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INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Ben Anderson

COUNTING THE COST

“But don’t begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?” (Luke 14:28)

Just as Jesus sacrificed himself for the sake of the lost, He also asks us to be “living sacrifices.” In a startling statement, Jesus warned a crowd of listeners, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26–27) When we determine to follow Jesus fully, He must become the focus of our lives. When a missionary goes to the field, some family members will be left behind, while others will experience life far from home with the challenges of adapting to a new culture.

A point I often make in my mission messages is that mission requires separation. Perhaps the most common difficulty a missionary faces is separation from loved ones. Jesus knew about this separation when he cried, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” It was this terrible plight of Jesus which bore the fruit of salvation for mankind. Nobody intentionally seeks out suffering and separation from loved ones. And yet, humans do this all the time for the greater good. Think of soldiers, firemen and astronauts. They suffer for the good of mankind. How much more for preaching the Light of the world. We cannot hold onto our physical lives, but faith in Jesus brings eternal life.

A pastor friend from my Kenya days has experienced suffering and separation in his ministry. Peter Mukuria was saved through our church plant in Nairobi. Over the years he continued to grow in the Lord and was trained for the ministry. He is now the pastor of our third Nairobi church. Last year his wife developed cancer and is now with our Savior. Last month his daughter was preparing for college and was murdered. In spite of these events, Pastor Peter wrote recently that he was ready to continue in the ministry.

Perhaps it is those who are in closed countries who must daily count the cost. They are restricted about what they say and do in the country and on the Internet. Recently some of our missionary kids experienced fear when uniformed policemen entered the church service. A member of this underground church stood up at the Southeast Asia Grace Conference and said, “Now we know we are not alone.”

Is the cost worth it? Jesus believed it is! “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” The lost depend on us to walk in Jesus’ example. Let us pray for more faith to take up the challenge of evangelizing the unreached.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S CHALLENGE

Tim Heath



Do you remember the first time you tried to drive a car? My first attempt was in a 4-speed-on-the-floor pickup. I was looking at the stick, trying to get it into 2nd gear and almost went into a ditch. I learned in time, through my dad's help, to move my eyes in a never stopping triangle: from the road, to the rearview mirror, to the speedometer and then back to the road.

Our recent TCM Board Vision Casting meeting gave us our first two sides to a mission triangle: side one: where we are, and side two: where we want to be. But to make a perfect triangle we need the third side: our American church.

TCM needs YOU – The Body of Christ. We are to grow up and build one another up in love.

Love is our faith in action--bringing about change in our world. We long to make a difference in those who are hurting. Missions enables the local church to touch lives they may not see until eternity. Even a small church can go global!

How can each of us become more involved in missions?

- 1) Be informed. Pray specifically.
- 2) Communicate often. Share honestly. Ask good questions.
- 3) Develop children into faithful men & women. Challenge them to love God and live for Him whether at home or abroad
- 4) Commit one or two years to work on a field.
- 5) Adopt a country for your church.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Don Sommer, TCM Executive Director

Things to Come Mission's Board met September 18-19, 2017 in Indianapolis to review and evaluate the current global ministries of TCM and cast a vision for expanded outreach in the future. These were two long days of discussion, brainstorming, and prayer as Board members sought to ensure we remain faithful to our mission statement: "Preparing People for Christ's Return through the Methods of Apostle Paul."

Through this brief overview we want to help friends of TCM better understand our current status and how we feel the Lord is directing the organization in the future.



TCM International Director, Ben Anderson, began by reviewing the **Troas Strategy**, the foundational method used by TCM to carry out the work of world evangelization. The **Troas Strategy** is a five-step process based on in-depth study of the ministry of the Apostle Paul as described in the book of Acts. While Paul was in Troas, after being prevented by the Holy Spirit from going into Asia, he had a vision of a man from Macedonia asking him to come and share the gospel. From that point on Paul followed a pattern of targeting major urban areas in the Roman Empire, preaching the gospel to anyone who would listen, organizing the believers into fully functioning congregations with recognized leaders who were taught the Word of God, then leaving them to go on to the next place but maintaining contact so they could partner with him in the spread of the gospel worldwide.

