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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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DISPENSERS OF GRACE



Graduates of the first three-year course at the International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines. Fourteen students were graduated March 16th. Thirteen have entered the ministry Proclaiming the Gospel of the Grace of God in the Philippines.

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An Open Letter From The Editor

Considerable time has elapsed since our last publication, and many things have transpired. The Lord has blessed abundantly in many areas and has given us some real challenges for future service. He has also given us some trials, but as we look to Him and wait for His leadership, we have seen Victory in each trial.

Last fall the Lord placed a real test before the Mission in His calling Brother Herbert Palmer to be with Himself. Brother Palmer was the Founder and Director of the Things to Come Mission as well as a major supporter of the work. It was his vision and dedication that moved the mission into many different fields throughout the world. With our Brother's homegoing, the mission was faced with finding another Director as well as a new location for the mission headquarters. (The headquarters had been in Brother Palmer's home.) The Lord has led in the electing of Mr. Ervin Cox as Director of the Mission. The headquarters has been

moved to Cope, Colorado, where our Treasurer, Pastor Eldred Sidebottom, is located.

With the trials there have been blessings also, last summer the Lord sent three young people to the Mission requesting service at the International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hunt and Miss Janet Dudley were accepted and sent to the Philippines to teach in the school. With their arrival on the field, Brother Vernon D. Anderson and family were able to be relieved of their duties and they were requested by the Board to return to the States to tell of the work being done in the Philippines. Brother Anderson and family returned to the States in January. Also, during this time Mr. John Shriver applied for missionary service at the school in the Philippines. John and Janet were engaged to be married before she went to the Philippines. John had another semester of school to finish before he could go to the field. With the com-

pletion of his schooling, John went to the Philippines and upon his arrival on May 3rd, he and Janet were married.

This March the International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines graduated their first students. This is a three year Bible school to train men and women for the work of the ministry. Fourteen students were graduated and all but one girl have entered full time work for the Lord. With more students requesting admission to the School, it became necessary to enlarge the facilities and this expansion program was started as soon as the school term ended in March. It was expected to be completed for the beginning of the new school year which was to start the last of May, but due to some delays in obtaining materials, this building program is not completed, but is far enough along to accomodate the new students.

In the area of blessings the past year, the Lord has sent to the Mission Rev. Peter Wiering and family, who have spent time as missionaries in Curacao. Brother Wiering, a native of Holland, desired to take the Gospel of the Grace of God to his people. The T.C.M. was pleased to open another field and especially in Europe. This area of the world, we feel, is a most neglected mission field. Brother Wiering entered that field last July and has been working to establish a local church and is doing much work in translating Bible lessons to be used as correspondence courses as well as publishing a Bible study and Salvation magazine in the Dutch language. A Sunday School class has been established and Peter is working on an adult Bible class.

In the past month the Lord has provided a building in Cope, Colorado,

which the Mission has purchased, to be used as a headquarters. With the purchase of this building, it becomes necessary to have a full time Secretary to handle the Mission business. The Lord has laid this burden upon a young man and he is willing to take this office as soon as his house is sold.

The Lord has opened many doors for the Mission to enter and only the lack of available men to serve as missionaries keeps us from entering Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Formosa, South America and Europe with a greater ministry.

We would ask each of the friends of the Mission to pray that the Lord would speak to the hearts of many young people and challenge them to the great task of reaching the people of the world with the Gospel of the Grace of God before it is eternally too late. Thousands of souls are going into a Christless eternity each day and their blood will be upon our heads if we do not warn them of the judgment to come and of the love of God who sent His Son to die for their sins. (Ezek. 33)

The Lord has blessed in many ways. A vision and a challenge has been placed before us. We are confident that the Lord has called this Mission into existence and that HE has a ministry for us to do. You can have a part in this ministry. It is only as we work together with the Lord, that HIS plan and purpose can be fulfilled in our lives. The work ahead calls for more missionaries, prayer partners, supporters and workers. It may be that the Lord would have you serve in one of these areas. Looking back, we can see the many blessings the Lord has given. Looking forward we anticipate many great Things To Come from the hand of the Lord.

First Impressions

Rev. Orville Hunt

Missionary to the Philippine Islands

"If only I could look on for one day", were the words of a letter from home. This desire might often be in your mind as you think of foreign lands. People are interested in people. This is good. It should be especially true of saved individuals in regard to missions. Believers should be as inquisitive as Moses. Before he led the people into the promised land to possess it, he wanted to know about it. His purposes were military, but notice the details he desired to know. "See the land, what it is; and the people that dwell in it, whether they are strong or weak, few or many; and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps or in strongholds; and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean." A missionary wants to know similar facts about the land in which the Lord has called him to serve. He wants to know about the people, about their living conditions, about their language, about the open doors, about the methods of reaching them. The believers backing the missionary like to know about the land and the people they are working to help reach. For these reasons, I would like to share with you some of the surface or first impressions received by a new missionary in the P. I. They are surface impressions, because they are fruits of limited observation.

