

LOVE THE LORD, SERVE THE LORD

a great door for effective work has opened

April 2011

Dear Ministry Partner,

Joyce and I are once again in the midst of packing suitcases for a month-long trip to Southeast Asia departing April 5. Apostle Paul mentioned open doors three times in his epistles and we are excited about open doors for our ministry with Things to Come Mission. When I became Director in 2005, TCM was working in two countries of Southeast Asia. By the end of this year we will be active in six Asian countries with invitations to go into others. How exciting to see the message of hope transforming lives among unreached peoples.

MALAYSIA

April 8-10

After two nights in Hong Kong, we will visit our friends in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Pastor Heng leads the Amazing Grace Restoration Centre with about 15 members. In May 2010 I reported to the TCM board about the opportunity for someone to assist Pastor Heng. After the meeting, board member Tim Heath told me he would take up the challenge. So Tim & Judy together with Pastor Jesse Vaught and I surveyed Malaysia and Singapore in August. I will commission the Heaths on June 12 in Leavenworth, Washington before they fly to KL on the 13th. Our current trip is to help strengthen this young fellowship in preparation for the Heaths' move.

INDONESIA

April 11-17

We are praising the Lord for the renewed unity of the Indonesia ministry after three months of turmoil. At a national meeting in Jakarta on March 5, the matter was solved and the ministry has been strengthened. Joyce and I will visit Jakarta, Makassar and Manado for services, meetings with leaders and ordinations. It is always humbling to see the faith of these grace believers in the largest Muslim country. If you would like to visit Indonesia, mark your calendars for the Southeast Asia Grace Conference on the island of Bali in May 2012.

PHILIPPINES

April 18-24

The 53rd Annual Conference of TCM in Cebu, Philippines will celebrate the planting of 110 churches in ten years. Directors Gerson Bermejo and Jun Pielago have kept this goal before the faithful ministers and members of the grace churches. I was born in Cebu 50 years ago, which has given me a chance to reflect on God's purpose with my life. The title of this prayer letter sums it up: *Love the Lord, Serve the Lord*. After the conference I will travel with TCM Board President Doug Cox to Ozamis on the southern island of Mindanao to visit the International Grace Bible Institute and several ministers and churches.

THAILAND

April 25-28

Our missionaries in Thailand, the Maraats and Killions, have completed their formal language training and are now moving into ministry. As one of the most resistant countries to the gospel, they have been in fervent prayer for the Lord's next step. And the Lord is opening doors for effective work! Killions relate how all in the space of 24 hours they found a very reasonably priced house in a growing Thai neighborhood with an extra building for ministry just three kilometers from a new university which offered Nathan an English class to teach. I have always been amazed how the Lord opens doors *just in time* in this unreached country.

CAMBODIA

April 29-May 1

TCM entered Cambodia in 2007 through Ariel & Faith Mahilum. We will see them in the Philippines as they take a much deserved two-month home assignment. Meanwhile Myra Omictin continues to maintain and develop the ministry, particularly in the capital city of Phnom Penh. For the first time ever, a Cambodian grace believer, Chantha, will visit another TCM field when she travels with Myra for the Philippines conference.

ENGLAND

May 4-14

The country of England has produced some great missionaries including Hudson Taylor and William Carey. The dispensational understanding of Scripture came out of England with men like John Darby and Robert Anderson. Things to Come Mission has been active in England through Barry & Kathy Pumphrey of Birmingham. As with most churches in England, the attendance at the Grace Fellowship has dwindled over the



Ben & Joyce with youth at the building dedication of Grace Bible Church in Tarakan, Indonesia.

years. My desire is to stand with the Pumphreys in reviving this key ministry. And there are some encouraging signs. After meeting Julia Liles of England at a GGF conference, she joined Africa Safari 2009. Since then her parents have had fellowship with the Pumphreys. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Cloverley Hall national grace conference. I get back from Southeast Asia on May 3 and depart the following day for England.

An interesting part of our England plans is that I have recently met two American families who have sensed God speaking to them about ministering in England. One couple will be joining me on this journey to see what God is doing and could potentially do with their gifts. Another family will be coming to Indianapolis in the summer to talk with us about future ministry in this great country. I believe that God can bring revival if we pray for it. Pray that this conference will be the beginning of a revival in the Grace ministry in England.

THE FAMILY The Anderson family is about to grow. Jaclyn, married to Vince Logan, delivers twin girls by June 15. These girls are the Logans' first children, our first grandchildren and my parents' first great grandchildren. Vince and Jaclyn are both taking classes at Ivy Tech. Frances is studying hard for her Arizona cosmetology examination later this month. She just found out she would have to work in Arizona for one year for the license to be transferred to Indiana. Tegwen will complete her bachelor's degree at IUPUI. She quit her job so she could take a full load at university. Her husband Robby Heath continues to work overtime while taking distance classes from the Berean Bible Institute. The Logans and Heaths have a heart for serving the Lord, and have long-range plans of getting to the mission field.



Frances, Joyce, Jaclyn, Ben at the party when Jaclyn told us she was pregnant.

Thank you so much for your continued support for our ministry. One thing I have realized is that successful mission requires a central office, like a computer needs a CPU (central processing unit). The office is needed to tie together the missionaries, board members, donors, churches, ministers, ministries, finances and paperwork. Joyce and I continue to raise our own support while functioning as the Executive Director (Ben) and Member Care Coordinator (Joyce) of TCM. The mission pays for my travel, but Joyce's (~\$2000) will come from our funds. Thank you again for your prayers, support and communication. We couldn't do it without you. May the Lord be glorified as more people come to know him!

In Christ,
Ben & Joyce Anderson



Ben meeting with Pastor Carlos Schmidt and church members in southern Brazil.

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