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*John 4:35*



*"Unto the ends of the earth"*

*Romans 1:5*

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## THE DIRECTOR SHARES

In this issue of International Harvest you will note that we are centering and emphasizing on our work in Brazil. One of the most exciting things that has come to pass in TCM's history is the fact that we are presently processing the visa papers for Mario Indino, a product of our Philippine ministry, to go to Brazil. This is not Mario's first experience outside of the Philippines. Mario and Ella, his wife were used of the Lord to establish a training center in Indonesia. That is why we now need him in Brazil.

The missionaries in the Phillippines have requested that Mario remain in the Phillippines until the end of the year because he is a supervising minister in charge of the Bicol region of our work there, but this may not be possible. When Mario's visa comes in he must be in Brazil in 90 days. We ask prayer that God's will be done in this matter. Mario will need to come to this country for a little deputation because it costs more to live and minister in Brazil than it does in the Phillippines.

There are 16 congregations of Grace Bible Church in Indonesia presently, and the membership in these churches numbers in excess of 1000. More churches are being established in Indonesia right now. Vernon Anderson pioneered this work, and it has been his work as well as that of Marios's that has brought the work there to where it is today. Continue to pray for the work there in Indonesia.

Brother Festus Njoka writes from Kenya: "I ask you kindly to send a USA missionary to Kenya. We have no workers in our churches, that is why I need a missionary to help us here in Kenya. The field of Kenya is very big with the population of 17 million people. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send the workers here in Kenya." Won't you pray that the Lord will raise up someone to fill this need.

We in TCM have been saddened by the death of one of our new missionaries, Donna Anderson. Donna and her husband, Ben, had planned to go to Kenya. Donna went to be with the Lord July 7, 1985. Please rest assured that our God makes no mistakes. He has left you here for a special purpose. Are you interested to know what that is? If the Lord has not called



you to stay in the USA, why not apply to TCM for service in Kenya or some other areas where a witness is needed?

We have been rejoicing in the different new missionaries that have come to TCM in the past year, and we appreciate all of you who have been supporting them in prayer and with financial help as well as encouraging them through letters, etc.

Beverly and I want to take this opportunity to thank each one that has served on the mission field and for the faithful ones at home who have prayed and given that the work might be accomplished for the Lord. We thank the churches and individuals also for our personal support here at headquarters.

*Eldred Sidebottom, Director of TCM*

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# THE CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD

Donna Lee Anderson had committed herself, her life, her all to serving her Lord on the Mission field. Now she has been called home, and she will not be able to serve in Kenya as both she and TCM planned. We were all reminded at the recent GGF Convention at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn. of the many obligations for the AMBASSADOR for Christ. It was my privilege to speak at the Convention, and as I introduced my message I used a portion of Kenny Kemper's Commencement message. Kenny spoke on "Compelled By Compassion." Kenny introduced his remarks by saying, "Today, we call ourselves Christians-Christ ones. Our ultimate goal is to be Christ-like. First John 2:6 says, 'Whoever claims to live in Him, must walk as Jesus did.' In like MANNER, NOT JUST IN TEACHING OR DOCTRINE, BUT IN PERSON, CHARACTER, ATTITUDE, & EMOTIONS."

Kenny went on to state that our compassion requires VISION, VULNERABILITY, AND POWER. Donna Lee Anderson had committed herself to fulfill what Kenny spoke about. She had Vision, and that vision directed her to commit herself to serve in Kenya. Though she was only 22 years old, her compassion was apparent. Elden Smith stated at her Memorial Service that one thing characterized her and that was her love for others. As I developed my message I reminded those in attendance that they were each one Ambassadors called of God, and that Ambassadorship was not something optional as many believers believe. But I cannot be the Holy Spirit for you. I can not say anything that will compel you to react to God's Call. BELOVED BELIEVE ME! YOU ARE GOD'S AMBASSADOR, IF YOU HAVE ACCEPTED CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR.

I can assure you that I would go to the Mission field tomorrow if the Lord would let me go. My heart is on the mission field. I personally believe that the PRIMARY

TASK of the church is missions, and any church not involved in Missions is a dying Church, and any Christian not involved in Missions is a dying witness for Christ.



Will Donna Anderson's place on the Mission Field go unfilled? Are there not those reading this magazine that are feeling the conviction of the Holy Spirit of God to go in her place. God said in Isaiah's presence & hearing, "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah replied: "Here am I, send me!" Stop a minute and listen for God's call today. He is still asking, "Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" The Memorial for Donna, as yet undecided will be centered in allowing "she that is dead to yet speak." It was the seventh month, the seventh day, and at the seventh hour that Donna was called to go into God's presence. WILL WE NOT LET GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HER HOME-GOING? WILL WE LET HER MISSION AND WITNESS AND PLACE ON THE FIELD GO UNFILLED?

*Pastor Roy J. Kelsey,*  
Editor of the International Harvest

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, . . ."*

*Romans 8:28*

# FOCUS ON BRAZIL

Brazil, the fifth largest country in the world, is larger than the continental United States. It has a common border with ten of the twelve other South American countries. Also, as the world's sixth largest country in population, Brazil is growing rapidly; but it isn't exactly waiting to hear about our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ. However, it is a land which HAS freedom of RELIGION. We have the liberty to meet openly when and where we please and at the same time have the full protection of the government. Although Catholicism is the official religion, the same law that protects our liberty to preach the Gospel of God's Grace also protects all of the sects and isms which are growing rapidly.

Brazil is a country of vast farm lands. It is able to produce most of its own food and in recent years has become an exporter of many agricultural products. Meat is not cheap, yet the cattle population greatly exceeds the human. Long having been the major exporter of coffee, it has risen high on the list for soy beans as well. For decades Brazil has been a major producer of sugar, but in the last ten years has also begun to operate its automobiles on alcohol made from sugar cane. (No pure gasoline is available. Gasohol which is 25% alcohol is quickly being replaced by 100% alcohol as the main fuel for passenger cars and an abundance of motorcycles.) Of the three places in the world where huge farm machinery can be used to economic advantage, Brazil is located in one of them. Thus the population shift to the cities.

