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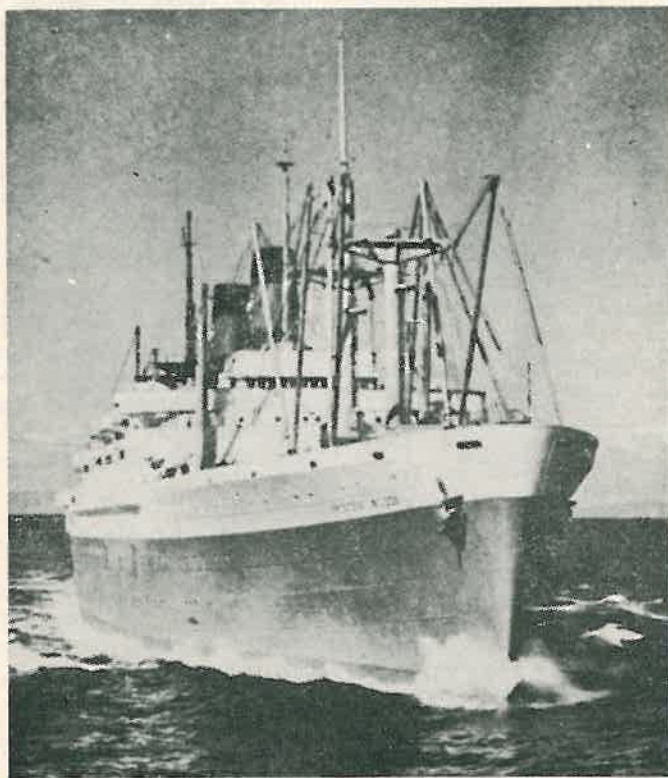
Romans 1:5

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STATEMENT ON
NEO-EVANGELICALISM

Whereas the Word of the living God, inerrant in its original writings and guaranteed thereto, is the only Authority to man:

Whereas the Word of God, verbally inspired and plenary protected, has come under undue scrutiny and re-examination by unscrupulous and sophisticated men:

Whereas there is within the Word of God ample warning against apostate teachers (II Timothy 3:4 et al) and apostasy within the ranks of Christendom:

Whereas there is prevalent today a sophisticated group of men who appear to be willing to ease up on moral issues, hike the intellectual processes within the Body, conduct evangelism on the plane of Jesuit Casuistry, and who are willing to pigeon-hole doctrine:

Whereas we of Things to Come Mission desire to be relentless in our opposition of anything counterfeit or deceiving, and in pursuit of the truth:

We unalterably oppose the current trend of Neo-Evangelicalism or anything else that does not adhere to the strict conformity to the Word of God according to the Mystery revealed to the Apostle Paul.

(Rom. 16:25; Eph. 1:48)

HELP WANTED

Secretary needed at TCM Headquarters in Cope, Colorado. A woman with an income (or willing to raise support) who could move to Cope and help with the typing and mailing list for the missionary prayer letters, is the need of the hour. Anyone interested in this type of ministry, contact the mission Director, Box 96, Cope, Colorado 80812.



WHY FLY?

By Vernon Anderson

A good question deserves a sound answer. Why fly? T-I-M-E. "Buy up the time!" God commands.

Upon arrival home from an evangelistic trip, the query came, "Couldn't you take a cargo-bus to that area?" True, one could also pedal a bicycle or perhaps even hike. Certainly expenses would be cut considering only the actual cost of transportation. However, the loss would constitute the most highly useful commodity we possess—TIME.

Humans in general do not evaluate TIME as the measurement of LIFE. Human life is measured per hour, per day, per week, monthly, yearly. Every hour lost represents an hour of life lost. Is not life precious above anything else? Time has monetary value. Every laborer receives wages in proportion to his laboring time.

Missionaries are no exception to this rule. A missionary receives income monthly, therefore his working hours have monetary value. When computing costs of mission field transportation, the actual fare must be increased by an hourly rate for those traveling. The plane saves approximately one day of land transportation time per one hour of flight time. This time saving can be multiplied by the number of passengers flying, usually two, three, or four people. The cost of flying the TCM plane is \$5.00 an hour. For \$5.00 one day of a missionary's work time is conserved. Men with a wage potential of \$20 to \$30 per day at secular jobs are well worth this more economical travel. Walking may actually be the most expensive form of travel.

Why fly? Flying is safer. All around

statistics prove it safer. Traveling in this population exploding world is dangerous, and land transportation is the most dangerous. Exposure time to these potential accident factors is one of the main reasons for the danger. With the airplane a missionary is exposed to travel danger one hour compared to one day of other travel.