TCM currently works in 15 countries on 5 continents. Ben updated the Board on the status of each field and its stage in the **Troas Strategy**. The Philippines is TCM's largest and most developed field. The first TCM missionaries, Vernon & Darlene Anderson and Joe & Pauline Watkins, entered the Philippines in 1958. Since then the ministry has grown to over 500 churches, 6 Bible schools, and departments dedicated to Youth, Children, and other specialized ministries. The Philippine ministry is now in the **Partner** stage of the Troas Strategy and has a mission department through which they have sent out and are helping to support over a dozen missionaries, with plans to send more. Kenya and Indonesia are in the **Train** and **Release** stage and no missionaries are currently assigned to those countries. The more recently opened TCM fields are still in the **Plant** stage with missionaries focused on evangelism and organizing congregations. Vietnam and East Timor are **Target** countries where TCM plans to send missionaries to begin new outreaches.

One of the most important parts of the meeting was to set medium and long term goals for TCM and cast a vision of where we hope to send missionaries in the future. The Board identified fields that are still in the **Plant** stage and need more missionaries, including Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. Within one year new fields will be opened in Vietnam and East Timor. Within 5 years Kenya

is expected to be in the **Partner** stage and send out missionaries to Uganda and nearby countries to the north. We also hope to survey the continent of Europe and develop a strategy to reach out and plant churches among the native Europeans and the enormous immigrant population. In 10 years the Board set a goal of having a ministry in China, the world's most populous country where Christianity is growing at a staggering rate but there are no Grace churches.

Other items of discussion included a review and evaluation of the current Leadership Team in which responsibilities are divided among three primary positions: International Director, Ben Anderson; Development Director, Tim Heath and Office Administrator, Valerie Wynalda. The Leadership Team is coordinated by Executive Director, Don Sommer. The Board recognized this as an efficient arrangement that works well.

The Board discussed ways to improve recruitment of missionary candidates and reviewed results of a TCM missionary self-evaluation of how well their gifting and abilities match the work they are doing on the field.

The Board believes this time of discussion and planning reflects the Lord's will for Things to Come Mission and we pray He will continue to bless the work of TCM and its missionaries as we seek to take the gospel of God's grace to all the world, especially to areas where the name of Jesus Christ is not known.

TCM'S TROAS STRATEGY

STAGE 1: TARGET

TCM intentionally determines those nations and peoples we believe God is calling us to reach. The strategic decision of where to establish a ministry and send pioneer missionaries is based on how effectively the churches to be established will impact the entire nation.

STAGE 2: PLANT

Our missionaries are very intentional that their primary responsibility is to organize self-sustaining indigenous churches on every field. As the churches mature they should be able to reproduce themselves thus creating a movement of churches linked together by a common bond.

STAGE 3: TRAIN

The missionary ensures that sufficient leaders are trained in a solid knowledge of the Word of God and the skills necessary to keep the churches viable and capable of passing the truth on to another generation. This is accomplished through a variety of means: formal and informal mentoring, residential Bible schools, correspondence or on-line training, modular classes to name a few.

STAGE 4: RELEASE

Once an indigenous church planting movement is established the missionary is free to move on to the next target area and begin the process again. When the missionary leaves, the national church is able to take full responsibility for its own spiritual and numerical progress.

STAGE 5: PARTNER

As the church movement matures, believers are challenged to realize their own role in global evangelization. They partner with TCM by sending missionaries from their own churches and providing for a percentage of their financial support.

REDIRECTION

James & Agape Bermejo



We believe the Lord has called and prepared us to be a part of His Global Mission as missionaries. It is very clear in our minds and hearts that God wants to establish and declare His glory among the nations (Psalm 96:3); He desires all men to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4); He instructed the Body of Christ to preach the Gospel to the regions beyond (2 Corinthians 10:16) and to make all men see the mystery (Ephesians 3:9).

We decided to be trained and partner with TCM in accomplishing God's Global Mission. After completing the two-month training at Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM October-November 2015), we started to pray for Singapore. Why Singapore? Because less than 10% are Evangelical Christians. We were sent as TCM Missionaries to Singapore in May 2016 where we made new friends and started a Bible Study discipleship/mentoring program and regular Sunday Worship and Fellowship.

The challenge of staying in Singapore was far greater than what we expected. We were held at Singapore immigration in November 2016 and told not to re-enter Singapore unless we had an employment visa. We returned to the Philippines doing all that we could to acquire an employment visa while continuing to serve the Lord in whatever opportunity He provided. We were given the privilege to teach in TCM's Bible School in Indonesia (February 2017) and in the second batch of GTCM training (April & May 2017). However, favor was not on our side in acquiring an employment visa for Singapore.

