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Carrying the Good Work to Completion

By Ben Anderson

This evening I attended a South African *braai*—a barbecue with a great time of fun, talk and friendship. God has brought Joyce and me to the African continent for three months of meeting, planning and prayer with our Things to Come Mission people. This country on the southern tip of Africa calls itself the Rainbow Nation because of its great diversity of cultures, languages and races. They have managed to capture this mosaic to keep the country flourishing.

Things to Come Mission is also made up of a great diversity of people. Now working in 14 countries with missionaries from four countries, we are a reflection of the variety within the body of Christ. Apostle Paul explained, “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many” (1 Cor. 12:13–14). Mission is a team effort which will not be accomplished by a single nation or people. Instead, God has called all believers of all countries to represent Jesus Christ on this earth. Some will testify among their own people, while others must be sent as missionaries to the regions beyond.

Apostle Paul described mission teamwork as partnership in the gospel. He further explained, “Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only” (Php. 4:15). Paul indicates that he depended on the support of the Philippians to establish the church in Thessalonica. Partnership is not limited to financial support. Missionaries depend on encouraging communication, project assistance, short ministry visits, fervent prayer and a place to stay and report during furlough. New missionaries to work alongside existing missionaries are one of the greatest partnerships in mission. Apostle Paul gained Silas from Antioch, Timothy from Lystra and Luke from Troas. These churches partnered with Paul by sending their own to work beside him.

God uses people to do his work. Think of how God chose Adam, Abraham, Moses, Jonah, Peter and Paul to accomplish his plan for mankind. And he is still calling people to be partners in His mission. I am encouraged by James & Agape Bermejo who became our first missionaries to Singapore in May and Salvina Ulfindo who arrived in Myanmar in September. These men and women answered the call of God to new fields. And I am encouraged by believers from several countries who are partnering with them. These mission teams work together to accomplish the purpose of God, who “wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

Apostle Paul was confident that “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 1:6) Although often applied to our eternal security, Paul is insisting that our partnership in the gospel must not end until that great day when we meet our Savior face to face. May we all be found faithful to the great task of world evangelization which God has set before us.

CALLED TO THE HARVEST

By Dan Banac

Responding to the call for mission as a family is not an easy decision to make. I believe God orchestrated everything to make all things possible. Both Amy and I decided to go into mission work because God used missionaries to challenge us. The reading of missionary martyrs' stories during our family devotions prepared my family to respond to the call. Furthermore, the creation of Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM) equipped us to consider Myanmar (Burma) as our mission field.

How long had God actually prepared us for mission? The two-month GTCM training was not enough to make me leave my country and start a new ministry all over again. However, during the GTCM training I realized our fifteen years in the Bible School were God's crucial preparation for mission. Initially we chose Vietnam as our mission field; but, Ben and Joyce Anderson encouraged us to target Myanmar since we are fitted for training leaders in the new TCM ministry there.

A five-day survey trip to Myanmar in April allowed me to see the Burmese people in dire need of the gospel and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery. Moreover, putting our experience and expertise to use in a Bible training school will be a great help in producing national leaders who can permeate the local community. This can only be realized if we learn the Burmese language as quickly as possible. I am very optimistic about learning this language because Amy and I are bilingual and the grace of God is always sufficient in times of need.

Like other normal people, we find it hard to separate from what is familiar and our family. I'm thankful my immediate family will be with me on the mission field. Our two kids are already enrolled in *School of Tomorrow* home-school program here in the Philippines, and we will bring their materials with us when we move.

One of our great challenges is how to stay long-term in Myanmar. The country does not provide missionary visas, so we are applying for tourist visas that will allow us to stay for 28 days. Once there, we will need to find a way to legally extend our stay.

As we travel and share about our mission, we learn that many believers are praying for Team Myanmar and the needs of my family. I always challenge them to be faithful prayer partners and supporters for the cause of God's mission. We rest assured of the working of the Holy Spirit in the heart of our senders. Please help us pray for the following:

1. Tourist visa processing as well as the need for a long-term visa
2. Smooth transition in the Bible School here as we hand off our responsibilities
3. A safe and sound trip to Myanmar on November 7, 2016



By Tim Heath, TCM Development Director

Imagine: You are with a group of 14 people, it is early morning and the humidity is high. There is a cacophony of sounds around you, as you sit in an Indian café having no clue of what to order. Welcome to Malaysia on the Asia Adventure!