BEAUTY

The glory of the Creator's hand is evident throughout the Islands. We have witnessed this from the first day until now. Our first sight of the Islands was from the bridge of the M/S Vigan as she entered the San Bernardino Straits. In a distance we saw the hazy green mountains jutting out of the blue sea. Some of the is-



Connie and Orville Hunt

lands had black sand beaches, while others had white. Coconut palms were growing at the base of the mountains. Above the coconut palms laid fields of uncultivated grass. Still higher up the mountains stood the original jungle vegetation which had never been cut. Some of these mountains towered into the clouds. (In other parts of the Philippines several peaks rise to a height of nearly 10,000 feet, sometimes abruptly from the seashore. Though ice and frost occur on some of the higher mountain tops, snow is unknown.) In the background stood Mayon, the most symmetrical and beautiful of the active volcanoes here in the P. I.

As our ship sailed closer to the islands, we were able to distinguish between the beaches and the nipa (pronounced neepa) huts of the islanders. We strained to see some of the people dwelling in these huts, but were without success. With binoculars we were able to sight their fishing canoes. We noticed that some of the villages had buildings and houses of rough lumber, roofed with galvanized sheet metal. For the most part, however, they were made of bamboo and nipa. The more advanced peoples are found near the seashore. There they are able to fish for some of their food.

There they are near the provincial roads. The majority of the provincial roads follow the coastline and connect the thousands of villages built there. Most of these roads are unsurfaced. There is only one railroad. It is located in Luzon.

Tropical plants and flowers grow in abundance. The annual mean temperature in Manila is 79.9 degrees F, and the annual rainfall is approximately 200 to 250 inches. Even the poorest of huts are brightened with flowering bushes. As the sun went down on our first day in the Islands, we were convinced that a lover of beautiful sunsets would be at home here. Even the rising sun brings with it many brilliant colors. The Bible Institute is located among cocoanut and banana palms. The campus is less than one half mile from the sea. Occasionally we hear the breakers washing on shore. In a distance on the side of the school opposite the seashore is the mountain on which the Subano tribe lives.

The Philippines are beautiful; however, it is not a perfect Eden. The fallen state of mankind and the curse upon creation are as real here as in any other part of the world. Life is difficult for man and beast. Nearly all bear some mark of illness and disease.

CONTRAST

The Philippines are a land of contrasts. For that reason its culture cannot be described as modern or primitive, rich or poor, civilized or uncivilized. Manila is the showcase of modern achievement in the P. I. Within the city late model U. S. automobiles travel the streets side by side with horse drawn *tartanyas*. (A *tartanyla* is a two wheeled carriage which serves as a taxi.) The largest jet airliners land and take off at the

international airport. However, as these giant planes approach Manila, it is possible that they are watched by the head hunting *Ilongots* located not more than 200 miles away. There are several tribes of uncivilized people dwelling in other islands, including Mindanao. They are not all war-like; they are not all head hunters. They are found primarily in mountainous areas. They live by raising their own vegetables, by hunting, and by trading with the lowlanders.

On the seacoast the people live in a more modern way. The children go to school until the sixth grade. In school they learn the Philippine national language, which is Tagalog, and their own dialect, in addition to English, simple arithmetic, and history. High schools are few. Transportation is too expensive for the average rural Filipino to afford a high school education. There are colleges and universities in the P.I. In the cities one can find doctors, lawyers, engineers, and other college trained personnel. The greater share of the educational system has come during post war years, is still young and cannot be compared with U. S. standards.

The wealth of the Islands is in the hands of a few. The rich are very rich; the poor are very poor. Much of the rice, pineapple and sugar cane land is owned by lords called *Asenderos*. The land is worked by tenants who contract work for a given length of time. Filipinos who do not own land or master a trade find life extremely difficult. Beggars are common. The average family must be satisfied with dry cooked rice three meals a day. Sometimes the rice is eaten with wild vegetables or bananas, but seldom with meat. A carpenter works for P4.00 (\$1.00 equals P3.50) a day. A can of corned beef costs eighty centavoes; a can of sardines

costs forty centavos. With a family of six to ten children, such rations do not go far. Until school age and sometimes after, the children run with only a shirt for clothing. We have seen children and adults with clothing so ragged that there was little apparent value in wearing it.

DARKNESS

The contrasts carry over into the spiritual realm, also. The glorious light of the Gospel has shone into some hearts, but only into a minute few. There are numerous native tribes that have no knowledge whatever of the Gospel. First contacts have been made with the head hunter Ilongots, but there is not a permanent work among them. The same must be admitted for the Dumagats in Luzon and the Bagobos in Mindanao. One of our own TCM workers, Bernardo Ballares, is working to contact the untouched Subanos. The contact with this native tribe is being made not more than ten miles from IGBI.

The unreached tribes are in darkness, but the darkness extends to the 16,000,000 Roman Catholics, the 800,000 Mohammedans, and the millions under other pagan religions, sects and cults. Here Romanism is *called* Christian, but it *is* pagan. In our first prayer and news letter we described some of the idolatry of "All Saints' Day". This past December we have witnessed things equally as pathetic. Processions of weeping and chanting people passed our houses. They were on their way to the seashore where they begged the creatures of the sea to pray on their behalf. As they walked they bore a statue among them. They set off fire crackers to scare the evil spirits out of their path. Can a country without the luminary of the Word of God carried by His children be anything but dark? We have something far better with

which to stand against the principalities and powers of darkness. Ephesians 6:11-17. Let us share it with them!

