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## THINGS TO COME MISSION



*"Unto the ends of the earth"*  
Romans 1:5    John 4:35

## Editorial by Joe Watkins

Missions and the work of missions is continuing to evolve. Adjustments must be made to keep up with the changes. We praise God that in the beginning Things to Come Mission saw the direction mission work was moving.

This vision came from the clear teaching of the special message given to the apostle Paul - II Tim. 2:2. "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Two things are commanded to do: (1) Commit thou to faithful men, (2) Paul tells us what message we are to commit - "Things that thou hast heard of me." -that special message or revelation given to Paul - Romans 11:25.

The ministries of TCM in the Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil, and Kenya were started from contacts made with nationals in those countries. The missionary made contact with these brethren,

taught them as II Tim. 2:2 instructs us. These faithful men in each country began to follow II Tim. 2:2 and teach others. Now TCM's missionaries are working side by side with

the nationals, committing to others.

God has led me into the ministry of developing these contacts in different countries. Bro. Joe Mason of Prison Mission has a great outreach in many countries through correspondence courses and grace literature. He has been able to commit to faithful men in many foreign countries that special revelation given to Paul. When Bro. Joe Mason approached me about going to South Africa to visit his contacts I was excited to have the opportunity to go there. A letter was sent to Bro. Bruce Woolard to see if we could arrange such a visit. He responded that he was anxious for me to come. We then began to pray for finances to make the trip and God wonderfully supplied so that I could leave July 31st.

When I landed in South Africa I was wondering what I was getting into. Bro. Bruce Woolard, the pastor of the St. Mark's



Bruce Woolard and Wife Sandy

Berean Church invited me to come to South Africa. The only thing I knew about him was what I had read in his letters. Bruce's wife and Herbie Janion met me at the airport. Bruce was sick with the flu. These two began to give me their testimony and I knew that I was among dedicated Christians before I got out of their car. I knew they were brethren who wanted to know more of the Word of God rightly divided, and spread the gospel of the grace of God.

What a joy I had those fifteen days. The church, which has 180 members, was full the first Sunday I was there. In the afternoon I answered questions for an hour during a special meeting. The next Sunday there were not as many in the morning worship service, but in the evening it was full for the ordination service. Thursday a special joint meeting was held for the six satellite home groups that Bruce has around Port Elizabeth. There were about 70 in attendance. I spent an hour and a half answering questions about the special revelation given to Paul. When I was in South Africa I was teaching in a public meeting or answering questions about Paul's distinctive message to individuals most of my time. It has been a long time since I have seen brethren so desirous to know more of the Word of God rightly divided. In fact, I was answering questions at the airport while waiting to leave South Africa.

Another high light of my stay was taking part in the ordination of two dedicated men who were trained by Pastor Woolard.

Plans were made for the future of the work in South Africa. (1) There is a need to start a Bible Institute for training South Africans in the truth given to Paul. Brethren, the potential is unlimited in South Africa. We want to see pastors and missionaries trained for South Africa, all of Africa and the world. (2) A black missionary, who knows the truth given to Paul, is needed in South Africa to work among the blacks. A United States black would be accepted by the blacks in South Africa. In fact, in order to start a work among the blacks it is important that a black do it. Please pray for this need. Although the brethren in Bruce's church are white, Pastor Woolard would work side by side with a black.

After returning from the trip, I have sent Grace Lines lessons and other material to help in the training program. I also am sending cassette tapes of some of my messages to key leaders there.

Please make the above needs a matter of prayer. If you keep up with the political situation in South Africa, you know of the unrest. Through these brethren in South Africa, many of these countries can be reached with the gospel of grace.

I have written a report of my trip to South Africa and in it I discuss the political situation in that lovely country. Let me say one thing in closing, the U.S.A. liberal press in not telling us the truth about South Africa. If you would like to receive this report, I will be glad to send you a copy.

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## Praise the Lord! by Amy Anderson

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Do you sometimes just feel like praising the Lord for all that He is and does? The psalmist rejoices, "For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands" (Ps. 92:4). I want to give God praise for the works of His hands this past summer while I was in Kenya.

I praise the Lord that we can have confidence in Him because He is faithful and gives us, His children, the inner strength and ability to do His work. I am humbled as I think of how the Ruler of the Universe would give me the privilege of being His ambassador.