In preparation for the 3rd Southeast Asia Grace Conference (SEAGC), TCM invited Grace believers to come on the Asia Adventure. My wife, Judy and I led 13 others from five US states and the UK, all leaving at different times but meeting up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

One day of sightseeing included the largest twin towers in the world, a Hindu temple and a street market. If this was your first exposure to Malaysia, you would be shocked by the proliferation of idolatry in this country of mixed cultures – Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu.



Our next destination was the actual conference in Siem Reap, Cambodia, where we met with over 170 people from 11 countries to worship our Lord and get to know one another. It was at this meeting that 15 new missionaries were commissioned for service in SEA. Everyone was blessed, encouraged and challenged to serve the Lord with greater focus and heart.

A six hour bus ride took us to Phnom Penh, where we enjoyed seeing Julia Liles, Myra Omictin and Ariel & Faith Mahilum. We enjoyed seeing the royal palace and visiting an orphanage and the sobering “Killing Fields” from the past.

Our final destination was Thailand where we participated in some unique activities Maraats and Killions are developing. We gave testimony in a Buddhist school of young monks, held an evangelistic service in a small village and shared the gospel and played with children in a Thai kindergarten. The work in Thailand is slow: to reach a culture, one must know the culture, and this takes time.

In all three countries we visited, the work of reaching people for Christ is slow but desperately needed. Please pray for the SEA work as it continues to expand.

The 2018, SEAGC will take place in Thailand. Now is the time to begin saving up for this very special event. Where will your imagination take you?



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Was this really me running through airports, attempting to barter, staring at the largest Buddha statues I had ever seen, as well as eating bugs? I could feel the perspiration on my forehead from the humidity, but couldn't complain because in these moments, God had brought me to a place I had longed, prayed, and hoped to visit before even realizing its name. This was a place that would impact my life in ways I could not anticipate.

I was in Asia. Nothing about this place could fit the description of normal as defined by the standard of my home state, South Dakota.

None of the stairs were uniform and not all of the bathrooms were American. These were such little struggles in the big picture of what God would give me from this trip.

I met believers who glorified God within their persecutions, who would be more than willing to go thirteen hours just to reach their church for a message, and if they had converted from a different faith, be willing to suffer banishment from their very family or village for the sake of Jesus

Christ. Last but not least, I was surrounded by the fellowship of the rest of the Asia Adventure team and new friends who put their arms around this 23-year-old to encourage me, showing me what it's really like to have an extended family in Christ. We are not alone. If we feel inadequate, God's grace is our adequacy. If we feel afraid, God is our courage.

Yes, this was Asia! The place where the Killion, Maraat, and Mahilum families serve as missionaries along with beautiful Myra Omictin and Julia Liles. They opened their arms to us, letting us participate in their slow-growing but opportunity-abundant mission fields. They became dearer to my heart than just a missionary card on a wall. These missionaries, along with the many other servants of Christ hailing from 11 different countries at the 3rd Southeast Asian Grace Conference, offered motivation that would stretch our service to Christ far beyond the time limits of this mission trip into the way I perceive my own ministry opportunities in my workplace, my church, and my family.

Asia was more than just new experiences. Asia was filled with the sobering realities of people who have never heard about our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the One to whom I owe everything in my life, the One I've heard about week after week, year after year, by the grace of God. Asia is praying for us; let's pray for Asia! Maybe we can even do more. If God has placed a mission trip on your heart, don't wait! Your life will never be the same, whether you ever return to that country or not.



BAD KARMA?

By Nathan Killion

We recently helped begin a new Friday evening Bible study in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where my family serves as missionaries with TCM. A Thai Buddhist woman regularly attended this study and was growing in her interest of God's Word as she learned more about the gospel. It was evident that she enjoyed hearing and discussing Bible stories, most of which were new to her. However, one week she suddenly stopped coming. She had been in a motorbike accident!

Thankfully she wasn't seriously injured, but friends and family deterred her from continuing to attend the study, warning her that the crash was caused because she had been going to a Christian group! "You are trying to mix Buddha with Jesus," her friends told her. "That's why you experienced bad karma and got in an accident."

Sadly, this way of thinking is not unique; there are so many in Thailand who live daily in fear of bad luck. They do not know the living and true God and have never heard of His grace for them. This is the reason my family lives in Thailand and endeavors to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the Thai people. Presently, we are on home assignment in the U.S., sharing with others what the Lord is doing in Thailand and the needs for missionaries to proclaim Christ to those who have never heard of Him. We plan to return to Thailand in July 2017.



