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SOME PRINCIPLES FOR MISSIONARY GIVING

Delmar Anderson

What is your policy concerning giving to the Lord's work? Is your giving a sporadic and aimless chore with no other goal than that of salving your conscience? Ponder with us for a few moments some points of vital interest and concern to anyone who is desirous to serve God with his material means.

Where to Give:

How often have you been challenged by some literature or person to support with your finances, a certain need? Then, before you had time to turn around there was another need staring you in the face, and then another, and another; until you began to wish inwardly that you had unlimited resources at your disposal. You know, however, that you must draw the line somewhere and give to only a few worthy endeavors. You feel as you give that the amount is so insufficient. Then occasionally you may be faced with second thoughts as to where the Lord would have you give.

It is very necessary, therefore, that you determine to which field of endeavor you should give your money. How do you go about making the proper choice? Perhaps it would be well to try to answer this by posing some questions.

First and foremost one ought to ask whether this work is Christ-honoring and Christ proclaiming. In order for a work to be truly Christ honoring it must be true to

God's Word, and therefore it must be correct dispensationally. One might also ask if this work gives honor to some man or group of men. If Christ is to be honored man must be placed in the background. If it is to be Christ proclaiming this work must be extending. Sometimes a work or labor seems true in every respect except that it is unconcerned with the plight of the lost. How often have we seen groups of Christians seemingly concerned only with their own interests and locale. So, when you give, make certain that Christ will be honored with every penny, and that through it men will be introduced to Christ.

How Much to Give

To determine how much one should give he ought to ask himself how much God has given to him. After we realize how much we have in material goods we must admit that we have much that we could give. Quite often we make our decision on the basis of what we have left after paying our "necessary" bills; and as important as it is that Christians pay their bills, if they would only place the Lord's work as the first item of their budget, they would find that these other needs would be met.

Christ told His disciples not to seek those things which the Gentiles sought but rather the kingdom of God. He showed them that God was not unfaithful as to clothe the grass of the field and leave His own children naked. Now while the dispensational setting may be different, we are called upon to be no less dependent on our Father, and our message and commission

are no less urgent than was that of the disciples.

God through the Apostle Paul tells us that we are to give as the Lord has prospered us. Judging from the last month giving for tax deduction purposes one would conclude that we are to give as Uncle Sam has prospered us. It is God who has promised to supply ALL our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.. It was Christ who became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich. It was Christ who humbled himself unto death, even the death of the cross in your behalf. It is an understatement to say that we can never outgive God.

When To Give:

When should we give to the Lord's work? We could simply say, "NOW" and let it go at that, but there is more to the question. What prompts the urgency? Look around you. Look beyond you. Do you see the millions dying without Christ? God in His grace has given us an extended opportunity to reach the lost with the gospel of grace but what are you doing with that opportunity?

II Corinthians 5:20 calls you (if you are a Christian) an ambassador for Christ. You will notice that the first word of that verse is "NOW". What sort of ambassador are you? You may not be called to take God's message to a foreign country but it may be your privilege to support the one who goes. Nevertheless, wherever you are and whatever you do, you are, now, to faithfully represent your Lord who in due time, gave Himself for you.

HAVE YOU HAD RESULTS?

I. Eldred Sidebottom

There are various religious groups that exalt some individual who is supposed to have been given a special vision from the Lord or from an angel of the Lord in recent years. People seem to forget that God says in Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." In this same chapter of Galatians we read that God has given a special message by direct revelation to the Apostle Paul for us Gentiles. (vs. 11, 12.) A dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me", I Corinthians 9:17. "According to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill (complete) the Word of God." Colossians 1:25. Yes, a dispensation of God has been given. The dispensation of the grace of God (Ephesians 3:2,3), the revelation of God's special secret (mystery) has been made known thru the writings of the Apostle Paul. This message shouldn't be secret any more for it has been revealed in God's word for 1900 years. This ministry exalts ONLY the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God. It does not exalt Paul, but we find that he states in Gal. 6:14, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

RESULTS OF SEEING GOD

Does it not seem strange that these recent religious groups exalt some individual or the individual's writings? In God's word we note that each person who came face to face with the Lord did just the opposite. They abhorred self and

gave God all the glory. Job 42:6 states, "Wherefore I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes." This because he saw the Lord. Dr. C. I. Scofield states this in his footnote. "... brought into the presence of God, Job is revealed to himself... the godly are afflicted that they may be brought to self-knowledge and self-judgment... best of all, such self knowledge and self judgment is the prelude to greater fruitfulness." When man is brought into the presence of God, he is revealed unto himself and he finds that he is nothing.

Notice also Isaiah 6:1 - 5. Isaiah saw himself and desired to serve the Lord. May each of God's children truly see the Lord and thereby realize that outside of Christ we are nothing, and thus causing us to let Him work in and through us.

Let us not be found having our own righteousness, but the righteousness of God which is Christ. As soon as one realizes there is a God, he should be ashamed to run his own life.

