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# Praise & Prayer Notes

A Bi-Monthly News Letter

**Look Back 2018:** Two of the “Three Amazing Months” of Ben Anderson

❖ 60<sup>th</sup> Grace National Annual Conference



### 1500 Faithful Workers

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.”

Throughout the past three months I have seen a few of the great things God is doing. At my last update I was heading for the 60th Grace National

### 400 GSBS Graduates



Annual Conference in the southern Philippines. It was a blessing to spend a week with 1500 faithful workers, leaders and missionaries remembering what God has done through Things to Come Mission in the Philippine since 1958. I enjoyed challenging 400 ministers who graduated from the continuing education program (Grace School of Biblical Studies).

### 23 Ordained Pastors



Several men were ordained and dozens of new pastors and Bible women were recognized during the conference held in the new convention center. The count of Grace Gospel Churches now stands at 512.

### ❖ 12 Complete Mission Training



Congratulations to the 12 graduates of Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM)! They

have spent the past 2 months intensively studying missions. They've spent 8 hours a day in classes followed by homework. The program is coordinated by Gerson & Marietta Bermejo. Ben & Joyce Anderson, Nathan Killion, James & Agape Bermejo, and Genesis Maraat have provided instruction. This past week International Director Ben Anderson interviewed each student to determine their readiness and steps to becoming TCM missionaries. Pictured are students taking the pledge to be involved in mission, whether as mobilizers or missionaries. We trust the Holy Spirit will guide each student according to His will.

**Look Back 2018: “Celebrating 60 Years of God’s Sufficient Grace”**



**Grace Gospel Church of Christ  
Guinoman, Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay**



**“The Ribbon-Cutting”  
Guinoman Church**

“The Ribbon-Cutting” for Building Dedication & “Unveiling of Marker” Ceremonies. The Sponsors: Matusalem & Ludy Mantos Cut the Ribbon and assisted by the Members of the TCM

Board of Trustees. (The “Unveiling of Marker” remembers and honors Pastor Vernon-Darlene Anderson and Pastor Potenciano Undag.)

**Look Back 2018: Suffering Servants**

*“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*

(All of them are suffering from pain but some are also suffering from financial worries.)

**Pastor Rudy Ragrag** of Kidapawan City: Bed-ridden but now slowly recovering from cerebrovascular accident (stroke).



**Pastor Leopoldo Gonzaga** of Hinunangan, Southern Leyte: Undergoing dialysis due to kidney problem.

**Pastor Danny Lamberte** of Zamboaga City: Undergoing dialysis due to kidney problem.

**Pastor Judelio Gullez** of Ozamiz City: Rectal colon cancer.

**Pastor Benjamin Magbanua** of Roxas, Palawan: Advanced stage of throat cancer.

**Pastor Ronnie Garcia** of Cauayan City: Undergoing dialysis due to kidney problem.

**Pastor Gerson Bermejo** of Bacoor City in Cavite: (Updated, Dec 10,2018) The UTI is cured. However, He will continue his medication at home for the spleen enlargement and cirrhosis problems. Of course, he will frequently visit the hospital for follow-up check-ups. (Buddy Nabus).

**Pastor Eufrazio Pielago Jr.** of Cebu City: Chronic Calcified Granulomatous Liver Suspect; Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease; Bronchial Asthma not in Acute Exacerbation; Benign Prostate Hypertrophy.

Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for these suffering servants of God!



### **“The Thanksgiving Service” Guinoman Church**

**THE PREPARATION:** From Program, Food, Facilities, and Other Needs – everything was ready! The preparation was a testimony of hard work and “working together” by the church leaders and members! More than 700 church members and visitors were there!

**Look Forward 2019: “TCM Target 2023” - “An Impossible Dream”?**



This current five-year development plan of Things to Come Mission, Philippines aims at reaching the following goals from 2018-2023: Plant 135 new churches; Add 9,275 new members; Raise 25 million pesos; and, Train laypeople and key leaders in the local, district, and zonal levels.

During the last five years (2013-2017), the Mission launched a development plan known as “TCM IMPACT”. The plan targeted to plant 115 new churches; add 7, 725 new members; raise 20 million pesos; and, train laypeople and key leaders through the Mission’s continuing education program. The results? 99 new churches were planted; number of individuals added overshot the target; and, 120 laypeople and 282 key leaders completed the program. The targeted 20 million pesos, however, only a little more than half of the amount was raised.

Based on the results of the previous plan, the present program has more encouraging advantages and strongly motivated challenges!

The participants of the TCM Philippines National Summit last February in Tagum City and Surigao City were unanimous in their strong declaration, that by the grace God, “TCM Target 2023” will again become an effective tool of church growth for Things to Come Mission, Philippines in the next five years!

An “Impossible Dream”? Definitely not!

**Look Back 2018: Special Events Held in Ministry Districts**

❖ **Bohol Ministry District: BGYAC 2018**

This year’s delegates might be fewer compared to the previous years, but definitely the loudest and the most



active! Thank you to everyone who joined; to the visitors who came, to the parents and church

members who supported, and to the workers and co-officers who actively participated! I've been attending this annual fellowship for 19 years straight and I can absolutely say I can't imagine



ending a year without it. Thank God for this family and see you again this BGYAC 2019!  
(Vernelle Rose Batabat)

### **Look Forward 2019: Support Goals of Literature Department for “TCM Target 2023”**



1. Produce follow up materials for new believers;
2. Assist in the production of training materials for laypeople and key leaders of the Mission;
3. Participate in leadership training seminars in the local, district and zonal levels;
4. Secure reference books and study materials for workers in the field;
5. Organize teams in the churches to conduct seasonal massive gospel tracts distribution;
6. Offer Bible courses on the basics of salvation as well as helps on spiritual

growth through correspondence and seminars; and,

7. Help keep people updated on the progress of the development plan both in the leadership and grassroots levels.

### **Make It Iloilo City 2019!**



“Prepare Early for TCM GNAC 2019!  
Date: April 23-26,2019; Venue: Punta Villa Resort, Arevalo, Iloilo City; Registration All in: Php 3k on or before March 31, 2019; April 01 - Actual: Php 3,900; Arrival: April 23 (12:00 noon: check in; 1st meal: dinner will be served between 5-6 in the evening; Departure & check out: April 26 at 12:00 noon.)” - Pastor Morito P. Rebana, TCM Executive Director.

***TCM VISION-MISSION: “Things to come Mission, Inc. endeavors to follow the global ministry concerns of the Apostle Paul as he follows Christ. It envisions to establish a Grace Church in every municipality and city in the Philippines, and commits itself to win the lost, edify the saints, plant reproducing Grace Churches, and produce committed believers in the teachings of Grace whose lives are Christ-like in character.”***

**Thoughts for the New Year!**

**Wishing You All for Your Family  
and Ministry a More Blessed and  
Happier New Year 2019! – From  
Us: The TCM Family, Philippines.**