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# No More Place for Me to Work

*By Ben Anderson, International Director*

When writing to the believers in Rome, Apostle Paul made the bold claim, “There is no more place for me to work in these regions” (Rom. 15:23). A few verses earlier he defined these regions: “From Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.” How could Paul have completed his work in a territory 2000 miles long just ten years after his send off in Acts 13?

The answer lies in Paul’s strategy, which he explains in 2 Cor. 10:15-16: “Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. 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. For we do not want to boast about work already done in someone else’s territory.” Notice the emphasis on **sphere**, **region** and **territory**. Paul’s God-given task was to ensure that someone was preaching the Grace gospel in all regions. If Paul had already trained and assigned an evangelist to a region, then his responsibility was finished and he needed to move on. As the apostle to all the Gentiles, he did not want to duplicate the efforts of his coworkers.

How does Paul’s visionary statement apply in our time? Paul’s strategy emphasizes a gospel outreach among every unreached people, defined as a group of people who will not hear an understandable presentation of the gospel during their lifetime without a missionary. The responsibility of TCM is not to evangelize every person in a country. Our job is to establish a viable gospel outreach—including churches and training—and then to move on. The established church then takes the responsibility to be ambassadors of Christ to their own people, thus releasing mission resources to target the next unreached people. For a mission to remain indefinitely among a reached people will delay the plan of God, “Who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

On December 16, 2016 TCM followed through with Paul’s strategy in Kenya. As International Director I gave my “release speech” to the leaders of the Kenyan Grace Bible Churches. Back in 1986 TCM sent our first missionaries to Kenya. Thirty years later our last missionary was reassigned by the Board to an unreached people in Asia. As a pioneer missionary in Kenya I told the leaders how proud I was of their knowledge of the Grace message and their commitment to planting churches throughout Kenya. I emphasized my complete confidence in their ability to do the work which God had put before them. And I asked them to be partners with TCM in taking the gospel to the regions beyond Kenya, something they were eager to do. TCM is not abandoning Kenya! Instead, we have entered the mature stage of interdependence. We continue our financial support to the field, while they set the vision and strategy for reaching their country.







## MEET PASTOR TITUS KIVILU

Director

Grace Bible Church-TCM, Kenya

I am married to my dear wife Jemimah, and the Lord blessed us with two sons, Newton (19yrs) and Denis (13yrs). We live in Thika, the headquarters of Grace Bible Church - TCM, Kenya. We are committed as a family to serve the Lord and are willing to go everywhere the Lord calls and enables us by His grace.

I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior in 1986 at the first Grace conference held in my home place, Twamakaa in eastern Kenya. I gave my life to the Lord after I heard the gospel profoundly explained by veteran TCM missionary, Vernon Anderson. I continued attending Grace Church in Twamakaa where as a youth I was nurtured and led to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

A few years later, God burdened my heart to serve Him and take the Grace gospel to others wandering in darkness and deception. After a tough struggle in my own mind as well opposition from relatives and friends, in 1991 I made a firm decision to dedicate my life to serve the Lord. A year later I joined Grace Bible School in Embu for 3 years of Bible & Theology training. After graduating in November 1994, I went straight into full time ministry as a pastor.

In 2012, the board of GBC-Kenya appointed me as Director to oversee the whole work of GBC-TCM Kenya, and ensure the ministry accomplishes our vision to reach the whole of Kenya and her borders with the life-saving, sound teaching of the message of the grace of God. My role involves travelling and visiting all GBC churches, meeting with pastors and overseers to encourage, discuss church growth and lay down plans for spreading the gospel to unreached people. I report to the GBC-Kenya Board and advise the way forward. I also act as the link between TCM and GBC-Kenya since there is no longer a TCM missionary in Kenya.



I fully believe in the two-fold purpose of God for all humanity stated in 1 Tim. 2:3-4; "God our Savior ... desires all people to be saved and come to full knowledge of the truth." I am wholly committed to sharing the gospel with all people and teaching the Grace message, which is the truth in this dispensation of Grace. My motivation is the love of Christ and the reward He has kept for me and will give to me on the day of Christ. I thank God for His grace and blessings upon my life and the ministry He has called me into. My desire is to continue serving Him till my last breath on this earth. To Him be honor and glory.

# THE MINISTRY OF GRACE BIBLE CHURCH—TCM KENYA

*By Pastor Titus Kivilu, Kenya Director*

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH-KENYA** is an affiliate ministry of TCM committed to: “Influencing Kenya and her borders with the life-saving and sound teachings of the message of the grace of God through evangelism, training leaders, edifying believers and planting new Grace churches to teach people about the Grace message.”