When we study God's word, we see that He has a plan and a purpose for us. Let us be as Job and realize that God should treat us in the manner that pleases Him. Come joy or sorrow, we can always take it from the hand of God. As one writer has so ably put it, "How the tendency to resentment and of wrong doing would be removed if we take an injury from the hand of a loving Father instead of looking chiefly at the agent through which it comes to us. It matters not who is the postman, it is the writer of the letter with which we have to do."

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"HAZARDING OUR LIVES"

Pastor Rollin Wilson

Frequently these days we read in our newspapers of those brave souls who make their break for freedom and dash across the "no man's land" between the "Iron Curtain" and the Free World. Our hearts go out to such individuals. Many are stirred by these feats of daring and hazarding of life.

Among human kind, no greater champion for Christ has arisen than the Apostle Paul. His simple yet dogged purpose in life was voiced on the Damascus road; from which he never wavered: "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6) Early in Paul's ministry, the Jerusalem Council sent out the following testimony of the degree of success Paul and Barnabus realized in their service for Christ: "It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabus and Paul, *men who have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" (Acts 15:25,26)

This commendation of Paul was no idle attempt to perhaps gird up a "sagging" reputation. Rather, these men of the Council were of high spiritual repute and "knew whereof they spake". Can we not ascertain from the example these men portray, a present-day challenge applicable for each member of the body of Christ?

Notice with me from the above text, among numerous points, the evident prominence of a CAUSE for which to "hazard our lives". "For the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"; how we can expand this CAUSE certainly is not difficult to follow. Christ Himself lived the

"will of God"; "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God;" (Hebrews 10:7) Here was a person whose life had purpose and point to it. As a result, the Bible calls Him our "Captain and the Originator" of the faith-principle (see Hebrews 2:10:12:2). No wonder that "the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" is cause enough for which to "hazard our lives". "None other name . . . wherebv we must be saved." The name above every name . . . at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue will confess" (Acts 4:12: Phil. 2:9-11). Who at the Great White Throne judgement will not have wished they would have, in their life-time, acknowledged that "NAME" over their lives?

Ah, but what about you and me today? Have we reckoned "the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" sufficient Cause for which to hazard our lives? Thus it is with us as it was with Paul. Volunteers are needed. Our text not only points up the Cause, but those who must respond. How we need to come to the place David came in I Samuel 17:29. Before we note the point to be made, ponder with me the query, "With whom did David seemingly have the greatest difficulty here, Goliath or his brothers and 'friends'?" Evidently of all Israel's warriors, there was only one who would volunteer to "hazard his life"! Beloved, is this not the sad case among members of the Body of Christ? David cried to his well meaning "friends", "What have I now done? *Is there not a cause?*" If we have "enlisted", can we live our lives as civilians? Can we relegate this degree of consecration just to the

Pauls and Davids and Barnabus'? If so, certainly there remains little meaning for us then in our text!

Our text continues with the degree of commitment these men had; namely, "hazarded their lives". Whatever you see in this word "life", we must recognize TOTALITY! "These hands . . ." ". . . with tears" "neither count I my life dear unto myself . ." Acts 20: 34; 31:24) Was there any part of Paul's life that was not totally committed to Christ? Do we dare say to the asking of this question, "No" ? Can we say that God will not ask of those committed to Him to be another Job, Stephen, Barnabus or Paul? I'm wondering, dear reader, do these words disturb you? Are you offended by the implication that you need a greater degree of commitment to Christ? Can you point to any (one) area of your life and truly say, "Yes, here I've really hazarded for Christ!" Isn't it true that we just don't know what it is today to hazard our lives? I believe if God had placed the Church on the earth and commissioned us to make a comfortable living and be completely at ease, we all could claim 100% obedience!

Why is it we have to relegate the challenge of TOTAL commitment to Christ to Missionary Conferences and the occasional visit of the Missionary Speaker?

What Conferences and what Speakers were able to produce in the lives of Barnabus and Paul this "hazarded life"? Are we not back to our opening point, i.e., "the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? This is the Cause for which God has challenged His Champions!

What are we after anyway in this Missionary endeavor? Is it

more personnel? (Certainly there is room for more); is it more finances? (Many fields could be expanded thereby); is it more interest in our particular missionary programs? Our own missions? (Certainly we all can profit from more information in this area) What is it then? Can we not sum it all up as did Paul in Philippians 4:17. "Not because I desire a gift: But I *desire fruit* that may abound to your account." Here it is: certainly the gift is important, but how much more valuable the "fruit" (evidence of life, growth, productivity, etc.)

What areas of your life has God shown you that need hazarding for Him? Can you right now by faith grant Him that opportunity to bring forth this "fruit" in you? May we all experience a new challenge hereby. Amen.

Have You Had Results?

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RESULTS OF YIELDING TO GOD

God asks the Christian to "*yield*" his life to Him. "To yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness." Romans 6:19.

I wonder, are we really living for the Lord? How many hours each week are lived only to please self? Some speak of how much money they give to the Lord, but I feel that Mr. R. G. LeTorneau states it wisely. "It isn't how much of my money I give to the Lord, it is how much of the Lord's money do I spend on self." Whether we use the word "money" or "Time" or "Talent" in this sentence, it all amounts to the same thing. The question still remains, How much of my life is lived for the Lord? Let's please Him.



STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

The students who come to the InterNATIONAL Grace Bible Institute are there for one purpose and that is to study the Word of God rightly divided in order that they may return to their own people to preach the gospel of the grace of God. Many of these students come from homes that would not be conducive to a life dedicated to serve the living God, yet Christ in His mercy and wisdom spoke to the hearts of these students and called them to study His Word and then preach it to others who, like themselves, were living in a world apart from God and yet seeking to find a meaning for their lives. We have a cross section of student testimonies which will picture the lives, background and calling of these students and the part the InterNATIONAL Grace Bible Institute is playing in meeting the needs of these young people.

THE FEAR OF HELL

By Ramon Bagonoc, Jr.
(Second year student)

I was born in a Christian home and was instructed in the Word of God by my mother. At an early age I began to love the Word of God and as I grew up I sought for Him as I wanted to experience His companionship. The fear of hell was very real to me and I tried very hard to do my very best that

I could escape hell. I became very punctual in church attendance and did not realize that my sins could all be forgiven. I had yet no assurance of eternal salvation by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However there was still a love in my heart for Him and I desired to serve Him. This desire drew me to search the Scriptures for more truth.



*Ramon Bagonoc, Jr.,
second year student*

I came upon a verse in Romans 8:1 at one time which says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." This truth gave me something to make me very happy and the fear of hell and eternal punishment vanished and I realized that I belonged to Him for eternity.

After I saw the truth I became dissatisfied that many others did not know this same truth and the verse that says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

I am now in IGBI studying His word rightly divided and preparing for the ministry ahead. I thank the Lord who has enabled me to endure this two years of training in IGBI in the Philippines and after this year I am going out for one year field work to proclaim the Gospel of the Grace of God. This is a wonderful opportunity and I am desiring and praying that God will use me to reach many that are without hope in the darkness of sin.

I HAD TO FIND THE TRUTH

By Joseph Das

(First year student from India)

I came from a Catholic family. All are aware of how much knowledge of God or of the Bible a Catholic family in my country possesses. I was no exception. In ignorance I went on following the rites of prayer and works and never knew how to worship God in spirit.

Time went on like this. About seven years ago Brother Chawla got a house of rest in our street. Although he was very busy in his business in those days yet he found time to be regular in church and always was distributing Christian literature and preaching. Gradually my family got acquainted with his family by my sister's management. We had frequent contacts with each other and every time he would tell us of the Bible truth.

One Sunday, on my way home from the church, Mr. Chawla invited me to his house and asked me a question, "Why did you go to the church?" I simply replied that I went. On this he asked me, "Do you know the God to whom you worship?" I had no reply. The question again and again sang in

my ears and I began to think and wonder why did I go to the church? The only answer that came back was, for worship. I had to find the truth. This question made me want to know my God. I started learning about God and found the truth in His Word.



*Joseph Das, first year student
from India*

When I remember my present position, I thank God for giving me the knowledge to understand that, unless I accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, I cannot know God. The Gospel of my Saviour was the conviction of my sins and it is now two years since I received Jesus as my Saviour.

Now when I find myself in the IGBI I think that the Lord in His own mercy has chosen me from the house of bondage to become a preacher of the Grace of God.

EVEN DOCTORS DIE

By Virginia Katalbas
(First year student)

Before, when people talked about death, I wished I'd never die because I was afraid of the thoughts of dying. Then I said to myself that some day I would like to become a good doctor, just to preserve the thing called "life". I knew that even doctors die but I was hoping that there might be some way to obtain life without end. I asked my parents about this and they could give me no possible solution. Later, upon the death of my young brother, my parents did receive Christ as Saviour.



Virginia Katalbas, first year student.

In the year 1951 I was invited to attend a meeting and I heard a message about the consequence of sin and that death was the end of the sinner. The most difficult

thing to bear is the punishment of one's soul in hell and I was afraid. After the message the invitation was given and with hesitation I received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

After that I was no longer afraid of dying for I was confident of eternal life in Heaven with my Lord. Jesus Christ became my Lord and Master and I realized that I owed my life to Him. I promised my life for His service and desired to become a Bible woman.

After I graduated from High School I changed my mind and proceeded to a medical course in college. When my grandmother died I saw the mistake and remembered that I had broken my promise to God. I changed about and then was determined that I was going to minister to the spiritual part of man rather than the physical. I did not have money any longer to go to school and prayed to God for the answer

One day I read the "Crusader" magazine and saw that IGBI wanted students to come and study and they offered a tuition free course to those who were sincere in their desire to study God's Word and serve Him. Immediately I applied and thank the Lord that I was accepted. Now I am a student at IGBI and am praying with the Lord's help that I will be able to continue and finish my studies and be a faithful servant for Him.

I am thankful for the Things To Come Mission and their help to the Filipinos. Not only have they ministered to the physical but in spiritual things and to them I owe much appreciation, for learning the Word of God.

