talents and resources before the vision can be fulfilled.

One of these essentials, and of utmost importance, is TRAINING: the act of equipping, empowering and grooming plays a very reasonable part in the accomplishment of the vision. Training takes time but we are excited to see how God's changing and equipping power works through our vision and through everyone involved. We have been training our minds to believe, our hearts to love and our bodies to work. In His time, we will see the fruits of our labor. Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, humorously shared that when he was 14, his father was so ignorant that he could hardly stand to have his old man around. But when he got to be 21, he was astonished at how much his father had learned in seven years! At least, we started not with ignorance but with a sincere desire and a clear vision.

Training our minds to believe, our hearts to love and our bodies to work.



Various phases of training are now up and running in our local churches. These include indoctrination of members: furnishing them with evangelistic messages, materials and strategies. This initial part aims to *turn sinners into believers and believers into members*. Grace Berean Bible School's goal, on the other hand, is to *turn members into ministers and ministers into leaders*. This formal training program endeavors to produce additional workforce, pastors and Bible women, to help carry the vision. Seven newly trained graduates are now leading various national ministries. We look forward to each new set of graduates. Currently GBBS has 40 students. A *Certificate in Campus Ministry* course was added to the curriculum. This new course is designed to train young people to reach out to high school and college students in various campuses.

Also we are asking the Lord to "TRAIN" you to partner with us and pray for us constantly. We are both committed and excited to see new churches being established in South Africa.

Dwight L. Moody once said that he would rather put a thousand men to work than do the work of a thousand men. It is possible through TRAINING! ✨

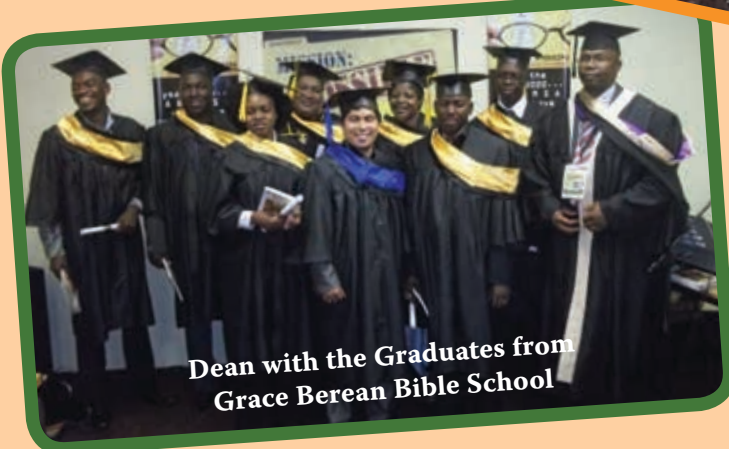
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Ministry with the Students



Dean with the Graduates from Grace Berean Bible School





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Julia Liles

MISSIONARY CANDIDATE

Julia Liles was raised in a Christian home near London, England; however, it wasn't until she was studying for a university degree in Theatre Design that she realized her need to accept Christ as her own Savior. In 2007 she went to India where she worked alongside a physiotherapist for three months, followed by a two-month trip to Sri Lanka to teach English, Art and Dance to child victims of the 2004 tsunami. Later that year she traveled to Cameroon to help build a school. All the while her passion for working in the developing world was growing.



In 2009 Julia joined TCM's *Africa Safari* to Kenya. This was her first trip with a Christian team and in a tiny church in the Rift Valley, she knew the Lord had called her into cross-cultural ministry. Julia made two more trips to India while studying a course in physiotherapy.



To gain further Bible and missions training, Julia enrolled in All Nations Christian College. She chose to do her missions internship with TCM in order to better understand the Grace message and to gain firsthand experience of the way their missionaries worked. Julia served alongside Myra Omictin in Cambodia, and also had the opportunity to visit other TCM fields in SE Asia. This year Julia was accepted as a full-time missionary with TCM. She leaves this September for her assignment in Cambodia.

Grace Theological Center for Mission

MANILA, PHILIPPINES

A fundamental shift in the world missionary force took place in 1995. In that year the number of non-Western missionaries surpassed the number of Western missionaries. This trend continues in TCM with the majority of our missionaries now coming from former mission fields. From the Philippines alone TCM has sent out 21 missionaries. We are excited to partner with these faithful believers in taking the gospel to the *regions beyond*.

