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# HARVEST

*John 4:35*

*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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## **"FINISHED MY COURSE"**



**HENRIQUE SCHMIDT**

## **"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT"**

**II TIM. 4:7**

## FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Turdy, Ana and Henrique Schmidt

“For the love of Christ constraineth us....” (II Cor. 5:14).

It's this matchless love of our Lord that motivated Henrique Schmidt to become an evangelist and to preach the Gospel — salvation by grace through faith and not of works (Eph. 2:8-9) in places where it had never been heard. Twenty-six years ago he began traveling to Pontal do Sul, a fishing village on the sea coast of Parana near the city of Paranagua. When a church was established there, he started another work in Barrancos, also a fishing village about eight kilometers down the coast (the brethren there have recently built a new church in Shangrila, a larger, neighboring village); but always returning to the first church to continue edifying. At that time he was living in Curitiba which is 3,000 feet above sea level and 160 kilometers from the coast (by the route that he took to get there). He traveled that distance forth and back by bicycle (talk about a long uphill fight!) with food, clothing, bedding, and his accordian..

“For the love of Christ constraineth us...”

As the years went by Henrique began traveling west, starting Bible study groups along the way until he got as far west as Paraguay which is about 700 kilometers from Curitiba.. on all dirt roads (because that's the only kind there was) in a Model-T. Sometimes he took one of the brethren from the coast with him; but most often his wife, Ana, and their six children. In recent years he moved to Santa Catarina, the next state south of Parana, where he started more churches and preaching points, among them Serra Uru, Paca, Areias de Baixo, Tijuca, Armacao, Curitibaanos, Sao Bento do Sul, etc. He lived completely by faith, only as the Lord provided. The first half of his offering was used in the Lord's work, the rest for the family. Many times there wasn't enough money for food or gasoline to say nothing about clothes or medical supplies. Indeed, they learned to suffer for our Lord.

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Three years ago Henrique's health began to fail, the reason being leukemia; but he continued traveling and preaching as usual. When he became too weak to work, he'd have a blood transfusion. He even planned the mission's annual conference this year in July and was determined to attend, but it was at that time that he became very ill and had to be hospitalized. On August 18th, one month later, he went Home to be with our Lord. In spite of his physical suffering, he was conscious until the end, even talking about all the places that haven't heard about God's grace and the next evangelistic trips that he was planning to take.

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The funeral was held in Pontal do Sul on August 19th, the church overflowing with precious souls who were saved by God's grace because of the love of our Lord working through Henrique. Ana was a beautiful testimony of the outworking of our Lord's grace, consoling her children and grandchildren and comforting the brethren, all the while rejoicing in Him. The last one to speak at the funeral service was Ana herself who testified of the strength the Lord has given her all through the years so that she and Henrique could travel together and participate in the Lord's work together, but especially at the end while she was caring for him night and day. When he became too weak to even pray, she read the Bible to him and she prayed...together in Him. She held up her Bible and said, "This is where my strength comes from...the Lord and His Word."

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Henrique was founder and president of Missão Crista do Porvir (Things to Come Mission, Brazil). All of the churches that he started use this name. Pastor Jose, who used to be the pastor at Barrancos but now has a work in Lapa near Curitiba, is vice-president of the mission and is aware of his responsibilities; but he needs your prayer and financial support. He too lives by faith and his offerings are very meager. He already is traveling to Campo Largo, Sutil and Ponta Grossa once a month to encourage the brethren who are without a pastor. These visits are very important so it will be equally important for him to visit all of the other churches and scattered brethren. He has no car so must travel by bus which is time consuming and costly and will take him away from the work in Lapa. Do pray that all the details will be worked out to the honor and glory of our beloved Lord and that a strong grace testimony will be the result.

"For the love of Christ constraineth us..."

Warren and Shirley Keiper



## TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE????



**Bill, Eunice and Nancy Heath**

When we first arrived in the Philippines back in 1967 we were amazed at the extent of the work and the relatively small group of missionaries involved. There were then only six families and one single lady, including ourselves. It would have been impossible without the dedicated work of many national pastors and Bible women trained in our Bible School. Today the work is more than twice the size it was then and the missionary staff has dropped to three families and one single man.

Amazing? Yes - but also challenging.