THE BLACK SHEEP

By *Emiliano Boniog*
(First year student from
island of Luzon)

"Once far from God and dead in sin, No light my heart could see"
This truth clearly pictures my lost youth. I was brought up in an average Ilocano family in the western regions of Pangasinan, where I was far from God and entangled with the vices of this world. Among the five children in the family I was the one who deserved the cursed title, "black sheep". I walked with ungodly men, drank liquor, smoked and danced and cheated my parents and did many other hateful things which I hate to recall. I was wise in my ways.



*Emiliano Boniog, first year
student from Luzon*

I was also very ambitious and dreamed of becoming a lawyer or an engineer who would some day be esteemed by the public. After finishing my secondary course, I applied to several places of study but every opportunity was turned down by my father, who loves me and wanted the best for my life.

Before narrating to you my calling and surrender to God let me give a glimpse of my religious life. My family was Roman Catholic, pure in origin. We dwelt in the area where the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines was the strongest. We were all devout Catholics but unsatisfied with our religion. Printed lessons were sent to my father, and preachers reached our neighborhood. It was then that the light began to twinkle in the darkness of our unbelief. Thus these precious words were fulfilled in us:

"But in God's Word the light I found,

Now Christ liveth in me."

The steps were slow and it took months to germinate the seed. But thanks to God, my father, step-mother and I have entered the salvation in Christ Jesus.

Forsaking the world and permitting Christ to dwell in me, the vision hovered close and I asked God for guidance as I fully surrendered my life to His will. Then came the confirmation and my Lord has brought me to IGBI for training and preparation. It was a despised move to my gang-mates and a surprise to my community that I should desire to become a minister of Christ Jesus our Lord and a preacher of the Gospel to the lost world.

God has a purpose for every soul and every soul must tread in accordance to the plan of God. I thank my God for counting me worthy of this stewardship. I count it an uncontested glory, indeed, to be a bearer of the wonderful and marvelous Grace of God.

PERSECUTION

Antonio Improso

(Ed. Note: Antonio is a graduate of the InterNATIONAL Grace Bible Institute and is working as an evangelist in the Bicol Region on Luzon Island. This letter was written to the field director reporting on one of his meetings.)

"We have returned from another evangelistic trip. We were much impressed by the response to the gospel preaching.

"In Cabugao, Sorsogon, we had an unusual experience. My preaching appointment coincided with the patron saint celebration. According to the verbal permit given by the barrio authority, I began speaking right after mass (I was preaching in front of the R. C. chapel) while the priest was busy baptizing the babies. An excited, drunk, angry policeman tried to stop me. I insisted that I continue because of my permit. For the next few seconds I found myself preaching before the point of his gun, amidst a great crowd; many of whom were those who left the chapel, some with babies yet to be baptized. As I continued to speak, the crowd held their breath waiting to see what would happen. The barrio council quickly gathered to implore me to postpone my time of preaching for security sake. In a snappy argument, I was able to turn the Barrio Lieutenant to answering the police. The police officer was the Barrio Lieutenant's son. The police then sensing his father was inclined to side with me, turned his anger on his father. I sensed that what would happen next was that the police would run amok the barrio lieutenant, his father, and then turn to me as his next target. After making a short

explanation about the trouble, I left the crowd and went on witnessing to individuals the whole day. The police and the lieutenant with many others involved, continued quarreling till night. As a result, many who found out that the police was trying to use his authority in favor of the R. C. Church turned to hate him and questioned the R. C.'s claim of church authority. Four family heads were converted and praise the Lord, they are now asking me to build a chapel where they could gather. (I explained to them that the Mission has no policy to donate chapels for local churches.) Please pray for us here as we continue to serve Him even in dangers."



The InterNATIONAL Grace Bible Institute of the Philippines has just completed four years of teaching the Word of God rightly divided. The Lord has sent some good students and they have developed into workmen who have a deep concern for reaching the lost souls in their Islands. The school is a three year Bible Institute teaching only those subjects necessary for preparing a man or woman for the work of the ministry. The aim of the school is to teach the students the Word of God and challenge them to meet the task of evangelizing, not only the Philippines, but all of the Far East.

This coming year, the school expects to have the largest enrollment in its history. With the enlarged student body, more instructors will be needed. Anyone interested in this teaching ministry, contact the Director of the Mission at Box 44, Cope, Colorado.

HOW SOON WILL GREECE HAVE A "NEW" NEW TESTAMENT?

Peter Wiering

The country of Greece presents a big challenge to evangelical believers! Greece has a population of eight million, but only one out of every 500 persons belongs to a Protestant group. A true Greek is reckoned to be "orthodox". The Greek Orthodox Church exercises much power in Greek life, including education and government. They have hindered and restrained gospel work by evangelicals and have gotten a law into effect which forbids "proselyting". Under this law much gospel work can be curtailed. Nevertheless, the Lord is working in Greece today!

