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Pastors from the Xhosa tribe (South Africa) being trained by Bruce Woolard

THINGS
TO COME
MISSION



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

FROM THE EDITOR

"Practice what you preach!" is often quoted at those claiming to be believers who aren't really following God closely day by day. It is said many times because the world sees no difference between its own walk and the walk of those who call themselves Christians.

However, let us take this phrase "practice what you preach" out of the realm of the believer's living and put it into the realm of the believer's giving.

There are thousands of people who have grown up under the teaching of the Word as it has been committed to the Apostle Paul. They believe in a dispensational approach to Bible study, teaching, and preaching. Yet, where do they go to church? Where is their offering (tithe) given? Is their time, talent, energy, encouragement, sacrifice, and finances used to support a ministry which is founded upon their belief?

It is time we band ourselves together and say,

"united we stand." If we believe in the message committed to the Apostle Paul, let's practice it. Let's support it. If we don't, no one else will! The ministries within our dispensational position seldom receive support from outside our fellowship.

When will we support what we believe in with all of our strength, mind, heart, and soul? Is not supporting the Lord's ministry part of loving the Lord?

We have tried to place within your hands an informative and challenging issue of the IH. Please take time to read the two articles from the fields. Don Sommer (from the Philippines) and Bob Xavier (from Florida) offer some insight into our movement as a whole and into their personal ministry as well. Once again we have tried to give a brief look into the ministry of many of our personnel. Use these for your prayer time!

We would like to thank you for your comments on our magazine and we trust this issue will help make you more aware of our mission ministries. ☺

"Joe, I used to worry about the political changes taking place in South Africa, but I don't any longer. At one time I was willing to physically fight the black as our forefathers did (Afrikaners), but now since I have come to see the distinctive message given to the apostle Paul and the blessed hope of the rapture, I no longer worry." I asked, "Dr. Jansen, since you are a medical doctor why don't you immigrate to the USA?" He answered that South Africa was his country and he just couldn't leave. Dr. Jansen was very active in one

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of the largest Protestant churches in South Africa until Pastor Bruce Woolard sent him some video messages of his on the teaching of the rapture of the church. He learned that to Paul was committed a special revelation and the rapture was part of the revelation. He has since become very active in starting the Berean Church in

Newcastle. What a joy it was to have been able to stay in his home for one week. We spent much time discussing the Word of God. He also made appointments with others to discuss the Word of God rightly divided.

I found many in my three-week stay in South Africa who were just like Dr. Jansen. This was my second trip to South Africa. I was able to see more of the country and meet many more people who call themselves Bereans. I felt the heartbeat of these people for the ministry given to Paul and their desire to get it out to all South Africans. They also have a concern for the political situation of their country. Space does not allow me to discuss with you the political situation, but I feel I must share with you the spiritual vision I left the country with.

This trip allowed me the opportunity to visit two tribal areas--the Zulu and Xhosa tribes. The pastor of the Berean Church in Newcastle was a missionary to the Zulus. He took Ed Wishart and me way back into the Zulu tribal area. This tribe is the largest in South Africa. During this trip,

one thing stood out--I saw only one church. What an opportunity to reach so many of these people with the gospel of the Grace of God. When we returned to Newcastle, I challenged the brethren to reach out to this tribe with the message of Grace. One thing we learn from the apostle Paul is that God is not willing that anyone should perish. God is not working through any specific nation today. He has given all of us who are saved a title "ambassadors for Christ." Each one of us has the opportunity to reach out to others with the message of Grace. Pastor David Malan told me just before I left, "We need a missionary family to help with a ministry to the Zulus."

After Newcastle I went to Port Elizabeth. Here Pastor Bruce Woolard has a ministry to 15 pastors from the Xhosa tribe. This is a good opportunity to begin a ministry among the second largest tribe in South Africa. These pastors had some kind of training program but tribal customs hold these men back. One will need to have much patience in teaching and working with these people. But they are people which God wants to see saved

and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

After my first visit in 1989, the Berean Church of South Africa was founded. Now there are four churches and many members. This group of individuals and churches needs to be brought together more in a stronger fellowship. They must work closer together as a unit to establish more churches throughout South Africa. A Bible Institute needs to be established in order to train future workers both black and white.