Praise God for the students in the Bible School in Embu. I am thankful for the opportunity I had to participate in sharing principles and practices of Christian Education with them for five weeks. The students each practiced making lesson plans and presented two lessons, which I evaluated. Praise the Lord for one of Stephen's lessons on James 1, which spoke to my heart concerning the benefit of trials in producing patience.

Praise the Lord for the times of chit-chatting with the students. I learned more about them, breaking down some of the barriers and encouraging one another to live lives of purity and devotion to God.

Praise the Lord for the time I had with my family and the Male-



Amy Anderson

skis. They were good examples and taught me much through their actions, teaching, and discussions. There were difficult situations which we encountered, and I praise God for His protection, provision, and ways of escape. Some of these situations involved the consequences of a huge tree in our yard falling across the road, the time when we had three tire punctures out in the bush country, and when Satan would use people's actions to try to discourage us. Praise God for His sufficient grace.

Praise the Lord for His blessings and the way He gives us joy in serving Him! The highlight of my summer was the five days I spent out in the bush among the Kamba people. We stayed in a

tent among the huts of a family who are the leaders of the church. Even something as simple as helping them wash the dishes, on the ground, was fun because it was a privilege to serve them in a practical way. I thank God for Matheka and Mukonyo, who helped us teach children's and youth classes. I taught the youth in the afternoons, savoring the time I could spend with them. Each afternoon we visited huts and interacted with people about God and His Word, singing songs, encouraging, praying, and sharing experiences. I praise the Lord for Matheka and Mukonyo's openness in sharing with me their testimonies of salvation by faith alone and the changes this has brought to their lives. There is also much satisfaction in sitting on a low stool in a hut at night with a small candle, building friendships with people of other cultures yet brothers and sisters in Christ.

It was sad to say goodbye to those who we had spent time with that week and difficult to leave Kenya a few days later. However, I praise the Lord for a letter which I have received from a student and friend in Kenya. He writes, "I know that it is meaningful for us to have prayer support and so we are expecting great things both here and there as the Lord continues to serve through us and may I ask prayer requests from you and from the other Brethren in your area as now I'm studying very hard knowing His Word is BEST so as to evangelize to others in everywhere the Lord wants me to go and to have chances to minister His Word." Praise God for these opportunities He has given us and for the missionaries and Kenyans who continue teaching, training, studying, and living for the Lord.

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## Grace in the Orient by Dan Gross

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"We shall now begin our descent to Singapore's Changi International Airport." It had been 29 hours since I had boarded a flight in Milwaukee. In many ways, I felt as though I was finally "home" again. Since leaving Singapore in 1986, we never stopped thinking about and praying for this country. I would finally be able to see many of our dear friends again.

For about three days before leaving Milwaukee, I had stayed awake all night and slept during

the day to adjust to Singapore time. When the plane landed, I was right on schedule and ready to go to work.

I began by spending time with Ngee Kuan. He is a dear friend and has been teaching and leading the church in Singapore in our absence. We have written frequently so it did not take long to update each other.

One of the first people Ngee Kuan introduced me to was a businessman named Alfred.

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About three years ago, one of our friends gave him some literature to read. His first response was to reject what he read. However, Alfred read it over ten times! He now clearly saw the difference between Israel and the church, the body of Christ. He realized that the church that God is now building was not spoken of, nor had



Dan Gross and Singapore Church Elders

it begun, before the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle Paul. Alfred's joy in having a clear understanding of God's Word and plan was most evident.

The Grace Church in Singapore held a retreat while I was in Singapore so I had many opportunities to teach. I gave two series of messages: 1) A dispensational overview of the Bible, and 2) Doctrinal foundations for the Christian life. In the second series I covered subjects such as eternal security, our baptism and circumcision, and the inspiration of the Bible.

Two nights before I left Singapore, I spoke to a gathering at Alfred's house. Alfred had been working hard at inviting friends to this meeting. When we were ready to begin, the living room was jammed with about 40 people. Many of them had never heard before about the distinction between the current dispensation of grace and other dispensations in the Scriptures (Ephesians 3:1 - 9, Romans 16:25). I spoke on this subject for two hours and this was followed by a lengthy ques-

tion and answer session. Even as I was speaking I could see the skepticism and confusion giving way to joy and understanding. Ngee Kuan, Alfred, and I had been eagerly awaiting this for months so we were truly praising the Lord.