Brazil is a land of great cities. When we arrived in Brazil in 1969, the population was just over 70,000,000. In 1985 the official estimate is 125,000,000. It remains a nation of youth with the medium age yet less than twenty. In contrast, during this time the United States has grown less than one-eighth and the medium age has soared to past forty-four.

The largest city, Sao Paulo, has close to 15,000,000 inhabitants and is full of associated growing pain problems: infrastructure which can not keep up to the city's growth, transportation difficulties, poverty, abandoned children who must

fend for themselves, crime, drugs, alcoholism: all being exploited to cause political unrest. All of the cities are growing too rapidly and these problems are spreading to all of them (about twenty of the cities are over 1,000,000). The state of Sao Paulo alone has greater population than that of Canada.

According to the official report of the outgoing president, Joao Figereiro, in 1984 Brazil stood eighth in world production and from another source, sixth in arms sales, yet is considered a Third World nation. Everywhere one finds fine automobiles, although small, and very large trucks, some with three trailers (all made in Brazil) operating on a road system ever increasing in size as is the proportion of hard surfaced and divided, limited access highways. Good quality colored television is everywhere (although television programming is television programming). Telephone communication is excellent and household appliances abound. Brazilians suffer national medical care and retire after working for thirty or thirty-five years (depending upon the type of employment), usually in their fifties. Education is the big thrust for a successful and abundant life. They have been moulded into such a materialistic life style that they are subject to every pressure for self-gratification NOW. Yet . . . many are hungry, searching for the reason for living—the TRUTH which is found only in God's Word. These must be reached and the others need to be made aware of God's love for them before they can desire it.

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## Salvador

Serginho Andrade Liberato

## Araraquara

Roberto Borelli

## Curitiba

Bernardo Craesmeyer

## Lapa

José Corrêa

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## Portal do Sul

Agenor da Silva

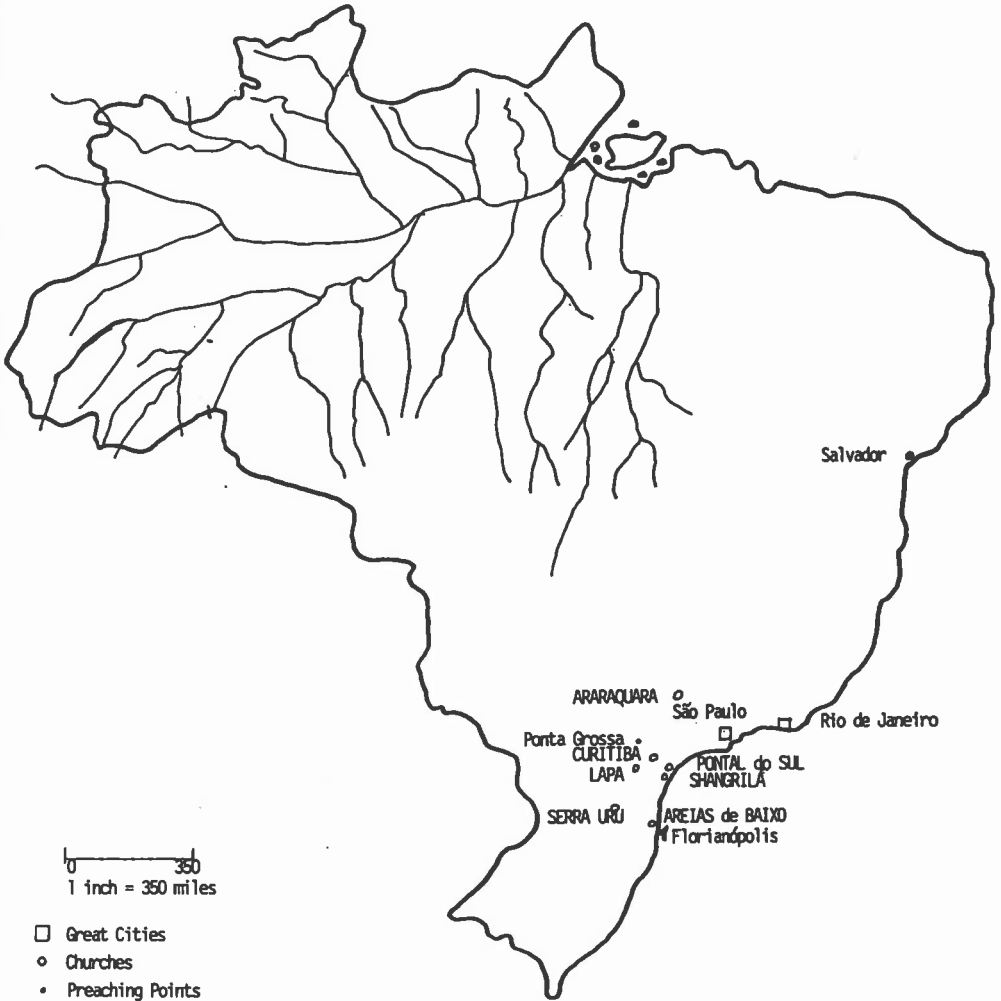
## Florianópolis

Bernardo Craesmeyer

## Áreas de Baixo

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# BRAZIL



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- Great Cities
- Churches
- Preaching Points

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Campo Largo  
CURITIBA  
LAPA



Ilha do Mel  
PONTAL do Sul  
SHANGRILA  
Olho da Água

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

What are missions all about?—to be sent or spent! We have presented TCM's unprecedented opportunities in Brazil and are asking your unprecedented and unprecedented participation as co-laborers, both in going and giving. The harvest will not be realized without the planting and the seed costs dearly. As you can see, there is a need for many things. . . from printing equipment of all kinds: typewriters, a word processing computer-printer, a plate maker, a camera for making negatives for layout, a plate developer, and offset press or two, a letter press, a cutter a folder, a stapler, etc; to radio and electronic equipment: tape recorders, a tape duplicator, video equipment, etc.; to evangelization and teaching equipment: projectors, loud speakers, etc. It would be better to buy most of this in Brazil because of maintenance needs and parts availability and also because of import restrictions and duty.