Another reason for flying is strength conservation. Traveling on substandard roads is extremely tiring. The more time spent traveling under adverse physical conditions, the more fatigue sets in. An airplane provides smoother, cleaner, faster travel than any other means.

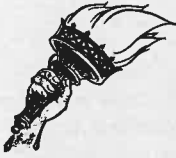
Aside from these rather business-like factors, the plane boosts the spiritual tempo of the work. Could we estimate this morale factor in the Philippines, we must first realize that for Filipinos the airplane represents a substantial investment and impresses the element of permanence, so beneficial to a rapidly expanding ministry. Arriving at a preaching station footsore and dusty hardly promotes the emphasis of vigor and enthusiasm needed to sell the Gospel of Christ. Planes are yet sufficiently new to combine the thrill of flying with the inspiration of preaching far and wide. There are no longer bounds on the ministry of the evangelists—they can reach and preach with the advantages of speed and safety.

Things to Come Mission, P.I., has experienced just this phenomenon. Four years ago the work revolved around Ozamis City, as far as trucks, trails and trails could carry the workers.

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WITH THE WORD OF TRUTH IN EUROPE

By Peter Wiering



When our thoughts were directed to Holland over seven years ago, we figured it would be hard. We realized that there were other needy places in the great world. We knew that in some countries there was a great spiritual harvest and in some others, among Muslim people, the results were often meager. But the battle line between the forces of light and darkness runs right through both. It runs through sophisticated Europe and enlightened America as well as through the jungle home of Amazon Indian tribes or mountain villages in South East Asia.

We believe that the Lord of the harvest has prepared us for and directed us to His service in Holland. It was something new that grew until it could not be denied. Much that had happened in our life up till then worked up to it. To say it in words, we could sum it up in this sentence: "If the grace message, as we believe it, is really God's message for today, then we should be in Holland (Europe) to make it known."

Europe sees the activity of Satan, and although there are many devoted servants of the Lord pressing on with the Word of God, there are yet many places where the devil and the powers of darkness keep gaining ground. There are two great tragedies. One is Roman Catholicism with its millions of followers. The other is a decadent Protestantism. There are still many good exceptions, and we are thankful for all of those who stand true, but on the whole it may be said that modern theology, tradition, and worldliness have rendered the historic Protestant churches of Europe unqualified for conquering warfare against ungodliness. Of course in East-

ern Europe there is the third tragedy—Communist domination.

From the Word of God we know that perilous times and increasing sinfulness must be expected. As the nations despise the grace of God and follow the ways of human philosophies they are heading down hill toward the inevitable time of judgment. What is our task then? To proclaim the Word so that individuals may be turned from darkness to light. To build up the Body of Christ with its heavenly calling. Also what Paulus stated in Ephesians 3:9—"To make all see what is the dispensation of the mystery." This wonderful revelation of the mystery has rarely been seen or made known in its pureness and its uniqueness in the Europe of our times. Yet God wants to make it known.

We do seek to witness to the gospel of grace and proclaim the Word rightly divided as ways present themselves and doors open up. Some doors have not opened to us yet, but one open door has been literature and we are steadily making more use of it. It travels across barriers and reaches where we could never reach. When we first started in Holland we knew of hardly one in Holland who was really sympathetic to our particular desire to make known the mystery of the gospel and now there are friends in different parts of Holland who pray for us, read our Bible study magazine, help in the costs of it, and help get the literature to others. Our magazine has been the means to establish the contact, in many instances.

There is a group of believers in Birmingham, England, who stand for the message of the One Body and the One Baptism. Occasionally the Lord has enabled us to go there for short periods of ministry with them.

One evening last week we had a meeting in our home. With us were brother Gerritsen and the sisters in Christ: Wels, Hattink and Kamperer. These last three have recently come into an appreciation of the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery. The Holy Spirit used our magazine and our booklets to open their eyes to these things. We had a blessed evening of spiritual fellowship, and a real practical unity in the Lord. These four Dutch believers have already been used of the Lord as witnesses to His grace. Their stand for the grace message has in some cases brought upon them the misunderstanding of Christian friends. But they are encouraged

to go on to make all see what is the dispensation of the mystery!



Mr. Gerritsen



Miss Hattink — Mrs. Wels

Two years ago we began our Sunday Morning Bible Hour in Eerbeek with brother Gerritsen. We do enjoy so much this opportunity to hold the Word of Life to the children who come. We have a faithful group of children which has gradually grown in number. Our work with the children has made us aware of what might possibly be done by means of a good (weekly) gospel paper for children. Lately things have worked together toward the realization

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Brother Gerritsen with children's group in Eerbeek.