We then remembered and meditated on what Apostle Paul experienced in Acts 16:6-10.

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Holy Spirit would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

The TCM leadership decided to reassign us to Phnom Penh, capital city of Cambodia. After much prayer and meditation, we realized the Lord is doing a REDIRECTION in our lives for His Global Mission. The truth is, it hurts. But the Lord knows what's ahead of us. Like Paul, who followed God's leading resulting in the establishment of the Philippi Church, we also believe that divine redirection must begin with unconditional submission.

With all our hearts and with the grace of God, we are now ready to take part in accomplishing God's Global Mission in Phnom Penh, Cambodia! We arrived October 3, 2017. The ministry we started in Singapore continues with the core members and at times with Ben & Joyce Anderson who have a base there. Thank you once again for standing with us as PARTNERS in God's Global Mission which will only end when Philippians 2:10-11 is realized: "Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God!"

ON BOARD FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Robby, Tegwen & Vernon Heath



Robby: My wife and I are missionary candidates to South Africa where we will serve alongside Padayhags and Craesmeyers. In Matthew 9:37, Jesus tells his disciples that “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Like the people of Jesus’ time, the South African people are receptive to hear the Gospel but there are few people to spread the Good News. We are excited to be God’s laborers.

It is our desire to follow Apostle Paul’s example in training faithful people who will then train faithful people. TCM-South Africa started in 1989 and there are now 7 churches that are ready to expand into new areas of the country, and 4 Bible Schools training dedicated South African leaders. I would like to partner with them to plant new churches in previously unreached areas.

Two years ago I began to prepare for missions. I attended Bible school in Wisconsin as well as the Philippines where I gained valuable Bible knowledge. While in the Philippines my missionary experience increased through preaching on Sundays and teaching classes in the Bible School. I recently attended a workshop that taught a method of teaching people who cannot or prefer not to read. I feel much more prepared to teach people of all learning abilities. Please keep us in your prayers as this will be a great time of growth and learning for us.

Tegwen: Moving to South Africa gives me a sense of going back to where I grew up. While there are many differences between Kenya, where I lived for 16 years, and South Africa, I know the familiarity will lessen the culture shock! It’s a treat to be able to share life in Africa first-hand with Robby and Vernon.

We continue to be heartbroken that Rowen is no longer here. Thank you for ministering to us through your prayers and support. I remind myself daily that I didn’t abandon Rowen to that hospital cot—we released him into the arms of Jesus, where he is safe and loved and his earthly sufferings have faded away in the “light of His glory and grace.” Another truth I work into my faith is that God is as good, as loving and as powerful as He’s ever been. Satan has come to steal, kill and destroy. God is for us, not against us. Satan gets the blame; God gets all the glory, all the praise and all our continued adoration.

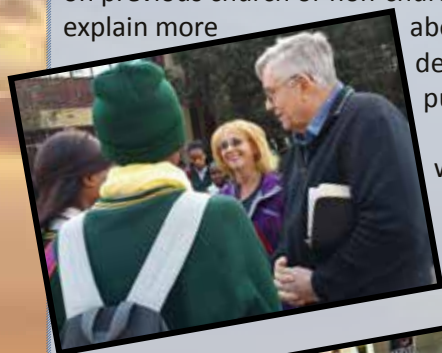
Vernon has a strong faith and has pulled us along when ours seemed weak. He’s very proud of all the countries he’s been to and how many friends he has around the world. He talks about the new friends he’s going to make in Africa. Vernon made sure we added his name to our prayer card and display because he says he’s a missionary too! I’ve already begun homeschooling him and we’ll bring materials with us for the next few years overseas.



RICHARD & LINDA WATTS
Senior Safarians

We flew out of Phoenix, AZ for Johannesburg, South Africa, July 27th. We went because we wanted a better understanding of the life of a missionary. We were amazed by how much the Padayhags and Craesmeyers accomplished each and every day. They are amazing, loving, humble, and wonderful people. We now know their “day in the life of a TCM missionary.”

We were both given opportunities to share our testimonies and lead Bible studies. One of our most memorable experiences was going to public schools and spending time with students. They really wanted to know about Jesus and, after we talked with groups of about 10 students at a time, many accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. They had some deep questions based on previous church or non-church experiences; for example, Rich was asked to explain more about baptism and speaking in tongues. Their desire to learn and accept Jesus was amazing for a public school. Actually for anywhere!