Amazing that some 200 churches and nearly 100 national workers (I do not have the exact figures before me as I write), a radio ministry, two resident Bible schools, a correspondence school, and Elders' school, a non-resident Bible school (patterned somewhat after the TEE program), a printing facility, and an aggressive evangelistic outreach can even exist

with such a limited missionary investment! It is even more impressive when you recall that furloughs hold that work force to three missionaries on the field at any one time. With an over-lap of furloughs this past summer the number dropped to two for a month or so. Amazing that the work could still go on!

But it is also a challenge. Instead of marvelling at what is happening with the present personnel, why not ask ourselves what might be possible with more men on the field? This is a time of outstanding opportunity in the Philippines. The very problems - economic, social and political - that beset the land seem to be opening men's hearts to the gospel.

Let me give two examples. In the barrio where our original Bible school is located there have been over forty adult professions of faith in Christ during the past year. Also I recently received a copy of a report from a worker who is in charge of

youth work in eastern Mindanao. He has a youth gospel team working with him. They hold meetings in parks, market places, schools and churches. They provide the music and testimonies and do their own preaching much of the time. During the month of May this year they held 27 meetings with an estimated attendance of some 20,000 in all. There were 728 professions of faith in Christ. While these examples are quite exceptional, they surely indicate the possibilities.

What I am leading up to, of course, is the need for more missionaries in the Philippines. As soon as possible - if we are going to avoid the "too little, too late" epitaph.

## GOD NEEDS A MAN ! ! !

Some specific needs:

1. Missionaries to replace attrition. The present staff can barely cover the bases and their number may be further reduced before too long. I am 65 now and another long siege of ill health such as we experienced a year or so ago could send us home to stay.

2. Many parts of the Philippines have barely been touched with the gospel of the grace of God, if at all. A great deal of work is being carried on in major cities and among the tribes people by other fundamental missionaries, but it is startling to see how very little is taking place in the barrios - where the majority of the Filipinos live. It is in these rural and mountain barrios that most of our work is done. What an outreach could result from the coming of new missionaries to duplicate, on other islands, what has been done on Mindanao and Negros!

3. There are ministries awaiting personnel. An extension of the book

ministry for one. We have been obtaining books for our workers, and we are thankful to all of you who have made that possible. However there is need of someone to set up and supervise a ministry of getting sound books into the homes of those, both believers and unbelievers, who can afford to buy them. The cults are not missing this opportunity! It would involve setting up the machinery for importing and distributing books and training nationals to carry on an effective door to door book ministry.

Another possible ministry is in the area of the dramatic presentation of the gospel. The Filipinos love drama. If someone could organize and train a drama team of nationals they could effectively reach into schools and market places and even perform on the streets. The dramatic approach was used by Ezekiel in the Old Testament and is being found effective today both in the States and on some mission fields. Biola College has sent an evangelistic dramatic group out to various mission fields during the summer for years. "Jews for Jesus" uses this approach and our son, David, is involved in this type of ministry with "Lamb's Players."

Another area of ministry is the student population in the southern Philippines. Schools in the Philippines are much more open to the gospel than in the States. Several of our workers who have taken further college work have found a fertile field there for the sowing of the work of God.

What can be done?

We, as parents, need to get back to the days when mothers and fathers prayed their children out to the mission field!

Young men need to be shown that the greatest cause to which they can

commit themselves is the cause of Christ - to the **WHOLE WORLD**. Much of the unrest in our colleges is because our youth are unwilling to "live to work, work to eat and eat to live" - they want a cause that is worth living for, worth dying for. They want their lives to make a difference on this globe. No task so fills this need as the evangelizing of the world!

Our churches need a new emphasis on missions. They have done wonders in giving of their finances - and we are grateful for that. But why not, in a "faith promise plan," trust God to send out two or three missionaries from the local church? Our greatest need, next to prayer, is **MEN**. Any faith promise plan not including this feature is only doing half of the job. It is making the same basic mistake that Rome made militarily over 1500 years ago. When Rome began to wage war with their money, hiring mercenaries to do their fighting instead of sending their own sons, they began to crumble as an empire. A willingness to give our funds to support someone else's son is commendable, but it is greatly inferior to sending **our** sons.

We missionaries must not be satisfied to carry on the work now under way, while golden opportunities for expanding our outreach slip through our fingers. We must not give the impression that just more money will meet the need. We must not, subconsciously perhaps, want to spare our own children from the rigors of missionary life, nor to boldly call others to the work. We must effectively use those who volunteer and train them patiently to be the spiritual leaders so greatly needed on the field.