**1984:** TCM’s work in Kenya started when TCM missionaries, Vernon & Darlene Anderson came to Kenya by God’s calling and invitation by the late Pastor Festus Njoka. The Lord led Vernon and Darlene to faithful men who learned the Grace message which changed their lives and made them ready to take it to others. Together they preached, evangelized and taught in market places, villages and homes where people responded positively which led to starting several Grace churches around eastern Kenya. In 1986, Ben and Joyce Anderson joined their parents and continued planting Grace Churches. God continued to open doors for the Grace message to be heard which created a need to train pastors. In 1989 the missionaries started Grace Bible School to train pastors and send them to the ministry. TCM sent more missionaries to assist in the Bible School. By 1999, 30 Grace churches had been planted in eastern Kenya where the missionaries lived until 2000.

**PROJECT 2010:** The TCM missionaries and GBC—Kenya leaders came up with Project 2010: plant 20 churches in 10 strategic cities by 2010. They moved out to plant churches in 8 of the 10 cities. They also crossed the border and opened the Uganda Grace Gospel Church of Christ in Kampala.

**PROJECT 2020:** After 2010 we setup another ambitious goal: focus on increasing Grace churches to 100 by 2020. Other objectives include: train pastors and church leaders, increase church members and build permanent church buildings furnished with necessary equipment. Now we have 63 churches spread out across Eastern, Central, Western and Coastal regions. To oversee the whole ministry effectively, we have segmented our ministry into 13 regions headed by regional overseers, with the General Director as the overall supervisor.



**STRATEGY:** This year the leaders of GBC-Kenya evaluated and strategized how to plant the remaining 37 – 40 Grace churches to reach 100. We came up with a very challenging goal: plant 3 churches yearly in 13 regions. By God's grace we are trusting God to have 100 Grace churches in Kenya by the year 2020. We ask prayers from faithful friends and partners to achieve this great goal of advancing the Grace message not only in Kenya but beyond the borders.

**TRAINING:** Effective church planting and church growth requires training able men and women who will in turn give their lives to serve the Lord. We currently have 3 main training systems: 1) Grace Pastoral Training (GPT)—a 1-year training Program, 2) Kenya Grace School of Ministry (KGSM)— a 2-year program, and 3) Berean Grace School of Ministry (BGSM)—a 2-year program. GPT and KGSM operate from Thika for students from Central, Eastern and Western regions while BGSM operates from Mombasa for students from the Coast region. We trust God to enable us to resume the residential Bible School in Thika soon to offer a deeper theological and ministry training.

**EXPANSION:** GBC-TCM Kenya as the oldest TCM field in Africa, offers mentorship, leadership and training assistance to other ministries in Uganda and South Africa. Pastor Peter Kagwi and I visited Uganda Grace Gospel Church of Christ to provide Grace Pastoral Training to 14 pastors and Bible women. We plan to continue with Level 2 March 20 -25. Our purpose is for more ministers to spread the Grace message throughout Uganda. In the same spirit, we invited Pastor William Mdluli, South Africa National Coordinator, to come and minister with us for 2 weeks in February to learn how we conduct our ministry in Kenya. Pastor William joined ministries in Nakuru, Central Kenya, where 8 people received Jesus Christ, and in the Coast region. We went a step further to initiate unity and fellowship for TCM Africa through a meeting of the national leaders from the 3 TCM fields February 23-24: Pastor William from South Africa, Pastor Philip and Elder Livingstone from Uganda and Pastor Peter, Pastor Samuel and myself from Kenya. It is our prayer that the outcome will cause the Grace message to spread through our countries to other countries in Africa.

**THANK YOU** to all who have faithfully and sacrificially supported the ministry of GBC-TCM Kenya. Together may we abound in doing the good work of reaching the lost with the saving gospel of the grace of God.





## MEET PASTOR PETER KAGWI

**Coast Regional Director  
Grace Bible Church-TCM, Kenya**

**M**y wife, Margaret, and I have been married for 27 years. The Lord blessed us with three sons ages 17 to 26, and one granddaughter from our son, Tony. I was saved through a youth conference at my home place. After the main speaker preached a salvation message, he gave an altar call. I made my decision that day and trusted in Jesus that He died for my sin. However, I did not know the gospel of the grace of God at all. I was brought up in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa.

I first heard about the Grace message through Bible correspondence courses offered by the late Joe Mason. He handed me over to Vernon Anderson, who introduced me to the Grace Bible School in Embu. I felt what I was learning through correspondence courses was not adequate, so I asked Ben Anderson whether I could join the Bible school as a full-time student. He said it was possible, but warned that I must be prepared for the challenges ahead. I had to quit my job with the Ministry of Agriculture in Meru, take my family home and then join the Bible school.