"WE DO NOT WELL"

By Wm. P. Heath

For direct teaching about our mission, our message and our methods we must go to Paul's epistles alone if we would avoid interdispensational confusion. However, the rest of Scriptures—given for our admonition (I Cor. 10:11) and profitable for instruction (II Tim. 3:16)—may well be used to illustrate what Paul teaches. II Kings 7:1-9 relates a very moving story illustrative of the position in which we find ourselves today.

The city of Samaria has been under siege for some time. Starvation and despair walk arm in arm through her streets. Outside the gates God has caused the enemy to hear a noise of chariots in the night and they have fled in terror. Salvation has been wrought for Samaria but they are unaware of it. Four lowly and despised lepers have come across the riches left behind by the fleeing army and have been hoarding it up for themselves. Now a thought occurs to one of them and he cries out to his three friends, "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." (II Kings 9:9) In these four men we see ourselves.

The spiritual plight of the world today is not only desperate—it is tragic. It is desperate because men are starving for the word of God. The fleshly religions of lost men, by which they are in desperation seeking something to satisfy their empty hearts, are just as offensive to God as the cold blooded contract between two women to share in slaying and eating their own sons is to us. We are surrounded on every side by spiritually starving people.

The King of Samaria walked upon the wall, before Ben-hadad and his own people, clad in his beautiful royal robes—but underneath was the sackcloth of mourning. Those around us parade their wealth, their laughter, their worldly wisdom, their pride and self-confidence—but underneath they are starving! Dove's dung is no substitute for the bread of life!

The plight of the world is indeed desperate, but it is also tragic. Tragic because it is so needless. The people in Samaria that night were trembling with fear and groaning with the pangs of extreme hunger. Outside the wall all was peace and safety and there was food enough and to spare. The city had been saved by the power of God, yet many may have died that night for lack of one to tell them the good news.

It is not difficult to see ourselves in the four lepers outside the wall. In desperation they had cast themselves upon the mercy of Ben-hadad and found instead the mercy of God. They had nothing to commend them to anyone—weak, sick with leprosy, haggard from starvation, they came upon the matchless riches provided by God's grace. So have we, praise God. Their first thoughts are only for themselves and in their greed they eat all they can and begin to hoard the rest. Can we honestly disassociate ourselves from this picture? Do we not live in luxury beyond that known by kings in by-gone days while the efforts to reach the lost daily lack for necessary funds? Do we not soak up the deep things of the word until we are spiritually bloated while our very neighbors and family languish in darkness?

It is ever to the credit of these men that they came to the place where they

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AFTER FOUR YEARS

By Joseph Watkins



"Missions was not an elective but an imperative, not an option but an obligation - -a privilege and a responsibility. To direct the worshipful eyes of the world upon Christ was the goal."

Man by nature is a religious being seeking to worship something—man, trees, rivers, birds, etc. He sees that there is someone or something bigger than himself. His conscience is troubled and his soul is not at peace so he will do anything to find peace. In highly educated countries man will turn to more sophisticated things such as modernism, or liberalism, but in the underdeveloped countries he will resort to paganism, worshipping wooden idols, trees, cows. In the Philippines we have a different form of religious worship as the people seek to worship the same God and His Son as we do but it takes the form of paganism, bowing down to idols with religious names, worshipping men in long robes, saying written prayers, and



A form of paganism

having feast days. They go to their large churches seeking comfort for the soul but find no comfort. The reason they do this is that they are ignorant of God's righteousness and are going about trying to establish their own righteousness.

These people are lovely people, people who are very friendly and hospitable. We have not experienced any anti-Americanism here, but the opposite—love for the American. People who remind us of the Jews in Romans, Chapter 10. They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

The missionaries that are here under TCM feel it is a privilege to be here and want to direct the eyes of these Filipino friends to the Saviour. We also feel the responsibility to get the gospel out while the country is still wide-open to the gospel.

It has been our privilege to return after four and a half years in the States. It is amazing how things have changed during these four years and also how the work has expanded. We believe the work has doubled since we were here before. I have just returned from the annual mission conference and there was talk that we could not have the conference in one church in the near future because of the number of delegates that are attending.

There has sprung up in these islands during the past four years hundreds of radio stations. When we left Ozamis City there was not one radio station here—now there are two. The mission has taken advantage of this by building a recording studio so as to use the radio to reach millions of Filipinos with the gospel of the Grace of God. Tapes are made for 30 minute and 15 minute broadcasts and are sent out to key stations in the southern half of the Philip-

pires. We reach more in one week by radio than we could reach in one year by doing evangelistic work on the road. Over these broadcasts we offer correspondence courses. We received a letter some time ago from a man who had attached a PA system to his radio so as to broadcast the program to his whole barrio.