The TCM grace churches in the Philippines have formed a Mission Department and their first major project is Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM), a missionary training school in Manila. As the International Director, Ben and Joyce Anderson will be teaching throughout the month of November. Join with us in praying for the 13 missionary trainees and partnering to send them to the field.



Pastor James & Agape Bermejo decided to become missionaries in May 2014 at the Southeast Asia Grace Conference in Malaysia.

2015 GTCM SCHEDULE

- Oct. 1 Thu - Arrival
- 2 Fri - Settling Down
- 3 Sat - GTCM Orientation
- 4 Sun - Worship, Bacoor GGCC
- 5-9 Mon-Fri - Leadership - M Rebana
- 12-16 Mon-Fri - Hermeneutics - C Fermantes
- 19-23 Mon-Fri - Church Planting - J Pielago
- 26-30 Mon-Fri - Missionary Life - A Mahilum
- Nov. 2-6 Mon-Fri - Theology of Mission - B Anderson
- 9-13 Mon-Fri - History of Mission - J Anderson
- 16-20 Mon-Fri - Mission Strategy - B Anderson
- 23-27 Mon-Fri - Mission and Culture - J Anderson
- 28 Sat - TCM Orientation - B Anderson and G Bermejo
- 29 Sun - Closing Exercises
- Nov. 30 Mon - Departure

John Cook

MISSIONARY CANDIDATE

I was looking for a new experience to serve God and had some aptitude in teaching, so in summer 2012 I spent four weeks in Hong Kong teaching English to junior high students. It was an amazing time, and I was able to keep in contact with them after I left! I went on to spend a week in Xi'an, the first capital of China. That one week in Xi'an had more impact on me than the previous weeks in Hong Kong. When I returned to the States I knew I would be back.

And return I did! In the summer of 2013 I taught English for two months at the Polytechnic University in Tianjin, the 4th largest city in China. I connected immediately with the students and we had conversations both inside and outside the classroom about faith, hope, and love. I continue to keep in close contact with many of these students. Leaving China was hard for me; however, I was still in seminary and took comfort in the fact that I was right where the Lord wanted me.

I returned to China for three weeks in February 2014, revisiting several cities and meeting up with my Chinese friends. This time when I left China, I knew this was where God wanted me to serve. I was familiar with the culture, people and language. I decided that after graduating, I would look for jobs in China and move there to continue the work I had started.

In 2015 all that changed. I graduated with my MA in New Testament Theology as planned, followed by another trip to China to attend the wedding of a friend I had made in Xi'an in 2012! What a blessing! When I returned to the States I was even more certain I was going to China. Then in March I met Tim Heath, who encouraged me to work among the Chinese in Malaysia instead! He persuaded me that I would have more freedom and greater opportunities there to share the gospel with Chinese people. I took a survey trip in April and plan to move to Malaysia this December to work alongside the Kilgos in reaching the Chinese population.



Shangrila Grace Summit

Brazil is a huge country with a long and beautiful coastline. TCM has worked in Brazil since 1958. On Oct. 20, 2014 we held the first Grace Summit in Brazil, hosted by TCM, in the coastal town of Shangrila. Several of us had prayed for this meeting for years, believing that more cooperation will strengthen our evangelistic and church planting ministries. After a brief introduction and challenge, we heard speakers from Recife, Rio, Aracaju, Araraquara and Itajai. After each speaker we had forward-looking discussions about how to implement each stage of the Troas Strategy (Target, Plant, Train, Release, Partner). We formed a committee of five Brazilian leaders, one from each organization, to plan for future activities.



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TURNING OVER THE MINISTRY

by Gardner Improso

Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among those who are sanctified (Acts 20:32).

How did Paul and a few men and women in his company shake the entire Roman Empire through the message of grace in such a short period of time? It took less than 40 years for them to plant churches in all regions, churches with faith strong enough to change the world: *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world (Romans 1:8).*

Paul's revelation in Acts 20:18-25 is a balance of Message and Method. We know how great the message of God's grace is, but it must be proven how it reaches the greater number and variety of people through Ways and Means. While the message came out of Paul's understanding, its methods were produced out of his passion as he proclaims: *I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me, the task of testifying the gospel of God's grace.* This farewell speech of Paul to the leaders of the church at Ephesus is actually an inspired evaluation of the state of the church in relation to the gospel's progression. His assurance that the whole will of God was already proclaimed to them underlines that they have already passed the instruction stage with all that it took to equip their leadership (v. 27). What follows is the solemn commission to turn over the next step of the ministry (v. 32). In other words, since their training is done, they need to be released to their responsibility.

