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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

Romans 1:5

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### **Grace Gospel Church of Christ**



Cebu City, Philippines

## AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY ... WHO WILL WORK WITH IT?



**Daniel Sidebottom** 

In spite of fact that there is so much discussion these days about the sad state the world is in due to the recession, the lack of natural resources, the lack of jobs, and often the lack of money, there seems to be one thing in the Philippines and many other countries of the world still found in abundance. We suffer here from high prices, lack of technology, lack of finances, lack of jobs, but there is no lack of CHILDREN.

Children, children, everywhere ... On the street going to and coming from school, traffic lams caused by children being picked up by their parents; While driving down the street, constantly having to watch for children playing by the side of the road (most have no other place to play) and sometimes on the road itself, children selling newspapers everyplace you go, some at the major intersections, children at the pier trying to sell pop, candy, rice, chicken, etc. for your trip, some wanting to carry your bags or polish your shoes. children playing games with toys they have made or pop bottle caps or marbles or lines drawn on the ground. Children everywhere.

In the midst of a world decrying our lack, there is an abundance of CHILDREN. With a population increasing from approximately 45 million in 1978 when I arrived here, to a present population of approximately 50 million, it is not hard to guess that there is an abundance of children.

It's Sunday morning. The teachers are prepared, the classroom ready, some children preparing for Sunday School. Soon the singing begins, more children



A Sunday School class at the Grace Gospel Church of Christ in Davao City

arrive, the benches are full, the lesson given, the gospel presented. Children return home having learned another Bible Story, how to be more like Jesus in their everyday life, and more about Christ's death for them.

It's Sunday afternoon. After giving assignments, singing and praying, the pastor and about 10 church members proceed to the area in which they have received permission to hold a public meeting. Soon the small platform and board are being set up. Already children and even youth and adults notice and draw near. Some ask, "Sir, what is this?" Our answer is always the same, "Wait and you will see." The stage is set, the drawing begins and more people come. Soon there might be about 50 people present, many of them children. The speaker begins, the drawing is completed, the gospel explained, the invitation given, the meeting closed and the counseling in process.

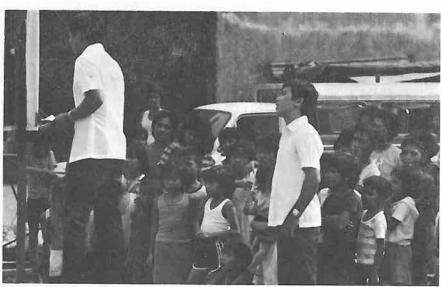
Both in Sunday School and on the street, as the Grace Gospel Churches of Christ minister, people respond, children attend, souls are saved. We thank the Lord for this. But, something is still lacking.

Not wanting to be guilty of down playing

the work of the Spirit in the lives of yielded S.S. teachers, we believe there is often a lack of knowledge in the use of materials, visual aids and concepts for teaching.

Things to Come Mission has long recognized the need for someone to work in the area of Christian Education. Our work here in the area of the churches, pastors, elders, the radio and literature, though there is always room for more personnel and improvements, is quite strong and well managed. But the area of Christian Education continues to limp behind, trying to catch up. The need is here. The potential is great. The time is ...? Yes, the time is NOW. What is Lacking? PEOPLE!

We believe very strongly that the work here is in need of someone to 1) work in the area of up-grading the present Christian Education courses at our two schools, I.G.B.I. and M.G.B.I. Even at the present time we are using a substitute teacher to teach this subject at I.G.B.I.; 2) help in the area of the training of elders in this important subject; 3) work in the churches with the S.S. Superintendent and S.S. teachers; 4) develop programs for our churches and teaching ministries; and 5) work with certain nationals in developing material for



An Open-air evangelistic meeting near the Grace Gospel Church of Christ in Cebu City

this ministry.

