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*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

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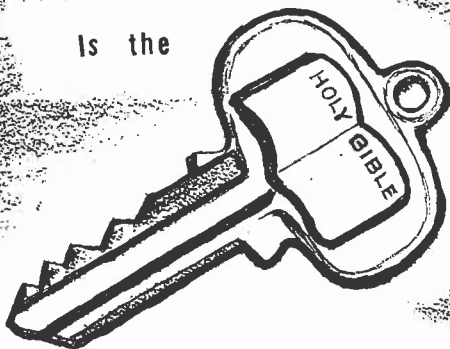
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**Are We Over-Emphasizing Missions ?**

By Rev. Harry W. Post

*"The Alliance Witness"*

Those who labor to have missionary work advance at all costs are sometimes spoken of as lopsided. They are regarded as enthusiasts because they believe that "go ye into all the world" is a literal command and that it should have priority.

In an effort to prevent our becoming top heavy on work abroad, some Christians warn us that the Church has a number of other jobs that are important too. They want to see missionary work done, but not at all costs. They want to see the Gospel preached, but not everywhere; that is, not until other things have had their share of attention. They fear over-emphasis on missions.

Surprisingly enough, these sentiments are heard on occasion in presumably missionary-minded churches. They are voiced not so much in criticism, but rather as a caution. Their proponents do not go so far as to say

"We are lopsided", but "Let us be careful we do not get too lopsided". Following that, objectives of deserving importance are enumerated. Then comes the suggestion that we ought to cut down on missionary emphasis so that these other things will not be neglected. What about this counsel? Is there real danger that other aims be forgotten? Should we listen to the subtle reasoning that missions are not supremely important, and therefore not imperative? Once abandon the conviction of the primacy of missions and it is not hard to foresee what will follow. The task of missions then becomes just one of many, merely part of a general program. In the end it is buried beneath that anemic epitaph "Benevolence".

Real accomplishment in any field of reasonable magnitude is secured by radical dedication and devotion. It requires extraordinary singlemindedness. When you try to be balanced

in the dispersal of your effort and energies, you may aim at a certain number of goals. But attention to any one will have to be limited so that each gets its share of attention. Without question there are many worthy aims to which the church can address itself. But do we want to limit the great goal of world evangelization? Do we want to whittle down our missionary effort so that we can better apply ourselves to a variety of aims?

As I stated previously, it is radical dedication and devotion that gets things done. We are radicals, we are extremists in this great work of missions. To be a missionary you must be a person of radical convictions! No one but an extremist would leave his homeland to preach the Gospel in other parts of the globe. You've got to be lopsided in your emphasis to face and endure an array of conditions ranging from privation, hardship and isolation in the jungles or remote interior to the tense and uncertain atmosphere of crowded cities. Only a radical would accept separation from his children for several years or welcome rearing a family in a foreign land so that he might witness for Christ.

It is those of overwhelming conviction who support missions to the hilt, oftentimes giving out of proportion to their means. It is the radical preachers pulling for missionary giving with everything in them, keeping it a burning issue before their people, who make possible every advance on the mission field. It is the individual of radical conviction who eagerly devours missionary reports, and who delights in missionary conventions. It is he of extreme earnestness who gives himself to a ministry of intercession for the Gospel effort in foreign lands.

A large segment of the evangelical fellowship is keenly aware of the prior-

ity of the missionary effort. Individuals, churches and organizations have declared their chief calling to be to "get the Gospel out as fast as far as possible". They view all—their ministry, their resources—in relation to the progress of missions. Lopsided? Yes! Top-heavy? Surely! Asleep to other aims? No! But they believe with deep and radical conviction that their only excuse for existence lies in what they can do for the missionary task. Of such an overpowering conviction and burden was The Christian and Missionary Alliance born. Along with a select company of others this Society holds the calling out of a people for His name to be God's supreme purpose for this age.

If anyone asks, "Have we been wrong in being so wholly committed to missions?" Have we erred in placing missions first, even to the neglect of other things quite essential?" we reply "No!" China today is closed to the Gospel. Had it not been for lopsided, radical dedication to missionary effort, the preaching of the Word would not have gotten as far in that land as it did. Suppose a so-called proper balance had been sought in those groups labeled "lopsided". It is plain there would have been fewer missionaries and fewer converts.

China is but one instance. There are other areas where Gospel work was begun before the war. Had it been delayed until after the war, even though doors were wider open, the problems and difficulties would have been much greater. It was this lopsided dedication to pioneering, this radical emphasis on missions, that effected the Gospel advance in places now closed or hard to enter.

Of course, the main concern is that we be scriptural in our fervor and intensity of dedication. The testimony of the Word is clear enough on this point. And let me say reverently, the

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# POOJAH! POOJAH! POOJAH!

*By Vernon and Darlene Anderson*

Several scantily clad black men are excitedly rushing about preparing for Poojah! They are lining up their rickshaws near the railway station building. One man daubs dots of brilliant rose-red powder along the supports of his rickshaw. "Wait!" cries another as he hurriedly strings leaves over the two wheels and handles of his rickshaw. His neighbor is tying yellow flowers to the handles of his rickshaw. They are all excited, some even laughing nervously in expectation. Nearby a group of men and children are squatting before a cemented open box with a picture inside. It is a brightly printed god picture, Gunapadee, with human body, four arms and elephant head. This group is rapidly decorating the opening before the god with strings of dangling leaves and flowers, then bananas and oranges are placed there. Two men come rushing up with a great, bulging cloth bundle which is dumped on the mat spread before the god. Off with the rope! A huge mound of popped rice is revealed. Over this they sprinkle an offering of a brown sugar-like substance. Another spry fellow starts smashing coconuts on the rocks of the roadside and adds them to the offering. Everyone has the spirit of Poojah now! One man snatches up a big green pumpkin with a hole gouged out of one side. Camphor oil is poured in and lit. He leaps to the lineup of rickshaws, mysteriously swings the fire from side to side before one rickshaw, then he races down the line, around, back to the start, then the side to side motion again. The Poojah is done! Off he runs followed by many noisy children, only to raise the pumpkin overhead and then dash it to bits on the pavement. Poojah has been made for this year. Poojah, Poojah, Poojah!