Trained personnel in these fields would

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## LOOKING AT THE PRESENT

As we said, our Lord has been quietly preparing the way. We are encouraged because there are two new missionary families, Leo and Con Keiper and Bernardo and Carol (Keiper) Craesmeier, living and working on the field without having gone on deputation (but they do need support) who know the Portuguese language and with the culture already a part of their lives. and, Barbara Bowman, who has submitted her application to Things To Come Mission, has lived in Brazil and is ready to return to serve Him there. Besides, an experienced missionary family from the Philippine Islands, Mario Herondio, is processing its vis a application to enter Brazil to direct the establishment of the Bible school and Elder Training Program as he has already done in Indonesia.

Presently there are three national workers, Aroldo, Jose and Edio, who are receiving some support through TCM; and others are ready to serve but need support, while others are doing the Lord's work at their own expense.



Mr. &  
Mrs.  
Keiper

be a particular blessing and would advance the work immeasurably. Then there is the need for the scores of missionaries who will use the specialized materials produced to reach those for whom it was prepared. Dear brothers in our Lord, we're looking at a one time opportunity in this world of political and economic unrest, all evidences of spiritual bankruptcy. Before it passes, NOW is the time to be sent and /or to be spent! Has God been quietly working with you? Are you willing to live by faith in His infinite grace to accept His calling to Brazil?

It has been Shirley's and my great pleasure to serve our wonderful Lord in Brazil during these past sixteen years. We have gotten to know the people, to love them, to see their need. We have had the privilege of leading many to our Lord and training some of them to be useful in a manner and to an extent that we as foreigners can never be. We know that NOW is the hour for the work to grow and that the blessings of our Lord are appropriated only as we trust Him to meet

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## GOALS:

Since the leadership of the Brazilian mission, Missao Crista do Porvir, has passed from the founder, the late pastor Henrique Schmidt, to Pastor Agenor (Aroldo) da Silva, a new era of cooperation and expansion is being initiated. This will include a great increase in personnel with many new departments of Things To Come Mission's ministries. Our Lord has been quietly preparing the way through your prayers: correcting organizational deficiencies, clearing up personal obstructions, and opening hearts to serve.

Our goal is that SOON fifty new churches will be established teaching God's marvelous grace. We know it is possible, although *not* with little effort. These new

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## CHILDREN'S WORKER

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Cris was the first person that Zeca talked to about the Lord after he was saved and soon she was saved (later her younger sister, Giselda, was also saved). but submission to the Word was hard for Cris who had definite plans to enter the Navy. . . she believed in women's lib and was always ready to defend her position. Cris has worked in a world famous stocking factory in Araraquara since her early teens, a much envied job. She enjoys comfortable living and the security of this good employment. Besides this, she was a model.



*Cristina Pinhelros*

It has been a thrill to watch Cris mature during the three years that she has been attending church. She has steadily grown in the Word and become more serious about her relationship with her Lord. In March, 1984, during special meetings by some TCM board members who were visiting Brazil, she accepted the challenge to serve Him. She has been very active in our evangelism program and the most successful in its employment which has

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## EVANGELIST AND PASTOR

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*Jose (Zeca) dos Santos*

When Zeca attended Bible study for the first time, he had the darkest countenance we had ever seen. He was raised in a very religious family (superstitious, Acts 17:22) which later changed to Spiritism. Zeca himself was a medium. His mother deals in black magic, even more so since Zeca was saved which leaves the family in constant turmoil. To give an idea of the pressure he is under at home, when Zeca's dad learned that he was a believer, he told Zeca that he (Zeca) had lost his mind and threatened to have him committed to a mental institution, also telling him he was no good and would never amount to anything. The price of being saved is very high in some cases. But Zeca's knowledge of Spiritism has helped us understand their teachings and practices so that we know better how to deal with those who are of that persuasion. Zeca and one of his brothers, Benedito, are the only ones saved in this family of nine children. Now, because of his salvation, Zeca has a beautiful, glowing countenance. . . aglow for Christ (yes, it makes a difference, doesn't it!).

Shortly after being saved, Zeca stood behind the pulpit one Sunday night and wondered how long it would be before he would become a pastor. From the very beginning he felt the call to preach the Word, the wonderful message of God's grace (Tit. 3:5). Zeca has been studying with me for the past three years, preparing for his service to our Lord. He would like to evangelize a new area, but there is a possibility that he may accept a call to the pastorate first.

Zeca is single and needs support.

# NEW CANDIDATE FOR BRAZIL

The future looks BRIGHT! Yes, I know as an ambassador for Christ that an open door in His service can only lead to further blessings.

God's been soooo good to me!!! In the past couple of years my heart and mind has repeatedly turned to Brazil. In fact, ever since I came to know Him personally 10 years ago, I knew He was calling me to be a missionary. Now the opportunity has risen to represent Things to Come on the field in Brazil, and my heart skips a beat just thinking about it!!