Pray with us that God would be pleased to meet this need for the great work He has entrusted into our hands here. We realize that there is a great need also in the States for this ministry and yet we can't help but believe that there are those whom God would call to help in the work here. Could it be that you know of one whom you could encourage in this area. Or could it be that God is speaking to you and that He is ready to use you in this ministry here in the Philippines.

(Director's Note - Feel free to write to the mission office and request information on our doctrine, policy and purpose, and how to apply to the mission. We will be glad to provide you with this information and pray with you that God will lead you as you consider this need.)

By Daniel Sidebottom

#### WHAT IS LOVE?

What is love? Some might say that's a good question. With all that is seen on television, heard on the radio, and read in newspapers and magazines, it probably would be easier to list what isn't love.

Then there are the trite sayings like,—"Love is a long distance telephone call" or "Love is a bouquet of flowers" or "Love is a kitten playing with shoe strings" or "Love is a black furry puppy," etc. But is this really love?

How we thank our great God for His Word which tells us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the perfect example of love, such love that God the Father gave His only Son Who had been with Him throughout eternity past to take on the form of man (Phil. 2:7).

And what was the Son's response? "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath GIVEN himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour" (Eph 5:2). Again what perfect love, a willing sacrifice for underserving mankind. (cf. Rom. 5:8).

Now what kind of love response does God expect from us? "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present (GIVE) your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Rom. 12:1) This is not a memory verse to be quickly rattled off without thought as to what it says, "it's what God desires of our lives. Can we give Him anything less than our best?

Can we find an example of Rom. 12:1? Indeed! "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first GAVE their own selves to the Lord ..." (2 Cor. 8:5). We know that these were poor people from a very poor area, but"... the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (vs. 2). No matter what the circumstances are in our lives, could the same be said of us?

God the Father GAVE His Son, Christ GAVE His life, and He wants us to GIVE our bodies as the Macedonians GAVE themselves. This is love!

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and GAVE himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

By Warren & Shirley Keiper



Warren and Shirley Keiper

# HOW TO BUILD A CHURCH IN CEBU CITY??



Cindy, Joe and Pauline Watkins

The Cebu City Grace Gospel Church started ten years ago with a few young people from our churches throughout the southern Philippines. These young people had come to Cebu for their college education and contacted us for a Bible Study. Over the years this group has grown and now includes more families than college students.

We have always been faced with the problem of a permanent building. For the past ten years we have rented a building to be used as a church. This has put us in the hands of Chinese landlords. To these landlords, money is their god. They steadily raise the rent. Even after we renovated the lower floor of the present building, they raised the rent again. One problem we face is that the rent is being raised faster than the income of our members.

The growth rate is hindered because of limited space and the location of our present meeting place. The building we occupy is near the largest fish market in Cebu. The smell from the fish market hinders worship. We can't financially afford to rent in a better area and with the present location we can't expect to grow any more.

This January the members made a deci-

sion to start raising money to buy land on which to build a church, Land in Cebu will cost not less than \$10,000 for a small lot. This is 90,000 pesos. The average adult member makes only about 4,000 pesos a year. It was decided we will start making a Faith Promise Plan. The pastor and I met to decide what the goal would be for 1982. It was agreed on by the members, the pastor and me that we would set a goal, by faith, of 12,000 pesos. I thought this goal was too high for our members to pledge, but I went along with it since the Filipinos wanted that goal. During our special faith promise meetings the members pledged 13,600 pesos for our building fund during 1982. I was pleasantly surprised. But, if we reach the goal this year, how long will it take to raise 90,000 pesos for land? It would take almost 9 years to raise the funds locally just to buy a lot to build a church on. We just don't have that much time. We will be out on the sidewalk if the landlords continue to raise the rent.