My understanding of the mid-Acts dispensational perspective of the Bible comes from those who taught me in Grace Bible School: Vernon Anderson's *Dispensational Survey* class, Genesis Maraat's *Theology and The Book of Acts* class, and Ben Anderson's influence as my principal. I was impressed by the way my teachers approached the Bible dispensationally, rightly dividing the Scripture according to 2Tim. 2:15. The Bible became so clear to me and I was convinced.

The moment I joined the Bible school in 1992 I could tell I was headed for full-time ministry. After graduating with a Diploma in Theology in 1994 there was no turning back. The Lord led me to full-time ministry. Later I was fortunate to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Theology from South African Theological Seminary in conjunction with Kenya Baptist Theological College.

My passion is to see people coming to Jesus and understanding the truth of the gospel. It is painful to see people getting lost and being misled by many false teachers and prophets. I am motivated by the rewards that shall be awarded to me at the judgment seat of Christ (2Cor. 5:10) and assured by 2 Tim. 4:8: "Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

I do encounter personal and ministry challenges as is common to anyone. Sometimes the ministry is not moving per my expectations and there are setbacks. Other times we experience financial short-comings. However, we are always thankful and content with what the Lord provides us in the ministry. The love of Christ keeps me going even through hard times.

# REACHING THE ISLAMIC COAST

*By Pastor Peter Kagwi, Kenya Coast Regional Director*

**M**y family and I joined Ben and Joyce Anderson in Nairobi in 2000 to pioneer a Grace church as part of *Project 2010*—plant 20 Grace churches in 10 strategic cities in Kenya. While ministering in Nairobi, I believe the Lord was preparing us for the task of church planting in Mombasa. The burden for reaching the Coast region of Kenya became stronger and stronger every day, and Ben and Joyce greatly encouraged us to reach this Islamic region of Kenya with the gospel.

Early one morning in January 2010 we arrived in Mombasa. Our ministry was driven by our vision to strategically and creatively build a growing community of Grace assemblies in the city of Mombasa and beyond by planting culturally relevant churches which are devoted to dynamic worship of God while spreading His saving grace to unreached communities. In the early days of our ministry in Mombasa, TCM sent missionaries, Jim and Missy Tollar, who helped pioneer the work. Missionary Luz Gaddi also played a great role training children's Sunday school teachers.

The Lord led us to start a parallel ministry of training and equipping church leaders, and Berean Grace School of Ministry (BGSM) was established on February 17, 2010. We thank the Lord the graduates of BGSM are being used in church planting in the Coast region and even other parts of the country. Four graduates are now helping me train 20 current BGSM students.

The work at the coast is growing. We have 7 pastors ministering in different Grace churches at the coast. Every Sunday and mid-week the Word of God is taught either from the pulpit or in Home Bible Churches. Our children are being taught and nurtured in a godly manner. Seminars, evangelism and follow-up ministries are taking place. We also offer *The Highway of Life* Bible correspondence course to inmates of Shimo La Tewa Prison.



Pastor Kagwi cuts the ribbon to open a new church in Bura

Pastor Patrick Kilei, a graduate of BGSM, and his family moved to Voi in January to plant a Grace church in that city. They have already started a weekly Bible study with about six people and children attending and hearing the Grace message every week. Let's pray and support this humble beginning by faith.

The Coast Ministry Center, dedicated by TCM International Director, Ben Anderson on Nov. 20, 2016, is a great help to all our Coast churches. We thank all who participated in supporting this building project. Pray with us for a financial breakthrough to finish construction. (See *How Can I Help* on p. 19)

Our vision for expanding and strengthening the work is described in three main objectives: Evangelism - Training - Church planting. Our Coast Grace Team of leaders meets every two months to evaluate, strategize and discuss the work. The next phase of our vision is to target 6 towns within the Coast region by 2020.

# A WALK ON THE SOUTH AFRICA MINISTRY TRAIL

By Dean Padayhag

South Africa is one-eighth the size of the USA with 9 provinces and 11 official languages. With a population of 55+ million, South Africa is open for ministry and the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion.