The love we felt from every person we met was overwhelming. We never felt unwanted or unneeded. No matter what age you are or what your purpose is for wanting to go on a mission trip, we would definitely say, “Go for it!” It was an experience of a lifetime, and we felt so blessed to participate in this year’s South Africa Safari. It was transformational for us in many ways and challenged us to see that we can make a difference every day in lives of people anywhere and everywhere.

PAUL CRAESMEYER
Safari Missionary Host

What can be sweeter for a missionary than to see a young person come visit your work and go away saying that's exactly what they want to do with their life? What can be sweeter than a stranger coming to view your mission field and departing as a close, intimate friend for life? Okay, the Rapture would be even sweeter -- you got me there! But I tell you, wonderful fruits have come of the short-term mission trip we hosted here in South Africa.

It was super busy as they experienced what our missionary work is really like, but they all thought the end came too soon. To see your own heart-cry being repeated by another mouth... To see a fellow saint being set on fire and returning home to get deeply involved with their home church... To keep in touch with a friend who thinks of you in a very, very special way, sharing in mutual encouragement... Oh, yes, we'd definitely do this again!



SAMANTHA ANIELSKI Teen Safarian

"South Africa?"

My eyes scanned the leaflet in my church bulletin advertising TCM's "Africa Safari". What a great opportunity

to see and experience missions and a different culture and wildlife. Growing up in a Grace church made me curious how Grace isn't just local, but is active on the international level. After raising funds to go, I was finally on my way with Elizabeth from Chicago.

We arrived in Johannesburg to the smiling, bright faces of the Padayhags and Craesmeyers. Just seeing the presence of God in their greeting made my arrival a highlight of the trip. Restaurants were unfamiliar, accents changed and instead of U.S. dollars, I had to calculate prices in Rand. There was no central heat, which would have been nice on the cold winter nights. These challenges made the trip all the more exciting. I shared my testimony, attended Bible studies and taught students the salvation message. The smiles on the kids' faces were priceless!

Every day is busy for TCM missionaries as they focus on spreading the gospel, and raising up Christian leaders to achieve their vision of planting 20 churches under ABGMSA by 2020. On their "holiday" they took us to Pilanesberg Game Park, Cullinan Diamond Mines and the Apartheid Museum. I got to see so many different animals and had so much fun and fellowship. The missionaries' dedication and shared experiences with our group inspired me

to live my life actively for the Lord, and to take the next step in becoming a missionary by starting Grace Berean Bible School courses. The relationships I built and the worship with TCM on the South Africa Safari shaped me as a person and transformed my outlook on the world and my future.



REACHING BUDDHISTS

From a practical thesis by Genesis Maraath
TCM missionary to Thailand

Buddhism is one of the world's major religions, practiced by an estimated 500-700 million people. Buddhism was founded by Siddhartha Gautama, born a royal prince in 624 BC in northern India, present day Nepal. At age 29 he retired from his palace to the forest where he followed a spiritual life of meditation. After six years he attained Enlightenment and became a Buddha.



TCM's work in Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and the Chinese in Singapore and Malaysia is predominantly among Buddhists.

BUDDHISM'S CORE BELIEFS

"THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS"

- 1. LIFE CONSISTS OF SUFFERING**— This was the first thing Buddha taught after he was enlightened. All experience suffering and no one is exempt.
- 2. THE ORIGIN OF SUFFERING IS MAN'S DESIRE.** Buddha taught that the reason for man's suffering is his evil desire.
- 3. THE CESSATION OF SUFFERING** is achieved by eliminating all desire through liberating oneself from attachment. Every Buddhist is aiming for Nirvana (Enlightenment), a state of mind marked by the extinction of all craving and the final release from suffering. It may be defined as a deliverance from the limitations of the body, a supreme consciousness of peace and rest, a perfect, passionless happiness. Karma (fate) and reincarnation culminate in Nirvana.
- 4. THE PATH TO CESSATION OF SUFFERING** is through following rules meant to curb human desire. Buddhist monks and nuns have over 200 rules, including no insulting, no tickling, no playing in the water, no bathing more than twice a month except in the last month of the hot season, no eating after noon, etc. There are five laws for common people: Do not kill (not even a mosquito or cockroach, and no eating meat), steal, commit sexual immorality, speak evil or lie, or use any addictive substance. One of the most common religious practices among Buddhists is merit making, whether it is giving food to monks on their daily alms rounds, bringing offerings to the temple, or chanting in the ancient language of Pali.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO REACH BUDDHISTS