I play the guitar and also know how vocal voices should emerge and



harmonize. I noticed how I felt the stress of doing two or more things at the same time when practicing the worship team for Sunday services. Joses is a gifted Kenyan musician. In one of our sessions he suggested, "I know a little about playing guitar. Why don't you teach me more so you can give more concentration to the voices?" So I did, not only with guitar but also in how to plan a program. Now Joses is not just a guitarist, but he is leader of the church worship! He is an example of Release.

Our Kenya ministries have come to the point where the leadership has handed over key responsibilities for church growth: the leadership defines the areas where Kenya should take its next step forward.

Stewardship

Resources play a vital role in outreach. Financial giving was always in the character of Paul who gave for the sake of the gospel (Acts 20:34,35; Phil. 4:15). Generating resources from within that equal or exceed the support



Gardner teaching leadership with a Grace Church Pastor

from Things to Come Mission is a healthy balance of interdependence. It owns the need to supply what is needed, from local to national and vice-versa. Currently regional seminars and workshops are organized around Generating Generosity, inspired by the grace-motivated, poor Macedonian saints of

2 Corinthians 8. The next level discusses Managing Multiplication of Resources which corresponds with transparent handling of God's increased blessings in acts of giving (2 Cor. 8:20,21.) After preaching in a Unity Service in Meru Region about *A Heart to Give*, the congregation did a special offering to fuel the Land Rover back to Thika, filled with sacks of food for the ministers with me!

Cooperative Church Planting

Church planting is made lighter through a common project along with sponsorship of at least three parenting churches. This cooperation starts a church in an accessible area of a targeted locality. Most Kenyan churches have started small in the outskirts; however through bonding together the work of one church can be shared with two others for a smoother outcome.

Influence Evangelism

Better known as Local Church Impact along with Personal Evangelism. Every member is established in the unique teaching of core values for the message of grace, to enable him to show others about grace doctrine. Why attend Grace Bible Church when there are hundreds of denominations all over? Members are equipped with lessons comparing the teachings of various denominations,



Making an Offering to the Lord

guidelines for contemporary living in the dispensation of the grace of God, and how to influence people for the Lord.

Continuous Leadership Refreshers

Every minister confronts contextual and contemporary emergencies in ministry. Time, knowledge and exposure develop changes in society into a field where souls are harvested into a church. Ministers and church leaders must cope up with these changes in reaching out while keeping the message of Grace unchanged. Our Kenya Field Director Titus Kivilu, has already presented fresh ideas to be discussed and scheduled at continuous education retreats for pastors and church leaders.

One of the many blessings of the Release Stage is Creativity where a leader is entrusted to fulfil his ministry by prayerfully seeking out ways and means within his area of responsibility by his own personal discovery of stewardship in God's mysteries (1 Cor. 4:1,2). No one knows the needs and abilities of a field better than the trained leaders from that field. Since Kenyan leadership has enough experience *teaching others to be able to teach others also* (2 Tim. 2:2), it is ready to take full initiative and the greater portion of advancing the message of God's grace to its farthest border. ✨

Partners Together

by Pastor Gerson Bermejo



The final stage of the Troas Strategy is the Partnership Stage. Partnership simply means that two individuals or institutions are working together with a common purpose, direction and goals. It is understood that the two are already partners with God as mentioned in I Corinthians 3:9; "We are laborers together with God." We are partners with God in the ministry of planting churches. Each must contribute to attain the set goals. In 1955 Things to Come Mission was established for the purpose of proclaiming the message of salvation by grace through faith to the whole world until the appearing of our great God Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:1-9). In 1958 the Philippines was targeted, churches were planted and believers were trained through the Bible schools, seminars and churches. Then the work was released and entrusted to the nationals. Now TCM-Philippines is partnering with TCM-USA in bringing the message of grace to other regions throughout the world.

The Apostle Paul always used new believers to take care of a new church and also to help him in reaching the next city. *Now you Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again unto my necessity* (Philippians 4:15-16).