OPEN DOOR

We have seen some of the beauty, some of the contrast, and some of the need. One thing remains. That is — *the door is open to you*— not your pastor, not to your friend, but to you. If you are able to go to the field and you feel that possibly the Lord is calling you to do tribal work, there are many tribes here. If you desire to do pioneer work among civilized people who have not ever heard the way of Truth, there are many places here. A short time before the Anderson family returned to the States on furlough, Vernon spent several days on the island of Bohol with people who had never seen or heard a Protestant missionary of any kind. If evangelistic work is your calling, there are thousands of barrios on the provincial roads where you could preach day or night. If you are able to teach, here is a Bible institute.

It is not reasonably possible for all of you to come as missionaries, but the foreign missionary is only part of the work. There are other ways in which you can redeem this open door. We need prayer. When was the last time you did all in your power to encourage another person to go to the mission field? This is a year of first-fruits at International Grace Bible Institute. The first graduating class will be sent into the harvest fields here. The door is standing open for you to assist them financially. You can assist with used clothing. You can assist by sending Grace literature. Let us be diligent in these matters lest Satan succeed in blocking our inroads into his domain here in the Philippines.

You And Missions

The commission of Christ was given to all Christians of all ages to make the Gospel known to all men of all nations. It makes no difference where we are geographically, whether in our home country or overseas. The fact remains that every Christian is a missionary. He may fail in his responsibility, but he is still a missionary.

Now God has given us several different avenues for missionary service.

AVENUE OF PRAYER

One of these avenues is prayer. Regular prayer is one way all of us can share in the privilege and responsibility of world evangelism.

In order to pray with understanding, we must be in touch with the prayer needs of missions. Are you writing to a missionary regularly? Are you using missionary publications to keep you up to date with what is happening in missions today?

AVENUE OF GIVING

A second part all of us can take in world missions is by giving. It may be that your local church has a missions budget. If so, designate some of your gifts toward this. Perhaps you can actually help in the support of a missionary, either as an individual or through your church or youth organization. But give, by all means, even though it may be only a small amount. Spare cash is not enough. Keep a record of what you spend for extras that you could do without. It will surprise you. Having done this, read Philipians 4:19. Are you living beyond what God has promised to supply? If so, you must answer the question, "Will a man rob God?"

AVENUE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

In the third place, some will be called to go overseas, either as a regular missionary or as a vocational witness. We have to reckon with the fact that great parts of the world are still unevangelized. Some who were called to go haven't gone. Why not? Because they have not taken seriously the fact that Christ's command is for every Christian. Some will say, "But I am witnessing to the world where I am." That is fine. But Christ intended that we consider the unreached sections of the world also as part of our responsibility (Acts 1:8). It seems to me that in thinking about the matter of his life-work, every Christian should at some time have considered the possibility of Christ's sending him to the "regions beyond". Many Christians are unhappy and defeated because of unwillingness to face this possibility. Yet folks cannot hear the message unless there is a messenger to tell them. Over half of the world's population still does not know that God sent Jesus to take their sin and to rise again to bring them into a living relation with God.

True, God's plans for you may completely ruin the plans that you have made for yourself or for your "one and only". That is not the real issue. What is important is whether God's plan for you is to be accomplished. If it isn't, your life with all its wonderful potential will never reach those for whom Christ died and whom He planned for you to influence. Christ has given us each a task to do. We are members of His Body, each member with his duties and privileges. If one member fails, the whole body suffers.

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Is God Looking For Ten Percenters?

Pastor I. Eldred Sidebottom

There seems to be a lack of funds to carry on the Lord's work. Why? Stop and ask yourself— Why?

It must be man who has failed, for I am positive that God is more interested in the unsaved and the unreached than we are. Why then does not God provide for those who wish to go to the mission field, for those on the mission fields and for those working on the home front? I believe that the trouble lies with man— CAN GOD TRUST YOU with money? God is looking for those whom He can trust.

We make a decision to give or try to give 10 percent or 20 percent or even 30 percent to the Lord's work. Our dear old Uncle will let us take 30 percent off our income tax, and few would give more than that. But is God satisfied with this?

GOD IS LOOKING FOR 100 PERCENTERS.

"Do you mean that God expects me to give 100 percent of my income to church or missions?", you may ask.

If you are a Christian, then God expects to have YOU. (I Cor. 6:19, 20) This is first, then the finances will take care of themselves.

If you are unsaved, God loves you and would desire that you receive Christ Jesus as your Saviour by faith. No unsaved person can please God, even if he would give 100 percent to the Lord's work. (Romans 8:8) It is true of us as it was true of Israel— "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" in God's sight. (Isa. 64:6) Filthy rags are fit but to be burned.

Here is what I mean by God expecting 100 percenters, and here is what I would like for you to consider. You know what it takes to live for three months or six months or even a year. Why not make an agreement with God that all (100 percent) over a certain amount (that which you know is needed for normal expenses) will be given to His work? Let us be 100 percent for the Lord, not just 10 percent.