Nathan shares with Buddhist monk

PIONEER WOMAN

By Joyce Anderson



Salvina and colleague, Amy Banac

TCM's first missionary to Myanmar (Burma) arrived in the capital city of Yangon September 29. Salvina Ulfindo spent 12 months preparing for this move. With mixed emotions, she left her family, friends, ministry and career to serve in a country closed for decades to Christianity, and only opened to missionaries since 2011. TCM was introduced to Burmese Pastor Kenneth Ling in 2012, and thereafter, a plan was implemented to send missionaries to Myanmar.

Why does Salvina go? Her family begged her to stay since both parents are deceased and she is the matriarch. Her church did not want to lose her as she had a thriving ministry with children and youth. She'd worked hard in her career to achieve her position as librarian and personal assistant to a university president, and her employer asked her not to leave.

However, Salvina asked herself, "After all my Savior has done, how can I not go?" 55 million people live in this Buddhist country; only 4% identify as Christians. Every minute 52 people die and 50 of those souls enter a Christless eternity.

As a single woman, Salvina has separated from all she has known and loved, to enter a country where she is not known and loved, because she is responding to the heart of God who desires all people to be saved. She has gone ahead of Team Myanmar to investigate language school options and ways to obtain long-term visas that will enable Team members to legally remain in Myanmar for (cont. opposite)

FROM KENYA TO MYANMAR

By Gardner Improso

After 20 years of mission service in Kenya, the Lord answered our two prayers: for Kenyan leadership to efficiently take charge of the ministry, and a new field to open up that fits our gifting. After our survey trip in two East Asian countries, we feel called to move to Myanmar to give our lives for the next years.

Currently we are in the Philippines for the first stage of transition, using our time to complete technical, skill-based courses on Electrical Installation, Welding and Motor Control to provide technical training in Myanmar. Developing countries welcome foreigners who fill a secular need, so we hope this plan will enable us to maintain residency in a country that does not issue visas for missionaries. Technical training is a strategy for outreach ministry in the Philippines and we intend to apply the same strategy in Myanmar. Ledith and I will spend four months to complete these courses.

Our second stage will be language study. Outreach in Myanmar must be done in Burmese which is spoken by the majority. The hospitality of Burmese people is impressive! Anyone who desires to connect will be entertained. However it's almost impossible to connect outside their language so this will be the most challenging, time-consuming part of our transition.

While in language study we intend to investigate possibilities for integrating our skill-based training with any development program of the government. Myanmar is on a breakthrough to industrial increase. This will be a perfect time for observation and selection to raise up people for mentoring. As we immerse ourselves in Burmese living, thoughts and concepts, it is most important to identify leaders to reach their own people through collective and personal goals of planting more churches.

The move to Myanmar is a huge step of faith with numerous challenges that only prayers and partnership can break through. We do appreciate your thoughts and prayers for our needs with thanksgiving for the open doors.

more than a month at a time. The Banac family will join Salvina in November, followed by the Improso family in February 2017.

Ask God how you can participate in reaching Myanmar for Jesus. Pray that every hindrance of communicating the Good News will be stripped away and the spiritual eyes of over 52 million people will be opened to the Truth.



Gardner in Kenya



Improsos and Kenyan leaders



Salvina with Burmese students

MYANMAR

A former British colony, Burma gained its independence in 1948. In 1962 a Soviet-style military government took over, renamed the country Myanmar and implemented a policy of systematic violence against certain populations, particularly the Chin people due to their Christian faith. In 2015 a democratic government was elected but Myanmar remains a deeply fractured nation politically and ethnically.

America's first foreign missionary, Adoniram Judson, went to Burma in 1813. His translation of the Bible into Burmese is still used today. There is freedom to evangelize but the non-confrontive culture requires patience and creativity in finding and using gentle methods of outreach.



“The motto for every missionary, whether preacher, printer or schoolmaster, ought to be: Devoted for Life.” —Adoniram Judson

REPUBLIC OF MYANMAR

Population: 54.2 million

Official Language: Burmese

Capital: Yangon; Nay Pyi Taw (admin capital)

GDP (avg income per person per year): \$4800

Income Ranking: 171 in the world

Religions:

- **Buddhist 89%**
- **Christian 4% (Evangelical: 2.5 million)**
- **Muslim 4%**
- **Animist 1%**
- **Other 2%**

Neighboring Countries: Bangladesh, India, China, Laos, Thailand.