Certainly there is much to be done in Brazil. As an exchange student there is 1978-79, I found a country with a deep spiritual hunger. Yet most Brazilians substitute works and spiritism for God's grace. As I became acquainted with the ministry of Warren and Shirley Keiper in Araraquara, Sao Paulo, (it's amazing how God put me in the same class right beside their daughter Carol), my eyes were opened to the many needs there. I saw



where several families live in one room shacks with barbed wire fence for a clothesline, next to an open sewer. Just a few blocks away live the upper class, with their gorgeous brick courtyards,

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## PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TO BRAZIL:

Mario Indino and family has applied to the nation of Brazil for a visa to both enter and work in that country under the direction of Things to Come Mission. Mario has labored both in the Philippines and in Indonesia. he is presently serving as a Supervising Minister over the Bicol Region in the Philippines. The Bicol Rigion is located on the Southern Eastern section of the Island of Luzon. Mario is presently experiencing great success there, and he will be missed, but we do need him in Brazil because of his experience in helping to set and put into operation a Training Center in Indonesia. Mario would have stayed in Indonesia, but the Indonesian government would not renew his visa, and therefore, he could not re-enter Indoesia to carry on his work there. Thus, we have decided to bring him to Brazil.

Just as soon as Mario's visa is approved, he will come to the USA to do some deputation work. He speaks excellent English, and, therefore, will be able to share both his faith and his vision with us here in the USA. He does need support in



order for him to go to Brazil and work. We ask that you pray much about his support, passage fares, field support, etc.

It is truly exciting to think that a product of our work on the mission field has now applied to be a missionary in a country foreign to him and his family. He will be going to language school just as soon as he gets to Brazil, but Mario is a very able student, and we are sure that he will quickly pick the language skills that he will need to minister to the Brazilian people. Mario's wife, Ella, is a native of Indonesia, and they have two children. Pray much for their ministry in Brazil, and for the needs of support to be supplied.



# A LOOK AT THE NEXT WAVE OF NATIONAL WORKERS

Our Lord has been quietly working in Araraquara during the last few years, too—saving, calling and preparing many to be the national leaders. These are ready to serve Him NOW in this expanding work.

When Sandra first came to us, she already was a nationally recognized artist of the politically activist bent—art that was ugly, distorted, sick—and working as a commercial artist at the Dental University. Her countenance was dark and she was bitter, cynical and generally discontented with life. She had stopped studying at the university just three months before graduating with a degree in Letters (English major) to take her present job because she felt better suited to it. However, she wanted to continue her English studies so she began taking lessons from Leo. He challenged her beliefs and reasoning, and she soon realized how bankrupt she and her ideas were and that Jesus Christ is the only answer.

Now, being wonderfully saved by His grace, she sees how our Lord had prepared her beforehand for the work of His calling: to be a translator of much needed study materials (she already has been doing some translating for us in her spare time) and an illustrator and layout artist in the publication of such. Now her art work is happy, wholesome, uplifting.

Sandra is single and most worthy of full support.



*Sandra Belinelli  
Translator and Artist*

# NEW BOARD MEMBER FOR TCM:



Pastor Ken Peebles, Pastor of Moorland Community Church in Ravenna, Michigan is one of our newest Board members. Ken came on the Board at our April meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ken writes: "I was saved in one of Billy Graham's Crusades in 1955 in Syracuse, New York. My wife, Nancy, and I came into the "Grace Message" while I was in the Army under the ministry of Bob and Joan Hill. Nancy and I began to study weekly with the Hills, and I finally applied to Milwaukee Bible College and was accepted. We made the move to Grand Rapids, Michigan with Milwaukee (later Grace) Bible College, and I graduated from GBC in 1963.

I pastored the Robinson Grace Church in Grand Haven, Michigan for two and one half years before going to serve Grace Community Church in California for four years. Nancy and I were called to minister at the Moorland Community Church in Ravenna, Michigan in 1969, and we will have been here for sixteen this month.

We have seen growth, new ministries, and building projects in the churches that we have served.

It is my joy and excitement to be able to serve the Lord on the Board of Things To Come Mission. I look forward to this ministry and God's leadings through the years to follow. I have been active in supporting TCM missionaries and ministries over the years, and I will continue to do so as I serve as a member of the Board.

*Until He Comes, Ken Peebles*



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## BEN & DONNA ANDERSON

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The Lord works in ways which mere men cannot comprehend. Two years ago neither of us would have believed that deputation would start May of 1985. But here we are after the Lord's guidance through marriage and one year of Bible college.

In 1961, my parents, Vernon and Darlene Anderson, dedicated me to the Lord as a future missionary. I lived in the Philippines for thirteen years as well as several other countries for short periods. It was not until after I entered Le Tourneau College in 1979, Donna and I met at Calvary Chapel in Massillon, Ohio. Donna had a similar interest in missions. She had visited the Welcome Home Ministry in Key West, Florida and had spent a summer in Europe with a short term mission team.

Although our mutual interests brought us together and led to our marriage in June of 1984, we had no definite plans at that time. We realized that regardless of our future careers, a year of Bible college would be to our advantage. We chose Grace Bible college and enrolled in Bible, Missions, and Theology courses. As usual, the school year passed quickly. It was a profitable time, however, with many friendships made and much knowledge gained. We were also able to become sure that the Lord wanted us to be missionaries. In October of 1984, Things To Come accepted us as candidates. This was a big step of faith for us and God has blessed through it.

When my parents returned from Kenya after their survey trip in 1984, they challenged us for the work in that country. We agreed to go if they would work with us for one year as a time of training. Practical experience is just as necessary for missionaries as in any other vocation. After language school, we will be involved in evangelism and church planting. Kenya is 50% Animist and 33% "Protestant." The "Protestants" have been seriously weakened by nominalism, however.



Eventually, we would like to implement a training program for the national pastors and elders.

Our planned departure date is early March, 1986. Between now and then lie thousands of miles by car and hundreds of services and conversations. Please pray for our safety and for the Holy Spirit to speak through us. Although we are excited about our future, we want the Lord to be glorified in all things. If you would like to have us visit you please send a note to the mission office. Remember, as Christians we are part of a big team, the Body of Christ. Let us each do our part to make the team victorious.