The national churches have doubled in number. We started in 1959 with about five churches, now there are close to one hundred national assemblies. We feel that an established national church is the end of all our works. This is the principle the Apostle Paul followed. Our printing press, the radio, IGBI, are all geared for **this purpose**—to establish a church. When I left in 1962 all the churches could be visited by land travel, buses, or boats—but now it has to be done by airplane in order to save travel time and to visit the churches regularly.

With the increase of churches comes the demand for more national workers and this means the International Grace Bible Institute must do its job of training the national in the Word of God. This past April we saw ten young people graduate. Out of the ten there will be nine to work under Things To Come Mission. We are thrilled at the work

that has been done here. Teaching school is not filled with new daily experiences, but is a steady day by day routine. At graduation time we are able to feel that something has been accomplished as we see these young people graduate and go out into full-time service for the Lord.

When we left, the mission had an 8½ x 11 letter press which put out all the literature needed at that time, but with the increase of churches, radio broadcasts, correspondence courses, and workers the demand for literature increased also and thus the demand for a larger press. Now we have a larger press which will handle the load. Each day it is busy printing tracts and gospel literature.

Annual seminars have also been added. The women have their seminar at the beginning of the summer vacation. They are taught to prepare flannelgraph lessons and backgrounds, to make their own visual aids, to organize clubs and also are instructed in the DVBS material for the summer.

The elder's seminars are held in different districts and are used to bring together the elders of the various TCM churches to have Bible study. This has proven a real asset to strengthen the elders in the churches.

Youth conferences were also established in different areas. The young people of the churches of a certain district come together for three days of Bible study and fellowship. Along with this we have a camp once a year.

The public school ministry continues. When we were here four years ago we were teaching Bible lessons in the public schools around IGBI, using our students to do this work. Now besides the public schools within walking distance or traveling distance from the school the Bible women are holding classes in the public schools where they are assigned.



Student with Pastor Undag



Bible Woman with Class at a Public School.

Since 1962 a new work has been started with a tribal people called the Atas. One of the first graduates from IGBI has started a training school for these people. At the school they are taught to read Cebuano, the language which they can speak but cannot read. The Bible is in the Cebuano language so once they learn to read then they are taught to read and study the Word of God. Several churches have been established among these people and several workers are in this area. This year another graduate from IGBI will assist in the work there.

Another new field will soon be opened up when the Shrivens arrive and settle on the island of Luzon. A Bible Woman will go there to help them establish a work. We certainly don't want to be found lagging behind when God wants us to do greater things for Him. We want you, dear reader, to stand with us in prayer. It is hard at times not to press the battle when the fields are so open. We would love to see the work here branch out into other countries here in the Far East. The eyes of the

world are upon this section of the world. We, as Christians, should be concerned too about it for Christ. To direct the worshipful eyes of this section of the world upon Christ.

This country is wide open to the gospel. We have complete freedom to preach the gospel anywhere. Satan certainly knows this and he is out to hinder the work in any way that he can. In each of the works we have here more could be done, it could be expanded, but because of lack of personnel and funds we must limit it to what is available.



NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Qualified school teacher for first eight grades to teach missionary children in the Philippine Islands. This would be a thrilling ministry for someone who has retired from the teaching profession or a young person looking for something extra for their teaching profession. Contact the mission Director for more information.

TRUTH IN EUROPE

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of this. We had already come to believe we should start with something. Then we heard that Mrs. Wels has for some time had a desire that a good, attractive youth paper be started. She has a talent to do nice drawings for such a paper. The local Christian printer has one offset machine which would be suitable for this kind of project and has promised his cooperation. We hope within one or two months to have a beginning with this youth paper and so reach hundreds or even thousands of Dutch school children with a paper that is attractive and has a spiritual impact.

And what may lie ahead? Only the Lord knows. But, by His grace, we want to go on to proclaim the Word of Life, praying and trusting Him for victories through Jesus Christ our Lord. As the outreach grows, new opportunities for service open up. We have hopes and ideas, but above all we need to keep our eyes on the Lord and go on in faith and love. We have been praying for other countries in Europe too. There are people in Europe who do not know what a Bible looks like on the outside, let alone on the inside. And there are others who know what a Bible looks like on the inside, and yet do not know Christ as their personal Saviour. The battle in Europe today is a battle for truth. A battle for the Word of Truth. May the Lord raise up more soldiers of the cross who will press on with the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, in Europe. Pray! And may the Lord grant that before this day of grace comes to a close, many who have not yet heard may hear the gospel of grace and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation and the mystery—in Germany, Austria, Scandinavia, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece and other European countries and even those behind the Iron Curtain. Pray with us!