The three weeks in South Africa were spent in much teaching of the Word rightly divided. There is such zeal among the brethren. We went away challenged in a greater way for the truth which was committed to Paul. ☺



Joseph W. Watkins

A LOCAL CALL REACHING LONG DISTANCE!

Are you tired of all this competition for long distance calls? How about considering a "local call?" TCM would like to extend a call for a volunteer (a single individual or couple) to help in the thick of things in the mission main office.

Location:

- TCM headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana

Term:

- 3 years minimum

Criteria:

- Single or married
- Self-supporting (retired?)
- Provide own housing

Ministry:

- Bookkeeping (no experience required)
- Help with prayer letter preparation
- Help prepare mailings
- Help with required purchases

Personal Profile:

- Christian
- Agreement with TCM Doctrinal statement
- Trustworthy
- Maintain confidentiality (working with finances)
- Detailed (working with finances)

- Basic typing skills
- Willing to work behind the scenes
- Self-motivated
- People skills (working with other people)

Benefits: (to you)

- Performance of a valid, necessary ministry
- Up-to-date awareness of missionary activity
- Storing up of heavenly rewards ☺
- Attending the Grace Church of Indianapolis

Benefits: (to the mission)

- Allows greater ministry accomplishment
- Frees Treasurer from daily bookkeeping activities
- Allows Executive and Development Directors more ministry time
- Greater productivity
- Financial

Application Process:

- Pray for guidance
- Study TCM Doctrinal Statement
- Study TCM Mission Overview
- Contact the mission at:
Things To Come Mission
2200 English Ave
Indianapolis, IN
46201-4017
(317)262-8806

Development Director

IS THE GRACE MOVEMENT DYING?

By Donald Sommer

Living in a foreign country it is difficult to keep up with the events and trends going on at home. We do, however, receive a certain amount of news through letters, magazines and other periodicals, and bits of information we pick up here and there. The news we have heard about the loose knit and fragmented fellowship of churches we call the *Grace Movement* is often quite disturbing. We learn of many churches without pastors, dropping enrollment at Grace Bible College, churches closing their doors and other less than encouraging reports. Such news is then often accompanied by a remark such as "the Grace Movement is dying."

I myself have been guilty of saying things such as that, but I soon correct myself when I realize the narrow-mindedness and ethnocentrism implied by the statement. It is as if to say the Grace Movement is restricted to the tiny group of bickering, backbiting churches in the United States. While it is probably true that

the American Grace Movement is ailing (hopefully not dying) that is certainly not the case as we look around the world. We hear stories of conversions, numerical growth and spiritual vitality from so many places where Grace organizations have outreaches.

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I'm thrilled to learn of the church growth going on in Zaire, Kenya, Tanzania, Indonesia, Brazil, Uruguay and other parts of the globe. To illustrate the point I will cite some examples from the Philippines, the field I am most familiar with, though I'm sure you could hear similar information from other fields.

The actual number of Grace churches in the Philippines is hard to estimate because of the remoteness of

many congregations and the fact that they are multiplying so rapidly. We are certain that there are no fewer than 430 churches directly affiliated with Things to Come Mission although estimates could be much higher. There are no less than 50 churches which, although not officially affiliated with TCM, believe Grace doctrine. In terms of numbers alone we see great vitality in the Grace Movement in the Philippines.

We may ask about the spiritual maturity of the members. Spiritual maturity, of course,

"Let us take this as a challenge to the American Grace Movement to a stronger commitment to evangelism, and growth in spirituality and knowledge in our churches at home."

is a very subjective thing and difficult to determine. One way I would suggest to measure the maturity of the believers in a group of churches would be to look at the amount of conflict that exists between the members and within the churches.