Paster Go, the pastor of our church in Cebu, is a graduate of our International Grace Bible Institute. He has worked hard to build up the membership of his congregation. He has Bible classes nearly every night and also has started another church in the next town - Manglanillia. He goes

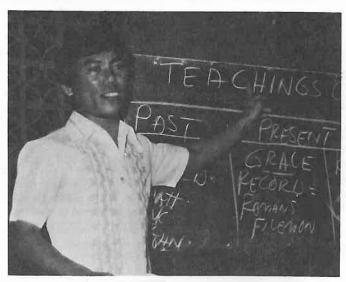
there on Sunday afternoons to have a Sunday School and worship service for that group. That group meets in a home and it is also increasing in numbers. Bro. Go wants to have a good, strong, national church in Cebu City - a strong church in Cebu means it would be easy and helpful to start other churches on the island of Cebu with the Cebu church acting as a mother church.

We are both interested in having an indigenous church (a self-governing, selfsupporting, self-propagating church). We have this kind of church right now in Cebu. When we ask you to pray about our building fund needs, we are not asking you to help make 'rice christians' here in the city of Cebu. Many groups in the U.S. have building fund projects to help build churches in other areas in the U.S. When I was pastor in Phoenix, Arizona, the organization (Grace Gospel Fellowship) made the church that I pastored a 'Sharebuilder's project'. The gifts that were sent in for our building in Phoenix helped a great deal in our building project. Should believers in the U.S. build a church in Cebu City, Philippines? The believers here in the Philippines are members of the same body as believers in the U.S. There is no distinction.

between believers in the U.S. and believers here. We can help physically and financially a weaker brother in the Philippines or elsewhere. I think you will agree that a believer is a member of the same Body no matter what nationality he may be. If a believer is in need, and I am talking about a physical need, then I believe a believer in the U.S. may help meet the need. To help meet this need would enable this church to reach out to more people than are presently being reached.

Would you make this a special matter of prayer? Pray that God might impress upon hearts that can really help financially to build this church. I know the believers in Cebu Grace Gospel Church are doing their part, so we are not going to ask people in the U.S. to do all of the financiing, we are asking you to join in this or work side by side with the saints here to build a church. This project will be one of the largest projects I have undertaken in my 22 years in the Philippines. Please join with me in prayer that we might be able to build a building that is large enough and respectable. Cebu City is the second largest city in the Philippines and has a population of over a million people.

by Joe Watkins



Filipino teaching the Word of God

#### **ARE YOU WILLING?**

Have you ever opened your home and heart to a dirty, barefoot girl — hungry, tough as tacks, confused and angry? Let us tell you about Kelly ... At the age of five Kelly was taught the street life, beginning with a cross-country travel experience to the drug/rock concert at Woodstock, N.Y.

Twelve years later Kelly knocked on our door, barefoot, hungry and scantily dressed. This seventeen year old girl was kicked out of her home in California four years ago and most recently was put away by her friends because she had contracted Herpes Simplex, the life-long sexual disease. Kelly never attended a public high school. Her knowledge of the demented ways of the hustlers, child prostitution and rough bike gangs of L.A. was very overwhelming.

Beth and I were given the opportunity to befriend Kelly. She was given food, clean clothes, shoes, a shower and was taken for treatment at the local health clinic. The Bible was opened to her and God's love was both spoken and shared with her. A fresh, clean bed was made for her. Christ Jesus gave us a love for Kelly. Sadly, two days later Kelly chose to go back to the streets. Would you please pray for Kelly and for yourselves. Pray for the desire to open your hearts, your homes and churches and give of your time and love to the poor. Poverty may not be only a physical or material attribute. Be the salt of the earth and touch the lives of the materially poor, the poor in spirit or the poor in heart with your personal involvement. Ask the Lord to have His strength go before you and to create a thirst and a hunger in those out there who are spiritually poor.

If we truly have found grace in the eyes of the Lord, then as Moses requested of God, pray, "Bless me; send your strength before me and cause the people with whom I come in contact to be excited by my relationship with you, Lord Jesus."