WHY FLY?

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Then came Piper Tripacer PI-C564. Suddenly there were no limits on where to preach. The preachers could see farther and go farther in their circuits. Other islands became closer targets and things began to happen. The Ata Training Center directly resulted from the aerial survey of a tribespeople without gospel witness. Construction and preparation of the Center were carried forward primarily by the use of the plane. (Seventy two hours of travel time by land shrunk magically to five by plane!) Longer itineraries developed for a more intensive confirmation ministry to the churches. At the same time "home" was not so far away in case of family emergencies. How could true value be estimated when a beloved sick one can, in one "hop," reach the geographically remote doctor and in another "hop" that beloved one is received as it were "back from the dead?"

Yes, great things happened when wings lifted the gospel. Combined with the sweeping tide of radio, we sense the power of employing mechanical miracles with spiritual motivations.

"But them that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.
Why not fly?



OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Are you interested in a foreign field for missionary endeavor other than those where we now have missionaries? So are we! We want to see the gospel of the Grace of God go to those who have never heard of Christ. Write to the headquarters for an application.

MEET THE MISSIONARIES

ANN ADAMS

Ann Adams, the only single missionary on the field, has a tremendous job in training the women for work in Sunday Schools and in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Ann has traveled to the local churches to instruct the women and to establish Sunday Schools in the local churches. She is also holding a Women's Seminar at International Grace Bible Institute during the summer vacation time. Along with this ministry, Ann is also Camp Director for the Youth Camp which meets each summer at the Bible Institute. During the regular school term, Ann is also an instructor in the Bible Institute. There are more



Ann with Graduating Class of International Grace Bible Institute.

local churches than Ann will even be able to visit and spend the time necessary to train teachers and establish Sunday Schools. She could use the help of all who would like to make this challenging ministry their life's work.

WM. HEATH

Wm. Heath and Family are the missions newest missionaries. They are still on deputation and will depart for the Philippines on August 3rd. Brother Heath will join the mission staff at the International Grace Bible Institute to



*David, Tim,
Eunice, Bill, Beth, Jon.*

replace Brother Bigelow and will also be taking the radio ministry which Brother Bigelow is now handling.

Brother Heath's heart has been touched by the need and the open doors which are available in the Philippines. Would you like to follow his lead and join in this thrilling endeavor of ministering the Word to souls who WANT to hear?

VERNON BIGELOW

Vernon Bigelow joined the mission as an instructor at the International Grace Bible Institute. Along with this ministry, Vernon has also taken over the "Hour of Grace" radio ministry. He has charge of the making of the tapes for this broadcast and it is his desire to expand that radio ministry into all the islands of the Philippines. Now the "Hour of Grace" is heard in English and two dialects. Time is purchased on the commercial stations for these broadcasts. Most of the stations in the Philippines are open for gospel programs, but the lack of funds to purchase time and the lack of trained pastors of different dialects has limited the

radio ministry to the southern half of the Philippines. Any group or persons interested in sponsoring a program could do so for as little as \$10, as radio time is very cheap in the Philippines, compared to radio time in the U.S.



Pat, Vernon, Mary, Rachel, Joy.

Now that Vernon Anderson is on furlough, Brother Bigelow has taken over the Field Directors job. This will require most of his time and he will not be available as an instructor at the Institute. Traveling will demand most of his time and still he will not be able to go as far as Brother Anderson did with the airplane. The islands are open to the gospel and the American missionaries are welcomed with open arms. If you like the adventure of pushing into new areas with the gospel and seeing souls come to a saving knowledge of Christ, Vernon would be more than glad to have your help.

JOHN SHRIVER

John Shriver had to travel to the Philippines to marry his wife. Janet (Dudley) had preceded John to the field and when John's schooling was finished, he too headed for the Philippines. Together, John and Janet ministered in the International Grace Bible Institute.

John was head of the music department and it was through his efforts that the radio ministry was carried out during its first years.

The Shrivens have always looked to new fields to push into with the gospel of Christ. They are returning to the field for their second term and will be opening a new work in the Northern part of the Philippines. John has a desire to get the Gospel into the Luzon area and into some of the northern dialects. Some of the students from the International Grace Bible Institute will join the Shrivens in Luzon, to help in advancing the Word rightly divided. There are many other islands where the Grace of God has never been preached. John can not get to them all. How would you like an island to yourself, where you would be the only "Grace" evangelist?



Janet, Juline, John, Jonathan.