While the leadership there



Don and Sue Sommer

does not have exact records of the number of times they have been called upon to resolve conflicts in churches we have noticed a general decrease in the number of such incidents. We've also seen fewer church splits and other signs of spiritual immaturity. I hope that in the future we can keep better records on this so that we can quantify our observations. This would indicate that here the Grace Movement is showing signs of spiritual growth.

The desire for Biblical knowledge is also a sign of the vitality of a Christian fellowship. Within the TCM churches there are at least six forms of Biblical instruction besides the traditional methods of pastor-led Bible studies and Sunday Schools. These include the residential Bible School campuses, residential

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October Letter to Philippine Workers *by the Philippine Director*

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." Greetings in the name of our great and faithful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I am glad to report to you that there have been more advances in the frontiers of our work, even as several new congregations of believers were reported last month. Notable among these are fruits of the Hour of Grace ministry and personal outreach and evangelism. We hold these as nothing short of the Lord's doing which He continues to perform through us, His laborers in the vineyard. Honor and glory be to His great and holy name!

I want also to report that in the past two months the financial gifts we received were very minimal, lower than the general average in a year or so. As I sit writing this I bear the feeling of concern because the financial assistance we could send to the workers and the different departments of our work is several thousands short of the need of the month. I have no doubt that the Lord wants us to look within our local areas and from there get more local resource to meet the need of the month and the months to come. Please encourage the brethren in our churches to pray more earnestly and be more sensitive to respond to the

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THE REST OF THE WAY

By Bob Xavier

The purpose of Set Free Ministry (SFM) of Bradenton, Florida, is to help people change their direction in life through the Gospel of the Grace of God. SFM has been teaching life-skills to people with life-controlling problems through issue management. Through different support systems, people with a variety of needs and problems, including codependency, receive help, hope, and support.

Codependency: A Biblical Perspective. The term "co-dependent" was first coined in the 1970's emerging from the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) movement. It did not become popular, however, until recent years. We now hear the word tossed around as easily and freely as lettuce in a Caesar salad.

Just what does codependency mean and who is a co-dependent? The terms "rescue," "fix," "enabler," and "care-taker" all have been linked to the meaning of codependency. Codependency

is an imbalanced sense of responsibility to take care of or rescue (even control in some cases) others by fixing their problems, in order to feel needed, valued, and worthwhile.

A dependent person is one addicted to (or dependent on) drugs, alcohol, cigarettes or some other compulsive-addictive behavior. The codependent personality focuses the majority of his mental energy on the sin-addicted person. The Bible calls this walking after the flesh. Romans 8.6 gives a clear statement of how the Lord views this *fleshly focus*: "For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace."

Set Free Ministry Counseling Center. The SFM Christian counselling center provides free assistance, comfort, and hope to clients. We help them to clearly understand past events, to evaluate the present alternatives and to plan a Christ-centered course of action. *The ministry helps*

to lead a person the rest of the way by applying Biblical Grace principles to his/her life.

12-Step Bridge to Christ for Families. Over twenty million people attend an AA 12-step group yearly. Every one of these sin-addicted people have infected others significantly with severe chronic character defects. Those living with a sin-addicted person often become codependent--sacrificing identity, intimacy and even godly worth to keep the relationship. Utilizing the 12 Steps of Recovery, people receive help to deal with anger, frustration, hurt and dysfunctional behavior that come along with their codependency.