REKINDLING THE FLAME OF FAITH

By Vernon Anderson

We are told: *The righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith. (Rom. 1:17) We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor.5:7) Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe ... (Heb.11:6)*

Do we have enough faith TODAY to live and walk by faith? For 50 years we experienced living and walking by faith and proved it can be done. In 1955 we attended a missionary conference in Oshkosh, WI and heard for the first time how much the world needs evangelization. We heard of whole countries needing someone to go preach the gospel. At the end of that conference, we took our 1st step of faith: we decided we could go and preach the gospel, meaning our lives would be changed forever by place, purpose, and preparation.

I resigned from the accounting firm where I had been striving to get up in the world, and relocated our family to Milwaukee for Bible college. Living by faith began in earnest: find a way to feed and clothe ourselves with classes all morning and studying evenings. The Lord provided. We needed brothers and sisters to join us for fellowship, to sense the Call for Missions. The Lord provided a zealous group of students who came often to our dorm to discuss and pray. We organized a missionary conference on campus though it looked impossible. God provided above what we could ask or think! At the final altar call, 75 people came forward for missionary evangelism, dedicated either to Go or to Send. We were on fire!

The excitement to go out to new places where the Grace message had never been taught couldn't be stopped. We packed our belongings into our old station wagon and left for language prep in Canada, promising to walk by faith alone without asking for funds or going into debt because we wanted to experience God's provision. After Canada we drove 2400 miles to Los Angeles to attend BIOLA School of Missionary Medicine. December 1957 our family boarded *SS President Cleveland* to sail to the Philippines with one trunk, one barrel and a couple suitcases marked Molave-Mindanao, a place we knew nothing about. J.H. Palmer, Director of TCM, had contacts who became our bridge to the other side of the world.



New Year's Day 1958 began our big step of faith: pioneering a new field. Immediately evangelism began with our team of Filipinos, zealous workers who wanted to spread Grace everywhere at a time when liberalism was destroying churches. We traveled to town, seashore, mountain, island and village. God definitely gave the increase with 12 churches planted in year one. We loved it. God provided all we needed through friends in USA who wanted to be partners in this work of faith.

The need arose to train pastors, teachers, evangelists and Bible women. God miraculously provided funds to buy land to build a Bible school (IGBI). Our call went out to Joe Watkins, "Come over and help us!" In October 1958 Joe and Pauline arrived. Thrilling adventures followed as God opened avenues of evangelism: public and personal, printing and radio, youth and child, and so on. A mission airplane enabled more possibilities.

New fields opened, giving us a start in Indonesia (the largest Muslim country worldwide), India, Brazil, Tanzania, Kenya, Cameroon, even Bible smuggling into communist East Europe. Enthusiasm continues into new fields. TCM is not rich in finances, but it is definitely rich in the history of Grace evangelism. The just shall live by faith...we believe it!

LIFE IN A SPICY COUNTRY

By Semper "Fi" Bunglo, new TCM Team MK, age 16

Leaving home was one of the biggest turns of my life – *our lives*. It feels like a part of me was taken away. I remember our Send-off Service in our church where we bid our gratitude and goodbyes to everyone. It was very sad and amazing at the same time: sad because everyone was crying, literally tears everywhere; yet amazing because you know that these people really love you, will miss you and will support you on your journey through life. They are my family even though we're not related by blood. They are the ones who were part of my childhood; it is because of them that I am who I am right now. I am very thankful for them and love and miss them so much.

This new country is very beautiful. I like roaming around their landmarks and historical places. The people are very welcoming and kind. It's a bit hard to talk to them because we speak different languages, but they were taught English and as the days go by, we get along with each other. The country's delicacies are very delicious – and spicy! Spicy noodles, spicy eggs, spicy chicken, everything is spicy! Personally, I didn't eat spicy food, but thank God for opening my taste buds! I like spicy food now.

We live in an apartment inside a mall with shops and stores around us. There is a big parking lot at the back of the mall where we ride our bicycles and play badminton or soccer. Sometimes we go to the temples and observe the people and the culture. Behind the temple there is another big parking lot where many kinds of people jog, dance, exercise and play sports. It feels like everyone's there.

Our days are normal like the days we spent in our home country except for school. Since we are home-schooled now, we study in our parents' room. My parents bought tables for each of us. It's a bit lonely having your sometimes-annoying-but-also-kind-and-sweet siblings as your only classmates. I miss busy halls and loud classrooms. But I am thankful for my siblings for being my best friends.