## Manila

From Singapore, I flew to Manila to try to learn a bit about living in Manila. We are planning on moving toward the end of this year. I was able to gather much information which will help us in making decisions as we prepare to move. One item which was discouraging was the cost of living. It has skyrocketed in the past two years. The missionaries I talked with said that it is common for house owners to require anywhere from 8 to 14 months advance rent. This was something I was not prepared for.

Please remember Ngee Kuan, Alfred, and the Grace Church in Singapore in your prayers. Please pray also for our move to Manila and especially the financial difficulties involved with housing.

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## “Children Are Not Important” by Luz Gaddi

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“Don’t bother with the children. They’re not very important.” I have never heard a Christian pastor or worker say this. But, when we take a careful look at what our churches actually do, and how we spend time and money, it is sometimes apparent that this is how we feel.

Our Sunday Schools are frequently smaller than our morning worship service. Our evangelistic program is geared mainly to reach adults. The amount of money we spend on building facilities and materials is usually much larger for adults than what we spend for children. Our pastors’ and elders’ time is eaten up with solving adult problems, with adult committees, plans and programs.

Is this justified? For an answer, let’s look at several comments made by Dr. Lois Lebar in her book Children in the Bible School. We will see how important it is to spend more of our time and effort in winning and training children.

“The most favorable soil for sowing the seed of the Word is the plastic heart of a child.” If one visits Manado, Indonesia, for instance, he can see rows and rows of coconut trees. They are always in bloom, and young coconuts are a special treat for visitors. But, the ground under these trees is not fertile. Anything planted nearby does not thrive. Why? Because the roots choke and dwarf those poor plants. Plants grow better on fertile



Luz Gaddi

ground free from roots, weeds and stones. The seed, which is the Word, also grows better on good soil - soil which is still free from the cares, riches and pleasures of this world. It would be ridiculous to sow crops in bad soil when there is plenty of good soil available. Then let us not be blind to the importance of sowing the Word of God among children.

“Early childhood’s natural faith and dependency are soon outgrown.” When a friend’s daughter was still a nursery child she always depended on her mother or housemaid to choose what she was to wear for the day. Now barely eight years old she picks out everything for herself. She used to think elders knew better; she now thinks she knows better. Most children are like her - dependent when young but as they grow older they gradually become more and more independent not only physically but also mentally, socially, emotionally and spiritually. The child who formerly believes whatever the teacher says

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may now argue with him. A five-year-old understands and unquestionably believes that God loves him. A sixteen-year-old questions God's love when disappointments come his way.

"Habits of the first seven years are indelibly established." Educators agree that the child's habits of behavior are "set" at a very young age. The Roman Catholics know this and so they say, "Give me a child until he is seven, and I don't care what you do with him afterwards." The Moslems are also aware of this. Every Friday noon on my way home from school



Luz teaching young people

I pass by at least three mosques. It is a common sight to see little boys worshiping with youths and adults; or when they go out from the mosques wearing small black hats and sarong carrying a small rectangle velvet mat used for kneeling, just like their elders. Is it any wonder when they grow up they become "lovers and defenders" of Islam?

Also, children are consciously and unconsciously modelling their behavior after suggestions given by influential agencies like

movies, television, radio, comic books and gangs. So if we don't start filling their minds and hearts with the quick and powerful Word, they will soon be saturated with the things of this world. And once the clay hardens it will be difficult to mold them into the image of God. We cannot wait to "train up a child in the way he should go so that when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

"Less time and effort are necessary to win many children to Christ than one adult." When I was in the Philippines on several occasions I had the chance of helping in evangelistic campaigns. Weeks before the meetings, preparations were already in full sway. Intensive house to house visitations were made, invitations were given here and there, stages were erected, a public address system rented, lights were installed, eloquent speakers and good singers were trained. Yet, the results

were not always encouraging, for though the attendance was usually good during the first or three meetings, it often dwindled on the remaining days of the campaigns.

This is the way with adults. But, how is it with children? I had children's meetings sometimes just under the mango or coconut trees or at a street corner. Almost without any invitation the children flocked in. There was no stage or loud speaker; neither did I use extraordinary



audio-visual aids. Most of the time there was no musical instrument, yet there was always a good crowd. Children are really this easy to reach. Sometimes you don't even have to go to them for they come to you with genuine eagerness.