VERNON ANDERSON

Vernon Anderson and his family were the first missionaries of the Things to Come Mission to leave the States. They arrived in the Philippine Islands on New Years Day of 1958. It was through their leadership and efforts that the Things to Come Mission of the Philippines was organized and the Bible School established. Brother Anderson has been the leader in the Mission work in the Philippines and has been the Field Director



Vernon, Ben, Hope, Valarie, Darlene.

in charge of National Workers and Expansion of the Mission outreach. Under his leadership, the Ata Training Center has been added to the teaching ministry in the Philippines. This school is directed and taught by Nationals who have graduated from the International Grace Bible Institute. This school is reaching one of the mountain tribes on the Eastern part of Mindanao.

Brother Anderson and family are now on furlough from the ministry in the

Philippines and are visiting the TCM work in India and Europe on their return to the United States.

Vernon has visions of reaching the countries of the Far East with the Gospel of the Grace of God. He can not do this alone. Would you be willing to give your all to reach these people with the Gospel of God's Grace? Vernon would love to share his vision and burden with you.

JOSEPH WATKINS



Joe, Cheryl, Stephen, Pauline.

Joe Watkins was the second missionary to enter the Philippines under TCM. Joe joined Vernon Anderson just before the International Grace Bible Institute was built. Joe became one of the first instructors in the school.

At the end of Joe's first term on the field, his health was nearly gone and he was physically unable to return after his furlough. He was not long in finding another avenue of ministry and soon

became Pastor of a church in Arizona. When his health improved, he again looked to the Philippines and did return to minister at the Bible Institute. Joe had seen the need in this country and also the willingness with which these people accepted the Word of God. He could not stay in the States when the burden was so great. Have you received a vision of a need and a compelling desire to do something about it?

ORVILLE HUNT



Daniel, Connie, Mark, Orville, Joy.

Orville Hunt and family have entered their second term as missionaries to the Philippines. Orville has continued his ministry with the International Grace Bible Institute and is Director of the school. This school is the ONLY Bible Institute in the Far East where the Gospel of the Grace of God is proclaimed according to the revelation of the Mystery as revealed to the Apostle Paul. This Bible Institute is unique in that it has one purpose for being . . . to train pastors to minister the Word of God in the light of Pauline revelation. It is from this school that all of the work in the Philippines draws its strength. From this school has come all but one speaker and all musicians for the Hour of Grace broadcasts. From it has come the leader and teachers of

the Ata Training Center. From this school has come all evangelists, pastors and children's workers, except three. These facts are why Orville feels that this school is the center of the mission efforts in the Philippines. As Director of the Bible school, Orville has the burden of seeing that the students are taught, fed and housed as well as challenged to a deeper spiritual life and dedication. In one of his recent letters he wrote: "We attempt to meet the operating expenses of this school for less than \$200 monthly. This need is now not being met. We are helpless to do anything but seek additional blessings of God and help from those who believe in the purpose of this Institute." Do you share the vision and burden of Orville in regard to this Institute?

PETER WIERING



Etta, Kenneth, Lucy, Dwight, Roy, David, Peter.

Peter Wiering, a Hollander by birth, has since his Bible school days been challenged to minister to Dutch speaking people. He entered the ministry as a missionary to Curacao, a Dutch island just off the South American coast. After one term in Curacao, Peter joined with TCM and went to Holland to minister to his own people. Peter has used several means of reaching the Dutch speaking people of Europe, but the printing ministry seems to be most effective. Peter has published a monthly Bible study magazine, "Grace and Truth," for several years and has now

added a monthly youth paper, geared to the young people of Holland. Peter has a few co-workers of those he has reached through the "Grace and Truth" magazine, who are now assisting him with the youth paper and also in a Sunday School ministry for some of the children.

It isn't just the backward out-of-the-way places that need the gospel. Peter has seen the need in educated Europe and has gone to "his" people with the message of God's Grace. What about "your" people, who is taking the gospel to them?

ELDRED SIDEBOTTOM



Linda, Phyllis, Eldred, Beverly, Daniel, Ronald.

Eldred Sidebottom resigned his pulpit in January of 1966 to become full time Director and traveling representative of the Mission. His first activity was to visit the Philippine field so as to better present the work first hand to those desiring to know of the Lord's blessings and challenges on the field. He has attended missionary conferences and meetings in several churches here in the States. It is his desire to visit all the countries where TCM has National workers, to become better acquainted with their individual needs and how each work can be advanced for the establishing of National churches, under National leadership, where the Gospel of the Grace of God is proclaimed. The world is our field and trained nationals in each country is the only way we can reach the masses with the gospel for today. Eldred cannot go to every country that has a need, nor to those where nationals are willing to minister the Word. It would take dozens of traveling missionaries to open new doors and encourage the nationals. Who will go when the call comes to "send someone to help us?"