Shopping is also the same except that we always have to convert their prices into our currency every time we want to buy something to know if it's cheap or expensive. There are two big malls here in the city, not counting the mall we live in, and they're similar to the malls in my home country.

Although it is hard to leave everything behind and live in a new place, especially this country, we know that we are here for the work of the Lord. These changes might be big, but God is greater than all of these. "*Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.*" To God be the Glory!



Juna and Bunglo Family

By Jephunneh Bunglo, age 13

This new place where we belong is full of excitement and sadness. I left my friends and relatives and I miss my pet dog a lot. I also miss competing with other soccer teams and joining chess tournaments. I was a soccer player and chess champion in my school but now no more challenges. I'm sad but it's ok.

I'm fine here. I like everything except the road. It's dusty and I'm asthmatic. I'm afraid I will have an asthma attack, and we did not bring my nebulizer unit.

I have no friends here. I tried to talk to them but we don't understand each other. One time we did have a fun adventure together. We went to the mall and when we came back home we crossed the fishpond farm. We got wet and dirty and of course were scolded by Mom.

CRAESMEYERS ON THE MOVE

Our visa has been granted, and our tickets are purchased. We fly to South Africa on October 31. Please continue to pray for us, Brethren, as this time of transition fosters distractions. Here are the things on which we need to maintain focus, with your help in prayer:



1. The church in Sorocaba, Brazil—for Wezel, who has trained to become the leader, the music group, the evangelistic team and the women's outreach.

2. Our trip to South Africa and the immediate transition we'll go through upon arrival.

We look forward to meeting the brethren with whom we will be working, especially

missionaries Dean and Sheba Padayhag. Please pray for our communication with them, that we may understand them well and begin helping in their ministry efficiently. They have been so good to us, and are already helping to look for a house for us in Johannesburg, so we'd appreciate your prayer for that too, as well as all the things associated with a new home and new country (furniture, a good map [haha!], Internet, a reliable car, you know, the basic infrastructure). We are so grateful for the way you care about the ministry with which the Lord has honored us. Thank you for choosing to be a part of it. Thank you for the courage you give us!



JOHN HARRIS

Every gift that God has given should be used for His honor and glory. In I Timothy 2:4, God states His will is, "To have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." I am a professor and Engineering Chair at Saint Francis University; however, reaching lost souls and teaching God's Word is central to my heart. I have engaged in almost every teaching ministry at Altoona Bible Church as well as being director of camp and youth retreats and developer of *Reach Altoona* and the *Absolutely Free Car Wash* which are face-to-face witnessing outreaches. My co-laborer in the ministry for 33 years is my wonderful wife, Penny. As an answer to prayer seeking God to use me to reach beyond our region, I am now serving as a member of the TCM Board. What a blessing it has already been to share in the incredible ministry of Things to Come Mission. I look forward to what God has in store for me and TCM in the days ahead. It is a privilege and beyond amazing to be involved in God's work.

AARON HARRIS

I am happily married to Elizabeth, and blessed with two children and one on the way. My wife is a registered nurse and I was a Special Education teacher. We wanted to do more for God to see where He would lead us, so I left my teaching job last year to pursue full time pastoral training through an internship at Altoona Bible Church. I am also taking classes through Berean Bible Institute for pastoral work. In the midst of this, God opened the door to join the TCM board. What a joy it has been to see God working outside of the United States of America. It is a great honor to serve our Lord and Savior as a member of the TCM board, and to see the Body of Christ working.



WHY MISSIONS?

*By Pastor Timothy Board, Friendship Bible Church, WI
TCM Board Secretary*

Heaven is indeed for real but so also is hell. It's also called the lake of fire and is a horrible place that sinners will be banished to on the Day of Judgment because of their subtle rebellion, outright wickedness, good-enough moralism, self-righteous living, or legalistic religion. It's nice to think that heaven is everyone's destination but that is not the case. Every one throughout history who has never professed faith and trust in the Creator GOD of the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ, by believing in their heart that He died for their sins and rose again will, upon death, not be ushered into GOD's presence in the glories of heaven but will be banished forever to the lake of fire where there is perpetual weeping & gnashing of teeth.

This may sound harsh but the holiness and righteousness of the Supreme Judge of the universe demands that justice be served. On the other hand, there is good news because at the heart of Biblical Christianity is the message of GOD's love for all mankind demonstrated at the cross through the ultimate sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ for the sins of the world. This gift of love was given on behalf of vile, wicked, rebellious, moralistic, and self-righteous sinners who are wholly deserving of GOD's undiluted wrath and judgment in the horrors and outer darkness of eternal hellfire.