In South Africa, TCM works with its local counterpart: ABGMSA (Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa). We share a common vision to make known the Grace message and plant Grace churches in South Africa and neighboring countries. TCM missionaries assist ABGMSA in training, church planting, church development and fundraising. Currently ABGMSA has 8 churches and active ministries in 3 provinces as well as contacts and outreaches in the other provinces. House churches and Bible study groups with the potential to become full-fledged churches exist in the main cities of Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Grace Berean Bible School, the educational arm of ABGMSA, is integral to growth in the South African work. The work was in maintenance mode until 2011 when the Bible School produced a new breed of national workers and leaders. The Bible school offers a 2-year Certificate in Christian Ministry, using a combination of conventional classroom sessions and home-study lessons. Missionaries and local pastors share responsibilities in teaching and coordinating with students both in and out of the classroom. Since its inception GBBS has taught multi-racial, multi-cultural students from Congo, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Philippines and South Africa. Many graduates now serve on the national board, in local Grace Berean churches and as church planters. Graduates visit bordering countries of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Swaziland with the intention of starting new work. GBBS has also been a powerful tool for transforming non-Grace students and winning churches to be part of the Grace ministry in South Africa.

Our vision is to plant more Grace churches in the southern region of the African continent. In South Africa, we aim to have twenty churches by the end of the year 2020. Pastor William Mdluli, National Coordinator, has been commissioned to oversee this work with assistance from the Church Planting committee and Pastoral Forum. Training seminars are on the way to ensure the realization of this vision, with courses on church planting incorporated within Bible school lessons. Our students and graduates are mobilized to start Bible studies in their own homes. The results have been tremendous! A national appeal was made to give generously to the ministry especially in partnering with church planters.

Despite high spirits and a sense of exhilaration, our ministry hasn't been a walk in the park. Satan is busy building walls to keep us from moving forward rapidly. Four major challenges exist:

- 1) Language barrier. With 11 official languages and several dialects, reaching out to everyone with one language is a real challenge.
- 2) Racial differences. Apartheid was removed from the South African Constitution, but it still exists in many people's hearts.
- 3) Secular jobs. Many of the pastors are occupied with secular work resulting in divided attention and priorities.
- 4) Lack of financial aid. While some are hindered by secular jobs, others have no work and no real income. These pastors are willing to serve but are limited due to lack of finances. Projects are also delayed due to insufficient funds. (cont. next page)

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GBBS answers these challenges by welcoming students of all races and backgrounds. A benefit of training multi-racial, multi-lingual students who know English, is that they can reach out to their own people in their own languages. Financial partners, including pastors with secular jobs, have responded

positively to the call to support this cause. Challenges can be turned into blessings once viewed strategically.

## I'M A MISSIONARY MOM!

By Sheba Padayhag

**D**ean and I came to South Africa as a newly married couple in June 2006. Becoming a church planting missionary wasn't a new thing for me as I grew up in several church planting ministries. Becoming a missionary wife took some adjustment as I had to work under my husband's leadership instead of steering a ministry myself. When I became a missionary mom 4 years later, it definitely made a big change. Either my ministry involvement was limited, or I used up double effort because I had to carry a baby while ministering.



### IDENTITY CRISIS

For a couple years, my first-born, Shedeia, thought she was one of the Africans. She showed obvious excitement every time she met them at our churches, ministries and play places. Toward the end of 2011 when we started meeting Filipinos in neighboring cities, her identity confusion began. The first time we brought her to the Philippine Embassy for the Independence Day Celebration, she screamed in fear at seeing so many Filipinos. My second-born, Shedesha, has the privilege of knowing both worlds immediately. Our

current ministry with the Filipino community benefits my daughters by exposure to Philippine culture, language and foods. At the same time, they are aware we are ministering to African people because of our daily Bible studies in different locations. I'm blessed to have MKs who have a heart for the lost and pray for them.

### 3-IN-1 HOUSE

Our rented place is first, our home. Second, it's our ministry office, studio, book factory and workshop. Third, it's our kids' school. We decided to homeschool due to our complex schedule. Shedeia is registered in an ACE school in the Philippines. Shedesha will start next year.

I could tell you a hundred things I am doing, need to do or failed to do as a missionary, but writing this article has reminded me that being a missionary mom is the greatest ministry accomplishment I can have. I am so grateful to the Lord for such a privilege.



## SOUTH AFRICA: FAQ

By Paul Craesmeyer

Folks ask me about our ministry in South Africa:

**Is it much different than in Brazil?**

**What are your goals?**

**What are some challenges?**

### SIMILARITIES

You'd think it would be different from our ministry in Brazil... but no. The language, customs, and a few things are different, but I'm doing much the same: a lot of the basics, plus direct mentoring of leaders, teaching more advanced subjects, answering tougher questions as I guide them along. For example, the other day one of my main disciples confessed to be a bit lost in where the Lord wants him. He has no doubt that God guided him to us - he has embraced the Grace message and joined the Bible school after 3 weeks of us meeting; he also has no doubt as to his desire to serve the Lord with every breath... but specifics? No clue. Plenty of questions, though! So we meet often, working on each question from Scripture.