"Children have their whole lives ahead of them for service." I once read the biography of Jonathan Goforth who was saved at an early age. He and his wife Rosalind served the Lord for 48 years in China. When his eyes were dim, he was asked what he would do if God would give him another forty years, Goforth said he would gladly lay down those years for His service. What if he was converted at seventy? He would have had but a few years for God's service. Children when saved, do indeed have more years to live and serve God.

"Children open many homes for personal work." In the late 70's I lived and worked in Libon, Albay, Philippines. Every weekend I taught children in the neighboring villages. When the children gathered for the class a few adults also came around. Knowing these children meant knowing some of their parents, brothers, sisters, and other relatives. I easily gained entrance into their homes and had many opportunities of witnessing to adults about the Savior. Parents who may not even dare go near our churches may be visited and witnessed as a result of children's work.

"A teacher's own life is matured as he sees himself as God's child learning His higher ways." According to Marion Laurence, a

well-known Sunday School worker, teachers should be the ones "who will put their whole mind into their preparation, their whole soul into their presentation, and their whole life into their illustration." Because this is the nature and work of Christian teaching, is it any wonder that a teacher matures as he teaches? This especially happens when the teacher realizes that he cannot lead any pupil any farther along the road of Christian achievement than he has gone. Then too, teaching includes applying knowledge to life. Before a teacher can successfully apply a given truth to his pupils, he has to apply it first to himself. It would be hard to teach children to feed on the Word daily if you yourself do not. So while the pupils learn under a teacher, the teacher learns under the Master Teacher.

If it is true that in our service for the Lord we too often overlook the great ministry of reaching and training children, at least we can say that we are not the first ones to do so. For one day almost two thousand years ago the disciples thought they were doing Jesus a great favor by trying to get rid of the children so that He could better concentrate of the "important" job of ministering to adults. But, Jesus had to rebuke them. (Mark 10:13)

I wonder what Jesus would say if He was to visit our churches and other fields of service and see the hundreds and thousands of eager, willing, interested children being all too often ignored by some workers. Would He not rebuke us, too?

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## Lessons Learned by Don Sommer

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Having just completed our first term of missionary service in the Philippines, we realize that more than anything our time on the field was more of a learning experience than anything else. Usually it was through the Filipinos themselves that we gained many important lessons. Some lessons were purely practical, relating to living and working in the Philippines. Others had to do with personal relations, and still others were lessons which God used to deepen our spiritual life and our relationship to Him. In this article, I would like to share some of those lessons and what we have gained from them.

Our Filipino friends have taught us many practical lessons that have been of great assistance in our everyday life in that country. This includes everything from bargaining for the best price at the open air market to the best way to choose a good coconut, mango, or other exotic fruit. They have taught us how to butcher chickens, how to travel on the unique forms of public transportation, how to wash a large load of laundry by hand and how to kill a cobra in the backyard. Because of differences in design and quality, we even had to be retaught some very simple tasks such as using a hand pump to get water or painting a wall.

I also learned of the differences in personal relationships. An example would be the difference in

the way a person handles a business transaction. If we buy something or have work done, such as automobile repair, and the merchandise is poor quality or the work is inferior or the salesperson is rude our first reaction as Americans is to complain, expecting that the situation will improve. We soon found that complaining and demanding ones rights had the opposite effect. When a Filipino is challenged in that way they are offended and consequently, they are less willing to serve you or exchange the merchandise. However, we found that with compliments and sweet talk, soon a relationship was built with ourselves and the business person and they would go out of their way to satisfy us.

As valuable as these new found skills were to us, we received much more from the spiritual lessons which we were taught by the Filipinos. Here are a few of them:

Pastor Sausa was our Filipino co-worker in the city of Ormoc. We worked together in a church planting ministry and we spent a good deal of time doing house-to-house visitation. I learned from Pastor Sausa a tremendous way to start a spiritual conversation with a contact and lead into a presentation of the Gospel. Usually, in a conversation the person visited would discuss the many problems in the country, the Communist insurgency, the wide-

spread poverty and disease, high crime rate, etc. With that cue, Pastor Sausa would mention that the Bible says a time will come when conditions throughout the world will be much worse than they are now and he would then discuss some of the plagues and judgments described in the Book of Revelation. Then he would tell them that the Bible also says that believers in Christ will not have to go through that time and he would share with them about the Rapture and finally he would give a presentation of the Gospel.