There are Kellys in your backyard. Pray for God to give you a burden for them. Pray that you will be His instrument for reaching out to the poor. Pray that others around you, including your own family,



Beth & Bob Xavier Becky

will come to thirst after the Living Water because of the exciting relationship you share with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The reason you and I exist, the purpose for our being, the reason for us to be filled with His Spirit is that we are to be live models on earth of what is happening in heaven. God saved us to do something for Himself. He wants us out and about promoting His business. Our energy must become His energy. We must surrender ourselves to Him. In our strength and energy we can do nothing. Maybe this is why so many homes and churches seldom have embraced a poor, lost soul. We have been trusting in our own strength perhaps. In ourselves we can do nothing. So, if you move to do something, then surrender yourself and ask Christ to energize, motivate and motorize you. Let go and let God create a desire within you to reach out to the poor, the destitute.

"For it is God Who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

Pray for more love. Jesus is love. His Spirit abides in us, so we are filled with His love and power. Will you let it shine forth practically and intensely. In Christ dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Jesus Christ is the sum total of everything we ever could ask for. Ask the Lord to help you to open yourselves to initial surrender and to continual surrender to be used to

touch the poor with His love, grace and mercy, just as the brethren gave out of surrender, not necessity. In II Corinthians 8:1-5 Paul writes that they gave beyond their own power, they gave of themselves. Do you want your churches filled? Do you really want to know the joy of the Spiritfilled life? Give the Spirit the full right of way, let him fill you from center to circumference. Surrender your self-life. Be a true citizen of heaven, put on the whole armor of God and stand against the insanity of the devil. Permit Christ to energize you with his mighty power through filling you with Himself. Go out and reach the poor where you are. Fill your homes and fill your churches with the "dirtbaggers" of your community, the unlovely, the poor in spirit.

There are over thirty churches in Key West. Most of them do not welcome or reach out to these oppressed in the streets. We need you! We are a first aid station, our objective being to undergird physically and spiritually. If the churches were doing their part here, there would be no need for the Welcome Home Ministry here or anywhere. Just this week three new Believers were born into Christ Jesus. One traveled up to Ft. Lauderdale to live with and be trained in the Word by a young pastor who has opened his home especially to undergird young Believers. No home or church here in Key West is really open to taking in new converts. These young, sincere brothers and sisters are from all around the country ... some from your own town. We ask you a question ... Would you take into your home a sincere, hungry heart and train him in God's Word, love him, encourage him? If you would, please write us. Be sure that you will be given the opportunity to undergird this ministry of reaching the poor. We have been given over 3,000 verses in the Bible concerning the poor. Yet we see that this is the one subject which is being avoided more than any other.

Please, please, Brothers and Sisters, have mercy and compassion on those who are without the truth and peace of the Lord Jesus. Please write to us and let us know that your homes and churches are open to

receive these new Believers. If you do not open yourselves, we will be forced to possibly observe these young people go to churches and homes that may not be able to share with them the dispensation of the Grace of God and other basic doctrine truths. The Welcome Home Ministry is not equipped with a home or staff large enough to take on this huge task of training all of the new converts to Christ, We can work really effectively with small numbers. Until the Lord provides more space and more workers here at the Welcome Home Ministry, we need you to say, "you are willing" to adopt one of these young people into your church family or into your home. Are you willing? Are you willing to watch your church family be blessed? We need you to be willing to adopt a Billy Sunday or maybe another O'Hair or some committed pastor, teacher or evangelist.

Please pray to be willing ... Call or write Things to Come Mission and adopt a new babe in Christ Jesus.

Beth and I and others are praying for you and eagerly request your prayers for us here.

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38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39



#### FROM PRISON TO PRISON



Mario and Ella Indino

We often hear some testimonies about people who were in prison then later became a preacher and they told a story, "From Prison to Pulpit". A similar event happened to one of our students. Since we started our Bible School, there have been three young men who spent time in prison then came to know Christ, then became one of our students. At this time we would like to relate the story from one of these students, Mr. Joudy Manoppo.