Speaking of the Bible School, I enjoy getting to teach every other Saturday. I usually teach one of 4 sessions. We start at 9 and leave after 4 p.m.! The students have lots of questions! Established leaders also appreciate fresh input. Every two weeks a pastor and I meet to talk ministry strategy. It's mutual sharpening of the best kind, so we're planning on bumping it up to a weekly thing. When we meet, it usually takes no less than 5 hours!

### GOALS

Begin Bible studies, develop them into home churches, then into 'normal' churches which are able to support themselves and the national Grace association. We've



already started two small groups, one in Krugersdorp and another in Soweto. Aside from these, we plan to start a few more in the Johannesburg/Pretoria metropolitan area. Recently a man accepted Christ in Johannesburg proper, and is thirsty for more. Would you pray with us that we will be able to start a new Bible study in the heart of South Africa? We're also starting

another branch of the Bible school in our area with 9 students enrolled so far. Would you pray the Lord to bring all those who have a pure desire to serve Him?

### CHALLENGES

To do ministry and still provide for family. Often our workers' jobs limit them too much. Why not provide for family at the same time they're doing ministry? Didn't Paul train Aquila and Priscilla while simultaneously running his tent-making business (Acts 18)? We're helping some of our ministers-in-training move in that direction. I have been experimenting with a cattle manure bio-digester for fuel and fertilizer production, a helpful know-how to pass on in this country. Inspired by the need to create jobs and be flexible for ministry, a couple of our brothers are in the process of leaving their jobs and starting their own company. Entrepreneur preachers gain flexibility to minister.



## LEARNING MORE THAN BOOKS CAN TEACH

By Mariana Craesmeyer

Our battle of prayers about Mathias's education began back in 2014, before we came to South Africa. We were living in Brazil at the time, where by law a child must be enrolled in a school when they turn 4! We said, 'No way!' Instead, we secured his American citizenship with the right to do American school. We enrolled him in a school in the U.S., they shipped the books to Brazil, and that's how our homeschooling journey started.



When we arrived in South Africa, we had another big decision to make. Mathias was about to start first grade, and reading and writing well are important for future academic accomplishments. Do we enroll him in a school so that he gets more involved with the local culture and learns one or two of the local languages? Or do we continue homeschooling him? After a lot of prayer, we decided to have a bit of both worlds. We continue homeschooling Mathias, and I am responsible for his first grade curriculum; but he also goes to a local school once a week to play sports and make local friends, which is so important in life and ministry.

The best thing about it all is to see the way the Lord works in our lives. I teach Mathias every day following a curriculum, but what I see is a boy learning so much more than books can ever teach. As he goes with us to meet people and attend Bible studies and church activities, he is learning how differently God made us all, how to serve Him on a daily basis and how to share the light of Jesus in a dark world. He is learning compassion for those in need, respect for the differences, and love for all.



I hope our son never takes this experience for granted. I hope Paul and I will always remember that the best learning comes from our example and our walk with the Lord. A strong relationship with the Lord is the best school we can offer Mathias. I

hope we become better teachers every day!



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# MEET PASTOR WILLIAM MDLULI

**National Coordinator**

**Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa**

In 1994 Steve Thobela and I worked together as government Area Committee executive members. Pastor Steve was already in the ministry, and every time we finished dealing with community issues he shared the gospel message with us. I loved God but associated with wrong people till I meet Pastor Steve. He explained God's programs very clearly to me. I fell in love with these truths and found the right reasons to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. I was impressed by the dispensational programs of God, and the Grace message made me love my Bible because I could understand it much easier and better.



I received my ministry training at Grace Berean Bible School where I completed a two-year course to earn a Christian Ministry Certificate. In 2017 I was appointed to serve as National Coordinator for the Association of Berean Grace Ministries in South Africa (ABGMSA). My mission in this role is to see more people receive the gospel of their salvation and be reconciled to God. In order to achieve this I want to see more people trained and sent out to places where the Grace message has not been preached and see more Grace churches planted.

The love of God and the ministry keeps me going despite financial challenges I am facing. In order to serve full-time as ABGMSA National Coordinator, I resigned from my job with JD Group transporting furniture. I had a good salary, my own van and two employees working under me. Now I am walking by faith and using my family resources for the sake of God and the ministry. My wife, Hellen, and I are blessed with a son, Tshepo, two daughters, Lebogang and Goitseone, and two granddaughters, Masego and Kelebogile. My family also loves God and the ministry.

I commend the stewards in South Africa for the good work they are doing for the Lord. At this time they are hard at work establishing Bible study groups that will eventually be converted into churches. These groups consist of non-Grace believers, local people who attend different churches. They are brought



**Pastor Mdluli (left front) meets with TCM leaders from Kenya and Uganda**

together and taught the Grace message. Grace Berean Bible School is benefiting from such groups because after they are taught in the Bible studies, they enroll in our school to further their knowledge.