I know what some of you may be thinking. What if unexpected sickness or trouble comes our way? Stop and think. Don't you believe that God is able to provide our needs? (Phil. 4:19). I also believe that my God is able to deliver me from sicknesses, diseases and accidents. Something that happened last Fall brought this again to my attention. I was helping shingle a house and backed off the roof and fell about 12 or 13 feet. I could have been killed or crippled for life or ended up with a big hospital or doctor bill or both, but I didn't even get hurt except for a scratched leg and a bruised elbow. Both were minor. I am a firm believer that man will not get any good out of what should have been given to the Lord and His work. If God doesn't deliver us from these, He will provide the need. God is not unjust with us.

For those who think that 10 percent is just something that was given in the Mosaic Law, I would remind you that Abraham paid tithes before the Mosaic Law was given. (Gen. 14:20 cf. Heb. 7:6). Jacob promised to tithe all his possessions unto God (Gen. 28:22). This also was before the Mosaic Law.

What God could do with just a few people if He could but trust them with some of His wealth. (Ps. 50:10) God isn't broke, nor is He short on funds. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. He owns the silver and the gold. He owns all the wealth in the land and even the land and all things contained therein. Why then is there a shortage of funds in Christian circles? Is it because God isn't able to trust us with very much money? God doesn't desire to supply all our wants when it isn't good for us, especially when others are starving spiritually without any "manna".

Oh, that we might catch a vision of the multitudes without Christ, particularly those without a knowledge that there is or ever was a Christ who can save from sin, self and Satan. Yea, One who can not only deliver us from hell but give us a home in heaven. All this because of what was accomplished at Calvary. (Eph. 1:3).

God wants us to be systematic in our giving, and that doesn't mean that we use the system of giving just a dollar bill to every offering. Never should the child of God give less than ten percent. If every Christian gave ten percent, I doubt if the Lord's work would suffer. Even some of the unsaved give ten percent to charitable organizations, because they consider it good business. Do we, God's children, consider reaching the lost as good business? Another thing to consider is that we are responsible to God for *where* we put His money to work. Let us pray about this matter.

What better attitude to have than—Lord, ALL is yours. I'll use only what is necessary for living expenses and the rest (100 percent) will be given back to Thee. At least 10 percent will be taken out for Thee in the beginning—even before expenses.

We can never out-give God. He will never be indebted to His children. Would you be willing to make such an agreement with God? You set your own time limit with the Lord as your witness. If the Lord provides \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000 more than your needs in that given time, it will be given back to Him to the tune of one hundred percent.



ALONE

It is human to stand with the crowd. It is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people—to drift with the tide. It is God-like to follow a principle—to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or for the sake of pleasure. It is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me", wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for one of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wondered and worshipped alone. Sodomites did smile at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus lived and died alone.

Christian Or Communist

David A. Noebel

The year 1973 was given as the year of final world conquest by the International Communist Conspiracy. And already some claim they are five years ahead of schedule (1968). Lenin said the first half of world conquest was the most difficult; the rest would come much easier. At present, this monster of International Communism rules a little over one-half of the world.

Lenin also established the process of conquest—first we will take Eastern Europe; then the masses of Asia; and then we'll encircle the USA and it too shall fall into our hands. Already Cuba is a Communist satellite; Venezuela has a larger percentage of Communists per capita than Russia had in 1917 when it went to Lenin and his cutthroats. Latin America is crawling with Red agents and billions of dollars are being poured into this area in propaganda. Yes, dear Christian, we are being encircled by this gang of cutthroats, murderers, dead-end kids, bearded-ones; the whole bunch a godless gang of conspirators. And our freedom is in danger as never before in our history.

What should we do? **GET BUSY!** Use your God-given freedom to defend it. Preach the Word as never before. Pray as never before. Give as never before. Work as never before. Time is running out. Motto yourself to: "No Rest 'til the Rapture."

It certainly seems as though we have approached the end. Whatever we do, we must do it now, and make it count for Our Saviour. The Ship of State is sinking and we had better take as many to the clouds (to meet Him in the air) as we possibly can.

Our missionary enterprise, instead of standing still or going backwards must be pushed as never before. God's people must be awakened from sleep and the whole function of the Christian Church must go forward as never before.

Godless and death-dealing communism is on-rushing and except we raise up a standard against it (i.e., the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the gospel of the grace of God) we'll be completely stopped in our efforts to reach the peoples of the world with the gospel of eternal life.

Beloved, it is not yet time to rest. That time is yet future. Today is the day for work. It is still the day of salvation, and woe be to us if we "preach not the gospel". (Rom. 13: 11-14; I Cor. 9:16; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 6: 12; II Cor. 11:13-15; Eph. 5:16,17)

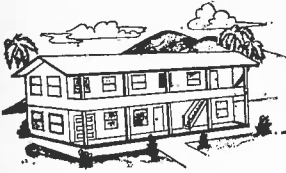
YOU AND MISSIONS

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What about you and missions? Are you using your lips to witness to those around you of the saving power of Christ? Are you using the gift of communion with God in prayer on behalf of those who do not yet know Him? Are you using the means God has given you to support those who are serving Him overseas? Are you willing to go yourself if God should call you to serve Him in some distant part of His vineyard? Only you can answer these questions.