What is it? Worship. Idolatry. Hinduism. On this day each year millions of Indians gather up their machines and tools for Poojah. They worship typewriters and pencils, hammers and bicycles, or any other appliance, tool or machine which helps them during the year. Every store-front is decked out for Poojah. Garages, offices, and homes all show signs of Poojah with strings of dangling leaves and flowers over the doors. And let a bicycle or auto break down in the following days — well, "the Poojah was not done the right way!"

A more constant fortification is maintained against the Evil Eye. Speeding on modern electric trains beside the latest home constructions, one is shocked from the modernity by a glimpse of straw dummies propped up on these new roofs — foes of the Evil Eye. One man aboard the train was hugging a huge unhusked coconut, painted white with a leering red face on one surface. He was taking it home to hang up by his front entrance to ward off the Evil Eye. Even Christians hold that certain persons have this Evil Eye, a cursing spirit which seems to pounce upon its innocent victims. Beautiful children will have their faces smudged with soot and hair uncombed to make them unattractive to the Evil Eye. The person possessing this power is described as one paying great compliments on the beauty of a thing, but secretly, he is casting the Evil Eye with all its ensuing curses and misfortunes. The Western mind cries, "Superstition!" but that impresses no one in India, for India is the land of intrigue! Intrigue is that certain Oriental secretiveness which allows no question to have a simple answer. Indian intrigue demands that every situation must involve religion, poli-

tics, caste, logic, culture, history, climate, economy, geography, invention—and always, the multitudes. All situations must have intrigue; they must be thought out, meditated upon, plotted, discussed and timed. Riding a bus or mailing a letter involves Eastern intrigue. And mission work is surrounded, permeated and stymied by INTRIGUE! !

The stigma of India is poverty. At the busy station where we board the electric train, lies an emaciated man. His hair is tangled, every bone seems to project through his black skin. He lies flat on his back with only a soiled, 6 inch square of cloth as covering. He lies on the cement floor all day, rattling a tin cup to each passerby. What will you do?

After walking down to the platform with the hundreds of other commuters you push into the nearest crowded car door as the train stops for the moment. But as you hurtle along you begin hearing boisterous singing or recitations from five to ten year old begging children who jump aboard to perform and beg between stops. In their raggedy clothes they wind their way up and down the aisle, pleading for money. Between the next two stops a blind, white haired man hobbles aboard, feeling his way to each seat, begging you to give. At the next stop an unkempt, fearfully crippled man climbs on and makes his way by sitting and sliding along the floor. None speak English. What will you do?

As you exit with the streams of people, you are appalled to see a tiny brown baby girl with stiff tan hair, unclothed but for a string around her waist. Her face looks so old but her body is so abnormally small, yet there she sits on the filthy cement station floor, eating any dirt she finds around her! Her older sister in rags may suddenly grab up the baby and with it awkwardly straddling one hip, she

keeps tapping your arm and begging in her unknown tongue. What will you do?

Our hearts stood still. What is this terrible depression one feels when every turn of the head reveals a more heartbreaking scene? You want to snatch the child and run. You want to give away every piece of money you have. You want to shout that Christ is the Answer! You feel that your transitory influence is like a sack of cement sprinkled over the Pacific Ocean.

Add to this the statistic that a tragic 2% of India is Christian, including Catholics, Anglicans, Pentecostals, Adventists, all who use Christ's Name! Some one proudly declares to you that Christianity is 2000 years old in India because Saint Thomas landed, preached and was martyred in India. For several hundred years great men of missions have struggled and won fierce battles with translation, heathenism, and death. But how can we comfort ourselves today when that tragic 2% is still only 2%? 400 million people but most of them still bow the knee to stone and wood, clay and cement. Romans I in practice but idolatry is not condemned from the pulpits. The immodestly clad widows still form, paint and gild four-armed gods of clay which they peddle in straw baskets on the streets, and the faithful still buy them, fully yielding to the ancient spell of idolatry.

It is not easy to stand by and see even this minority swallowed up of ritualism or modernism or fanaticism. Nor is it easy to linger at India's door, closed now to new American missionaries. But it is a missionary's nightmare to actually enter India and see the multitudes left to die! And in India you can detect the lost for they are outwardly marked in the middle of their foreheads with red, white or black dabs of powder or it may be yellow, white or red vertical lines or

designs — all marks signifying sects of Hinduism.

One day you stand by the roadside as a funeral procession approaches. With clanging cymbals and a minor-keyed flute, the Hindu dirge sounds in the stillness of the Indian afternoon. The mourners shuffling along are all men. As the group passes you, you stare at the bier unwittingly, and there inside lies the dead with arms crossed and body loosely bound about with yellow-stained strips of gauze. Where the forehead is bare, there are flies. The body is lying flat upon a short bamboo ladder with a domed canopy built above, decorated with brilliant orange curtains and yellow flowers and leaves. They all pass on up the street, while you remain, following with your eyes. At the cemetery the body will be lowered as it is on the frame into the grave, or it may be cremated. Three days later they pour milk over the grave. "The end!" we say, but to these religious souls it is the relentless turning of the wheel of karma. If the dead be good, he goes to the moon for temporary bliss, but inevitably he must return to live again upon the earth to receive the results of his good actions. If the dead be ignorant or careless, he is reborn as the lowest animal or lowest caste, so he can feel the effects of his former actions. The only possible way to stop the wheel is moksha, the end of all life, Hindu salvation, freedom from life! What can you do? You remember that none of that funeral group looked tearful or cried — only the steady forward march to the grave. And it seems as you ponder the scene, that they were all marching to their graves. Oh, India, how we want to give Christ to you!