He was born in a Christian family. His father was a preacher. In 1967 his father died in an accident while he was still 9 years old. Before his father died he was already a hard headed kid. He became worse after the death of his father. At age 15 he quit school. A year after he stopped school (1974) he decided to run away from home, with some of his friends to go to Jakarta, a 5 day trip by boat from Manado his home place.

After a few months all their money was spent on alcohol and food, and he began to be hungry. He learned how to steal, snatch people's bag, pickpocket and later holdups. He became more and more wicked and even a drug addict. As a result he was caught and sentenced to one year in prison. While in prison he desired to change his life when he got out. But a few days after he was released, he was tempted to the same way again and was in prison for several months more. This continued for several times. He stayed in Jakarta for 7 years with 5 years spent in prison. Every time he was put in prison, he always thought he would live a decent life when he got out, but his efforts were all in vain. By 1979-1980 he was sentenced to 15 months in prison. Now he gave up all plans to live a clean life and thought that God



Students and Teachers in Indonesia Rev. Marthen Kambey, Director on left in back row

would never forgive him because of all his sin.

On Feb. 20, 1981 his older sister, who at that time worked as the executive secretary of the mission, went to Jakarta to pick him up when he got out of prison, and bring him back to be with his family. They arrived in Manado on March 10th. He began to join with the believers and have fellowship with them, but everything seemed to be hopeless and not long after his arrival, he began to go back to his old life. He decided to go back to Jakarta and never come home. While waiting for the boat, the Grace Bible Church in Manado held a youth camp and he accepted the invitation to attend. Before the last day of camp was over, the Word of God brought a real conviction in his heart and he understood that Christ can still forgive his sins and that Christ already did all the work for salvation at the cross through his suffering and death. He understood the meaning of salvation by grace. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his saviour and felt the real joy and peace of being in Christ. After that

he didn't have many problems in changing, for it is God that is now changing his life. He experienced what II Corinthians 5:17 means. Drinking was over, drugs were forgotten, fighting was changed to love and stealing was changed to giving, for it is God which worketh in him both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Not only did he accept Christ, but he also gave his life to the Lord. He enlisted as one of the students in the Bible School and now he is in his second year and doing his internship in one of the small congregations in Sangir Island. He will be working there for 6-8 months, and then go back to Bible School. People used to be afraid to see his body full of tattoos but now say its only in the skin but no longer in the heart. He often says, "I used to run away from the policeman, but I cannot outrun the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead I voluntarily give myself to become his prisoner." That's what it means "From Prison to Prison".

By Mario Indino Filipino Missionary to Indonesia



Temporary Grace Center in Indonesia Grace Bible Institute Church held here and also Men's Dormitory

#### **DIRECTOR'S NOTES**



Beverly and Eldred Sidebottom

What have I accomplished this year for the Lord Jesus Christ? Has it truly been for His glory alone? Was it done in the Spirit of Unity? in the Spirit of Love? Was it truly in Faith? "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Romans 14:23

Would you like to have a summer with a purpose? Would you like to have a year or two with a purpose? Why not contact the mission about a short term on some mission field? Or maybe just a summer in Key West, Florida, with the Bob Xaviers or in the Philippines with our Missionaries and National workers? Why not open a new field in the country of your choice? We have applications for Missionary Trainee Program, Short term and Long term. Write for the one of your choice.

We take this opportunity to thank those who have been so faithful in prayer and financial support of the Missionaries and National workers who are labouring in Brazil, England, India, Indonesia, Key West, Florida, Nigeria, West Africa, Philippines and Tanzania, East Africa. Isn't it a joy to be a part of the work of the Lord?

Yes, there are difficult roads to travel in each of our lives. The Lord didn't promise us an easy life, but He did promise us victory thru Christ. And the book of Philippians was written to let us know how to rejoice no matter what our circumstances. If Paul could rejoice being in prison and trouble in the church and outside the church, the Body of Christ, then we can surely rejoice under our circumstances be they bright or sad. But let our rejoicing be in the Lord.