QUOTES FROM  
**DAVID LIVINGSTONE**

Pioneer missionary to Africa

**“Christ alone  
can save the world,  
but Christ cannot  
save the world  
alone.”**



**“People talk of the sacrifice I have made  
in spending so much of my life in Africa.  
It is emphatically no sacrifice.  
Say rather it is a privilege.”**

**“God, send me anywhere only go with me.  
Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.  
And sever any tie in my heart  
except the tie that binds my heart to yours.”**



## MEET PASTOR PHILIP WALENDO

### Uganda Grace Gospel Church of Christ



On 25 Nov. 1980 I was born in northern Uganda to born-again Christians; however, I wasn't saved until 2003 while in secondary school doing my *Advanced Certificate of Education*. I was a terrible, drunken young man whom every teacher knew about. I used my school fees for drinking, which so annoyed my parents. One Sunday a born-again student preached to me. I was already looking wasted but thanks be to God who extended His love and salvation to me that morning. That student introduced me to the school Chaplain who encouraged me much in life and salvation.

After finishing my Certificate, I came to Uganda's capital city, Kampala, in May 2005 to look for a job and found work as a security guard. At that time I started looking for a born-again church for fellowship. A friend was staying with Mr. Stephen Cwinyaa whose house was a prayer room for the newly opened Uganda Grace Gospel Church of Christ—TCM, Kampala. I joined them for prayers and those people were so welcoming and comforting, I decided to remain as a member of the church. I was thoroughly introduced to the Grace message by Carlo Paña, TCM missionary in Uganda. What inspired me and made me accept was Acts 16:6-10 about Paul's preaching in Troas and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to preach in Macedonia.



In December 2006 I married my lovely wife, Athim Philip Juliet, and we now have three children: Blessing (age 7), Shepherd (age 5) and Paul (age 3). We all live together in Kampala with people the Lord has blessed us to take care of as church ministers.

I became Pastor of UGGCC in 2010 after graduating with a 3-year *Certificate in Church Planting and Evangelism*. The training was organized by the Pañas to equip willing church members with the Grace message. My leadership position in the church expanded when the missionaries left the country and I took the overall pastoral ministry position in 2014.

As with any organization, challenges are part of growth. The major challenge for long distance evangelism is transport, as well as situations where we need to support orphans and prisoners but don't have funds or facilities. What matters most is our attitude in the way we respond to challenges in the ministry. What keeps me going even in hard times are faith (2 Tim. 3:1-9; Rom. 1:17) and hope (1 Cor. 15:58; Psalm 34:18).

My passion is preaching the Word of God rightly divided, teaching others (2Tim. 2:1-6), studying the Scriptures and leading people to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a blessing to have a wife who stands by me in ministry, and we thank God for the favorable government policy that allows believers to preach the Word of God openly in Uganda. We are further encouraged by the good leadership of TCM-USA and our partnership with TCM-Kenya pastors.





# MOVING FORWARD IN UGANDA

By Pastor Philip Walendo

Uganda Grace Gospel Church of Christ (UGGCC)-TCM was launched in a small living room of Stephen and Rose Cwinyaai, the ministry's Chairman, in the capital city, Kampala. As the church grew in numbers we moved into a tent, and when the tent became too small, we built a small semi-permanent house where we fellowshiped for two years. In 2008 with the help of TCM-USA, we managed to buy a piece of land and construct a permanent church.

Currently UGGCC has 110 members composed of 74 adults and 36 children who come regularly for prayers. We have Bible study every Sunday 8:30-9:30am, the main service 9:40-12:00, and evening glory 4:00-6:00pm. We conduct prayer meeting every Monday and Bible study every Wednesday. We have ministries for children, youth and women and a prison outreach. We follow up and nurture those who get saved during prayers.



TCM-Uganda currently has only one church, which we are ashamed to say considering the ministry began 13 years ago. Missionaries Carlo and Elma Paña left Uganda, and the ministry underwent many challenges. We thank God



for sending Pastors Titus Kivilu and Peter Kagwi from TCM-Kenya in February, 2016 to implement a solid training strategy that equips men and women for ministry through dispensational teaching and instruction in planting churches. The program offers certificates in Evangelism and Church Planting. Later that year TCM International Director, Ben Anderson, helped us resolve administrative issues using his God-given management skills. Ben and Joyce officiated at the graduation of 14 students from the training program.

By God's grace UGGCC has greatly stabilized and we are able to move forward with the Lord's work. Our goal for 2017 is to open one new church in April and another immediately after. We have identified the places and held several meetings with elders and other stake-holders. Our vision is to have a well-established Grace Bible School in Uganda by 2020 and increase to 15 churches by 2030!