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### Editor's Note:

When Ben and Donna wrote the above article for the International Harvest they were both excited about going to Kenya to establish a work there, but on July 7, 1985 at 7:00 A.M. Donna suffered a massive heart attack which ushered her into the presence of her Lord. Pray for Ben as he faces a future without Donna. At present Ben plans to return to Brazil with his father, Vernon, who came to the USA for the Memorial Service for Donna. The Memorial Service was held at Calvary Chapel, Massillon, Ohio with Finley Hunter, Pastor of Grace Bible Church of Massillon, officiating.

Ben still plans to serve on the mission field. Presently Ben needs your prayers. Presently we are praying that God will give Ben the strength that he needs to bear up under the load he is carrying. He and Donna were married one year on June 16, 1985.

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# NEW MISSIONARY

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## Editor's Note:

Valerie Anderson was commissioned by Things To Come Mission at a Commissioning Service held at the St. Louis Bible Fellowship, St. Louis, Missouri on July 28th during the Morning Worship Service. She is "On Loan" to the Santiago Christian Academy. It is basically a Missionary Kids School, but, as you can see from the article, the largest percentage of students are from the Dominican Republic and not Missionary Kids.

While Valerie does not need the same support of other Missionaries on the field, she does need support. She needs prayer support as well as monetary, and we recommend that you consider both.

She will be sending out a Prayer Letter some time in the near future with a mailing address on the field. Until that time, you may write her at the Mission Office Address.

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"Why do you want to be a missionary overseas when there are plenty of people right here in the U.S. who need to hear about Christ?" Several people have asked me that when I told them of my plans to be

a missionary teacher. Why indeed? It is a good question and I realize that there is opportunity for Christian ministry right here in this country. I could reason that there are



2.5 billion people out there who have never heard of Christ and the percentage of Christians trying to reach them is proportionately minute. But, statistics seem so impersonal to me, so I would like to share with you some of my own reasons for why I am going to Dominican Republic on August 1.

My dad once told me that the best thing I could do with my life was invest it in other people, and I have carried that idea with me ever since. Missionary work is an investment in people and as an elementary

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## **DONNA LEE ANDERSON MEMORIAL**

Things To Come Mission is setting up a Memorial for the continuing of Donna's witness for her Lord Jesus Christ. Presently the family has not determined just what that Memorial will be. They are presently praying that the Lord will direct them to a proper Memorial, and we will inform you just as soon as that determination is made as to a Memorial. However, you can send your gift to the Donna Anderson Memorial at the Mission headquarters in Cope, Colorado. The next issue of International Harvest will contain information about the Memorial.

## **NOW IN BRAZIL**

Vernon and Darlene were already married when they were saved by God's grace. Their concern for the lost was great and soon grew to include the lost in other lands, so they began to prepare themselves so that they might go to them. In 1957 they went to the Philippines where they served our Lord for sixteen years in many different capacities which included starting a Bible school. They spent five years in Indonesia starting a work that has grown to include a Bible institute which is now being taught by the nationals. The Andersons have served for longer or shorter periods of time in India, Kenya, Tanzania and Europe; and Vernon has even been behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1968 Vernon went to Brazil with others of the T.C.M. board on a survey trip which opened the door for our call to serve there. He has returned on other occasions to edify

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# A LOOK AT THE NEW MISSIONARIES



*Leo and Conceico (Con) Keiper*

Leo was eleven years old when he went to Brazil with us in 1969. He learned Portuguese quickly and, after the first year in an American school for missionaries' children, attended Brazilian schools. When he was eighteen years old he became the coordinator of a private English language school in Curitiba, Parana; and later, after moving to Ararquara, Sao Paulo, he taught in a private English school there as well as teaching private classes at home and translating. But, like most Brazilians, Leo's dream was to go to the United States to attend college which he did in 1980. Because he had been educated in Brazilian schools, he needed an equivalency diploma to enter college and where he was tested, scored higher than all previously tested foreign trained students. However, he didn't really feel at home here and after two years returned to HIS home, Brazil. Now he has only private students (including twenty-five management personnel from a local industry) and does technical translations of college term papers, research papers and post-grad theses.

Leo was working on a degree in Physical Education and preparing a term paper at the public library when he met Con who works there. Her full name is Maria Coneicao which means Mary, Immaculate Conception. Her parents had chosen Suzana to be the name of their first child, but because she was born on the day the

Catholic church says represents the immaculate conception of Mary, the nuns at the hospital persuaded her mother to give her this name.

Con had many setbacks to her ambitions. Before she started school she had been hit by a car which left her slightly lame and had had polio, besides being very tiny. To compensate she wanted to be someone important and to become so, looked for it through a college education (graduating in Social Service), her many friends, she traveled extensively, she tried philosophy, and even investigated every religion she chanced upon. Spiritism seemed to satisfy her the most and at the time Leo met her she was being trained as a medium. A few days after her first visit at our mid-week Bible study with Leo, our Lord saved her. At last she knew that she had found what she had been looking for.

That was March, 1983. Con's life changed from one day to the next. . . from being concerned only about herself to being concerned about others and their spiritual needs. She is constantly talking to someone about our Lord. It soon became apparent that our Lord was blessing us with another daughter and on May 11, 1985, I had the pleasure of uniting Leo and Con in marriage. It was their desire that their wedding be a means of evangelism. . . but let them tell you about it.

"Our wedding was marvelous. Most of the people that attended had never been to a wedding like ours, much less heard about the grace of God. We wanted a Biblical wedding, not the traditional Brazilian wedding. We tried to do everything in the most spiritual way and everyone commented that "something" was different. The something different undoubtedly was the love of God as found in I Cor. 13 which was the text of the message. . . the love that belongs to only those who are saved. Our exchange of vows also was new for the great majority. We told each other what we wanted to do with our lives together, including our desire

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*Bernardo and Carol (Keiper) Craesmeyer and boys*

Bernardo was born in a small, poor town in the state of Minas Gerais, the fourth of nine children of German immigrants who had gone to Brazil after World War II as Catholic social missionaries. When this didn't work out, his father eventually became the manager of the garage in the Volkswagon agency in Araraquara. Thus, Bernardo was there long before we arrived. He is a personable young fellow and had found it easy to get what he wanted without working too hard for it; but when it came to something that he liked to do, making detailed, functional model cars of his own design or other delicate hand work, he had an imagination and a fierce determination for excellence. He wanted to be a mechanical engineer to express his creativity. At this point he met Carol.