Observing the poverty of the Filipinos and their response to it has given me a greater appreciation for the blessings we have received from the Lord. Again, it was Pastor Sausa that provided one of the most refreshing responses to the hardships of the Filipinos' life. When a member would bemoan the fact of his poverty, Pastor Sausa would quote Psalm 37:25 which says, "I was young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Thus, reminding me of the Lord's gracious provision. He has never promised excess but at least He always provides for our needs.

Probably the greatest lesson learned was through the example of Pastor Max Solis and his wife, Lennie. Pastor Solis was the TCM worker assigned in Butuan City at the same time we were there for our language study and we became close friends. Before we



Don, Sue, and Katharine Sommer returned to the U.S. for our furlough, we were invited to return to Butuan as guest speakers for a women's conference being held there. When we arrived we learned that their third child, a one and a half year old girl, was seriously ill, suffering from a disease called "scalded skin syndrome." This is an extremely contagious disease caused by a "staph" bacteria which gives the skin the appearance of severe burns and causing a dangerously high fever. Within three days of the onset of the disease, the baby, "My-My," died. She had been taken to the hospital but it was already too late and there was nothing that could be done. In the midst of this terrible crisis we witnessed how Pastor and Mrs. Solis were able to accept the situation and continued to praise God even amid tragedy. It was a

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# Property Purchased in Jakarta

by Dr. Frans Tamarol

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Last June, Grace Bible Church, Gereja Alkitab Anugerah (GAA) in Indonesia commemorated its tenth anniversary. Ten years is a long time, yet at the present time only three out of eighteen congregations throughout Indonesia have their own church buildings. Two others are still building theirs. The rest of the congregations meet in homes.

Jakarta is the capital city of the Republic of Indonesia. Land is very expensive in this densely populated city. Government offices, business centers, schools and universities, and all private activities mingle together making nine million people and almost one million vehicles of various

has been very vital. After a long time of praying, developing plans, appointing committees, discussing possibilities, raising funds, our merciful God has answered our prayers by allowing us to purchase property which is a house (three bedrooms, two baths, one living room, telephone) on a 268 square meter lot. It cost twenty-five thousand dollars or forty million rupiahs. God provided the money through donors, among them, American donors took the biggest part. Praise the Lord and thank you very much to all fellow believers who had responded to this great need of the Lord's work in Indonesia.

This newly purchased building will house the GAA headquarters and SETIA. It needs some renovation in a short-range plan, and in the long-range, the building should be extended to two or multi-story building. Another alternative



Frans Tamarol and family

types overcrowd the city.

GAA headquarters and the Bible School (SETIA) are also in Jakarta. The need for a building

could be to erect an open hall in front of the present building because only the back half of the the land is now occupied by the

house. Please pray for these plans.

Next year, SETIA plans to open a special program for young non-Christian-background believers who want to study at the Bible School. This building is a real help for this plan to succeed. One room may be used as an office while the other two as dormitories, and the living room for a classroom. There is a small temporary building in front of the

house which may be used as an office or for literature and follow-up ministries. In short, this property will be used mainly for the Department of Education and Training of GAA under which SETIA, Literature, and Follow-Up Ministries operate.

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## **Lesson Learned *continued from page 11***

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challenge to us as we so often complain and grumble to God when small things don't seem to go as we would like.

Often, Sue and I have said to ourselves how much our lives have been changed by the time spent in the Philippines. Our experiences have broadened our

perspective of the world and have taught us a great deal and given us a new spiritual outlook as well. We would like to thank the many Filipino friends and co-workers who have contributed to this deepening of our lives and spiritual walk.

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## **Can you help?**

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Things to Come Mission is getting together another work crusade for Brazil, leaving January 27, 1990 and returning February the 10th. The cost is about \$1100. We need men who are brick layers, plumbers, electricians, etc. We want to build a girl's dormi-

tory for our Bible Institute in Brazil.

If you are interested, please contact TCM headquarters in Cope, Colorado (303) 357-4291. We desperately need your help. This building is important for training Brazil nationals.