As Pastor James Smith puts it in "Handfuls on Purpose", "The watchword of the early Christians seem to have been, 'The Lord is at hand' (Phil. 4 & 5). In view of His appearing, they were exhorted in Phil. 4:6 to:

- Be careful for Nothing, 'Cast all our care upon Him.' I Peter 5:7.
- Be Prayerful in Everything. Nothing that troubles us is too trifling to bring to God.
- Be Thankful for Anything. 'This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.' I Thes. 5:18.

"It is easy to thank God when we receive the things we desire and that please us; but when disappointment comes, when our plans are thwarted or friends betray us, it may be easy to forget this: but it is then that we need the faith that God does all things well, that we may still say, 'Thanks be to God.'"

We truly appreciate those who have placed the Ministry of the Lord thru Things to Come Mission in their wills. Do you have a will?

We appreciate the Missionaries who are taking the wonderful message of the Gospel of the Grace of God to regions beyond, even in the face of death thru Communism, rebels, robbers or disease. We also want to thank the TCM board members for giving of their time to keep things running smoothly in the mission.

Consider the thoughts expressed in the following poem written by Mabel A. Lybyer for Wyoming Grace Youth Camp this year.

#### **FOOTPRINTS FOR CHRIST**

Footprints in the sands of time, Scrolls for centuries hidden; Many times they come to light As the Lord has bidden: — History reveals the truths Many have forsaken, As we count God's centuries From our Bible taken. In God's Word we find the truth History has hidden 'Neath the clouds of doubt and fear Doubting sins forgiven. In His Word, He tells us true Of our sin and shame

And how we can be lifted up And saved in His dear Name. "Footprints in the sands of time", Every day we make them As we walk along life's road As our Savior's bidden. Give your life to Him today, Make your foot prints Godly, That some weary soul may be Led to life more holy, Follow where the Bible leads, Read God's message clearly That your life may help someone Whom the Lord loves dearly.

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Mae E. Lee William Hile Disease has always been hard to accept in any country. It hurts physically. It hurts emotionally, both the person with the disease and family and friends. It also hurts financially.

For those who have to buy medicine, have doctor's care or be in the hospital, we know the hurt. It is at such a time as this that we appreciate any help we can get. Often insurance provides that help.

Here in the Philippines, though we have different types of insurance, health insurance is not common. In the past health care has not been so expensive. Now this is changing. Medicine is expensive. A consultation with the doctor is expensive. Hospital care is expensive.

In response to this situation, Things to Come Mission has established a "Calamity Fund". Through this fund we have been able to help pastors when they have been sick or faced with some emergency medical expense.

This past week two of our pastors had to come to Cebu. Our pastor from Leyte had to have a check up and renew his medicine. Three months ago he came to Cebu coughing and afraid he had T.B. (Tuberculosis, though the Philippines has done much to inform its people and stop the spread of this disease, is still a common disease, especially in the country areas.) He saw the doctor, had an x-ray, and as usual was prescribed medicine for 9 months for the T.B.

The average income for one of the pastors here, with the aid the mission has been able to give to many, and their own income from the national church is about 250 pesos per month.

When our pastor arrived three months ago, the consultation with the doctor was 50 pesos, almost his income for one week. The x-ray was 75 pesos and the medicine 12.4 pesos per day. With the help of the mission through the "Calamity Fund", he was able to buy medicine for three months, already 1116 pesos or more than his income for three months.

He returned two weeks ago for a check

up after having finished his medicine. It was helping. The coughing had stopped, the body stronger, but still needing 6 more months of medicine. How could he afford it? He couldn't. The Mission was able to help purchase only three months supply. As the Lord supplies, we will be able to help with the final three months.

The second pastor who came to Cebu arrived from the Ozamis area. Also coughing and feeling run down, the mission provided for his fare to Cebu and consultation. Thankfully, his problem was not T.B., but he did require medicine.

