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Things to Come Mission
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Dear Co-Laborer,

Greetings in our Savior's Holy Name! We are thankful to say that we have just been through 10 days of ice and cold and haven't broken any limbs! It was quite an experience, we still have about 3 inches of ice on our deck where the sun doesn't shine.

We want to begin this letter by thanking each of you for your prayers!

When we went to the Philippines in 1958, I was the first director of the International Grace Bible Institute, Pauline was the bookkeeper for TCM Philippines and for a while, supervised the school kitchen. Our ministry was mainly with IGBI until the early 70's when we transferred to Cebu City to minister with the TCM churches throughout central Philippines – this included the islands of Cebu, Negros, Bohol, Samar and Leyte and some other smaller islands.

When we arrived in Cebu there was a group of young people from our TCM churches on other islands who were in Cebu City attending colleges. They asked me to teach a Bible Class. Since I would be traveling a lot I told them I would be glad to when I was in town. We started this class in our home, then as the group grew we moved to other locations. A church was started and it took 12 years to save money to buy land and build a church building. From this group's outreach over the years there are now 5 or more churches on the island of Cebu.

Every year Things to Come Mission has an annual conference which is held in a different place. During this conference there are 4 days of meetings with a time to handle the business of the mission: they assign pastors, and deal with any problems the churches may have. This year the conference will be sponsored by the Cebu churches and will be held near the airport in Mactan, Cebu. They will also celebrate the Cebu City Church Anniversary at this time. They are planning for around 800 people (pastors, Bible women, church leaders and delegates, and missionaries).

This is their letter of invitation to us:

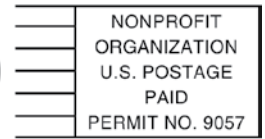
“2011 TCM Grace National Annual Conference is fast approaching! The Cebu conference is another milestone in the Lord's work through TCM here in the Philippines!

‘This year's conference remembers your labor of love here in the Philippines. Particularly in Cebu City, you and Mrs. Watkins did a great contribution to start the ministry here. Even before you left the country, we were already enjoying the fruit of your labors – the existence of the Cebu Grace Gospel Church in the very heart of the city! Many of the members here still remember your eternal investment, a legacy that will earn eternal dividends in Heaven. The group here is missing both of you.

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‘Since Metro Cebu is hosting the conference this year, we are asking you to consider our invitation to attend the national gathering. You will be one of the conference main speakers. The dates of the TCM conference are: April 19-22, 2011.’

We have decided to go even though we are 77 years old now and traveling is getting harder. BUT we just have to go one more time. We love these dear believers and pastors, many of whom we labored with for many years. We praise God for their tremendous ministry. We consider it a real honor to be invited to speak at this conference. After the conference we plan to visit Ozamis City where TCM ministry started, and visit IGBI and several churches in that area.

We need your prayers in the following:– **strength for the trip**, We plan to fly from Indianapolis to Chicago to Seoul, Korea then on to Cebu City. After the conference in Cebu we will fly to Ozamis and will be traveling around that area visiting and speaking in churches. We need strength and wisdom as we meet these schedules.

Please pray for the financial part of the trip. The trip will cost us \$1600 each round trip, which is the cheapest fare we could find.

I will close now. **Please pray for us as we prepare for this trip.** If you have any questions please feel free to write or call us. (317)502-7092

Yours in Christ,

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