Thank every one of you who have prayed and given so sacrificially of your means to get the message of

grace out to the lost - but now we beseech you to rise to the challenge and follow the example of Abraham who was willing to give his son: the example of God who **DID** give His! (In both cases the son was **willing**). Paul argues that, since God gave His Son, He will not with-hold our other needs (Ron. 8:32). So also when our love for our Lord leads us to give our very children to serve Him, we will not with-hold the funds to support their ministries!

Yours for the advancement of the work of the Lord everywhere - including the Philippines.

William P. Heath

Phil. 1:6: 2:13.

**GOD NEEDS A MAN ! ! !**

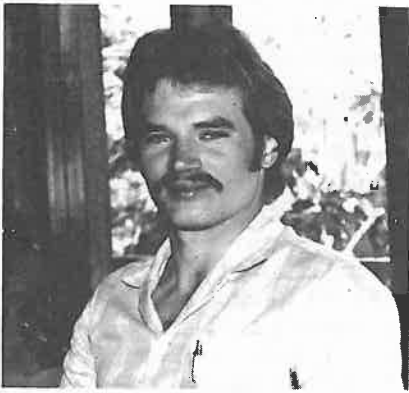
## **INDIA**

October news was received from Brother Rao, our National worker in India, which told of the heavy rains due to the Cyclone effect in Andhra Pradesh. "Our Almighty is protecting and guiding us very well throughout these difficult situations. We are having heavy rains since 10 days ... There are many towns and villages effected severely.

"Some of our congregation people in Vijayawada and Eluru greatly effected by this cyclone. We do not know fully about some of the other areas. Please pray for this situation.

"My house is completely damaged and the roof was spoiled. Rain flowing into our house. Walls are also damaged. Water stagnated surrounding the house. Please pray for us also."

## TRAINING OTHERS CONTINUES



**Daniel Sidebottom**

It began in 1980! Oseas Cadelina Jr. (the youth supervisor of the Davao-Cotabato area) attended a pastor's seminar where Pastor S. Improso and this writer were teaching on the subject of "Management". After some months, Pastor Cadelina along with the two of us had the opportunity to attend a seminar to prepare us to train others in evangelism and follow-up.

Though all three of us were excited about this new knowledge and ready to use it, it was the ministry of Oseas (Jun) which presented itself as a place where he could use this new knowledge. He could use his 'management' skills and plan a program to use his 'evangelism and follow-up training' skills.

With the responsibility of overseeing the youth activities of about 40 churches, he decided to train the youth to evangelize and train others. His plan fell into three main parts. During the year 1981, he along with other trained pastors (this writer also had the opportunity to travel with Jun and help teach some of these seminars) would visit all of the churches in his area and train the youth (and any adults who wanted to

attend) in 'evangelism'. By the end of 1982, they would again visit all the churches this time holding two seminars. The basic evangelism for those who were new and had not been able to attend last time, and for those already trained in evangelism, a seminar in 'how to follow-up new believers'.

The plan would be completed by the end of 1983. During this year of 1983, having already organized and trained a gospel team called THE SPARROWS GOSPEL TEAM (later changed to THE RECON—CILIATION CRUSADE due to the rebels using the name SPARROWS for their liquidation squad), Jun would once again visit the churches this time to hold a gospel crusade with singing, testimonies, drama, film showing, and messages. As always the purpose and goal would be the glorification of the Lord and the salvation and edification of mankind. Those who would respond would be counselled by members from the church trained in evangelism and follow-up.

Having made the plan, he now began to work his plan. He determined equipment and materials which would be needed for the seminars plus equipment and materials which would be needed for the crusades, and ways to meet this need. Some of the material and equipment has come from the mission and missionaries, but most of it has been provided by the members of the churches here. The following is a list produced a few months ago by the gospel team of materials available and needed.