Carol went with us to Brazil when she was eight years old along with Leo and Connie, her older brother and sister. For over six years she lived a more or less pioneer way of life in an agricultural community in the state of Parana where we worked with the farmers as well as the fishermen on the coast. There she was educated in Brazilian school where she excelled. When we moved to Araraquara, Sao Paulo, a commercial and educational center, she continued to excel in school, especially in French where she entered into the third year without any introduction to it and soon became the number one student—such being her language ability.

After Carol's first day of school in

Araraquara, she announced that she thought she had already found a friend whose name was Nelly, a tall blonde like herself. As the girls spent time together, Nelly's brother, Bernardo, became attracted to Carol. He saw something different in her and wanted to know her better. When he asked her for a date and she said, "No," he found out how different she was. No one had ever before turned down this tall, blonde basketball player with a winning smile. Carol proceeded to tell him that he didn't know the most important Person in her life, the Lord Jesus Christ (II Cor. 6:14-16), and told Bernardo how He could be his Savior, also (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:24-26). Three days later, not having slept, he returned to tell her that he believed what God says in His Word is true and that this is the only way a person can be saved. Immediately upon being saved, Bernardo entered into Bible study with the same intensity that he displayed toward his handicraft, despite the objections of his highly upset parents. He continued his studies in engineering and also grew rapidly in the Word. Visiting TCM personnel early saw leadership qualities in him.

In 1981 Bernardo and Carol were married and with growing family responsibilities he decided to move his family to Florianopolis in southern Brazil to complete his education while living with a recently widowed sister. It was there that our Lord convinced him that the time had come to

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# A LOOK AT THE PRESENT NATIONAL WORKERS



*Agenor (Aroldo) T. da Silva  
President  
Missao Crista do Porvir*



*Jose Correa  
Vice-President  
Missao Crista do Porvir*

About forty-five years ago Aroldo was born in Pontal do Sul, a fishing village at the mouth of Paranagua Bay on the Atlantic coast. His parents ran the local dance hall and he soon became the music maker. After Pastor Henrique Schmidt took his family there to evangelize the community in open air meetings, a room in a house was offered for that purpose. All was not easy, however. There was harrassment and rock throwing at the house; and Aroldo ran and danced around it, yelling and shouting taunts at those attending, and waving a whiskey bottle (of which he was participating) to entice the listeners away from the Gospel.

But the Gospel did have its effect on the community and upon Aroldo and his family. After being saved, Aroldo's father tore down his dance hall and gave the site and lumber to Pastor Schmidt to build a church. In the spring of 1985, the original church was torn down to make way for a new brick building in this village which is rapidly becoming a resort area. Some of the lumber will become a chapel at an evangelizing point on Ilha do Mel (Honey Island) in the bay.

Through the years several men have done the preaching at Pontal do Sul, but

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Jose was born about sixty years ago in a sleepy fishing village which later became known as Shangrila, on the coast of Parana. In that remote area where there were no roads, his life was far different than we can imagine. After the fish had been caught during the night or early morning, someone had to make the twenty mile trip by canoe to the port city of Paranagua to sell them. There the simple fishermen were tempted by the lures of the city.

When Jose was eighteen years old, the long arm of the government reached out and called him to serve in the Army for a year in the state capital, Curitiba. Soon it was evident that he was very ill and, after spending a long time in the hospital, he was sent home to die. At home he slowly returned to health and fishing.

Twenty-eight years ago something happened that changed Jose's life completely. Pastor Henrique Schmidt had gone by bicycle from Curitiba on the plateau to that sleepy fishing village 3,000 ft. below and 120 miles away to preach the Gospel. Jose's grandmother was the first to acknowledge Jesus' death for her, Jose was the first man to do so. Pastor Schmidt's work soon spread to Pontal do Sul and later Jose was left in charge of all the preaching points on the coast when Pastor Schmidt turned to other areas where salvation by God's grace was not known. In the early 1970's he was an eager student in TCM's extension type Bible school. Now after serving as pastor of the church in Lapa, Parana, for more than ten years, and tending to the works in Campo

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*Edio Vieira, Pastor  
Areias de Baixo, Santa Catarina*

Edio was raised in a small town on the coast of southern Santa Catarina. As time passed he became interested in a certain young lady and when she moved with her family to Serra Uru a rural mountain top in the interior of the state, he followed. Finally marrying her, it was by this process that God brought Edio to the ministry of Pastor Henrique Schmidt when Pastor Schmidt returned with the Gospel to the place where he had been raised . . . that very mountain top. Edio was saved and grew rapidly in the Word and in obedience. After Pastor Schmidt had opened another new field on the central Santa Catarina coast, he asked in the mountain top church whether anyone was willing to move to that new work in Areias de Baixo. Edio was ready. He sold all he had and moved.

Settling in Areias de Baixo, Edio soon found that his small offering and occasional gifts from the people were insufficient to support his family. He found work as a carpenter and mason at a nearby island fortress museum and marine life station of the Federal University of nearby Florianopolis. His wife is cook at the station. Even so, Edio continues evangelizing the Areais de Baixo area and he himself had been constructing a new brick church building until he ran out of funds. He regularly crosses the mountain range to a preaching point in the coastal village of Armacao.

Edio is probably the most capable of the men from Pastor Schmidt's work and we

expect an ever increasing richness in his service to our Lord. Recently he told me of three towns where he knows that the Gospel has not been preached and he sorely wants to take it to them. To do this he would have to be a full time worker, so he needs full support. Are we are ready to get Edio and his family of three grade school children out into this field as he is to get the Gospel out?