When the Philippians were still young Christians, they were already helping Paul continue his journeys. The Philippians also sent Epaphroditus to take a gift to Paul. Several young churches sent men to help Paul in his church planting efforts. This kind of partnership is essential if we are to take the gospel of God's grace throughout the world.

In partnership with Things to Come Mission-Philippines, TCM-USA is



Touching Culture fo



now sending Filipino missionaries to Indonesia, Brazil, Kenya, South Africa, Cambodia, Thailand and Laos. At the beginning of the partnership TCM-Philippines contributed personnel only. The financial contribution was made by TCM-USA. Three years ago an agreement was entered into between TCM-USA and TCM-Philippines that 20% of the total financial support of new Filipino missionaries should be shouldered by Philippine churches. As a result of this agreement our missionaries to Cambodia (Ariel Mahilum family and Myra Omictin) and a closed country in Southeast Asia are now partially supported financially by Philippine churches. This agreement prompted the Philippine leadership to encourage local churches to support mission work both local and foreign. We praise the Lord because many of our local churches responded positively.

With this new development of mission focus in TCM-Philippines, the leadership formed a team dubbed *Touching Culture for Mission* with the purpose to visit and encourage missionaries in the fields of Southeast Asia. We are also setting up our own Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM) for our future missionaries (see pg. 16).

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things (Romans 10:15). ✪



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Africa Safari 2015

by Titus Kivilu, Kenya Director

We thank God for nine successive days of ministry with the Africa Safari Team 2015. We evangelized in towns and villages, helped with church building projects, ministered to children in churches and orphan homes, taught in three seminars for pastors and leaders and preached in several churches. We saw souls saved, believers edified, and church leaders challenged to serve God with vision and passion as we prepare people for Christ's return. By the end of the Safari a preacher was made! Josiah Prindle preached his first two sermons! Thank you all the Safari Team members for your service for the Lord here in Kenya.



BRAZIL SUMMER TEAM REPORT

Frontline Bible Church and two other Michigan churches had a very fruitful visit to the TCM work in North Brazil. The team completed a roofing project for the Dois Carneiros Bible Church and trained



32 teachers for the TCM churches in Recife. Those teachers immediately put their training into practice through VBS and youth programs. Joe Campos wrote, "The second meeting of our recently started youth program was amazing! The Lord doubled the attendance

from the first meeting, and we had almost 80 young people worshiping, learning and serving!"



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self-propagating. Paul did not consider a group of believers to be a church until resourceful leaders had been appointed. Although Paul dearly loved these new believers, he remained obedient to his worldwide calling. Paul explained the release stage to the Corinthians, *Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.*

STAGE 5: PARTNER

When Paul's churches matured, they became partners in reaching the "regions beyond." One way they partnered was by providing fellow workers. Timothy, Paul's faithful son in ministry, was raised up from the church in Lystra, established on Paul's first journey. Another type of partnership was financial support. Paul commended the Philippians for their "partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Yet another form of partnership was emotional and spiritual support, as Paul expressed to the Thessalonians, *For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.* Paul knew that the gospel of God's grace could not advance without churches partnering with him in targeting the next region.

Did the Troas Strategy work? Absolutely! On Paul's first journey the Holy Spirit had prevented him from going to the province of Asia using the wandering evangelist method. Yet on Paul's third missionary journey all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. How was that possible? Through exposure and multiplication. Using the Troas Strategy Paul targeted Asia from its capital Ephesus. On his second journey he left his disciples Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus. They in turn mentored Apollos who taught effectively in Ephesus. Then Paul spent three years in Ephesus on his third journey. We have no record of him traveling to towns and villages in Asia, but everyone who visited Ephesus from the province was exposed to the grace message through Paul, Priscilla and Aquila or Apollos. Those people then carried the message back to their home towns. Paul successfully multiplied himself thousands of times during his stay in Ephesus.

Today, the Troas Strategy is the way the world must be reached. The Strategy never ends—as one region reaches the Partner stage it takes on the responsibility of the Target stage in the next region. Two billion people have not heard the gospel of Christ. We must multiply ourselves so that the gospel will be shown to the whole world as we purposefully implement the five stages of the Strategy which Paul learned in Troas: Target, Plant, Train, Release and Partner. ✨

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Remembering the Faithful

The Anderson, Watkins, Hunt and Shriver families lived and worked together in Lupagan near Ozamis City.