The highway of God calls not for speed, but for service and sacrifice.



Dispensers of Grace

The International Grace Bible Institute has just completed the first three year course and fourteen students were graduated. All of these



I.G.B.I. Students

students except one, have gone into full time ministry. (One of the girls is wanting to marry one of the undergraduates and did not feel she should go to the field at this time). Each student has been assigned a section in which to work. The men will head up the Evangelism and Bible Teaching in their areas and many of them have some four to five local churches to oversee. Their job will be similar to that of the circuit Preacher of the early days of the development of the United States. The girls will handle the child evangelism, Daily Vacation Bible School work, and visitation, as well as Bible Study in places where there are no men working.

The school has a varied program of student activities which will prepare them for the ministry. The students have taken the name of "Dispensers of Grace" and their activities prove their name. This is their testimony.

"For the love of Christ controls, urges and impels us . . ." to go and tell the message of reconciliation. Our Christian Service is a planned program. We are not self controlled, but Christ controlled. Every week end each student has at least two assignments. We believe the only way we are going to win souls to Jesus Christ is by going out and taking to them the message of the cross. Our goal is to evangelize the Philippines, that none will be without excuse in that day but that all will have had an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour.

High upon a mountain is the barrio of Canibungan. Here three students have spent concentrated efforts in evangelism. Many have come to know Christ as Saviour in this barrio and as a result a new chapel is now built.



Congregation at Canibungan

The next step is the beginning of a Sunday School teacher training program to prepare the chapel to continue on its own resources.

Tenaclaan is another example of the work done by I.G.B.I. students.

During the recent Christmas vacation a student took on the task of bringing the "Grace Message" to Tenaclaan.



Congregation at Tenaclaan

There saints were edified and more came to know Christ as Saviour. Tenaclaan is now beginning the work of building their own chapel.

"Now then we are ambassadors . . ." in the barrio public schools. The cen-



Public School Ministry

ter of education is the education of the heart. Religious instruction is a requirement in the curriculum of the public schools. One hour per week, divided into two half hour sessions, we are permitted to enter the school with religious instruction. Students are to attend regardless of their other church affiliations. This has proven a battlefield with the Roman Catholics an dyet the Lord has come thru the victor! The entire school is divided into three separate classes, and the I.G.B.I. students are free to teach the Bible to children from grade one thru grade six.

"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Messengers of the Grace of God to the city of Ozamis via the local broad-



Student Radio Ministry

casting system. Once each week students go to the station and administer the Word of God in message and in song. In January another broadcasting door opened to us at Marawi City. This is one more channel of dispensing the message in the Philippines.

" . . . a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." Debating is the method of putting to use the knowledge



Public Debate

attained in the classroom. Men of other Protestant denominations challenge our professors, pastors and students to defend the Word, "rightly divided". This is beneficial in keeping the students studying the Word of God and also in teaching the message of the Grace of God to those who

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... from our Missionaries

PLL OBEY GOD

Magdalena Athos

(Ed. Note: Magdalena is a graduate of the I.G.B.I. and has been assigned to work in Negros Island. Her father died near the end of the school year. Being the oldest child, she now has the responsibility of caring for the family. She receives only 45 pesos assistance in her ministry and half of this is sent to her mother to help support the family. This letter is printed to show the dedication of the students of the graduating class of 1962)

Thank you so much for sympathizing with me in my sadness. I know that my father is home with the Lord, but it is really very hard to live without him since he was the bread-earner of the family. I am shouldering the responsibilities of the family because my mother has a newly delivered baby boy. Mother delivered on the first day of February and father was taken by God on the 8th of February. This is the first time I have ever experienced the bitterness of life, but I have a great faith in God, that HE will never leave us nor forsake us. My sisters and brothers are yet small. Being the eldest, I have to look after their spiritual and material needs.

In spite of my father's death, I will be leaving for Negros in April, though it is very hard to leave "my family" in the present condition. I have given my testimony to the people of Negros in my last letter that I will be coming to them in spite of what has happened to our family.

Please help me pray that God will supply the financial needs for "my family" when I'm away. My uncles, aunts and relatives do not want me to go to Negros because my help is needed very much at home. My brother next to me is only 14 years old and not able to do much. Shall I obey them rather than God? I will be out of the will of God if I follow the cry of the unbelievers.

It is really true that I loved my father very much, but God loves him more than I do. Now my sadness and my loneliness are cured, but what I am very much concerned about is "my family". We are financially hard up because we spent very much money when Father was yet sick. I would like to ask you to pray for our financial needs.

