

To our dear ministry partners,

Thank you for your prayers for Ben and me. We value them. Here is a brief update on what we have been doing...

### **Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM)**

***“If you take missions out of the Bible, there is little left but the covers.”***--Nina Gunter

GTCM is now in session from June 3-July 28. Twelve missionary trainees (3 couples and 6 singles) are preparing to be sent. Ben and I enjoy the students and are challenged by their passion. In a short time, the student feedback is that the classroom instruction has changed their perspective on mission. Some came only to learn about mission but now they feel the responsibility and urgency of mission.

International Grace Bible Institute in Lupagan, Ozamis City, Philippines built a new classroom for GTCM which was financed in part by TCM through a legacy gift.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asia Grace Conference (SEAGC)**

***“The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning.”*** --Emil Brunner

*“Committing the Grace Gospel to Faithful People (2 Timothy 2:1-2),”* was the theme of the SEAGC. The Killions, Maraats and Chiang Mai Grace Church did a great job organizing this 4-day conference with 200 people in attendance.

Imagine the joy of hearing testimonies given by new believers from Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar who were saved out of Buddhism. These new followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are the first Christians in their respective families. One young Cambodian believer asked, “Please pray for my father to receive Jesus Christ because if he believes then the rest of my family will follow.” Without missionaries being sent to share the gospel, there would not be new believers in unreached countries.

Ben led one of the sessions on missionary concerns and I led one on keeping our spiritual fervor in evangelism. It was a rare opportunity for the TCM missionaries to meet together and we held a prayer meeting on the last night of the conference.

### **Entering Two New Countries**

***“All good missiology should be able to be translated into action. If there is no action, you’re missing something.”*** --Johannes Verkuyl

Two new missionary families, the Arsinos and Escobars, are among the missionary trainee graduates from the GTCM 2017 batch. Both families participated in the SEAGC in Thailand and were commissioned in preparation for their move to East Timor and Vietnam respectively. They are ready to be sent!

### **Upcoming Plans**

***Africa in August***—After the completion of GTCM, Ben and I travel to Africa in August. We will participate in the national Kenya conference August 9–13 and meet with key leaders for planning and

encouragement. Grace Bible Church of Uganda invited us to visit them. South Africa is holding their organizational meeting in late August and Ben will be involved. We are giving up our rented room in Singapore, storing our things, and hoping to rent our own apartment when we return in November.

***USA in September***—Participating in the TCM board meeting in September and working in the home office, visiting family and ministry partners.

***Brazil, East Timor, Vietnam and the Philippines in October through December***—Ben will visit Brazil and then, after Arsinos and Escobars have been in their countries of service for a few months, he will visit the new work in East Timor and Vietnam. We will return to Singapore before a ministry trip to the Philippines.

***Singapore is Ongoing***—TCM application for registration has been resubmitted for consideration and we are waiting for a response from the government.

### **Family News**

In March 2017 we hoped our precious grandson, Rowen Liberty Heath, would survive open-heart surgery and recover. During Rowen's short life God was our peace and comfort. This year on May 7 God blessed Robby, Tegwen and Vernon with a precious little girl, Vesper Joyce Heath. Vesper means evening prayer and, although she was born in the morning, she is the answer to many prayers.

Because of a generous, unexpected gift, I was able to be with the Heath family during this joyous occasion.

Please pray for the Heaths as they prepare for their missionary service to South Africa. They have been delayed because TCM asked them to wait until Dean and Sheba Padayhag return to the field end of November. Robby & Tegwen will travel to the NW and SW parts of the States before leaving the USA.

Our daughter, Jaclyn, graduated in April with her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. This was a feat as she completed coursework and student teaching while taking care of her family. Twin sister, Frances, helped with the children while Jaclyn did her student teaching. A local Christian school hired Jaclyn as their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching for the 2018-2019 school year. Vince & Jaclyn Logan hope to relocate in a few years to work overseas in a missionary school.

In all our travels and effort to get out the gospel, I am encouraged by two quotes:

***“I never made a sacrifice. We ought not to talk of ‘sacrifice’ when we remember the great sacrifice that He made, who left His Father’s throne on high to give Himself for us.”*** --David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

***“Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.”*** William Carey

Yours for the sake of the gospel,

*Ben & Joyce Anderson*