These are just two of the many instances where TCM has been able to help save lives, provide health care, operations, and medicine for the benefit of the pastors. We have been able to do this as a result of two sources.

In 1977 one of the pastors here, Amancio Eniola, required a pacemaker. Many of you in the states gave for this need. The "Enila Fund" was used to provide the pacemaker and medicine needed then and in the future. When Pastor Eniola died, the remaining money was put into a "Calamity Fund" for the emergency needs of other pastors.

The second source of income for this fund has been the missionaries on the field. Each, from his own funds, has helped provide travel and health care for the pastors.

Because this situation is so common here in the Philippines where T.B. and other diseases are still rampant and where people, because of the expense, will often wait until it is too late to get medical aid hoping their health will return naturally, and because the "Calamity Fund" is exhausted, we request that you remember to bring this situation before the Lord in prayer, asking that through His blessings, this fund will grow and once again be used to help meet the physical and medical needs of the Lord's servants here. In this way we can help ease the hurt physically, emotionally and financially.



Vernon, Ben, Darlene, Hope, Amy and Val, Anderson



Bill, Eunice and Nancy Heath



Rachel, Pat, Leah & Vernon Bigelow



Pastor & Mrs. Piet H. Sambur and Elizabeth Pastor of two congregations in Jakarta, Indonesia

#### **BIBLES FOR THE PHILIPPINES**

We praise God for you who have given toward our Bible project for the Philippines. We have received \$2,404 so far. Our goal is \$3,000. The surveys from other areas tell us the same story - many have no Bibles.

We want to buy a Bible in the language the people speak and the cost of one of these Bibles is \$5. I believe a hard back English Bible may cost less. The Cebuano Bible is thicker because it takes more words in their dialect to express the thought in English.

The growth of the work here is good. Since the last I. H. was printed, two new national churches have been started on the island of Negros. This is the island mentioned in the I. H. articles about Bibles. With the additional two churches that means the need increases that much. The Island of Negros is only one of the areas of our work. The island of Mindanao has more churches or members than the island of Negros since it is a larger island.

Please continue to make this need for Bibles a special matter of prayer. And thanks much to those who gave!

by Joe Watkins

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#### **HELPFUL HINTS**

For the promotion of missions in your church.

Recognizing that those most interested in the church's missionary program will be the regular attenders to the services, our greatest amount of communication should be for their benefit.

In our last publication we suggested the use of Weekly Church Bulletins, Bulletin Inserts, News Letters and Bulletin Boards. Let us consider a few other means which can be used to promote missions in your church.

#### Picture Gallary

A picutre gallary of missionary families is a way to acquaint your church members with missionaries. A member whose hobby is photography can become involved in this project by enlarging the pictures to a uniform size. Captions should give the names of the family members and their place of service.

#### Posters

Posters can be used:

To promote a particular mission event, such as a conference, special speaker or film.

To cause people to think missions through thought provoking illustrations.

To involve church members, Sunday school pupils or youth groups in the missionary program.

To stimulate interest in missions through contests. Adults not involved in the actual preparation can be judges for the contest. The annual conference theme might be the poster contest theme.

Airline and travel agencies have posters of countries of the world. These may be obtained free or at a minimal cost. Some mission films have posters available. All of these could be used to stimulate interest in world evangelism.

#### Maps

(It is strongly recommended that each church construct its own missionary map.) Arrangements could include the following:

Providing attractive maps of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres at the front of each side of the church auditorium or in other prominent locations.

Miniature lights can be used to show the exact location of each mission field or location of each missionary family. Pictures may be placed around the maps with buttons to light up the location or mission field of that family.

A large map may be used with ribbons extending from field locations to pictures and name identification.

Small maps can be used in church school classrooms to show the location of missionaries and fields.

Maps can be printed in church publications to emphasize mission fields or missionaries.