During an eclipse it is feared that a huge heavenly dragon has swallowed the moon. The monstrous beast can only be made to vomit the moon if the faithful beat drums, make loud noises,

take ceremonial cleansings and baths in sacred rivers. Prime Minister Nehru was forced to declare publicly that this superstitious belief is bound to fail as men of science begin to explore the moon. He challenged them to force their great religious energy at eclipses into defeating poverty and suffering.

We are constrained by spiritual motives. Can we find an Indian Paul to stand by the sacred River Ganges and declare: "Ye men of India, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious . . . God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; (temples are everywhere in India; great and small ones, ancient and modern ones) neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of man for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation . . . we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. (there are 330 million gods in India). And the times of this ignorance God overlooked; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent!" Is there an Indian Aquila and Priscilla to "expound the way of God more perfectly" and to "lay down their own necks" for the gospel's sake? Are there Indian Timothys with "unfeigned faith"? We have faith to believe there are. Oh, Lord, light the eyes of our understanding that we may seek and find them!

Since arriving in India, we have been travelling and teaching each precious day. We have met with such tremendous problems that it is difficult to find sleep at night. Christian

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# If The Trumpet Give An Uncertain Sound

I Corinthians 14:8

By Hubert A. Johnson

A soldier serving in the armed forces becomes accustomed to different bugle sounds. One kind of call means "Get up", another one is "Chow time". Various bugle sounds transmit various messages. There is also a distinct bugle call when the unit is to prepare for battle. This same thing was true in the Apostle Paul's day. But the Apostle's message was, "If the trumpet give an *uncertain* sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

Now I believe that the duty of Christians (soldiers of the cross) is very clear in God's Word. There is no uncertainty as we look into God's Word as to just what we are to be doing today. But I believe that the words that a young man said to Billy Graham, while he was in India, are all too true. He said, "We are finding out about you Christians, you are not like your Book. If you were like your Book, India would have been Christian long ago." Yes, the truth cuts like a knife, we Christians are not like our Book. Our Book speaks on every subject in very certain terms, but the testimony of the lives, and even the message, of those who profess to live by that book, is often very confusing.

I want to consider three areas in which we need to bring certainty into our Christian witness. The first is the witness of our teaching.

In many Christian circles the source of the stream is being polluted. In the area of the teaching (doctrine) there is uncertainty. One young lady asked a traveling missionary if he could give her a definite command for missions in the scripture. Think of it! Uncertain as to the Bible's teaching about missions! There is uncertainty in our churches concerning church government, there is un-

certainty concerning church ordinances, there is uncertainty concerning great themes such as the Body of Christ. This is sad! But, this is forgivable. When it comes to uncertainty concerning whether the church should be missionary, this is unforgivable! What is the Church? How was it founded? For what purpose was it founded? What is God's Eternal purpose? As we consider the answers to these basic questions, what else can we cry but, "*The Church must be missionary or PERISH*".

Most cases are not so apparent as that of the young lady mentioned above. The very meaning of "Church" is a *called out* group, called out by the MESSAGE of salvation (which message must be propagated if the church is to do its work). Since the mission of the church is to be missionary, then why do we not hear more teaching on the subject in our classrooms and from our pulpits? Why do we not hear the certain teaching that all Christians are first of all to be all out for missions? Let us take inventory in the area of our teaching. What does the Bible teach is the imperative for Christians today? Let us give this forth with a certain sound!

Secondly, our *preaching* also lacks that note of certainty. This is natural. If our foundation is wrong, our building, the application of our doctrine, will also be wrong. A young pastor of a small church in one of our cities said to me, "I have quit working with the unsaved, it is too discouraging, instead I am teaching Christians about ——— (his particular brand of doctrine). I asked if these Christians had been saved through his ministry. "No", was the reply. Our pastors do not seem to be sold on the idea that the world is perishing and that the

devil will try to discourage all who try to rescue them. No, it is equally as important to them to make proselytes to their individual sect. They do not view themselves as dying men speaking to dying men. The urgency is gone! May heaven help us as preachers to find our bearings, to set our course according to the Bible and become soul-winners and not hybrid rabbis, sterile when it comes to eternal fruit! May the shepherds become first of all the examples, by snatching the burning coals out of the fire.

The third evil which follows in the train of the first two is that the pastors are setting no example in sacrificial living. Our people are certainly not giving in order that the cause of Christ can be forwarded, but what else can be expected when the leaders seem to believe in precept and practice that sacrifice for the cause of Christ is not the order of the day. Why is this? It is simply because of the things stated under "teaching" and "preaching". Somehow we don't believe the Bible teaches us that we are to be interested in seeing people saved first and foremost, therefore our preaching is in line with this. All of our efforts are directed in furthering the party. Naturally the urgency of the Gospel is lost and we soon find we can live as well as the very best without hurting our consciences in the least. We can spend all of our income on our own comforts and conveniences, what's the difference, am I not winning proselytes? In fact they seem to appreciate my high standard of living. I think we need to fear least Mt. 23:15 be fulfilled in us. The example of the apostles was one of sacrifice and suffering that the message of salvation in Christ might be made known. Are we their successors, or followers? Or have we found a cross without the death involved?

I fear lest we find too late that the way of the cross must be the way of suffering, sacrifice and death. I fear

lest we are looking forward to the crown without that cross, lest we look for the reward without running the race.

I say again, we must bring certainty into our Christian witness! By means of our teaching, our preaching and our lives we must sound forth the message — one died for all, so all are dead — and they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Christ, who died for them and rose again! Let us be Ambassadors for Christ in the light of this—The Gospel of Christ. There is a battle being fought, volunteers are needed, will you not join the forces of the Lord and give your all, so that His purpose might be fulfilled, that *many* Sons might be brought into Glory — That Christ might be the first-born among many brethren!