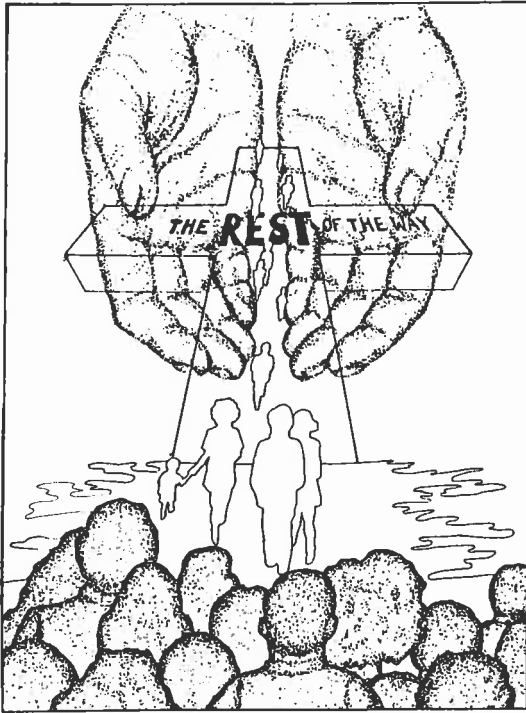
During the past four years the SFM program has provided training and equipping for church support group leaders, lay counselors and interns. *Our Christ-centered training builds a bridge away from humanistic teaching to Christian teaching.* SFM outreach is using a cross-cultural approach of evangelism and Biblical grace teaching to help reach a huge unreached dysfunctional people

group of our nation.

The SFM Christian 12-step builds a bridge to the church through meeting a variety of felt needs of the unchurched. We have assisted hundreds of emotionally wounded and spiritually starved people to leave the humanistic 12-step teaching of AA. Very large numbers of people are entering the church through the side-door and becoming church members through Christ-centered 12-step support groups.

Many AA members maintain sobriety but do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. They will conclude their lives in blackness and darkness forever (Jude 10-13). But the *Christ-centered 12-steps leads a person the Rest of the Way to the cross.*

Since October 1990, 23 young women were provided an organized opportunity to rebuild their lives in a positive, Christian environment through the Set Free Ministry missionary outreach. Dana, a former troubled teen and "biker brat," is beginning Bible College this winter. Though we sadly have experienced relapses with a few of our women, we have witnessed



many spectacular success stories--Praise God!!

The Women Set Free Ministry needs two more full-time Christian women workers and funds to provide full-time resident ministry care for the women in their three homes.

The SFM counselling center has **no fees** and all counselling is provided free of charge because of gifts received from you, our grace-centered friends. Please pray that the Lord continues to go before us in reaching a very large, unreached people group of our country with the Gos-

pel of the Grace of God. We prayerfully request your partnership to help lead a person *the Rest of the Way to the cross of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior*.

Will you please join with us in praying for the SFM, both for ministry finances and for much needed additional missionary workers? We also need funds to print grace-centered training materials for individuals and local grace churches. We at SFM want to thank all

of you who continually support us and our work. We love you and thank God for you always. ☺



Bob and Beth Xavier

CONFERENCE IDEAS!

Maybe your missionary conference is just around the corner. You have been racking your brain trying to think of ideas which would make your conference memorable in the hearts of your church people as well as in the hearts of the missionaries you have invited.

Maybe you could consider the following, taken from the "Missionary Questionnaire" of a missions conference which we attended (with six other missionary families). With the missionaries lined up on the platform, the moderator asked these questions which some or all of the missionaries could respond to.

1. What expectations do you have in returning to the field?
2. Are there new goals you have for this term that would distinguish it from previous terms?
3. What are some cultural differences or incidents which have been:
 - a. Amusing
 - b. Stressful
 - c. Painful
4. How available are:
 - a. Food stuffs
 - b. Mechanical tools
 - c. Books/magazines
5. Many fields are becoming more and more anti-American. Is this a problem on your field? If yes, what is being done? How is it handled? If no, do you foresee it becoming a problem and how will it affect your work?
6. How important are letters from "home" to you? Do you want to hear from us even if you don't know us?
7. Are you, as a missionary, able to share fully and honestly the difficulties and problems you have on the field? Do you have someone with whom you feel comfortable sharing your struggles? Are you

any different than us as a church?

8. Do you enjoy any of the native dishes for dinner, snacks, etc? If so, what are they? Are they comparable to anything here?
9. What are the responsibilities of each family member on the field?
10. What status do women have in the native culture? Are they allowed educations? Can they hold any jobs in particular? Do they have much voice in local government?
11. Express to us some of the most fulfilling aspects of your ministry.
12. How may we at be an encouragement to your ministry?