WE DO NOT WELL!

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said, "We do not well!" Dr. Chafer said that grace cannot incur a debt. This is only partially true. The man who was the great product and apostle of grace cried out, "I am debtor." (Rom. 1:14) These men were not put under obligation to God, and certainly not to Ben-hadad, for the feast grace had provided—but they had an obligation to the starving people of Samaria that could only be satisfied by immediate and effective action! We also "do not well" when we have the surpassing good tidings of grace and "hold our peace!" If the only verse we had in all of Scripture for missionary effort were the words of II Cor. 5:15, "He died for ALL", this verse alone should send us

around the world, not content until ALL had heard of it! The walls of Samaria were not thick enough to muffle the wails of a dying city; can the wall of unbelief and indifference around our hearts muffle the moans of a dying world?

There was another consideration that drove them to action. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Rom. 13: 12) they might have cried. If they are going to have the joy of breaking the news—and avoid censure for keeping it to themselves—they must act now. With the Lord's coming so very near we too must speak out while we yet have time. What we do with the good tidings is all important. God grant us grace to be as wise as these four lepers!



MISSION HOME

The Director wishes to thank everyone who has a part in prayer or financial help for the work of the mission and for the help on the "House Project."

The Lord has not revealed to us that the Headquarters of the mission should be moved from the Cope area and with no property available in town to purchase for the Director's family, we have purchased an old farm house, moved it onto the mission property and remodeled it. There is much work yet to be done on the house, but we are now living in it. Our plan is to have enough room to house a missionary family while on furlough. Would you like to have a part in the purchase of this Missionary's house? This house, the remodeling and moving has cost approximately \$5000.

Our desire is to be used of the Lord in whatever way He sees fit. If you would like information about the mission, its work or missionaries, or some one to speak at your meetings, contact us at the headquarters.

Yours in Christ,
Eldred Sidebottom

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: When a young person believes God has called him to foreign mission service, how may he determine where this should be?

Any young man or woman who has been directed to plan on foreign missionary service can expect God to lay the field of service upon the heart. As one gives himself to prayer, and serious examination, God will show the field He has chosen. Paul himself prayed (Rom. 1:8) for those in Rome. In 15:24 he indicates he planned to go there enroute to Spain. The secret of knowing the right place, is to confidently ask God, and it will be revealed.

To implement one's desire to know, one might well surround himself with data; knowledge of different fields, personal contact with missionaries on those fields, contact with the home Board and anything else which might give a better understanding to the needs, characteristics and life on that field.

Question: Under the "Faith Principle" how is one supported as a foreign missionary?

As a child of God, any missionary may expect God to supply the needs for the work. Before going to a field, the missionary (ies) is expected to carry on a deputation work, placing squarely before the people the spiritual need and aim of that missionary. While it is not the policy of many missionary groups to place before the people the needs in dollars and cents, the people ought to nevertheless be acquainted with the needs upon request. But, it is the primary aim and motive of those on deputation to so present the work that the Lord might arm someone with a desire to follow that missionary while representing them on foreign soil. The example of Paul in Philippians 4:10-12 ought to serve here as well. The Lord will send in that which is needed.

Question: What educational preparation does TCM require of its missionaries?

While the home Board prefers each applicant have a diploma from Grace Bible College, it is not mandatory. No doubt there are cases where individuals have an education the equivalent, or do not lack in biblical preparation through the years, or for other reasons qualify as missionaries. What is most needed is a personal dedication to the work of the Lord, and a deep consciousness of the presence of the Lord in one's life. Any one who may feel desirous of becoming a foreign missionary could present the inquiry to the TCM Board, for further clarification.

Question: Are there any other missionaries needed apart from Bible Teachers.

Many types of missionaries are needed even at this very time. There is always a lack of medical doctors, nurses, office workers and children workers. Furthermore, there is a current need of maintenance men, elementary teachers, a printer and a mechanic. Though one may not feel he or she has a gift for anything beyond the present work, one may well fit into other areas when and upon being used as a mechanic, teacher or worker in the fields.

Question: How can one determine a call to a mission field?

In the first place, there is not one child of God upon the earth who has never been called to work. We acknowledge this from II Cor. 5:17. Too, we are called "labourers for him" in I Cor. 3:9. The question never is "Should I begin?" but "Why don't I begin?" A burden to any work is all the call we need. Look about and let the call develop. It is doubtful one could expect to go to a foreign field service, who has never been challenged to do so right where he or she happens to be at the moment.