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the World to save sinners.

**POOJAH! POOJAH! POOJAH!**

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ity is made a laughing stock, divided into a thousand denominations. To teach the Word rightly divided is almost an impossible task. Many groups are feeding their followers after services, which assures you of a huge crowd in a land such as this. Your audiences are a dilemma. They are often made up of Hindus who do not believe there is only one God. They do not know Genesis from Revelation. They do not know what the Bible is, who it is written for and why it was written. Jesus Christ is either an unknown name or the name of another god whom a few people in India follow. Complete darkness, superstition and ignorance crowd out the Light from their minds. Then there are the nominal Christians who prefer sleep to study. The Pentecostal sympathizers are there and they want only to have an emotional experience, not real Bible study. You have the few



deeply spiritual listeners who want to feast on the meat of the Word. How would you teach this audience? We know our time here is short, three months! We must establish the deep truths yet we cannot neglect the lost.

We are constantly harassed by the purpose of our visit: to find careful, truthful, zealous, Bible loving workers. TCM invests the Lord's money in these men and we must use every penny wisely. There are fantastic but true stories told of Indians who devise schemes to woo and swindle sincere American Christians. In a land where the minimum wage law is under fifty cents *per day* (which few get), fraud is common. When one's stomach is empty and his children are crying for food, there is no limit to which one will go. We do not know the language and this intrigue makes the problem that much worse. The heat, poverty, insects, travel and suitcase living plague the body and mind keeping one low before God! We need Indian evangelists to reach the Indians, but we need only those who know the truth and stand for it. They must be honest. There are men like that in India. Our job is to search them out and use them.

You have not seen the full power of Satan until you have come to India. He is king here in a million different forms. Never an hour goes by but what we meet his cunning ways. Without the comfort and promises our Lord has given us, we would never get out of the dungeon of Giant Despair. The Gospel of Grace has come to India, right into the Devil's playground. He is furious and he doubles his vengeance. Pray, beloved, that the gospel of grace shall be able to stay in India. We hear comments that missionaries are refusing part-time pulpits in the U.S. to go to the foreign fields with full support. Come over here, travel, eat, sleep and sweat a day in India. We have the same experiences as a U. S. pastor but a hun-

dred foreign anomalies are added. We win when you pray, we lose when you forget.

*"I am not able to bear all this people alone because it is too heavy for me."*

—Numbers 11:14

Poojah or Jesus Christ . . . WHICH ?

### Over-Emphasizing Missions ?

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most radical event ever recorded is the departure from glory of the Son of God to become the Savior of men. He "emptied Himself" — what extremism. He was "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" — the ultimate in sacrifice and singleness of purpose.

"He . . . spared not His own Son" — was God lopsided? "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth". What fanaticism! God coming upon man to energize him, so that he might evangelize.

No need to remind ourselves that we live in a time of fast-changing conditions. Deserving and worthy purposes will always seek out attention. But let's keep this clear — the winning of men to Christ, the world-wide proclamation of His salvation, is the first and chief job of the Church. To do that will require of us as individuals continued radical and emphatic self-denial and sacrifice. It will also demand of us collectively that we keep that purpose pre-eminent and foremost, even to the deliberate subordination and perhaps sacrifice of other aims.

"This one thing I do", cried the Apostle. Later not even the shadow of the executioner's sword could darken the triumph of his departure. With singleness of purpose, dominated by one blazing passion, the salvation of the Gentiles, he "finished (his) course." What magnificent imbalance! There is a lopsidedness which is sublime.



## MEET THE NATIONAL

**ARTURO S. CHAVES**

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The knowledge that salvation is by Grace through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ came to me when I was sixteen or seventeen years old, during the war, when a faithful servant of the Lord was preaching in the mountains. I surely praise the Lord for saving me, a sinner condemned and lost but for His abounding grace. I've never regretted - and never will - yielding my life to Him. He has proven to be One who satisfies, and I can truly say, from the bottom of my heart, that He is the Living Water, that in Him no one will ever thirst again.

On one occasion, when arriving home from school, I was then a high school sophomore, my godfather asked me, "Do you want to take up ministry?" The word that sounded in my ear was "chemistry" and I replied, "How can I? I am not so good in mathematics." "Why," my father answered, "Is there mathematics in the ministry?" I explained that I had misunderstood him, but long before my father confronted me with this question, I had already heard the small voice of God's call to the ministry, and it is this call that is keeping me in the ministry.

I was also fully aware that some kind of training is a necessity, before God can effectively use the one whom He has called. Before classes ended, while attending my senior year, I made inquiries in some "schools of the prophets" in this country. Not long after that I made up my mind to send my application to the Baptist Bible Seminary and Institute, which is located at the capital city of this country. At the opening of the school year I was enrolled in the Bible In-



*Pastor Arturo S. Chaves*

stitute department, being only a high school graduate at that time. I was taking regular courses and was graduated from that department after two years. Sensing the need of further training, I made up my mind to attend the Seminary department. I had already earned a few units in college to qualify me for entrance in this department, so I enrolled as a regular student until I finished my junior year. I went to engage in active ministry since then, with many odd experiences worth recalling to memory — some pleasant and others unpleasant with trials here and there.

It was just a little over a year since I've been connected with the Things to Come Mission here in the Philippines. Circumstances were worked out by the Lord to make me connected with this mission. Anyway, "All things work together for good, to them that love God . . . according to His pur-

pose." His workings are wonderful and His ways past finding out. I had only heard of this mission and was given the address of its offices in the United States. Brother Palmer answered my letter, and advised me to contact the legal representative here in the islands, in the person of Brother Vernon Anderson, which I also did. Upon my first meeting with him, Brother Anderson told me about some of the peculiar (queer?) beliefs of the mission. He assured me, though, that this is not a false cult. He told me also that water baptism has no place in this age of grace because the promised new tongues of Mark 16 do not happen any more. I think I defended my side by pointing to him that this passage of Mark 16 is spurious and is not found in the best manuscripts, but he also contended that it should belong there because we find certain people speaking in tongues in Acts in fulfillment of Mark 16. I was silent — couldn't answer him! Then he gave me two books to study that I may know what the TCM believes before filing my application. The books he gave me were the "Fundamentals of Dispensationalism" by Stam and a book on Baptism by Bultema.

