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- 3) That He can make all things new;
- 4) That He can resurrect us;
- 5) That He can give us new bodies;
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Yes, Salvation takes great faith!

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NO STOPPING NOW

Now we couldn't stop, but felt the excitement to GO OUT to new places in the world where the Grace Message had never been taught. We packed our belongings into our old, five-colored station wagon and left for a strange-sounding place: Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada, to attend the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

By then we promised to walk by faith ALONE: we were not going to ask for funds nor go into debt because we wanted to experience God's provision first hand. From SIL in Saskatchewan, Canada, we drove 2400 miles to Los Angeles to enter BIOLA School of Missionary Medicine to further prepare ourselves to be missionaries.

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1958, New Year's Day, began our BIG step of faith: pioneering a new field. Living by faith means living a life of simplicity—we had one goal and we lived to reach that goal. Immediately evangelism began with our contact Team, several Filipino men, zealous workers who wanted to learn and to spread Grace everywhere. It was an opportune time for harvest because Liberalism was destroying churches and these men needed to hear and believe the Bible. Everywhere: towns, seashore, mountains, islands, villages opened.

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The Lord opened closed doors—He led us by faith to India, Brazil in South America, Tanzania, Kenya, Cameroon and South Africa, even Bible smuggling in Communist Eastern Europe. The evangelism continues by the nationals as these fields go on.

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