God is faithful and when we pray, He answers. As we stand firm, hopeful and courageous (Josh. 1:6-7), evangelize and teach the Scriptures rightly-divided (2 Tim. 2:15), and train others for the work of the Lord (2 Tim. 2:1-6), we trust the Lord to make this vision a reality.

# WEAKNESS TO STRENGTH

By Tim Heath, Development Director

“We will be landing in 15 minutes. Welcome to Kuala Lumpur!” the pilot announces as we see the lights of the Malaysian capital for the first time. Wow! How beautiful! But when we walk the streets, see the poor and our senses are bombarded with a plethora of smells, heat and humidity, we wonder why we came. When we think of the call to missions, pictures of adventure and outreach cascade into our minds. Wow! How exciting this is going to be! There is the initial thrill of meeting new people but we soon find they are just like those at home: some accept and others reject.

In Exodus 3-5, God calls Moses to announce the Good News to Israel that He has heard their cry and will deliver them from bondage. With the call comes the hardship when Pharaoh not only rejects the idea of freedom for Israel but adds heartache to their burdened lives. As his message is rejected and things go wrong for Moses, his response is one many have echoed when they have felt the call to serve God, only to be attacked and rejected by those they came to serve: ‘Why did you ever send me?’ (Ex. 5:22) I’ve asked that question before and I imagine you have also. We see things from a distance and they look great, like the lights of a city at night. But then we get involved in people’s lives and expectations can go awry.

You may remember that first call from the Lord or the stirring of your heart by the Holy Spirit, and then... you faced challenges. But God does not leave us with the sense of failure or abandonment. It is at this very point in our service to God that He takes our weakness and displays His power in our lives. God brings confirmation to us as He did to Moses: ‘I will bring; I will deliver; I will redeem; I will take; I will be; I will give.’ (Ex. 6:6-8) ‘How?’, we might ask. God’s response: ‘I am the LORD!’

In the last few months, TCM has seen several people show a strong interest in missions. We pray for more people, not only to sense the call from the Lord to missions, but to be prepared to face the challenges along the way. As we allow our weaknesses to become God’s strength in and through us, we are able to keep serving the Lord, whether at home, in church or in foreign lands.



## **MK VOICES:** Daniel & Daniela Banac, Team Myanmar

**DANIEL** (age 15): It has been three months since we left the Philippines and the time surely does pass quickly. During our first weeks we slowly adjusted to the different customs, foods and language. Now, we can ride public transport and buy goods in the local market. I am slowly learning the Burmese language, piece by piece. I help in the church with technical and music aspects. My 2017 goals are to learn the language and help organize the worship team. I have made friends with Ptr. Kenneth Ling’s youngest son, Jesse. With his help I pray to be able to share with his friends. The idea of a youth fellowship came to our conversations, but we need to talk more about it with other youth. Thank you and please continuously pray for us and the ministry especially the youth.

**DANIELA** (age 11): Many months have passed since the fateful day of November 7, 2016. Since then we have slowly adjusted to food, clothing, home and language. God has indeed blessed us during those months. We have accomplished many things since our arrival: visa approvals, friendship, church activities including Christmas celebrations and a church trip. Mom and Dad are already enrolled in the language school and we will be soon enrolled too. Our studies using PACES have gone well since arrival. Please pray we can get a business visa to stay longer here. Thank you to our prayer partners and supporters around the world and the TCM staff and workers. We are very grateful for your faithful presence.

## DIVING INTO MISSIONS

By Janae Brown

**N**ovember 1, 2016 marked the biggest change of my entire life. After 28 hours, 4 planes, and one long bus ride, I arrived in Tagum City, Philippines. I was overwhelmed with new experiences and had to adjust. Culturally, I learned honking your horn is absolutely essential to survive, meaning, ‘Hey I’m here!’ or ‘Move!’ I adapted to eating rice from never to every day. I learned toilet paper and hand sanitizer are your best friends. In my IGBI (International Grace Bible Institute) classes, I had to adjust to the way they quiz, test, and grade—it was a shock to find out they don’t do multiple choice! I realized even though I left friends and family back home, I gained a new heartwarming Filipino family!

I’ve been blessed to dive into numerous ministry opportunities: speaking, singing, sharing my testimony in different churches, leading worship, handing out tracts, witnessing, and helping lead a *Christians in Action* youth outreach event. Ministry is limitless and can be incredibly creative, based on your imagination. After finishing Bible Doctrine, Hermeneutics, Theology 2, and Minor Prophets in my first term at IGBI, I’m currently enrolled in Bible Synthesis, Christian Psychology, Church in History, and Revelation.