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## **Memorial Gifts**

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## Why I am going to Brazil by Mary Hobaugh

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Greetings in our Saviour's Precious Name - the name of Jesus, which is above every Name. Philippians 2:9

My name is Mary Hobaugh, originally from Logansport, Indiana. At the age of five, I started attending Sunday School, often walking alone there and back, about a mile. Later my brother confessed Christ as Saviour. He bought a car to provide transportation for us and the neighbor children and young people. The church began to grow.

My mother and I joined the church when I was ten years old. On our way home from that meeting, I told my mother that when I grew up I wanted to be a missionary. She hugged me and said that "I needn't cross the ocean to be a missionary." This is true. At that church I heard a message of sin and salvation, so was under conviction.

Some of my young friends attended gospel meetings where they believed and their lives were changed. I was 17 years old then. I, too, trusted Christ as my Saviour, and at that time believe I turned my life over to Him. Those were depression years (1929 - 1932) but the Lord supplied our need.

I wanted to go to Bible School or College, but there was no money for that. So, I stayed at home and worked for several years. Then I found out that a student could work and take

classes in evening school at the Moody Bible Institute. So, I went to Chicago to go to school.

During this time Pastor J. C. O'Hair was on a Chicago radio station and pastor of the North Shore Grace Church. I heard the messages and believed it then, but didn't pursue it.

A missionary in the Ozark Mountains needed help in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, so, I went one summer alone, and another year took along 2 more helpers. It was a primitive area. We made little progress, but later other missionaries followed us and planted churches.

Back in Chicago I enrolled in my third year at MBI. This prepared me for entering nursing school in 1945, and in 1948 I graduated from the Swedish Covenant Hospital. Eager to use my nursing education, I went to Honduras to minister to the sick and wounded.

When I returned to the States I heard that nurses were needed in Brazil, so I went to Brazil in 1950, working some of those years with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Recife. In 1958 I returned to work in Detroit, Michigan to be near my mother. She passed away in 1964. In 1968 I went to Oregon, and in 1972 to California. In each place, I pursued my nursing career.

About ten years ago I found the Grace Church in Downey, California, and have continued learn-

ing more about God's grace, and the grace message. During this time the Vernon Andersons visited our church. At one of the services, I was impressed by Vernon's saying that age is no deterrent to going to the mission field, nor is physical endurance, amount of education or monetary worth. Some missionaries in poor health accomplish much; and some who have little of this world's goods receive their needs met by a faithful Lord.

Early this year Archie and Geri Smith brought Mario Indino to ask me to help in the Lord's work in Curitiba. This is both a challenge and an opportunity. The people in Brazil who have never heard the Gospel do respond.

How about you? We are all needed in life's journey to reach out to the lost; and to encourage those already in the race to press



Mary Hobaugh

on. As we work, pray and serve together to win souls we shall reap a harvest of souls.

The Lord willing, I will be leaving from Los Angeles for Rio de Janeiro and Curitiba at the end of October or early November.

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Lord's Money:**

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## News you can use

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### INDONESIA:

**Luz Gaddi** writes: "In doing personal evangelism with our youth, we found out the Moslems have printed and distributed tracts to each home entitled, "How To Reject Christian Soul Winners." Nevertheless, more and more Moslems are beginning to see the light of the gospel and are being won to Christ. Perhaps that's why foreign missionaries are sent home, for fear that Indonesia can no longer boast that the majority of its population is Islam."

**Dr. Frans P. Tamarol:** "I am just back from my short trip to Ujung Pandang. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Maloring and the believers in this area are working hard. They are facing strong opposition from the unbelievers, but the work is running so they have no other choice but to keep running. 150 people participated in the seminar on May 8. It was great."

"Bible school is approaching the end of its second semester. Three students are preparing for field practice after they complete two semesters in the classroom. Four other students will proceed to the next semester to take courses with several new students. The three students who are conducting field practice need our support and prayer for their one-year plan, transportation, lodging, and food expenses, and of course, for their health, courage, and commitment to the Lord."

### BRAZIL:

**Mario Indino** writes: "This year we have 15 first year and second year students. The second year will be going out for their internship by the end of this year. The men will spend one year while the girls will only spend six months which is the last part of their course. While the men will have to get back for another year in the classroom. Most of them will be helping the existing work in places where we don't have workers and the rest will be helping the pastors in the churches. We would certainly appreciate it if you could mention them in prayer for the devil will try to destroy and divert the students from following the Lord. We would like to get some books for them to have before going out. Bible dictionaries, concordances, even Scofield Bible references will be of great help. All of these are available in Portuguese."