### PRESENT MATERIALS BOUGHT BY THE TEAM

4 microphone stands

2 condenser microphones  
 1 basic training streamer  
 1 brush (painting)  
 1 pair battery clips  
 1 three horse power engine  
 1 Sower sketchboard  
 1 movable podium  
 1 12-volt battery  
 1 guitar case  
 1 cloth screen (film showing)  
 25 meters of wire  
 2 sockets  
 1 microphone gooseneck  
 1 radio phono  
 1 transformer  
 4 bulbs  
 3 blank tapes  
 2 plugs  
 1 8-yard streamer  
 1 set visual aid (basic training)  
 1 Sower kit  
 1 rubber stamp (name)  
 2 guitar slings  
 1 gospel team cabinet  
 2 nylon ropes  
 2 pieces of cloth  
 1 adapter  
 1 set speedball artist pen  
 Booklets, training sheets, tracts,  
 fliers, correction fluid and other little  
 things.

#### MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE TEAM

2 electric guitars  
 1 violin  
 1 sound horn  
 1 tape recorder  
 1 accordion  
 1 film projector  
 films  
 1 1000 watt transformer  
 1 dynamic microphone  
 1 2-input amplifier  
 1 training unit  
 1 Philippine flag

#### MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE TEAM

2 speaker boxes  
 microphones

generator (this has now arrived from  
 the states and is ready for their use)  
 1 12-input amplifier  
 8 yards streamer

At the time the above report was  
 made, the gospel team also presented  
 a report concerning the results of the  
 training they had already held.  
 Evangelism training had been held in  
 41 churches, with (results from only  
 38 seminars were included in the re-  
 port) 541 trainees. Follow-up train-  
 ing was held in 23 churches with 268  
 trainees. From these two seminars  
 held in these churches, there was a re-  
 ported 1022 people who accepted  
 Christ as their Savior.

Though I do not have available all  
 the reports of all the meetings held,  
 the next report I have was made just  
 in June 1983. Already the gospel  
 team is on the road, reporting from  
 May 14 through June 3 a total of 9  
 two-night crusades having a total  
 attendance of 21000 with an average  
 attendance each night of 1166  
 people. 728 were reported to have  
 accepted Christ and these were  
 counseled by 276 trained people.

Though we know that figures can  
 be made to lie and always don't tell  
 the whole story, it is encouraging to  
 me, and I trust to you, to know that  
 God is using people over here to  
 spread His Gospel and He is blessing  
 their labor by giving fruit for their  
 labor. We also know that follow-up  
 is the difficult part of evangelism and  
 so Pastor Cadelina and myself re-  
 quest that you pray for this aspect of  
 the work here.

1983 and the end of the plan is  
 almost upon us. Though much has  
 been accomplished, there remains  
 much to be done. The plan might be  
 finished but the work is not. There  
 will be a need for other plans. Let us

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## A REPORT FROM THE BIGELOWS IN THE PHILIPPINES



### A Report on The Bigelows:

This morning, the body of ex-senator Aquino was to be placed in the ground in Manila. As many as 2,000,000 people were expected to line the streets leading to the cemetery. Aquino was the leader of the opposition to President Marcos. He was assassinated as he left an airplane, at Manila International Airport, on August 21. The murder was mysterious because he was surrounded by airport security personnel as he walked from the plane to the terminal. (We were at the same place, a month before.)

We don't know how this will affect the precarious political situation. We do know that conditions are dangerous in many parts of the nation. A letter just came from Pastor M. He wrote that the New Peoples Army forces asked for permission to use the local church building for a seminar. What can the members do? If they refuse, the rebels can kill them. If they agree, the Philippine Army men can accuse them of joining the rebels. (One other pastor had to flee his

home because he had stopped at a rebel meeting out of curiosity's sake. His name got on a list of those attending, and the R.P. Army questioned him as to his allegiance. His members told him it would be better if he went to the city for a time.) In another area the leading elder, who was also a member of the civil home defense forces, was murdered as he was working his rice field. The rebels caught him without his armalite. Our helper, Esther, just joined us. She told of a fight between rebels and government forces in her uncle's rice field. One innocent farmer was killed as he ran from the battle. His daughter died of a wound suffered when she fell into a ditch.

Pat and I know that our time may be limited here but we want to be able to communicate as effectively as possible while we are here. For this reason, we have been challenged by our Filipino brethren to take a few precious months and study the Cebuano dialect. We began three days ago, and now, a few of the many Cebuano words we know are beginning to make sense as we put them into sentences. The learning will be difficult, but we will try to get our tongues twisted in the right directions to say the words. Pat has an easier time pronouncing words, while Vern can memorize them easier. Maybe we will work out equally in the months ahead. Leah comes home for vacation from FAITH ACADEMY in October, and by then Dad and Mom will be able to talk to her in Cebuano.