Home-sickness hit in December. I finally concluded America will always be there waiting for me; however, there are souls here now that are soft and ready to hear the gospel—they just need someone willing to witness. As the New Year rolled in, I was able to let go of America and fully enjoy my training and teaching in the Philippines. It’s been incredibly encouraging serving God overseas, meeting new faces, trying new foods, and learning a new language! *Salamat sa Dios sa imong gugma!* (Thank you, Lord, for your love!)



## LIGHTS OUT

By Julia Liles, Team Cambodia

*Tonight I saw along the street  
A sight which made my heart skip a beat.  
The remains of a car and a bike  
But worse than that,  
Was the remainder of a man  
Which gave me such a fright.*

*I've never before seen such a thing...  
I just prayed to God about everything.  
I prayed for his family  
And thanked God for my safety  
And bringing me home—  
To know I don't need to fear  
And I'm never alone.*

*But so many don't yet  
Have a knowledge of CHRIST...  
Lord motivate our hearts to share tonight.  
I pray we don't wait even one more day  
To share the news you want us to say—*

*Believe in the Lord,  
Trust Him with your heart  
And when it's your time to go  
He will take you as you are.  
No need to be afraid,  
Just take His hand  
But this invite is urgent  
So please understand.  
Life is too short as many of us know  
So accept the Lord today  
And give your faith chance to grow.  
Then a new life in Christ you will know.*



**Editor’s note:** Janae Brown is from Grants Pass, OR, training with TCM-Philippines for two years in preparation for future missionary service. To receive her monthly updates or partner with her financially, contact TCM.





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**59<sup>th</sup> Grace National Annual Conference 2017**

**Theme:**  
**"MOBILIZING THE LOCAL CHURCH FOR ACTION"**

Theme Verse: 1Thess 1:8

**Speaker: REV. JOHN SHRIVER**  
 South Australia Missionary

Date: April 25-28, 2017  
 Venue: Casablanca Convention Center  
 Peñaranda St., Le9azpi City

**G**ardner Improso joined Team Myanmar March 3rd. His wife, Ledith, will follow next month. Gardner hopes to establish a technical training business for Burmese people as a way of providing a needed service, making connections for the gospel and providing long-term Business visas for the Team members. Salvina and the Banacs currently have 3-month Education visas through their language school.

**O**ur STTAM Bible school in Indonesia has been awarded full accreditation by the Indonesian government. This is significant in a country that places a lot of value on degree status.

**K**ilgos have opened a Grace church in the Southeast Asian country where they serve. About 30 people attend regularly and come with many questions about faith and doctrine.

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# HOW CAN I HELP?

## KENYA COAST MINISTRY CENTER CONSTRUCTION



Berean Grace School of Ministries (BGS) in Mombasa, trains church planters for Kenya, particularly for the Islamic coast region. Land was purchased and construction begun on a multi-purpose ministry center to house BGS and host Bible conferences, seminars and worship services under the leadership of Pastor Peter Kagwi and the Coast Grace Team. The cost to complete the building is \$2500.

**Designate: Kenya Coast Ministry Center**

## GTCM: MISSIONARY TRAINING

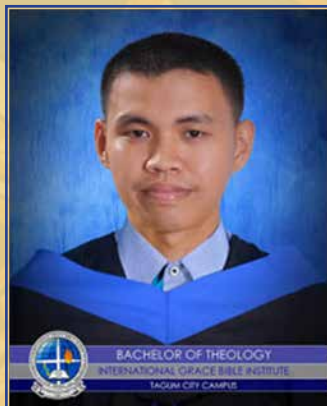


*Eight graduates of the first GTCM are already serving as TCM missionaries in Southeast Asia.*

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**Grace Theological Center for Mission**, an intensive two-month missionary training program, takes place April 1 to June 3, 2017. Fifteen missionary trainees from USA, Philippines and Indonesia will converge on the IGBI-Tagum, Philippines campus. Although trainees pay for their own food and accommodation, that is only half the cost of running the program. Other expenses to be covered by TCM include airfare and accommodation of teachers, venue preparation, utilities and training materials. Our target is \$200 per trainee for a total of \$3000.

## TRAINING NATIONAL MINISTRY WORKERS



Training ministry workers is absolutely essential to the mission of TCM. The **Good Soldier Fund** provides tuition scholarships that enable financially needy students to enroll in a TCM Bible school in the Philippines or Indonesia. Scholarships are awarded based on application data and maintaining a high grade average and good moral standing. The average annual scholarship per student in the Philippines is \$95 and in Indonesia \$200.

**Designate: Good Soldier Fund**



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