Among the evangelicals in that country who are making known the gospel, is a group of believers who are associated with the Things to Come Mission. Through the vision of getting out the gospel of grace anywhere by assisting national preachers, T.C.M. has a wonderful opportunity in Greece today. There are now five local

groups of believers, in various places in Greece, who are working together in connection with T.C.M. The man who has been instrumental in tying these groups together is a brother Andrew Vergopoulos. For some years T.C.M. has been able to assist this man so that he can give himself to the work of evangelism. A real "miracle"



Peter Wiering preaching in Athens. Andrew Vergopoulos, pastor of the Athens Grace Church, translating.



Some of the congregation at the Athens Grace Church.

answer to prayer and a victory for this work in Greece is that official recognition has been received from the government.

These believers have a great love for the Lord and for the Greek people. They reach out with the gospel even under opposition. One of the great undertakings which they hope to see fulfilled is the publication of the New Testament in the language of present day Greece. This would mean a tremendous boost in the outreach of the gospel of grace in that needy country. Already the Gospel of John has been published by them and very well received by the Greek public. Meanwhile it must be remembered that putting out the New Testament is not officially allowed and it would not be impossible that, as in the days of William Tyndale, the New Testament will again be burned by the authorities. But our brethren act in the spirit of Tyndale who, at any cost, wanted to make the Bible a book that could be read by the common people.

It seems really an irony (and no doubt a laugh for the forces of the devil) that in the very country in whose language the New Testament was originally written, the people today do not have the Word of God in language they can plainly understand. How is this possible? Except for those who have received a higher education, the ancient Greek can not be understood by the people today. The Greek Orthodox Church, whose priests have studied the ancient Greek, is not interested in putting the Bible in the present day language. However, about 100 years ago a translation was made by a monk of the Greek Church. This has been published by the British Bible Society. Strange to say, even

this translation is hard to understand by the Greek people of today. The monk's language was greatly influenced by the ancient Greek and he may not have been enough in touch with the speech of common man. Besides this, the Greek language has undergone some great changes, even in the last 100 years. And not least, this edition bears the stigma of a foreign imprint which marks it as a heretical book.

When there is a great need, the Lord often prepares a man for the task. For this big task of translating the New Testament into modern Greek, the Lord has prepared Dimitrios Karagounis. As a young boy he had a desire to be a holy man. Circumstances allowed him to enter a monastery of the Greek Church, where, he thought, he could become a holy man. While there, he learned many things, but he did not become holy. Then one day, as he was out on the streets, a missionary talked to him and showed him that he could not become holy by his works of righteousness but by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Before Dimitrios went back to the monastery he had the assurance of salvation by grace.

It was not long before he left the monastery behind him and started out to a new life. There were many things to learn but he had already one great desire and that was to get the Word of God to the people of Greece. With this ambition in mind he started to learn the printing trade (in which he still supports himself and family today. In time he even put out a newspaper based on Christian principles. This paper continues today but Brother Karagounis realized that he had a higher call-



Dimitrios Karagounis and family, translator of the New Testament in the modern Greek language.

ing. In God's providence he and Brother Vergopoulos were brought together. Then Karagounis began the big task of translating the New Testament in the language of the Greek people today.

At this time the work of translating is completed and has been checked by competent men. While this was a formidable task, the publishing is a costly one. Brother Karagounis himself is putting all he has into this. He has purchased his own type so that he can do all the typesetting himself. This will cut costs almost in half. Even so, our Greek brethren are not able to provide all the money it takes to run off a complete edition of 10,000 copies of the New Testament.

The Things to Come Mission is very thankful for the opportunity

to help in getting out the gospel of grace in Greece. We want to do all we can in getting this New Testament published. This is a great challenge for which we must look to God. Will you pray that God will move hearts anywhere to help so that the New Testament, in language that can be understood by the common people in Greece, will soon find its way into homes and hearts in that needy country? Let us accept this as a challenge to our faith! With God this is possible.



Cover Picture

The expanding student body of the Bible Institute made it necessary to enlarge the school building. This additional building has been completed and is now in use. The cover picture shows the school building with the new extension.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

A PLAN FOR USEFULNESS

by Vernon D. Anderson

Priority problem number one facing every mission today is: "Where do we find adequate personnel to reach the millions of souls still not touched with the gospel message?" We in the Philippines face the same problem. How can we reach the multitudes of people living off the beaten track, up in the mountains, and out in the valleys where only foot paths go? As we drove the USA expressways last year, crossing and recrossing the country, pleading for men and women to answer the call of missions, we could see that no one was answering God's call. How then, are we going to reach the multitudes still in darkness? There must be another way, another plan, and God is giving us another plan.

While preaching from barrio to barrio, we began to notice a strange thing — nearly every barrio has a transistor radio with a group of Filipinos standing or sitting nearby listening. Even though the grass houses may be wee and fragile, yet a radio may be sending forth loud music! With a small down payment and a few pesos a month, Filipinos are buying cheap Japanese transistor radios. New radio stations are going up everywhere. Ozamis, Lligan, Cagayan, Tagbilaran, Dumaguete, Cebu, Davao and Cotabato. Even here in Lupagan some of our close neighbors have radio sets now. Could we use this means to reach every barrio? Why not? We could multiply our tongue thousands and thousands of times.