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**Mary Hobough** will join the work in Brazil around the first part of December.

**Doug LeLefebber** writes: "The believers in Ponta Grossa have been asking us to come and start a church for sometime. They recognize their need to be taught."



Pray with us that something can be started."

"Vicki and I are partially moved to Recife. Next week we have to have a phone installed. It's unbelievable, but it costs \$3000. We must have one. Since I left the church three years ago, it has suffered greatly with its past three pastors. All three were young and inexperienced. We're trusting to see the work build up again and making plans for a massive literature campaign reaching the entire population of Boa Viagem, the suburb where our church is located, through fliers, tracts, correspondence courses, letters, etc."

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## PHILIPPINES:

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A great work is being done among the youth. Brother Jun Cadelina writes: "As of June 30 we reached 114 days of crusades, 1787 professions, 33,678 estimated attendance."

"As of this time, we need tracts, a new generator for the other team, a person to take charge of the survey and follow-up in places visited. We need free literature for those who responded to our questionnaire inserted in the follow-up letter for those who accepted the Lord."

Please pray for the equipment needed. Also, pray for needed funds to complete the construction of the Cebu City Grace Gospel Church. The brethren are working hard but the cost of construction is increasing so fast that they need help finishing the

building. They now have 127 attendance. When the editor started the church we had only 10 young people. I believe this church can become one of the largest Grace churches in the Far East.

**Dan Sidebottom** reports: "Our Field Ministry Director, Pastor Antonio Improso, has compiled information from the Supervising Ministers and Field Coordinators and sent to me the following report on our church growth. The total number of reported churches planted in this year's period is 50. Praise God!! May God give us strength and wisdom to continue this outreach."

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## U.S.A.

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Please pray for the director of TCM, Brother Eldred Sidebottom. Decisions are not always easy and each day they must be made, letters must be answered, funds must be disbursed, and government standards followed.

Beverly Sidebottom and Pauline Watkins do all the bookkeeping of TCM. They will now have to learn how to operate the computer to do the bookkeeping. TCM is in the process of using the computer to do its accounting.

Ellen Cecil handles the mailing list and all missionary prayer letters. This is an important missionary work. When you think and pray for the work of TCM, include the office staff.

News from **Tom and Carol Schneidmiller**: "It is with deep joy

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and peace that I write a few words about Carol and my trip to the great state of Alaska."

"The size of the Great Land is a fifth the size of the Continental United States. Now I am from Ohio and you could put 14 1/2 states the size of Ohio inside Alaska."

"We are looking to the start of our work (with your help) in Alaska in the summer of 1990. Please pray for us as you know it is not easy."

**Bob and Beth Xavier** write: "This morning I was blessed to preach at the County Jails on the book of Philemon. The following verse from Paul truly speaks my heart for you: Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you (brothers and sisters), have refreshed (our hearts). Phil. 7 ..."

"We have just completed our second training program for Overcomers Facilitators and plan to begin our third on November 12th. We have an on-going training program to help facilitators lead support groups for sin addicted individuals with many life-controlling problems. The Overcomers Support Group is a proven, effective approach in reaching the many unreached people of our nation with the Gospel of Christ."

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## KENYA:

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**Ben and Joyce Anderson** are proud parents of twins born July 19th. Their names are Jaclyn Elyse and Frances Grace.

We have just received word that the government has not given the

permit for a TCM Bible School. They will apply again for the permit.

**Mike and Donna Maleski** are expecting their first child around March 1990. They do need your prayers.

**Mrs. Jessie Easterly** left October 27th for Kenya. She will be working with the Andersons and Maleskis. She and her late husband (J. H. Palmer) started TCM back in the 50's. They also were missionaries in Africa before starting TCM. Please pray for her as she makes the adjustment.

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## SINGAPORE:

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**Dan Gross** writes: "The Grace Church in Singapore has had continual difficulty in finding a suitable meeting place. One of the members (Wen Chee) recently obtained a house and opened it up for a meeting place. They recently had their first meeting in Wen Chee's house and listened to a tape that I sent them on the pre-Tribulation Rapture."

"As most of you know, we have been looking for an open door to minister again in Asia. We are glad to say that doors appear to be opening. Plans are being made for us to move to the Philippines this Fall!"