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Missionaries must first learn the host culture and language. Both are very important in mission. Missionaries' efforts to reach the host culture is hindered when they do not understand their culture. Missionaries cannot communicate the gospel message effectively at the heart level without learning the language of the host culture.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

The next important step is building relationship in order to gain the trust of the host culture. Once missionaries have built friendships with people, they are willing to listen to our gospel. There is a saying in Thailand: "Buddhists' ears are closed but their eyes are open." Most Buddhists tend to respond to a person's disposition rather than their reasoning. Our Lord Jesus was meek in His disposition and welcomed all kinds of people. When we look at people as created in the image of God, we need to be compassionate and kind to them. We do not treat people as projects but rather we value them as God's image. The way in which we relate to other people communicates the kind of people we are.

PRAY INTENTIONALLY

Jesus, our missional model, lived a life of prayer. Prayer is not just a theory—missionaries must intentionally practice prayer. The task of transforming the worldview of the host culture is beyond the missionaries' abilities. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to prepare, open, convict and convert the people we seek to reach. It is the Holy Spirit's work to regenerate the hearts of sinners so prayer is very important. Missionaries must also pray intentionally because Satan, our enemy, is powerful. We need to resist the devil through God's word and prayer. In addition, we need to be men and women of prayer because we are weak. Jesus said; "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

LOVE INTENTIONALLY

God's redeemed community must intentionally love one another. This concept is very important in reaching Buddhists. God created man to love one another because God is love. It is innate in man, regardless of race, to want to love and be loved. Without love, there is no meaning in life. Without God's love, there is no hope for eternity. When we love one another, we glorify God and become powerful witnesses for Jesus and the gospel. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

TEACH THE EXISTENCE OF THE CREATOR GOD

Buddhists believe in good and bad spirits but don't believe in a Creator God. They seek to appease the spirits by burning incense and putting out flowers, drinks and food in family spirit houses so the spirits will give them protection and good luck. The concept of a Creator God, who is all powerful, eternal, infinite in wisdom, absolutely holy and loving, is very important for Buddhists to understand. Once Buddhists are convinced of the existence of the Creator God, the task of explaining the doctrine of man, sin and redemption becomes much easier.

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TEACH THAT MAN IS A CREATED BEING

Buddhists do not believe in a Creator God; consequently, they don't believe man is a created being. This concept that human beings are created in the image of God and thus possess personality, self-transcendence, intelligence, morality, gregariousness and creativity must be taught to them. Once Buddhists understand and believe that man was created by God, it is easier to proceed to the concept of sin.

TEACH THE TRUE CONCEPT OF SIN

Buddhists believe that man has a problem--human desire--but they believe they can fix it by following the teachings of Buddha. If for some reason they are found wanting in this life, they always hope for more chances through further reincarnations. They must be taught about the entrance of sin into the human race as explained in Genesis 3.

PRESENT THE GOSPEL

When reaching out to Buddhists, one should not rush into presenting the gospel immediately nor ask a Buddhist to pray to receive Jesus prematurely. It takes wisdom and discernment to know when to ask a Buddhist to make a commitment of trusting Jesus as Savior. Buddhists must first understand the concept of the Creator God, that man was created in the image of God, and the fall of man into sin. We explain the blood sacrifices in the Old Testament to demonstrate that those were necessary for the forgiveness of sin. After the blood sacrifices, we are now ready to explain that Jesus came as a fulfillment of God's prophecy to take away the sins of the world. We wait to ask people to receive Jesus as their Savior until after they understand Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross.



Reaching out to Buddhists is truly a daunting task. May God empower us to reach many Buddhists and use us mightily to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus (Acts 26:18). Amen!

IRON SHARPENS IRON: BREAKTHROUGH MARTIAL ARTS LEADERS SHARPEN SKILLS

Breakthrough is a team associated with Grace Missions International that uses martial arts to provide incomparable street evangelism and gospel presentations.

Jon Young, senior instructor of *Breakthrough*, and two Black Belts on his team recently visited Bob Xavier in order to sharpen their skills. They were heading to Paraguay on a short-term mission trip. Bob was blessed to work with these young leaders!