Every world religion pay homage to its deity in bringing forth the necessary legalistic observance of rites, are believed to be required the divine. What separates rest of the pack is that it is the GOD Himself, in His holiness lovingkindness provided the demands of His righteous provide it but He Himself the Person of the Lord Jesus Beyond this, He offers to total forgiveness of sins and faith alone in Christ.



requires its adherents to the prescribed manner by sacrificial offerings or through ceremonies, and rituals that in order to merit favor with Biblical Christianity from the only belief system in which and unbridled, merciful sacrifice needed to satisfy the justice. Not only did He is the ultimate sacrifice in Christ, the GOD-MAN, sinners everywhere the gift of eternal life. It is received by

GOD Himself accomplishing for people what they could not do for themselves & freely giving the results thereof is what the grace of GOD is all about. It is this very thing that separates Biblical Christianity from the false-Christian cults and religious belief systems of the world.

There are more than 7 billion people on Earth. Over 4 billion do not claim to be Christian, and more than 2.7 billion are totally unreached with the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Millions in the world today will die in their sins and go straight to hell without ever hearing of the love of GOD in Jesus Christ. Everyone deserves to hear the gospel at least once and it is therefore incumbent upon born again Christians to possess an evangelistic urgency and passion for the missionary mandate of the Church here and abroad.

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 5:19-20; 6:2b NKJV

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." Acts 16:31 NKJV



Jessie Easterly, widow of TCM founder Herbert Palmer and former TCM missionary to Kenya, is currently in hospice care. In her late 90's, Jesse is a model of faithful devotion to the Lord.

TCM MKs, Robert Kilgo, Nathan Campos and Jessica Campos are freshmen at Grace Bible College this year. May this experience help them internalize biblical principles and values and give them a vision for ministry.

Genesis & Verna Mara are reaching out to Thai friends and neighbors grieving the death of their king. May this sad event open hearts in Thailand to the comfort and hope of eternal life through Christ.

John Cook met with the TCM Board in September and resigned from TCM. May all concerned *be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.* (Col. 1:9)

In Memory



Alta Parker

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Glenn & Mary Stallings

Pete Wynalda

Phillip Twogood

Denise Twogood

Team Cambodia is branching out and equipping Cambodian believers to start house groups. Myra Omictin is excited to see a woman she disciples start holding weekly meetings for young professionals and university students in her apartment building. Some just want to practice English, but the main goal is to teach them the Word of God. One idea is to tell short stories from the Bible and compare them to present situations. "We try our best to be creative, interesting and clear in our presentation of God's truth," Myra writes, "but ultimately it is God who opens the hearts and minds of the people."



Ariel and Faith Mahilum have returned to Cambodia after a 3-month furlough in the Philippines to help Myra and Julia Liles provide Bible/theological training and come alongside local believers starting regular meetings in their homes. The Mahilums have left their daughter, Pauline, in the Philippines to continue her studies so this is a big adjustment!

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HOW CAN I HELP?

MINISTRY CENTER RENOVATION



Designate: Kilgo Building Project

The Kilgos have been leading several Bible studies, English classes, a parenting class and counseling sessions in the Southeast Asian country where they live. They are now transitioning from meeting in their home to a unit on the third floor of a business center. The space is large enough to accommodate many types of meetings and seminars. It will become their base of operations as well as the venue for regular Sunday services. The cost of renovation to make the unit usable, efficient and comfortable is \$5077.

LANGUAGE STUDY



Designate: Language Study Project

Communication is essential to sharing the gospel and establishing believers in Grace truth. In 2016 the Laos Team expanded to include 3 new members, and another new TCM Team of 3 is pushing forward into Myanmar. Each of these 6 individuals must learn the local language in order to engage with the culture and effectively articulate the Message without always having to rely on interpreters. A donation of \$500 will help defray the cost of a beginner year of language study for a new TCM Team member.

VISA EXPENSE



Designate: Visa Project

This year 19 new TCM missionaries and children are accessing Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore and South Africa. In order to legally enter and stay in these countries, each adult and child needs a visa. Obtaining a visa, especially a long-term visa, is a complex, expensive and time-consuming process; yet, it is an unavoidable necessity. A donation of \$240 covers the average visa cost for one person this first year on the field. Subsidize visa expenses for one or many new missionaries and their kids.

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