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pray though that God will continue to bless this ministry and the people involved in it and use it mightily for His honor and glory.

Daniel Sidebottom

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## INDONESIA



Mario, Ella and Jonathan Indino

Jonathan Indino was born Sept. 15, 1983 to Mario and Ella while they were in the Philippines visiting and trying to recruit Missionaries for Indonesia. Let me quote from a letter written on Oct. 16, "It is 6 months now since we arrived from Indonesia.

### NEWS FROM BILL AND EUNICE HEATH IN PHILIPPINES

Here we are - back in the States - and Nancy is with us this time.

We were scheduled for a 3 month furlough this past summer but postponed it due to needs in IGBI and the fact that our absence at that time would have left Dan Sidebottom as the only missionary on the field. Later the picture changed. The return of the Bigelows reduced the shortage of staff and the Lord provided answers for the problems of the school. The fact that our youngest son, Jon, was to be married September 4 and that our son, Tim, was to dedicate their new church building the same month suggested the most appropriate time for our mini-furlough. When we were able to get a visa for Nancy and found that the funds were in hand we took it as an indication from the Lord and here we are.

We are sorry that this time we are

We are enjoying our visits here. We are now waiting till our papers will get finished and we get back again to the field. While we are waiting the Lord has given us a good job. Since the Heaths left for the States for a short visit last August, we took his place of responsibility here at the International Grace Bible Institute. I am handling 3 subjects that amount to 15 hours of teaching a week.... We are happy with our work here but our hearts longs to be in Indonesia again to be able to continue helping the work there. We are grateful to God that He has given us good men in Indonesia to carry on the work there. How we wish to have more missionaries that are willing to go there and here too. Many of the cults are taking this opportunity by sending their people to the open doors." Will YOU be GOD'S MAN for Indonesia???

unable to visit many of you. Perhaps when we take our next furlough we can make it longer and get around to the churches. We are hoping to at least contact many of you by phone while we are here.

We have arranged for new glasses. Eunice has been unable to use hers for months. Also we will get complete physicals before we return to the Philippines. Our stay this time will be less than 3 months, Lord willing, as there is much to be done in Lupagan.

Thank you all for your concern for us and your support of our ministry. Pray that we will have a safe trip back to IGBI and that the Lord will enable us to have fruitful ministry there in the months to come. The Lord bless you all and continue to use you for His glory.

Bill, Eunice and Nancy Heath

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**THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING**

It seems that trials and difficulties will always be with us until the Lord Himself returns and catches us out of this world cursed by sin. Often, though our first reaction to problems is disappointment, I think that one thing they cause us to do is draw close to the Lord. Sometimes we think that when things go good we don't need the Lord.

I am sure that Pastor Max Amlon had not forgotten the Lord, but the Lord allowed him to have problems. Just today I received a letter from Pastor Sol Improso in Davao City informing me of the situation facing Pastor Amlon's family.

On the dawn of the 27th of August, feeling a terrible pain, he visited the doctor close to his place. Because the case was too serious, he was taken to Kidapawan. After 24 hours and spending \$500.00 (about the amount he would receive for working one month), the doctor, not being able to solve his problem, advised him to go to Davao City. Due to his condition, they had to hire a jeepnie to take him to the city. The cost? \$300.00. Upon arrival in Davao, they took him to the hospital and after x-rays, the doctor operated immediately, finish-

ing about 5:30 a.m. If there are no complications, he should be out in two weeks.

Pastor Sol writes that the medicine is the expensive part of the illness. Before the operation they had to purchase \$200.00 worth of medicine. Each day they spend \$200.00 for medicine.

Although the hospital is government operated and will be much less expensive than a private hospital, and although Max's family has come to help, Pastor Sol writes that this will still not be enough. Writing for Pastor Max, Sol asks if there is any help that could be forth coming from the 'Calamity Fund'.

Since my last article (see Nov. 82) concerning the 'Calamity Fund', the Lord has touched the hearts of many of you to pray and give towards this ministry. \$880.50 has been given and this along with a balance before will allow us to help Pastor Amlon with this unexpected and heavy expense.

For you who care, from all of us here, THANK YOU.

Daniel Sidebottom

Dollars in this article should be Philippine Pesos. The rate of exchange in May of 1983 was ten Pesos to the Dollar.