The above questions (or some new ones you might think of) allow your church people to get a clearer picture of some of the joys, struggles, blessings, and trials which the missionaries face.

Why not take advantage of small group get-togethers with

a missionary family? Maybe your church only has services planned for Sunday but the missionary or missionary family will be staying until Tuesday or Thursday. Plan a get-together where three or four families invite the missionary to lunch or supper (even if it is only soup and crackers) and the missionary can have 30 to 45 minutes to give a more personal and in-depth report on his/her life and ministry. It is often during these small group mealtimes when the church people can get a clearer picture of the life of the missionary, and children become better acquainted with them, also. Plus, the missionary does not feel like he or she is "marking time" while waiting to travel to the next "Sunday" conference. ☺

Development Director

If your church has done something unique or special which you think other churches would appreciate considering for their conference, please write to the Development Director. As space is available, we will make your ideas known to others.

NEWS FLASH!

Sanny and Jeannette Sumilhig have been forced to leave Brazil. After only six months on the field, their visa has expired and renewal is not possible. They arrived in the USA on November 7. Work has already begun for a more permanent visa. Encourage them with your prayers, a note or letter, and continued financial support (this forced return trip home has cost them heavily and they will still need return travel).

It seems Sanny and Jeannette are going through their personal "baptism of fire." After planning for over 5 years to be missionaries, traveling thousands of miles, visiting numerous churches and friends, praying for what seemed like an eternity, and sorting their belongings into a few suitcases which could be taken with them, they arrived in Brazil as new missionaries in April.

Immediately they began the missionary struggle. They struggled with finances for language school as well as with the language itself (imagine 64 possible verb conjugations), struggling to get their home organized and furnished, learn-

ing their way around, getting acquainted with the Bible Institute staff and students, and trying to teach classes through an interpreter. However, the most difficult struggle came when their request for a visa extension was denied.

Sanny and Jeannette will have to remain in the USA until at least April 1992. Their baby was born December 3-- "Neiel Richard"--and the airlines will not allow a baby less than 3 months old to travel. It will also probably take at least four months for their visa approval. Pray!

If you would like to invite them to participate in your church services or invite them into your home, please contact them through the mission office. ☺

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need of the ministry. Do challenge them to exercise their faithful and systematic enablements to give the Lord's portion from their material possessions. In the situation of the day this is the only recourse for us to take, nothing more or less. ☺

Pastor Antonio N. Improso

CANDIDATE STATUS

Although 1991 has seen three new missionary families make their first trip to the mission field, TCM is not done yet. We are still looking for individuals who will give themselves to serve the Lord beyond the comfort of their own homes.

At the present time TCM still has one other couple who has been accepted as missionaries. **Gomersindo (Gomer) and Urbana (Nene) Indino** are preparing for entry into Brazil. Both have graduated from the Bible Institute in the Philippines and have ministered as youth leaders and in the pastorate. At the present time they are pioneering a church in San Francisco, Agusan del Sur, Philippines.

Please pray for this young couple. They have been planning for their missionary ministry for a number of years. The paper work for their Brazilian visa application has been completed in the Philippines, sent to the USA office, and forwarded to Brazil. Mario (Gomer's elder brother) is now in charge of delivering this to Brazilia, where the initial approval will be given.

In the meantime, Gomer and Nene are visiting the churches in the Philippines, sharing their burden of being missionaries to Brazil. It is the mission's desire that the Philippine churches raise at least 10% of the needed support which Gomer and Nene will need in Brazil. We know they will not be able to raise the full amount, but we want them to feel a part of this ministry.

When the Brazilian approval is finally given, Gomer and Nene will arrive in the USA for a short period of travel and deputation. We trust you will be preparing ahead of time to invite this couple into your church and home. You will be mutually encouraged and can share in their ministry.