We parted then with the books under my arms. While riding the bus on my way home I made some glances on a few pages. I said to myself, "This is funny!" I read Stam's book in my house, diligently studying it. I thought I was back in seminary. I must confess that I was enlightened so much out of reading that book first. It's true that Baptists are dispensational, but I've not seen a clear presentation of dispensationalism as presented by Brother Stam. Yet, I had to fight with him occasionally during my first reading. He challenged me to defend my idol — water! I actually wrestled "with" the water, wrestled "in" the water until I was cornered and led to get "out" of the

water. My, how I really ran away from it! (I still take a bath, though!) I praise the Lord for leading me to a fuller understanding of His Word. 'Twas a fight indeed, but the Lord delivered me from it. He made me see, before it's too late, the light about water baptism as distinguished from the "one" baptism (Eph. 4:5) I answered the questions at the end of each chapter in the book on "Fundamentals", and in two or three weeks I had finished studying the book and answering the questions. In my second meeting with the legal representative, I handed in the answers to the questions (300 in all), and filed my application as well. In a month's time my name was included in the TCM roster as one of it's workers.

Right now I am pastoring a church of about 60 believers, and teaching part time in the International Grace Bible Institute. The believers in my church are learning the wonderful truths of the Grace message, and the Word rightly divided. They are growing in the knowledge of the Word. Saints are being edified, and sinners are being converted in my place of labor. May Jesus Christ be praised!

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*By grace through faith in Jesus Christ  
I'm saved forever more;  
The door of faith God opened and  
I entered by that door.  
That door is Christ the Saviour and  
His death on Calvary's tree.  
While that door of grace is open  
Eternal life is free.*

— J. C. O'Hair

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*By the grace of God His holy Son  
Died for all the race.  
When to the cross that Son was nailed  
He took the sinner's place.  
The precious blood that Jesus shed  
Will cleanse from every stain;  
Except by grace thru faith in Christ,  
Man's hope is worse than vain.*

— J. C. O'Hair

# NEWS FROM THE FIELD

## ARGENTINA

### FRUIT IN ARGENTINA

*By Nicholas Sabich*

I have just returned from North Argentina and Bolivia, after an absence of eighteen days. We held a series of meetings in Pocitos, just inside the frontier, where several hundred people attended our meetings. During this week of meetings, several persons accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour, and the believers were greatly encouraged in the Lord. While in this area, I went right to the Bolivian frontier and received permission to hold a street meeting. This was the first time that a meeting of this kind has been held in this place. Many people came to the meeting and gathered in a large circle around us. They were very poor even compared to the slums in Villa-Diamante, but they listened with rapt attention to the preaching of the Word. These people were hungry spiritually and in order for them to hear me, I used a large metallic trumpet like a funnel. This is the first time I ever preached in this strange manner. When I was leaving to return to Argentina, the people just stood in the square and looked after us, asking when we were coming back. I was moved with compassion as I looked upon those poor, spiritually starved people. When I left that part of the country an old Indian woman came to me, giving much thanks for our coming and pressing me hard as to when I would return to preach to them about the Word of God.

Before I left Pocitos and Aguaray, Brother Alonso and the believers there manifested their desire to join with us as a branch of the TCM in Argentina, as they are in agreement with our doctrine and policy. Praise the Lord for this.

During my absence I placed Brother Wladimir Koroluk, and Brother Roman Lucyk in charge of the church at Villa-Diamante and Puente la Noria. Both of these men have been helping in the work as non-paid workers. While I was away, one woman who worked at the Public School accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and this brought the total of conversions for the month up to six persons, for the two churches. How we praise the Lord for this little harvest, and we are looking to Him to send even bigger blessings and victories for His Name.

I might mention at this time that we now have three established churches in Argentina and two others that are affiliated with us as well as several Bible classes and many other contacts. Our headquarters in Villa-Diamante has a membership of 12 families, with 42 members in communion. In Pocitos Salta, there are 19 families with about 78 members. In Aguaray Salta, we have 7 families and 32 members. The church in Leando N. Alem Misiones is in complete agreement with our doctrine, but we have no supervision over them, just spiritual fellowship.

In the last year our work has started to grow and although it has not been fast, it has been solid and effective. I can say that the seed of the Grace Message, here in Argentina, is growing and is starting to give fruit, for which we are very grateful to our blessed Lord who supplies our every need.

Along with this growth we find ourselves in great need of more space for meetings and Bible studies. We have an opportunity to buy the property next to us for \$200.00 This is needed very much and can also be used as a house for Sisters Mango and Letizia

to live in. They are doing much work with the children here. If we had this property we could start a school for the children, which is needed badly. Our people can raise about half this amount but we still need the other in order to get this property. Please pray for this need, that there might be a happy and quick solution.

## INDIA

### PRAYER ANSWERED

*By B. Mathews - Madras*

God has answered prayer. Brother and Sister Anderson and their daughter Hope arrived in Madras on October 1st. They were here until the 12th and then left for Kerala State.

Brother and Sister Anderson and Hope are very fine, sincere and humble servants of God. Their lives have impressed me and most of the brethren here. They are not only the legal representatives of the TCM International, they are truly the representatives of the Lord God to carry His message of Grace. I have learned many truths from him and I can tell you that there isn't anything I would not do for him or his family. Their friendship and fellowship are covetable. My wife, son and daughter feel the same way.