Erecting a radio station was considered, but a project of such mag-

nitude requires thousands of dollars, much technical personnel, expensive electronics equipment, radio engineers and licenses. Why not use the commercial stations coming up in so many places? Radio time is cheap — three to five dollars for a half hour! Nearby Ozamiz City and Iligan City across the bay are our first projects. Cebu City has been contacted, one of the largest and the most popular stations in the Southern Philippines. For less than \$5.00 we could have a weekly broadcast of one half hour, a broadcast that could be heard all the way from Manila to Davao, about 700 miles.

One of the present rooms has been converted into a suitable studio so all the broadcasts can be taped at the school, then sent out to the various stations.

A contact with our radio audience will be necessary and this is where the new printing press becomes important. We can offer free literature to all who write us, a correspondence course would be the best means and we are hoping to get this ready soon. Filipinos love to study this way and others have discovered the great effectiveness of this method. We hope to start with the book of Mark on the life of Christ. It was chosen since Mark is the simplest and shortest of the Records. It will also cost less — perhaps one or two pennies per copy from the Bible House. Other more advanced courses would follow with a vision to encourage eventual enrollment at International Grace Bible Institute. Where several inquiries live close together, we could send out gospel teams to hold evangelistic and Bible Study meetings with the intention of starting a local church. The radio broadcast will advertise our churches and the Bible School.

Flying across the Philippines one day in a light plane, I looked down and thought how wonderful it would be if we could cover those barrios for Christ this fast! Then later in the United States I heard the program, "Air Mail From God" telling about the work of missionary pilots in Mexico. They flew over villages, dropping Bible portions with an introduction to a correspondence course enclosed.

The results exceeded their expectations. Why couldn't we do it here? We can never, never, never HIKE to all these barrios, but we could fly over every barrio in the southern Philippines, dropping the precious Word of God. We could offer our correspondence course, advertise the school, our churches and radio broadcasts, enclose a self-addressed envelope with the first lesson to the correspondence course. This is another important roll an airplane can play in evangelism.

Right now we have invitations from many places to hold evangelistic and Bible study meetings. Wherever we go there is never enough time to satisfy the hunger of the people. The answer: more evangelistic teams. Ten lightweight, all transistor amplifiers have been ordered from the States. We could assign one evangelistic team to each section or province, providing them with a complete public address system. They could also become our follow-up teams for radio and air contacts.

At one time evangelizing all the Philippines in the next ten years seemed a dream, but now by faith we believe it can be done!

What we need is prayer and plenty of it. You could covenant

to pray with us daily about this plan for usefulness. June 1st has been set as the deadline day for the complete operation to move!

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

HOLLAND

CHALLENGING SATAN

Peter Wiering

Greetings from Holland. For a couple of months now we have been meeting with a few folks here for prayer one night each week. We feel this is a good way to serve the Lord and go forward on our knees. Some evenings are spent in visitation with the families of the children who attend our Sunday School. Last week in one of our visits to the home of a girl in our Sunday children's class, the family asked many questions about our work and finally stated that they were interested in some Bible studies. We have arranged to come to their home once a week for the time being and will see how it works out. They have a church background, but are unsaved and do not attend anywhere. Only God knows what will come from this beginning.

Lately we have spent considerable effort in tract distribution. In back of this is the fact that we have prepared (and made ready for use) a four lesson correspondence course on salvation. We also have arranged a postal permit for people to send us a card postage free asking for these lessons. We print these cards on our machine and enclose them with the tracts. We also offer a free Bible Study magazine to anyone interested. Even though most people do not res-

pond, the opportunity exists and it makes tract work more purposeful. Last month we distributed 500 self made tracts in four villages around Dieren in a house-to-house effort. This month so far we have covered a town of about 800 homes in this same house-to-house manner. So far we have received three cards from this town asking for our magazine and one asking for the Bible Study Course. We hope to do more work in this town as we saw only one church; a Reformed one which has only one service a week. From all indications there is very little real Gospel existing in this area.

Our magazine ministry is slowly increasing in circulation as we get more good contacts. This is a good



Peter Wiering writing and stencil cutting for magazine "Genade en Waarheid" (Grace and Truth)

way to present the Word rightly divided and so far we have several people in Northern Holland who have been receiving the studies in this magazine and I hope to go there to do some teaching among them very soon now. We trust this may be the way to line up folks



Etta Wiering doing the "reproduction" work on "Genade en Waarheid"

who will stand with us in this message. I have just received word from a sick lady whom I visited, telling me how much she was helped by one of the articles on "The Bible and Healing". My sister-in-law said the same thing



"Trimming" is part of the work of this publication

and we have just received a letter from a man stating that he believes we are on the right track and he can now pray for us.