MY KIND OF LIFE

Janet (Dudley) Shriver

I have never enjoyed anything so much in my life as this past week and being out on the field, so to speak. My only regret is that I can not go with the team to Alecia this next week, but they will be gone ten days and I have to go to Cebu next week. One week ago I went with Orville and Poten to Balurón. I never saw a man like Poten. He puts the others to shame when it comes to having a desire to preach and get out the Gospel. Every time we even stopped for a rest along the hike up there, he would set up the P.A. and begin preaching. Every morning when I woke up he was already preaching and at night when I went to sleep he was still preaching. I am convinced that there is none to

compare, but we don't see what he is really doing until we get out where he is and watch him at work. There seems to be no end to his zeal and ambition. We had meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening at Baluron.



Congregation at Baluron

Nine received Christ as Saviour, and many dedicated their lives anew to the Lord. How thrilled I was to see the fruit of our labors here at I.G.B.I. and in the mission. I thought it was great to be in Baluron, but it was even greater at Lupumba. We hiked in from where we left the jeep (about 3 or 4 km.). It started pouring and the trail got slippery and muddy. By the time we reached there, we were sopping wet. All the baggage (riding on the carabao cart) was wet also, and if Satan could use anything to cause discouragement, it would be that. Just as we were coming the last km. the members in the chapel (on the hill) began singing welcome songs. It brought tears to my eyes to think that they were so pleased for us to come there. It was the most blessed welcome song I have ever heard. The meetings there were too good for words. The church was filled and overflowing at every single meeting. The final night when Poten had the drama, we missionaries had to leave and give our seats to the others as there was no more standing room in the church.

While there we had meetings from 8:00 until noon, then from 2:00 until 4:30, and again at night until midnight. Besides this, Poten was preaching before daylight every morning.

Nine were led to Christ the last night, four young people that afternoon, and many others dedicated their lives anew to the Lord. I just can't get over the love and friendliness of these people. They are so wonderful.

I slept fine on the floor (never better, in fact), and I didn't get tired of chicken and eggs all week (still could eat more). I did get a little sore from sitting all morning and afternoon and again at night on the wood benches. We took the accordion with us. They appreciated that very much. Pauline, Connie and I sang trios at every service. The last night we sang "Have You Any Room For Jesus?" in Visayan and faces just beamed throughout that room. To see their faces light up when we can meet them in their own dialect is a new encouragement for me. With HIS help, by next summer I am not going to need an interpreter to teach any more.

I taught the children (many adults as well). They just didn't seem to get enough. Sunday morning they had already been in Sunday School and I took them for Morning Worship and taught them for an additional hour and a half and they still wanted more. I never had a children's class so attentive. There is a real ministry with the children here, I feel much more could be done on the evangelistic trips if we had someone to hold children's classes. Sometimes there were more than 100 children gathered around while the open air services were being held. The services were for adults, but what a ministry for someone if they would also have a service for the children.

I hated to leave there today, but it was good to get back home and get a good bath. I probably won't get to go out any more until next summer, but then I hope I can go all the time with John to these and other places.

ACTIVITIES OF POTEN

Potenciano Undag

On January 14th, I, with my wife and two sons, traveled to the barrio of del Monte by bus and then by foot the other fifteen miles to Ditay. We were caught in a heavy rain and the trails became very slippery. Mrs. Undag and I slipped several times and were almost drowned while crossing the river, due to the flooding. We arrived at Ditay about 7:30 P.M., wet, cold and hungry, but glad to be there for the evangelistic meetings. We stayed two days, having Bible studies, evangelistic meetings and the last evening we staged a drama about "The Father who gave his life for his Son". More than 200 persons attended. After the drama, I gave a message about the Grace of God. Eight R.C.'s received the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Saviour and Redeemer.

On January 17th and 18th we held Bible studies and evangelistic meetings in the barrio of Ginuman. We also staged a religious drama. More than 250 persons attended. Ten souls were added to the Body of Christ.

On the 19th we proceeded to the Barrio of Balagon. Again we held Bible studies and evangelistic meetings. During our morning Bible study, six pioneers of the Jehovah's Witnesses attended. I taught them about the distinctive ministry between the twelve apostles and the Apostle Paul. After I finished the study, I allowed them to take turns in asking questions. They asked no questions. I then asked them to teach us about their doctrine. They refused and went home without asking permission.

On January 20th we went to the barrio of Camanga to keep an appointment for a debate with the min-

ister of the Church of Christ. Upon our arrival, the minister hid himself and sent one of his members to tell us that he was sick. Having no debate, we held an open air meeting. More than 100 people were in attendance. We then proceeded to the town of Siay and held open air meetings.

On January 23rd, eight of our members accompanied me to Alicia. Brother Negemio Racines met us in Malangas with the outboard motor. We held home visitation, Bible studies and evangelistic meetings in this town. One morning three ladies came to the house of Brother Elvina where we delivered a message about the Grace of God. They said, "We have come because we heard the message about salvation this morning at about 4:30. We want further explanation." We explained to them the way of Salvation and they all three received the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and were added to the Body of Christ.

On January 27th to 28th we were in the barrio of Florida. We held a series of Bible studies, and on the last evening we staged a drama. More than 100 persons attended. The church of Florida was revived, and the trouble between two of the members was solved. They were reconciled happily.