*Brother Vernon Anderson and Mr. B. Mathews, Pastor of The Grace Church in Madras, India.*

By the Grace of God we have established a church here in this part of India. The work is small and we face much opposition. In this vast land of India, 90% of the people are idol worshippers. A very small percent of the people are "Christian". Of the "Christians", the Roman Catholics are in the majority. Of the Protestants, only a fraction are the real children of God. Among the different groups and cults in India, are Pentecostals, Modernists, Brethren, Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists, American Adventists, Jehovah Witnesses, and others. This mixture is India's view of "Christians". Although our work is small and the progress is slow, those who are chosen by the Lord are faithful and obedient to the Truth.

Pray with us that the work of the Lord in India may grow and many souls come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

### DON'T STOP PRAYING

*By Joseph Watkins - IGBI*

It has been a year now since we left the States. Many doors of opportunity have been ours. Teaching in the school is one of the many jobs to be carried out. It is not only our responsibility to teach, but we must also lead the students. On weekends we visit different barrios and hold evangelistic meetings. Many of these places have never had a good gospel witness. Oh, yes, they have religion, but not the truth of Jesus Christ. The students must be lead. We tell them all week to go out and witness so we also must be willing to go out. The students give testimonies and sing. Some are now able to preach for which we are glad.

In September, the choir of the school visited the church in Buriasan. This church is pastored by Brother Chavez, who is also part time teacher at the school. During the evening

service, we held an evangelistic meeting and ten souls were saved.

The church in Buriasan is very poor. While I was there I was handed a letter which I would like to share with you, to show the need. "Brother, you know the family of Brother \_\_\_\_\_ are twelve. Sometimes I am worried about our family. Our rice was eaten by the rats, the only income for the family. Oh! my brother, I am sorry to tell you about our life, but at this time we are really hard up. Especially in our clothes, we cannot buy any. So Brother, if you pity us may I ask if you have any old clothes that we could use?" Christians, this is the case over most of the islands. For the past two years in Mindanao the rice farmers have harvested very little because of the rats. It is wonderful to live in a land of plenty, but we must remember these people are members of the same body. (11 Cor. 12:12-13) In Galatians 6 we are told to bear one another's burdens. When one suffers, we must all suffer. If God has blessed you why not help the fellow members of the body? Maybe you do have some old clothes that you can't use and would like to see them put to use. This is your chance. If you do, be sure they are *summer clothes*. If you wish to send them, address the package to: Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, P. I., marking them "free gift under Act 1916". I have written the United Nations Children's Fund to see if TCM can receive and give out their free food. Please pray that we may be able to receive this food. I believe that we have a physical responsibility as well as a spiritual one.

The student body at school now stands at 27. We had 40 at the beginning, but like Demas, Paul's companion, they "left because of the love of the present world". We are thankful for the ones who are staying, and we pray that as they study they may make what they learn their very own and

not just something we have taught them. Next week is mid-term and tests will be given. The first half of the first year has passed. What an experience! Surely we can say we serve a real God. Pray for the students, that they may look to God and not to man.

The rice land is still a need for the school. Please continue to pray. Just next week we are going to harvest the rice we have planted. It will last us a little while. We are also able to harvest some vegetables now so this will help on the expenses of the school. We have as far as animals, 60 white leghorn chickens, 2 pigs, 2 turkeys, 2 pigeons and one duck. If only we had a little extra cash we could buy such things as pigs. One good pig here costs four dollars, 100 white leghorn chickens costs \$17, ducks are very cheap. If the school is ever going to be self-supporting, we need to have plenty of live stock. Just think, \$4 for a pig. This is a good way to make money for the school. The 4-H club of the P. I. are working with us now. They are a big help. They are showing us how to plant rice, raise animals, etc.

Painting the buildings is another need. We live close to the sea so the salt air causes the lumber to rot quickly.

Pray for the TCM pastors as they labor in the mountains. These pastors go without much so they may preach the gospel to these people who need to know Christ as Saviour. We are receiving good reports from many of them. Just last week two more congregations joined TCM as they wanted us to come and teach them the Word of God rightly divided. Please pray for these new groups. There are many, but we have no one to go there and pastor them. They are a flock without a shepherd.

My health is much better now. I have gained five pounds and am feeling much better. Don't stop praying.

## BROKEN AGAIN

*By Potenciano Undag*

On the 24th my son Dick and I went back to Alicia. We brought the newly repaired generator, and started our meetings the next day. After four days of preaching the Gospel, the generator was broken again. We were very much worried because there were five places yet to be visited, which had been awaiting us since last February. They want us to use the P.A. system during our meetings because the Roman Catholic priest in these places are telling their members not to listen to any preacher from any denomination that will preach about salvation.

Although our generator was broken, we continued the work. Every evening we had an evangelistic meeting and a Bible Study. Our Bible Studies in the evenings usually end at 12:00 p.m. During the day we did our house-to-house visitation. We had to walk about four miles on foot along knee-deep muddy trails to visit the houses that were interested in the Gospel. We were caught by the heavy rain many times on the way.

We went to the barrio of Benangunan and held a four day Bible study and Evangelistic service, and then went to Dawa-dawa where we held a two day Bible study and Evangelistic service. The attendance in these two barrios was very poor and nobody was converted.

We moved on to Florida, Talusan, Olotanga. There again I taught the "Highway of Life" and "God's prophetic program". After two days of meetings, the Seventh Day Adventist offered us a public debate. At first I refused to challenge them, but when they began to boast in public that they are the only true religion and no other sect can defeat their doctrine, I was forced to challenge them.

The topic was about the eating of swine and fish that have no scales. It was estimated that there were between 300 and 400 people listening to this debate. We praise the Lord that we won this debate as my opponent had no concrete reasons at all for his position and he was only laughed at by the public and they judged that he lost the debate.