It's ready for mailing, except the addressing

The believers in Birmingham, England have stated that they would be glad for me to come and hold meeting with them. Lord willing, I plan to go there in a few weeks. I feel a month of meetings will be the best for the work in Birmingham, even more time if we could feel free to be away from the work in Holland that long. We have a desire to encourage these believers and help them to advance.

As to Greece, I have sent the publication, "God's Plan of Salvation made Plain" and suggested they translate this into Greek and print it. It will be useful in their evangelistic efforts and will help the believers to see this distinctive ministry of Paul.

We should continue to pray for the printing of the New Testament. I do believe that the Things to Come Mission has a unique opportunity in Greece and we should do

our best to make the most of it. As the Lord leads, we hope to visit Greece again this year. I have noticed that evangelicals in Greece have a pretty tough time in general. Our men have done quite well as they are not marked as "foreign".

We know that you stand with us in prayer and we thank the Lord for progress in our ministry here. Pray with us that in faith we may make more progress this year. The Lord is strengthening our faith. We look to HIM for our needs and opportunities. It is time to take new territory in faith while precious time lasts, before the rapture takes us out of the field of service. May we all challenge Satan everywhere and reclaim much for our glorious Saviour.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ATTENTION ALL CHURCHES:

Does your Missionary Bulletin Board need new life? The Things to Come Mission is now offering a monthly Missionary Bulletin Board Packet which will present a different phase of mission work each month. These packets of information and pictures will add interest and variety to your Bulletin Boards, and will be sent FREE to any church or group upon request to: Director, Things to Come Mission, Box 44, Cope, Colorado.



A used clothing project has been undertaken by the mission to supply clothing for Greece and for the Philippines. There is a real need in both these countries and we can show our concern for these people by supplying clothes to cover their nakedness. In doing this, we can open their hearts to hear of the gift that the Lord Jesus Christ has for them.

Any SUMMER clothing can be sent to Pastor Wilbur R. Mullins, 855 N. Cambridge, Orange, California, for shipment to the Philippines. Both SUMMER and WINTER clothing can be use in Greece. Pastor Eldred Sidebottom, P.O. Box 44, Cope, Colorado, will collect and ship all clothing for Greece.

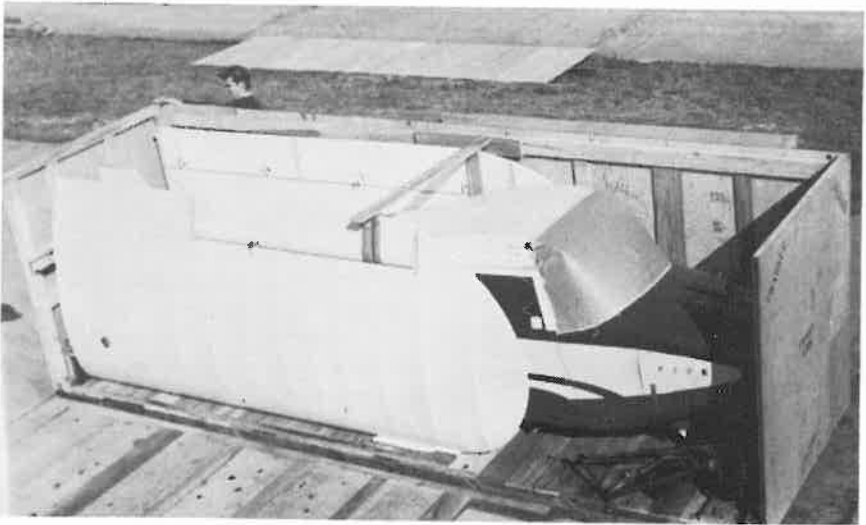


Transportation in the Philippines is far from ideal. Travel is one of the handicaps in evangelizing this country. Time and energy are wasted in traveling by the busses (which are never on schedule) and by walking into the areas not accessible by roads. One way to reach these barrios in a short time is by air. For the past year we have prayed and looked to the Lord to supply this needed form of transportation for the missionaries. Prayer was answered this spring and a plane was provided.



God's answer to prayer. This is the plane being sent to Philippines.

It is now being shipped to the Philippines and will be used to transport the missionaries, gospel teams and students as well as used in Literature Air Drop to the remote barrios not accessible to the ground teams. How we praise the Lord for the answer to this prayer.



With wings and wheels removed, the plane is boxed for shipment to the field.

Kenneth Buetow has made a survey trip to Mexico for the Things to Come Mission and has opened some contacts for possible mission work in this country. Ken is now in South America visiting and working with the National workers in Argentina. He will also contact the workers in Brazil. He is working to help the Nationals to set up a literature program of translating "Grace" Bible Studies and Correspondence Courses to help in reaching these countries with the distinctive message of Grace, as revealed to the Apostle Paul.



Joseph Watkins and family are in the States now doing deputation work, presenting the ministry of the mission in the Philippines. The Lord has blessed Brother Watkins as he has ministered in the northern States. He is now preparing to travel to the eastern States and work his way south and

west where he will leave this September for the Philippines. If your church would like to have Brother Watkins present the work of the Philippines, contact the Director, Box 44, Cope, Colorado.