On January 30th, the 23 members and I rode on the outboard for Calais. We arrived at 7:00 P.M. and began our Bible study at 8:30. Very early in the morning we continued our Bible study. After breakfast we held an open air meeting near the beach of Calais. After the service we proceeded to the barrio of Gandaan. We held evangelistic meetings in the house of Brother Catingob. Brother Racines and I delivered the message about the Grace of God. More than 80 persons attended. On the next day we proceeded to the barrio of Dawa-

dawa. On the way our outboard was about to be sunk because of the storm and big waves. The Lord protected us and guided us safely to Dawadawa. Here we held our Bible study. One of the persecutors of the believers in that barrio was attending this meeting and asked many questions. He was enlightened and I believe he will accept the Lord Jesus Christ on our next visit to this place.

On January 4th and 5th we held open air meetings in the barrio of Balono. More than 150 persons attended. This barrio has two Roman Catholic Chapels. We held our meetings in front of one of these chapels. While I was preaching, the R.C.'s held a procession and passed by the side of our meeting. I continued to preach and afterwards I allowed them to ask questions, but no one asked. That evening we held services in the barrio of Loging. We closed our service about midnight. Three souls accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and were added to the Body of Christ.

On February 6th to 10th, we were in the barrio of Tipasan. We held four days of Bible studies and evangelistic meetings. We also held open air meetings in the town of Lapuyan. On the last evening we staged our drama. More than 100 persons attended. I delivered a message about the power of the Blood of Jesus. Twelve souls responded to the call for salvation. One of the well known and rich men of that Barrio who was R.C., was convinced and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He sent us a letter of thanks for coming to preach to him about the way of Salvation.

On February 17th to 21st, we held Bible studies and evangelistic meetings in the Barrio of Gulictop. One of our meetings was held near their market. More than 150 persons at-

tended. We also staged a religious drama.

The results of our missionary tour from January 13th to February 21st were 56 souls converted and added to the Body of Christ. Although we had a choir in our T.C.M. Crusade Evangelistic team, I think this number was due to our only staying one or two days in most of the places where we preached. The outboard motor was a great help to us in traveling from town to town but we found it very expensive. We spent more than 90 pesos for gasoline.

There is a great task before us. Thousands of Islands in the Philippines are still in darkness where the Gospel of the Grace of God is not yet being preached. Let us be awake and work for the Lord day and night. Pray for the members of the T.C.M. Crusade Evangelistic Team, that they may continue to help in spreading the precious seed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LOOKING TO HIM

Nicholas Sabich

We have just experienced one of life's most trying moments. My father, who was 74 years old, recently moved here from Paraguay and in less than a month after this move, he died. The quickness of this has been a great blow to me and I am still in pain and sorrow from this loss. The Lord is my strength and we look to Him for consolation and strength to overcome this sorrow.

As to the Lord's work here, all is going well and Brother and Sister Meji have been helping in the spread of the message during their free time. Their assistance is very much appreciated. Our Sunday School, which was interrupted for a while, is now

up to 45 children along with adults. Most of these children have unsaved parents. We are working and praying that the message of salvation will be carried to the parents through the children.

In May we held 18 meetings, with five persons accepting the Lord Jesus as Personal Saviour. Fourteen homes were visited and 1,200 tracts were distributed. Twelve copies of "God's Clock of Ages" and fifteen copies of "Eternal Security" were given out along with ten Grace Line Bible Lessons.

The news of the work being done by Brothers Alonzo and Gallardo is very encouraging, but in their last letter they stated that the Roman Catholics are making a strong movement in the Pocitos area and they are in need of some local authority to enable them to continue their work. I will try to send this information to them.

Our situation here in Argentina is getting worse each day, as you have heard from the news. I am without work and it is very hard to find employment in the winter time. Everything is going up each day and our urgent need is for food. Our hope is in the Lord and we know He is able to provide for us in these hard times. Please don't forget us in your prayers.

WORKING ALONE

Peter Wiering

If you had a chance to drop in on us we could show you around a bit. The weather is often cool and sunshine is scarce. We don't live in the part of Holland that has most of the dikes and windmills. Instead we are close to a big forest preserve. It is nice to take a walk into the woods,

to shut out the man-made shapes and sounds and feel yourself in a world all its own, testifying in innumerable ways to its Maker. All these wonders of God's handywork have an added meaning when one knows the One who designed them.

In March we started with a class for children from the neighborhood. Those who come have hardly any knowledge of the Bible. Interest is building up and we believe God's Word is working in hearts. Soon we will send out the third number of the little monthly "Genade en Waarheid" (Grace and Truth) that we are publishing. The Gestetner Mimeograph that we have bought with this magazine in mind can make a good looking production. The writing, translation and stencil cutting do take quite a bit of time. Bible studies and Salvation messages are included in this publication. The circulation is small and it will take personal effort to enlarge it. Some copies are sent to Curocao and a friend, Miss Terlaak, is also sending out some copies to people with whom she has witnessed. We are praying that thru this printed ministry, many doors will be opened to us. As an American working alone, it is hard to get something started as the Dutch people are quite suspicious of new things.