The result of our missionary crusade, although there were many hindrances, was wonderfully blessed of the Lord. In Alicia 21 souls were converted. In Florida, 23. Some of these were Seventh Day Adventist sympathizers. We saw a new church established in Florida in the barrio of Talusan, Olotanga, Zamboanga del Sur. The cost of these blessings was that I lost my voice and caught a cold.

In Florida, I heard that there was a man there who stated that he would kill me if I ever came back to that Barrio. He had been waiting since I last visited there with Sister Darlene Anderson, Vickie, and the two little American missionaries, Laurel and Hope. This man had said to one of the members that if I ever came back he will stone me to death, but just before my arrival in Florida he was killed by his neighbor.

Part of our schedule was postponed and we will wait until we have a good generator. I will not travel any more with this bad one. I am writing this to ask the prayers of all God's people for the men, money, and machinery to evangelize the people of the far East, especially those in the Philippines who are blinded by the false doctrine of the Roman Church which has been here for almost three hundred and seventy years. If all who read this will take this work to heart and pray for the salvation of the Filipinos, the Lord will then undertake in a great way and we will see this work accomplished.

# INTRODUCING— World Literature Crusade

By Nat Olson

Dr. Frank Laubach says, "I fear there will be 800 million new readers asking for something to read before the Christian Church wakes up to this NEW OPPORTUNITY." Hundreds of millions of new heathen readers can NOW be quickly evangelized!

The Communists, Roman Catholics and Jehovah's Witnesses are wide awake. They pour out tons of their lying literature. No wonder they are reaping amazing results! (Jehovah's Witnesses recently baptized 7,136 new converts in one service in New York!)

But all Protestants aren't asleep. Thousands of them pray for and support a faith, missionary-literature ministry known as World Literature Crusade, with international headquarters in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Jack McAlister is the founder and director. He has watched it grow from humble beginnings in Western Canada in 1946 to a world-wide force in evangelism with a network of broadcasts covering an area, each week - where more than 100,000,000 Americans and Canadians live. Missionary-minded listeners support this cooperative ministry which works in 104 countries overseas.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, famous pastor and author, has recently been appointed "Foreign Secretary" for World Literature Crusade.

"W.L.C." financially sponsors and conducts special literature campaigns overseas called "Every Home Crusades."

## *What Is An Every Home Crusade?*

It is a systematic effort to put a printed gospel message in every home in a nation, in obedience to Christ's command. How else can you reach "every creature"? A message is also distributed to every hospital patient, prisoner, and university student.

## *Who Decides What Message WLC Prints?*

This very important matter is in the hands of reliable missionaries and native leaders who have a lifetime of experience and are successful soul-winners. They agree on the best possible gospel presentation for their particular country. The message is not tinted by any denomination's particular beliefs. It is a straight gospel presentation that all evangelicals agree on.

## *Where Is WLC Literature Printed?*

Because it is much cheaper and more acceptable to the natives - WLC literature is always printed in the country where it will be distributed. Many don't want a "foreign" message.

## *Who Distributes WLC Literature?*

Evangelical missionaries of 106 denominations and organizations cooperate wonderfully - covering entire nations.

## *How Much Do Missionaries Pay?*

WLC literature is free! Many missionaries live on as little as \$15.00 per week. They couldn't possibly buy desperately needed literature unless Christians in America provided it for them.

## *How Can You Be Sure EVERY Home Is Reached?*

Missionaries or native leaders sign a pledge, "I will prayerfully distribute this literature in EVERY HOME in . . ." (They fill in the exact area to be covered.) When distribution is complete, a report is given to the WLC Regional Director.

## *Is There A Follow-Up Of New Converts?*

On each Every Home Crusade tract there is an invitation for all who accept Christ to write for a free Correspondence Course which teaches basic Bible truths. Tens of thousands are now studying these courses! The



WLC motto is "Fruit that shall remain."

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, missionary statesman and WLC Foreign Secretary, says: "Statistics show that one soul is won to Christ for every 14 cents invested in literature evangelism overseas!"

Dr. Jack McAlister says, "The printed page is exceedingly powerful *if* backed by prayer!" That's why WLC has mobilized a total of 8,775,798 quarter hours of prayer in a 24-hour-a-day missionary prayer chain. These prayer partners believe God and take His words literally: "Ask of Me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance . . . and the uttermost parts of the earth are thy possessions." (Psalm 2:8).

The W.L.C. ministry is dominated by two convictions:

FIRST— via Every Home Crusades—we have the vehicle to convey truth to earth's millions.

SECOND— Prayer is the power which can propel that vehicle to "every creature".

Through prayer-backed print, World Literature Crusade is systematically and quickly "enabling missionaries to evangelize millions" in obedience to the Great Commission: "Go ye into ALL the world and preach the gospel to EVERY creature."

W.L.C. believes world-evangelization must be done — and can be done — NOW!

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God gave His Son to die for me;  
He let Him take my place.  
Christ suffered death by God's decree  
That He might save by grace;  
Now God can freely justify and  
Be altogether just;  
His judgment now I satisfy because  
Now in Christ I trust.

— J. C. O'Hair

## WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

Many people have asked, "Where did you get the name "Things To Come", for your mission?" Maybe you have asked this question also. Many people feel that a name should convey the purpose of the mission and should be scriptural. Both of these convictions, I feel, are legitimate and it is significant that the name "Things To Come" fulfills both,

The phrase "Things to come" is scriptural, being used seven times in the King James version of the Bible. Many Bible students feel that numbers have an important place in scripture. The number seven is seen as completeness and what could be more fitting for a name of a mission than a phrase that the Holy Spirit saw fit to use seven times in His inspiring of the Word of God? The phrase also has a definite meaning. God has promised "Things to Come" and as we endeavor to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our outreach with the Gospel of the Grace of God, we expect great THINGS TO COME from the hand of God is opening doors of opportunity for the Gospel and providing a precious harvest of souls thru the preaching of His Word.