Some of the churches and preaching points haven't been mentioned. Shangrila is without a pastor and, for the time being, pastor Aroldo is substituting there. Jesulino is responsible for the preaching point at Olho da Agua. Serra Uru was without a pastor until Aleixo, a farmer on that mountain top, accepted the responsibility of the church. Be co-laborers with these brethren also, support them with your prayers.

*We are therefore  
Christ's ambassadors  
as though God were  
making His appeal through us.  
We implore you  
on Christ's behalf  
Be reconciled to God.  
~11 Cor. 5:20~*

get on with what Bernardo had known for some time must be his life's work.

During a visit last October to get acquainted with the Vernon Anderson family, veteran missionary with T.C.M. who had recently arrived in Curitiba, Bernardo found an immediate need for Carol and himself to help them in the Lord's work as well as in their living so they immediately moved to Curitiba. There he has had the opportunity for further study with Vernon; and Bernardo, and excellent Bible teacher himself, has five widely scattered Bible studies in Curitiba besides Sunday services, and once a month returns to Florianopolis for Bible studies in five different homes there.

While Bernardo continues church planting he is looking forward to teaching in the Bible school which will be started soon and supervising our near future radio and video programs, all as our Lord provides.

Also, as our Lord provides, the Craesmeyers would like to visit you personally so that you may better know them, their opportunities, and their needs in our Lord's work in Brazil.

Bernardo and Carol's sons are Georges, Paul and Terry.

to serve our Lord as missionaries. Everyone was paying so much attention to all the novelities that at the end when we said, 'I love you,' they almost clapped."

Then end of last year Leo left college as he felt that it was taking too much valuable time that could be used for our Lord. It is evident from the above quote that he is ready to exchange his work for our Lord's work (Phil. 3:13) to head-up the Literature Department. Con, after checking out library books on this world's wisdom (1 Cor. 1:20) wants dearly to work with literature that gives eternal, spiritual blessings. But, because the job is so big, they need a lot of help.

Leo and Con need personal support so they may leave their present employment and the work needs all the equipment and materials to get this important job started so that all the other ministries will not be delayed. They really ought to (and want to) tell you in greater detail about it personally.



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**"The gift of wisdom is vital to an effective ministry."**

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"Wisdom is more precious than rubies, nothing you desire can compare with her" (Proverbs 8:11).

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

True wisdom is to view a given situation from God's perspective, with the mind of Christ, under the direction of the Holy Spirit. This level of wisdom has that eternal quality which reflects the nature of God. James writes "... the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere" (James 3:17).



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our every need and by serving Him. We invite you to be co-laborers with us in this work in Brazil as missionaries or as prayer and financial supporters. If any of you want more information, speak to us when we visit at your church or write to:

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Let's remember, Brazil is just the start, a good jumping-off point to reach those twelve other South American countries. Let's not be satisfied with... just a little... for our Lord.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand..." "and I will very gladly spend and be spent for you..." (Rom. 13:12; II Cor. 12:15). "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Cor. 5:14-15)

Have you been praying that one of the needed missionaries will be YOU?



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## **GOALS**

churches will need pastors. Some can be supplied through the nationals who are now in the work, and others by those that they will reach as our Lord calls them. They will need to be trained, so we need a Bible school. Who will be their teachers? Even at this late date, there is preciously little material in Portuguese to use in the school and churches, so it must be developed or translated and then published and distributed. Then the evangelization program can begin on a large scale in which radio and video can be used to great advantage as it is in other parts of the world. And we must not forget the important part that music plays in all of this. Can all of this be accomplished in the next five years? Yes! But not with (just a) little effort.

Have you started praying for the many needed missionaries?

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been a wonderful encouragement to her and also to the church.

Cris is single and is waiting for support. She is ready to give up the "security" of this world to serve our Lord in evangelism and children's work.

Besides these three who are ready to serve full time, ROBERTO BORELLI is the leader of the church in Araraquara and is rapidly developing into a knowledgeable and spiritual servant of our Lord. PAULO METIDIERE was an exchange student to the U.S. and has offered his service as an interpreter. CLAUDIO ROMA is working and studying languages—Greek, in particular—at the university as he waits for the Bible school to open. BENEDITO dos SANTOS, a civil engineer and Zeca's brother, has found God's grace the comfort he needs in his life of many severe problems and is sharing the responsibilities of teaching the youth group and preaching. SERGINHO ANDRADE LIBERATO was hired as a factory maintenance supervisor in Salvador, Bahia (on the sea coast 1,500 km. to the northeast of Araraquara), and has accepted the invitation to share in the preaching responsibilities in two churches there. He would like to leave the factory to serve our Lord full time. The Liberatos has three sons.

The first "International Harvest" that I had the privilege of reading had an article in it entitled, "ABILITY vs. AVAILABILITY". The thrust of the article duly impressed me! What good are we to the Lord if we don't use the ability He has given us to His glory? Conversely, he that is available to our Lord is prepared by Him and enabled by Him to do His bidding (II Tim. 3:16-17). Glory to His name!

All of these in this article have given their lives to our Lord, are available, and are waiting upon Him to open the doors (the place, the time, the support) for them to enter into His full time service. It is HE Who has prepared them.



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landscaped lawns and marble floors. I found that Brazil is truly full of contrasts!!

In preparation for my missionary work, God has allowed various events to take place in my life. With 20/20 hindsight, I realize that His hand has gently guided me along the way. As a young girl in southern Ohio, life presented very few problems. My family had plenty to eat, a lovely home, lots to do and few reasons to complain. My brother and sister and I could not have asked for a better childhood. Then in 1975 my mother developed cancer. Following her death, I realized how much her presence was like the glue that held our family together. As the oldest girl, I assumed many new responsibilities, and had to "grow up" overnight. To cover hospital and funeral costs, my father moved our family to the other side of town and worked diligently to keep our family above water. Meanwhile some girls in our new neighborhood invited me to church and there I found peace in making Jesus the Lord of my life. This was the first time anyone had told me about salvation. Had someone told me sooner, I would have accepted Him!! Through my mother's death, others in my family have accepted the Lord too. We are living examples of Romans 8:28, and I am certain that "all things work together for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose."