In a small way we have been trying to make known the distinctive truth concerning the dispensation of Grace; the mystery that was hid in God, till the Lord revealed it to the members of His Body through the Apostle Paul. Doing this, we have sensed something of the hatred that Satan has for the truth of the Church which is HIS Body. Certainly, one needs the whole armour of God to stand against the spiritual opposition. Repeating the word of Paul, we ask you to be "praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of

utterance to speak the mystery of Christ" . . . Colossians 4:3.

Fellowship with others who are likeminded is not always appreciated at its worth till it is missed. While there is a group here that emphasizes the truth of the dispensations, there are real drawbacks to seeking fellowship with them. From their writings we gather that they set forth such things as: (1) the "Body" in I Corinthians is not the same as the "Body" in Ephesians of which Christ is the head, and which began after the close of the Acts period; (2) there are three groups of believers, (a) the born again ones; (b) the reconciled ones; (c) the perfect ones; (3) Finally all men will come to the right relation with God (Universal Reconciliation). We wonder if the adversary uses such forms of dispensationalism to keep people from a right appreciation of the dispensation of the mystery.

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have not heard. We are confident that He has committed unto us this Dispensation of the Mystery and that we are to dispense it to others.

Other projects and avenues of service are undertaken by the students to prepare them for the work of the ministry. Every day there is a team of students visiting house to house. Visitation is emphasized to convince the people that we are interested in them, that we are interested in their souls and desire them to hear this message of salvation.

The printing press at the I.G.B.I. means big business as tracts and gospel literature are printed for distribution. These materials are distributed to anyone desiring Christian literature.

"If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." This is true in our own barrio as well as in neighboring barrios. Because we believe that all who do not receive Jesus Christ as Saviour will die and suffer eternal condemnation, we are putting all our efforts into reaching these with the message of redemption. On Sunday, adult Bible studies are conducted both morning and evening, and during the day many children's classes are held throughout the barrio.

We believe that the classes taught at I.G.B.I. will be taught in vain if the students are not using that which they are learning. Experience is the best teacher and that coupled with classroom learning will make for efficient dispensers of the message of the Grace of God. That together we might reap the harvest of souls that are already ripened in the Philippines.



NATIVE WORKERS

Training of native workers was begun with John the Baptist. Our Lord made it His own greatest ministry. Paul selected and trained younger men, notably Timothy and Titus, and urged them in turn to do the same. (II Timothy 2:2) This is to be regarded as the crowning missionary method, inasmuch as the missionary's true aim should not be to make himself indispensable, but rather the very reverse, by raising up native agents to take his place. The missionary who successfully does this may be said to work by multiplication instead of mere addition.



International Grace Bible Institute will be receiving the first student from India this term. Joseph Das has just had his passport approved. Pray for him.

News In Brief

Vern Anderson is now in the States presenting the challenge of missions from the Word of God and telling of the blessings of the Lord on the work in the Philippines. Brother Anderson has had a full schedule of Missionary Conferences and will be leaving in September, Lord willing, to visit the other countries where T.C.M. has workers. We would ask you to pray for our Brother Anderson as he gives his life for the service of the Lord.



The International Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines has graduated its first class of students. Also the ministry of the school has grown so much this past three years that an expansion program was necessary to handle the students requesting admission. This building program is now underway and is expected to double the number of students who can be accommodated.



The Mission has a Prayer Partners Group consisting of those friends of the Mission who want information about the Mission and the needs so they can uphold these needs before the Lord. If you would like to join this Prayer Partners Group, send your name and address to General Secretary, Box 44, Cope, Colorado. Each month you will receive the Praise and Prayer Letter with the news and prayer requests of the Mission.



Joe Watkins and family will be returning to the States this month. Their health has not been good for some time and this is a needed change for them.

Orville and Connie Hunt are expecting their first child this month. Remember this young couple in prayer as they look forward to this new addition to their family and as they assume the responsibilities of the work in the Philippines.



Rev. and Mrs. John Shriver

Upon the arrival of John Shriver at the International Grace Bible Institute, he not only received a new ministry, but also a bride. John and Janet Dudley were married May 3rd, to begin a new life and a new ministry together for the Lord.



The Lord has provided a building in Cope, Colorado, to be used as the headquarters for the Things To Come Mission. This building was offered at a price that the Mission could not refuse. With the purchase of this building, there is now a need for a full time secretary. A man is available and willing to move to Cope to take this office as soon as his house is sold.



Peter Wiering has requested and been accepted as a missionary of the Things To Come Mission, to open a new work in Holland. Brother Wiering was a missionary to Curacao with the Bethesda Mission before going to Holland with T.C.M.

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POINTS TO PONDER

Less than 2% of the world's population are Christian! This percentage will be less as the population explosion continues.

"Lenin's Doctrine" has been published in 968 languages and scattered all over the world. The Holy Scriptures is still to be published in 1800 languages in which it is not yet translated.

There are not more than 27,000 active Protestant foreign missionaries in the world —a tragically poor output of over 190 million Protestants!

Only 4% of all money given to the Lord's work is used among the 91% of the non-English speaking people of the world.

94% of the ordained ministers minister to only 9% of the world's people.

Do you have GOD's permission to stay home?