In looking through the Scriptures we find the phrase "Things to come" used in the following passages:

Isaiah 45:11 "... Ask me of 'Things to Come' concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."

John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth; . . . and he will show you 'Things to Come'."

Romans 8:38-39 "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor Principalities, nor Powers, nor Things present, nor 'Things to Come' . . . Shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I Cor. 3:22 "Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or 'Things to Come'; all are yours."

Col. 2:16-17 "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of sabbath days; which are a shadow of 'Things to Come'; but the body is of Christ."

Heb. 10:1 "For the law having a shadow of good 'Things to Come', and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year after year continually make the comers thereunto perfect."

Heb. 11:20 "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning 'Things to Come'."

Seeing that God has a program that is to continue beyond this age in which we live, it is significant that He has promised "Things to Come", and we should be busy in the Lord's work preparing souls for that day when the 'Things' are a reality. One of the great 'Things to Come' is that day when Christ, who is the head of the Church which is His Body, comes in the clouds to take unto himself His Church, composed of all believers, and we shall meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with Him. (I Thess. 4:13-17) Knowing that this day could come at any time and that God would have all men to be saved and come unto a knowledge of the truth (I Tim. 2:4), we can do nothing less than go and tell men and women of the Saviour Jesus Christ who died for them that they might not be condemned at His coming; but by faith in His shed blood for the remission of their sins, they can pass from death unto eternal life.

THINGS TO COME, what a fitting name to challenge us to greater steps of faith knowing that the God who cannot lie, has promised 'Things to Come', and we today can have a

part in preparing men for those THINGS which are to come.

## Missionary Conference

The Lord blessed His Word to the hearts of His people at the Things to Come Missionary Bible Conference held at the Grace Bible Church in South Gate, California, on September 25-27.

We are indeed grateful to the Lord and thankful for His blessings upon the Conference, and we praise Him for the love and fellowship that prevails in the Grace Churches on the West Coast.

The Conference speakers were as follows:

John Rachoy, President of the Grace Bible Mission, Inc., Galup, N. Mex.  
Pastor Herman Reich, Rubidoux, Cal.  
Jerry Henshaw, W.G.T. Missionary to Africa.

Pastor Robert E. Hanna, Rialto, Cal.  
Irvin Cox, President, Things to Come Mission, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Pastor Robert Roosendaal, Southworth, Washington.

Pastor William Root, President, West Coast GGF, and Host Pastor.

Pastor Wilbur Mullins, Orange, Cal.  
Pastor Robert Harris, San Clements, California.

J. H. Palmer, Director, Things to Come Mission, Inc., Craig, Colorado.  
Joe Mason, Director, Prison Mission Association, Albuquerque, N. Mexico.  
Pastor Percy Stoute, Hillsboro, Ore.

We want to thank Pastor Root, and the dear people of the Grace Bible Church of South Gate, for their graciousness and hospitality to us during the Conference. We want to thank the women of the Church and all who had a part in preparing and furnishing the food, which we enjoyed, and also thank those dear friends who opened their hearts and homes to us.

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Prayer Has Been Answered:* Brother Anderson and family have received their visas to enter India. This has come as an answer to many months of prayer. They arrived in Madras, India, on October 1st and have a three month permit to stay in this country. Pray much for Brother Anderson and his family as they travel and work with the National workers in the different parts of this vast country. Pray for the National workers that they may come into a fuller knowledge of the Word of God and that the work in India might expand to reach those still in idolatry.



Brother Watkins has asked that any used summer clothing be sent to the Mission for distribution to the poor and needy in the Philippine Islands. Mark packages; "Free Gift under Act 1916" and send to Things to Come Mission, P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, Philippine Islands.

Rice land and live stock are still needed to get the school in the P. I. on a self supporting basis. Pray for these needs and for the instructors at this school.



If you would like any information about the Mission or the missionaries, feel free to write the Mission headquarters or the missionary, and ask.



Pray for and write to the missionaries. Your letters will be greatly appreciated. Air-letter forms can be purchased from any Post Office for 10c and can be sent anywhere in the world. Write that letter *today*.

Any missionary with T.C.M. in the Philippines can be reached at P.O. Box 56, Ozamis City, P.I., and Brother Anderson can be reached : C/o Mr. B. Mathews, 98 Silver Street, Madras 16, India.

## A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Mrs. Anita Howe, wife of Mr. Fred Howe, Derby, Colorado, has not asked for nor hinted that we should mention her name in the "International Harvest" but we want to acknowledge her work of faith and labor of love.

Mrs. Howe is not only a fellow member of the Body of Christ, but is also a fine artist, having graduated this past June from the University of Colorado as a teacher of Art. She has drawn many of the cover drawings for the "Harvest" as well as cartoons and illustrations for other mission publications. We praise the Lord for this dear family and know the Lord is using them for His praise and glory. Mrs. Howe has not received one cent for her splendid work and contributions to the "Harvest". Her work is indeed a work of faith and a labor of love. She can be sure that her work is not in vain in the Lord (I Cor. 15:58). With this, we do extend our thanks and appreciation for the time and talent she has given so freely to the Mission.



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The printing and mailing of this publication comes out of the General Fund of the Mission. Gifts sent into the mission designated for a Missionary or for a special project are used 100% for that purpose. All other gifts are put into the General Fund for the expenses of running the Mission. Your gifts, regardless of how small, will be blessed of the Lord and multiplied to meet the great needs that are present throughout the world today.

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★ “Doors are closing fast to white missionaries: if ever YOU are going to do anything for Christ, do it NOW. **Don't fail to do something just because you can't do everything!**”

— Dr. Bob Pierce

★ “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” — J. Elliot

★ “We have to plan as though we have a thousand years and work with an urgency that today was our last opportunity.”

★ “WHY should anyone hear the Gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?”

★ “Do you have **G O D**'s permission to stay home?”