The InterNational Grace Bible Institute has entered the radio ministry as one of the student service activities. A team of students record the broadcasts in the dialects and these are sent to the radio stations. It is the desire of the School to have at least ten one-half hour programs per week by the end of this year. A sound-proof recording room has been built at the school and a tape recorder has been received from the States for this ministry. Several networks have opened stations to the school for Gospel programs and now most of the Islands are under the sound of the Gospel of the Grace of God.



Radio broadcast recording team. Back row—second year students. Front row—first year students.

The Things to Come Mission is looking for dedicated saints who desire to see the Word of God proclaimed throughout the world and would desire to know the needs and projects of the Mission so they could uphold these before the Throne of Grace in prayer. We are enlisting PRAYER PARTNERS. If you would like to join the Prayer Partners and receive the news and needs of the mission each month, through our Prayer and Praise Letter, send your name and address to: Corresponding Secretary, 411 California Avenue, East Alton, Illinois.



Along with the radio programs, there is an offer for printed material in the form of Bible studies and correspondence courses. These are printed at the school and two full time printers are needed to supply the demand for literature.



Andres Ella, TCM printer

The students help in this printing work by setting type and assembling the printed material for binding.



Two students—One setting type and one returning type to the trays after use.

This past year the school became truly INTERnational. The first student from India, Joseph Das, arrived in August 1962. We look forward to the day when students from every part of the Far East will come to prepare themselves to minister the Word of God rightly divided to their own people.



*Mr. Joseph Das arriving from India.
Mr. John Shriver met him at
Ozamis airstrip*

Gifts sent into the Mission designated for a missionary or for a special project are used 100 per cent 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 in the world today.

The Filipinos love music and the students have formed a music team which travels during the vacation season from school presenting the Gospel with music and in song. Also this activity is enjoyed at the school and adds to the spiritual development. Just for fun or ministering to the unsaved, the music team offers an opportunity to serve the Lord. There is always a need for more musical instruments at the school. If you or your church group wish to supply instruments for the school, they can be sent to Pastor Wilbur R. Mullins, 855 N. Cambridge, Orange, California.



Just for fun! A group of amateur musicians giving a special number at one of the monthly hymn sings.

A new missionary has arrived at the International Grace Bible Institute. Orville and Connie Hunt, instructors at the school, have been blessed with a daughter. More missionaries are expected this fall for the work in the Philippine Islands. John and Janet Shriver are expecting their first child in September. Joseph and Pauline Watkins are expecting an addition to their family in November.



Orville and Connie Hunt with daughter Constance Joy



If you would like information about the Mission or the missionaries, feel free to write the Mission headquarters or the missionaries in the field. All missionaries in the Philippine Islands can be reached at: P.O. Box 51, Ozamis City, Philippine Islands. The Wierings are at: Mezenlaan 98, Dieren, Netherlands.

The Mission is setting up the headquarters of the Mission in Cope, Colorado. All publications and Missionary Prayer letters will be sent from this headquarters. There is a need for a Secretary to help in the correspondence and keeping the address files up to date. If you have a desire to serve the Lord in this capacity, and if you have some income to support yourself, this would be an answer to prayer and an opportunity for you to enter a rich ministry for the Lord. Contact the Mission Director, Box 44, Cope, Colorado.

Does Your Church Need A Missionary Project?

Many inquiries have come in asking for missionary projects that could be undertaken by a church group. Several needs have been brought to our attention by the missionaries and one of these may be just the project for your group.

- 1.) **CHRISTIAN BOOKS** or **BIBLE STUDY** material are needed at the **InterNATIONAL Grace Bible Institute**. Any **BIBLES** that you can send are always in demand by the people of the Philippines.
- 2.) **TOOLS** of any kind, so long as they are usable, can always be used at the school.
- 3.) **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** can always be put to use by the Bible Institute music team.
- 4.) **USED CLOTHING** for Greece and the Philippines could give your group a personal contact with the field.
- 5.) **COLORED CELLOPHANE** is needed to wrap gospel literature for the **Air Drop** project. These packets, brightly colored, will be eye catchers.
- 6.) A **ONE HALF HOUR RADIO PROGRAM** in the Philippines is about \$5.00.
- 7.) A **GREEK NEW TESTAMENT** will cost about 10c to print.

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“HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?”

*Along the shores of Galilee, when Christ five thousand fed,
Not one was omitted in the breaking of the bread.
Today they die in heathen lands; they die in want and dread,
For they have been omitted in the breaking of the Bread.
Long years have passed and few have heard that Jesus Christ has bled
That they might feed on Him Who died to be that Living Bread.
To gods of stone and wood they cry, yet they are never fed,
For they have been omitted in the breaking of the Bread.
Great God, Who gave Thine only Son, help us, now Spirit-led
To tell the story of Thy love to those who ask for bread.
Then gladly will we go or send, till this blest news has spread,
And they have been included in the breaking of the Bread!
Lord, I would give them the Bread of Life, the Living Water too,
My heart cries out, “OH, HERE AM I, READY THY WILL TO DO.”*