Question: What would you say is the biggest hindrance to effective work on a field?

The man right under your hat no doubt is the greatest deterrent to effective missionary activity. I John 1:9 is too often unemployed. Sin in whatever form it may be found is the greatest hindrance to any work of the Lord. If the occasion arises where there is a problem on a field of service, it no doubt can be traced to slipshod christian living. This rarely fails.

Question: How may I begin, as young as I am, to see if the Lord is going to lead to service overseas?

It is an amazing thing, but preparation throughout the years is all pointing to a work in the future. Rarely has God called a man who has a voice that warms the cockles of the heart, to do translation work secluded in the jungle somewhere. He may, but as we look about, God is preparing His children right now for the work tomorrow.

A good suggestion would be to keep your heart surrounded with the things of the Lord, exercise and perfect what you may believe God's gift to you, begin to project yourself in the area where you feel at home. God will do the rest. You may claim Philippians 1:6 regarding this too. Be trusting, and you will be trustworthy!

Question: How do you go about organizing a National Church?

In the Philippine Islands the method used has been to reach a new area with the radio programs or evangelistic teams. When a group of believers in a given area is known (through letters written to the Mission as a result of the radio ministry) meetings are scheduled in that town. An evangelistic team consisting of an American missionary and National pastors and students go to this area to hold Evangelistic and Bible Study services. From those who profess Christ as Saviour at these meet-

ings, a group is formed to make up the start of a local church. A National working with the mission is assigned there to instruct these new believers in the Word. From this group an Elder is appointed to oversee the local church and instruct them while the National worker is attending his other ministeries. The National worker will visit this group from time to time to encourage them and instruct the Elder. For more training, the Elder will attend a 14 day Seminar which is held in his area. These are conducted by National Pastors in the dialect of the area. Here he will be taught subjects like church organization, methods of Bible study, evangelism, Christian living, message preparation, answering cults and pastoral theology.

Through encouragement by the visits of the American Field Director and National Evangelistic teams, the local group is expanded and encouraged to build a chapel in which to hold their services. The answer to establishing a local church is using Nationals who are trained in the Word rightly divided, to reach his own people and instruct them in the Word while training an Elder to oversee the local church. It is the need of the hour to train more men at the International Grace Bible Institute to enter this ministry of establishing local churches.

Question: What is the greatest need in the Philippines at this time?

Thinking in terms of material needs, the most pressing would be financial assistance for the Bible Schools, the radio and field work.

The mission is responsible to feed and house the students while attending the Bible Institute and the ATA Training Center. It is always a spiritual challenge to see the Lord keep the rice barrel from going empty. The radio ministry has financial needs if we are to expand to other dialects and areas

in the northern islands of this country. The field ministry is the assisting of the National pastors and students on internship. We have a responsibility to see that these men and Bible Women have some assistance while establishing a work in a new area.



PRAYER LETTERS

There are nine missionary families working with the Things to Come Mission. Each of these families send prayer letters to those interested in their ministry and the work of the mission. If you would like to receive any or all of these prayer letters, contact the Director of the mission.

If anyone is receiving any prayer letters that they do not wish to receive, please notify the headquarters. If your name is mis-spelled or the address not correct, please let us know so this can be changed.

Your change of address sent to the headquarters will save the mission 8c, which is the cost for the post office to notify us of a change of address. Sometimes several letters are sent to an old address before we are notified of the change.



ATTENTION!

In order to receive a tax deductible receipt, make all checks payable to THINGS TO COME MISSION, INC. (not to individual missionaries) and do not put the name of a missionary on the check.

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A MISSIONARY PROJECT

Many inquiries have come into the headquarters 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 or church.

- 1.) **Christian Books** or **Bible Study** materials can always be used in the Philippines. Any **Bibles** that you can send will be gladly accepted by the Filipinos.
- 2.) **Tools** of any kind, as long as they are useable, can always be used at the International Grace Bible Institute.
- 3.) **Musical Instruments** are needed by the musical department at the Bible Institute.
- 4.) **Sponsors for a Radio Program** are needed. \$5.00 will purchase one half hour of radio time in the Philippines.
- 5.) **Sponsors for National Workers** would be a good project. The students graduating from the Bible Institute are assisted financially until they can establish local congregations.
- 6.) **Sponsoring Students at the Bible School** could be your challenge. These students are given board and room by the mission while attending the Bible Institute.
- 7.) **The ATA Training Center needs Assistance.** You could make a project of assisting the Director, Instructors or Students as well as helping in the building project to make this school serviceable and the housing adequate for the students.

For further information about any of these projects, contact the Mission Director at Box 96, Cope, Colorado 80812.



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