My Christian walk has had its ups and downs since that time. The trials have never ended, but His victory is the end result. After college, I worked as a medical assistant and later taught administrative skills in a Pittsburgh technical school. Last year I did computer billing for a medical center and recently God opened the doors for me to work in medical records at a nearby hospital. God has been "a very present help indeed" each step of the way.

Certainly the Christian pathway is not a bed of roses. Nor will life in Brazil be "hunky-dory". But I am proud to put my faith in God and trust that my efforts in evangelism, music and teaching will bring forth good fruit. His word reminds me to be positive. . . "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any

virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil 4:8.

Can you picture living in a country where your whole life is spent believing that God is something "way out there", unreachable except through confession to a priest, or idol worship. Brazil is ripe for real spiritual revival. My prayer is that the people there, folks just like you and me, can hear about the saving knowledge of Christ. Won't you join me??

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and encourage the brethren. Since August, 1984, they have been serving in Brazil, traveling to the churches in three different states to hold special meetings, preaching through an interpreter.

The Andersons have been used by our Lord to call many into His service, and their willingness to go anywhere has been an inspiration to others as well as a great evidence of their love for the lost.

Vernon and Darlene have four children: Dr. Hope Cranston who lives with her husband, Steve, and two daughters in St. Louis, Missouri; Valerie who will be teaching in a missionary School in the Dominican Republic this coming year; Amy who is in Brazil with her parents and who says like her brother, Ben, that her heart is in Kenya. Ben and his wife, Donna, are Things to Come Mission candidates to Kenya, Africa.

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Aroldo emerged to be the pastor. He was a student in TCM's extension type Bible school in the early 1970's. When Missao Crista do Porvir was legally formed in 1959 to be TCM's affiliate in Brazil, Aroldo was first Secretary and served in that capacity until 1983 when he succeeded the late Pastor Henrique Schmidt as President. As President he is the principal evangelist of the mission and really needs a car to frequently visit the many separated works and to assess other places for starting new ones.

Aroldo and his wife, Terezinha, have six children, five are still at home and are traveling daily to attend the nearest school thirty-five miles away. There is no public school bussing so it is costly. Their oldest is in the Brazilian Navy Officer's School in Rio de Janeiro. Aroldo's offerings are very small—he surely needs your support.

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school teacher, I want to invest my life in little people. I am sure that there is a strong base for Christian ministry right here in our own public schools and I appreciate the commitment of those who are serving the Lord in that capacity. However, the beauty of the way God has created the human race is that each person is unique, and He has called each of us into a specific ministry. Mine happens to be to children over seas.



Many people understandably shudder at the thought of being a missionary and visions of snakes and insects dance through their heads whenever the word is mentioned. It is a little different for me because I have wanted to be a missionary since I was a little girl. Of course I am a bit partial since I grew up in the Philippines and Indonesia and am probably more familiar with their customs and way of life than ours. It has been a great privilege for me to see the love that my parents have for the people of foreign lands. I have acquired a burden of my own for these people after living with them and seeing their spiritual and physical needs. It is something I cannot explain with words but sometimes it grips my heart so fiercely that I cry. Going overseas for me is like going home; those people are like my family.

I have never been to Dominican Republic, but the cries of lost souls there are the same as anywhere else. This opportunity to teach third grade at Santiago

Christian School is a special one for me because it is a combination of several things that I wanted to do. The school uses a regular American curriculum and all the teaching is done in English. About thirty percent of the students are missionary kids from several different mission boards. The rest of the students are Dominican children mostly coming from Roman Catholic homes. Thus, the teachers are involved in evangelizing these children and thereby reaching out to their unsaved families as well. It will be a very challenging job especially since this will be my first year of teaching.

My final answer to the initial question is simply that being a missionary overseas is what God wants me to be. I have made a commitment. I invite you to share in my work through your prayers so that I might be effective in my service for Christ, and so that you might be blessed for your faithfulness. (Philippians 4:14-20)

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Iago, Ciritiba and Ponta Grossa and vicinity in Parana since we moved to Araraquara in 1977, Jose feel the call to serve as an evangelist for our wonderful Lord. He has been Vice-President of Missao Crista do Porvir since its inception.

Jose is one of God's most loving and loveable servants and has been very faithful in the fulfillment of his calling. Remember, he was sent home from the Army to die! Our Lord's ways are marvelous! Abraham—considered as good as dead (in his body) brought forth Issac. Jose—considered as good as dead has brought forth much spiritual fruit.

Jose and his wife, Orica, have two married daughters and a son who is single. Their daughters have given them four grandchildren.

Jose is worthy of your support.



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Really, the need is URGENT (thousands are dying daily without knowing about God's grace) and the field so large that, literally, scores of new missionaries are needed to reach our lost brothers in the flesh, all so precious to our Savior—precious enough that He shed His Holy blood on Calvary's cross for them, just as He did for you and me (cf. Rom. 3:23-26). Though they have much too much religion they do not know the way to possessing eternal life while yet in this flesh (II Tim. 1:8-10; Gal. 2:20) and can not know about

it until someone takes it to them. To be effective, one or two missionaries are almost useless—MANY are needed NOW (thirty or forty missionaries would be a good start for this huge, needy country.)

Are you aware of the lead time necessary for a missionary family to become effective on the field? Bible training, specialization (if needed, depending on his calling), deputation, language study and cultural adjustments can take years! So those who love the LOST as well as the One Who saved them must start NOW!



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