William & Eunice Heath loved to teach the students in the Bible school. Bill also wrote books and developed the Bible school library, which is named in his honor.



Joe Watkins used his printing press to produce gospel tracts, Bible courses and Christian booklets for the Philippines and Indonesia.

60 Years of Proclaiming God's Grace

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What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,
the things God has prepared

Pioneers in the Philippines



Faithful pastors and Bible women carried the gospel throughout the Philippines. Evangelist Poten Undag proclaimed God's grace day and night in countless villages such as this.



The Three Amigos: Vernon Bigelow, Joe Watkins and Orville Hunt used motorcycles in the early '60s for ministering in rural areas.

What does it mean to SACRIFICE?

By Vernon Anderson

The sin of Israel was that they did not sacrifice the best for the Lord but offered the blind, the weak and the lame. A sacrifice is to give the best and the most! It means to give up something that is precious and costly. It means that the giver will go without something. The most precious thing you can sacrifice is yourself and this is exactly what God asks us to give in Romans 12:1-3. The next is possessions: children, money, home, automobile, furniture—whatever God needs to evangelize this world. Is this too much? Was it too much for God to give His Son? Was it too much for Christ to give Himself? Was it too much for Paul to give up his home and all possessions for no certain dwelling place? This was and still is sacrifice! It is not only the missionary who must give all—the missionary is helpless unless others give also!



Vernon Anderson used Piper Tripacer *Harvester I* to preach the grace gospel throughout the Philippines (standing with son Ben in front of house with hangar in Ozamis City).

rd, and what no human mind has conceived—
ared for those who love him.



FOLLOWING ON

- ❖ Pastor Kenneth Ling in Myanmar writes, “Thank you for the funds for flood victims in our Church. The moment we received I invite Pastor Hla Thaung and Joshua and we gave Rice 12 bags in Okshitgone Grace Gospel Church. Then I and Pastor Mawia gave Tamingone Grace Gospel Church Rice 15 bags, Jum Jum Noodles 120 packets and Drinking water. There is not enough water well in these two villages. We are really thankful and realize how you Love us.”
- ❖ On August 22 the Anderson Theological Seminary (STTAM) in Manado, Indonesia recognized nine graduates.

They are now assigned to ministries in existing churches, the Bible school and new areas. Twenty students are continuing their studies.

- ❖ In spite of problems with the authorities and wild dogs, Mel and Freda write of great progress in the closed Asian country where they minister. They just celebrated the third anniversary of the church and have trained and appointed a national pastor. Other ministries include children’s classes, Bible classes and outreach into other provinces. Mel writes, “The work of TCM is always on High spirit!”

In Memory

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How can I help?



3 COUNTRIES
PROJECTS

SOUTHEAST ASIA



MISSION TRAINING CENTER

Grace Theological Center for Mission is a newly developed program to train mature believers from TCM fields for missionary work. Ben and Joyce Anderson, along with experienced Filipino leaders, will provide the training. There are 13 pastors and Bible Women enrolled. Read more on page 16. Funds will be used to cover venue, materials, travel, accommodations, meals and teachers. *The total cost for this first training is \$2000.*

Designate: **Mission Training**

SOUTH AFRICA



TSHEPISONG BUILDING

Land has been purchased which is centrally located to five church-planting target cities. The Berean Grace Ministries and Grace Berean Church-Tshepisonng have been raising funds to build a multi-purpose ministry center to be used as a worship center for Tshepisonng Church and home base for church planters in the West Rand area, as well as for national conferences and as a satellite for Grace Berean Bible School. \$3000 has already been raised for the building and Director Ben Anderson was present during the ceremonial groundbreaking on August 9. *TCM is committed to raising \$5000.* Designate: **Tshepisonng**

UNITED STATES



MISSIONARY CAR

TCM provides dependable, economical vehicles for our missionaries to use when traveling throughout the US to share about their ministries. We would be delighted for someone to donate a car that would be suitable for individuals or couples to use. Alternatively, we are accepting donations for purchasing a used car. A tax-deductible receipt will be issued for a donated vehicle. Donations for purchasing a vehicle can be designated as Missionary Vehicle. *Vehicle Purchase: \$5000.*

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