WHY GRACE MARTIAL ARTS FAITH-DEFENSE? Investing in the Lives and Eternal Destiny of Youth and Families

By Bob Xavier

On July 4, 1976, the Lord God turned my life's focus from my "self-defense" to God's "faith-defense." I believed that the Lord Jesus Christ was God and Savior, and He died and rose again to redeem me from all my sins. Since 1980, my wife Beth and I have invested in the lives of youth and families as TCM missionaries.



Our nation's youth and families' eternal destiny is under attack and being stolen by Satanic, evolutionary, post-modern, humanistic worldviews. We are losing our kids and families to a wide range of life-destroying problems. Millions of our nation's young Christians are disconnected from church as they transition to adulthood. Current trends show that less than 4% of today's teenagers will be evangelical believers by the time they become adults.

Grace Martial Arts Faith-Defense ministry's purpose is to evangelize and teach girls and boys the Gospel of the Grace of God, providing parameters within which a child can operate safely and securely while learning to trust the Lord and to make wise life-style choices.

TRAINING CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

Our objective is to train students in strong, committed, Christ-centered leadership. Students develop into servant leaders through understanding the Word of God rightly divided. An example of this



would be Philippians 2:3 & 4, "...in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Every new student's first class begins by memorizing John 14:6 and by learning that the most important person in the class is his/her partner. Students memorize a sequence of Bible verses and non-violent self-defense skills for every color belt rank they earn. Each class session instills godly-confidence, respect and disciplined direction for their lives. The students learn a multitude of solid Biblical applications that are easily illustrated from self-defense applications.



Our clubs are led by exceptional, dedicated teenage and adult Black Belt leaders. During my 40+ years instructing Faith-Defense Martial Arts, it has been a tremendous joy to see some of our Black Belt leaders go on to Bible colleges and be trained as missionaries and full-time Christian workers.

FOLLOWING ON

Kenya's presidential re-election is scheduled for Oct. 26 since the August results were rejected by Kenya's highest court. TCM-Kenya needs your prayers for peace in this volatile time.

John Harris of Altoona Bible Church was elected the new TCM Board President during the September meeting.

Application has been submitted for TCM to open a branch office in Singapore. Pray for a favorable response.



Eldred with his kids:
Phyllis, Daniel, Linda & Ron

Happy
93rd!
Eldred Sidebottom celebrates his 93rd birthday. He served faithfully as TCM Director in Cope, CO for 25 years (1965-1990).

In Memory



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Traynor & Cathy Hansen
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HOW CAN I HELP?

TCM-PHILIPPINES CONVENTION CENTER



A TCM convention center is under construction on the IGBI-Ozamis campus in the Philippines. The large covered court will serve several purposes: 1) meetings for the Bible school, 2) covered basketball court for the school and nearby churches 3) venue for regional and national seminars and conferences and 4) renting it out to raise funds for IGBI. In April 2018 the inaugural event will host 1500 national

and international delegates to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of TCM-Philippines. Philippine churches have donated labor, material and architectural planning. They raised most of the funds to complete the pillars, trusses and roof. \$5000 will help them complete the project. The Philippine churches are a strong partner with TCM and most of our missionaries come from there. Donations toward this project will benefit Bible training, church planting and missionary work.

DESIGNATE DONATIONS: PHILIPPINES CONVENTION CENTER

MISSIONARY KIDS' EDUCATION

Keep TCM missionaries on the field! Studies of missionary attrition show children's education as one of the top two reasons missionaries leave the field. Our TCM Team families in Laos and Myanmar are blessed to enroll their kids in homeschool co-ops that offer the only curriculum accepted by the Philippine Department of Education. Their tuition and materials fees average \$1600 per child per academic year.

DESIGNATE DONATIONS: TEAM HOMESCHOOL

TCM's MK College Scholarship Fund assists our missionary families who have children in college/university. Qualifying TCM MKs are awarded scholarships of \$500 per academic year as funds last. The fund is currently depleted.

DESIGNATE DONATIONS: MK SCHOLARSHIP



MISSIONARY VAN



The van TCM missionary families use for traveling throughout the USA to share about their ministries has over 200,000 miles on it and will need to be replaced soon. A donation of an economical used mini-van with low mileage would be welcome! TCM can issue a tax-deductible receipt for the market value of a donated van. Alternatively, donations can be made toward purchasing a used mini-van.

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