"In addition to our work in Manila, I hope to travel to other countries in Asia as doors open. Our work will consist of: 1. Evangelism, 2. Church planting, 3. Training leadership."

# Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections

"Let go and Let God." I have a poster with that statement on it. It has a picture of a bird just soaring free giving the feeling of not being tied up or weighed down with anything. And the times I seem to think of applying this nice concept is when I'm usually frustrated with something I'm involved in or with something that someone else is doing (or not doing). However, my attitude, in all honesty, is probably a little negative so I am tempted to do more than just let go - I want to turnaround, walk away, and quit (justification - so that God can do it all by Himself). But, that's not how God likes to work. He wants to do things through us but how can we let Him without getting in the way ourselves? And how do we keep out of the way without leaving the scene?

What are some things that we have been asked to let go of before and why? The first things that come to mind probably have to do with danger or discipline. If we were grabbing at something that had acid in it we probably heard someone yell, "let go - don't touch that." Or if we took something from somebody, we were asked to "let go" and give it back. In these cases, the reasons were for our own good - to protect us physically and to teach us morally.

There are also some other possible reasons we might need to let go of something. If we are trying to do something the best that we can but someone more knowledgeable or experienced comes along, we would be wise to let go and let him show us how to do it. But, it doesn't mean we have to quit and walk away - we need to stay right there watching, concentrating, learning how it's done, and offering to help him in anyway that we can (even while he gets the glory for doing the job).

From these few examples, then, I think we can get more of an idea what this concept means in relation to God and His working in and through our lives. In times of danger we need to be willing to let go of our finite plans and ideas and let God have His way, trusting that He knows and has our best in mind.

There are many times we fail people or get into situations where we don't think ahead and we get caught hurting or wronging others. Our usual reaction is to try to justify ourselves, make excuses, and mumble a vague general apology (for their sake, not ours). But, God's discipline usually requires that we let go of our pride and self-righteousness and see ourselves for who and what we really are and know that He loves us just the same. We need to let go and let God heal the hurts.

In the last example, it may be even harder to just let go and let God - why? Because we are doing our "best," we're giving it our all, we're using our talents for the Lord like we should but... somehow something is not quite right. And here comes God again to tap us on the shoulder and say, "Let go and let Me." But we shake our heads and reply, "No, wait, not yet God - I know I'm doing what's good and right this time and I'm sure I can finish it... (pause ...what if God doesn't want it finished right now - it will serve better to be left undone at the moment - or maybe He wants someone else to finish it instead, or maybe He's changed the plan and wants a different ending...) Oh!" And this is when we are tempted to do more than just let go - we want to walk away and say (with our wounded pride intact), "See if I ever get involved like that again - just a waste of time..." But we know that what God is really concerned with is what type of person we become. It's not what we can do for Him but what He can do through us and in us. And that's why we have to "let go and let God" and then be willing to stick around for the final results! - Jennifer Sidebottom

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### ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

#### Joel Molina Reports-

"Let me assure the board of Things to Come Mission that my fiancée and I are burdened to go to Indonesia to be able to help the ministry there. I have no intention of staying in the States neither do I plan to work in the Philippines. My burden is to go to Indonesia. I am certain that God is leading me there unless there is a clear indication for me not to be able to go due to the openness of the country in terms of giving missionary visas.

"This is our initial plan at present. I am going to finish my Th. B in May 1990 then hopefully get my Masters in July and then get married on August 11th. Then, on the last week of September we are hoping to start our deputation. We are planning to leave the States in February 1991 and will visit the Philippines on our way to Indonesia. We would like to attend the national TCM workers conference in the Philippines.



Joel Molina

We have one problem. We need a car for our deputation. In fact, I badly need one right now. I am also turning down some invitations because I don't have a vehicle."

Would you please make this need a matter of prayer? Joel, you remember is a product of TCM's work in the Philippines. He will finish his studies in 1990. We praise God. He will be marrying a fine Christian girl who is willing to serve with him in Indonesia. She is presently attending Grace Bible College. Joel is much needed in the work in Indonesia. He will teach in the Bible Institute. Maybe you have a car you could donate to the mission for Joel. A tax deductible receipt can be given for whatever the Blue Book says is the value. Joel and Darcy are much needed so we do want him to meet his schedule for leaving for Indonesia. He will need transportation to meet