It's exciting to see continued outreach from the Philippines to other countries. The truth of Paul's example is visible, "what you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." Now the Philippines is sending out their representatives, through the USA mission and churches, to the world beyond their shores. ☺

CAN WE CONNECT?

Oh, no! Did I make that address correction in computer A or computer B? How about that program I revised and updated? If you've ever worked with more than one computer at a time, you can understand the above questions. Until September, TCM had two computers. Pauline would use one for the address file, labeling, and prayer letter typing. Daniel would use one for entering the gifts, producing receipts, entering checks and expenses, and producing financial reports for the missionaries and board members.

Each time Pauline would change her address file, we would have to make sure the changes were copied to Daniel's computer. If a donor's name was needed in Daniel's computer to produce a receipt, we would have to wait until it was put in Pauline's computer and then copy it to Daniel's.

When Vickie would come to help with the receipting, Daniel would have to find something else to do since she would need the computer. Sometimes this wasn't hard, though what he wanted to do often required the computer.

What could solve this dilemma? Another computer and networking software! Who

could meet the cost of the solution? God provided a special gift through Jeff Townley. Jeff received an extra blessing and he in turn gave a portion back to the Lord's work. Jeff contacted an office he knew that had purchased Lantastic networking software. Since they were not using it, the mission offered a receipt for part of the cost and Jeff paid for the rest. Jeff purchased a new computer for the office and paid for his travel to help install the software on the computer system. The computer dealer also gave us the networking cable for a tax-deductable receipt.

The results? Almost tremendous! We are using it even as I write this article (Jennifer is also writing another article on the network). However, for us to use the network with our data management software (dbase IV), we have to purchase an upgrade (lan pac) which would allow five additional users. The cost of this is just over \$600. We are using the network with the software now, but only one at a time can use it. So we still have to copy the files back and forth.

Thank you Jeff for your help in streamlining our office procedures! ☺

Development Director

NEWS YOU CAN USE . . . *for prayer time*

Barbara Bowman continues to help her father who is recovering from cancer treatment. At this time she is still uncertain when she will be able to return to her ministry in Brazil. The family is excited about the progress her father has made but there is still much improvement needed. Continue to pray for her and her father during this time. Barb struggles with knowing her responsibilities with her father and yet wanting to return to Brazil. Pray for their peace.

Don & Arlene Fromer have just completed a very enjoyable five months of ministry as interim pastor at Tipp City, Ohio. The church has called a new pastor and Don and Arlene began a new ministry in Westhope, Ohio, on December 8. Please pray for them as there are a number of concerns in the church which they are expected to help with. The interim ministry has been extremely stressful for both of them and they hope to have a short break soon.

On October 22 **Joel & Darcy Molina** boarded the plane in

Detroit bound for Indonesia. Praise God! Their visa had been received less than two weeks before they left. After many years of preparation, countless miles of travel, and unknown questions and burdens, a dream has been realized. But now they face the reality of struggling with a new language, new climate, new culture, new friendships, and new ministry relationships. Continue to pray for this couple. We praise God for a special gift which was received to help with part of the cost of their language study.

Frans Tamarol, our Indonesian Bible Institute director, writes, "While Joel and Darcy are taking a language course, beginning November 16, he will be teaching his first course in Bible School (Greek 1). I will be interpreting for him. Also, in December he will be teaching the second course (Advance Survey)...Please tell our friends in the States we in Indonesia do appreciate all of them for praying and helping us. Thank you very much. One thing I want you to know is that we always pray for you

too. God bless you."

Jessie Easterly writes of the continuing success of the correspondence course ministry. New students are signing up continually. She will be applying for an extension of her work permit also. The permit is good for only two years and she has "no thought of a furlough yet." Continue to pray for her strength and health.

Cliff & Lou Ellen Kinkead have continued to visit churches and share their burden and dream of being missionaries in Kenya. They are to leave December 28 to begin their first term on the field. Pray for them as they help teach in the Bible Institute as well as travel, visit churches, and teach in seminars. Although they have both retired from their careers, they have not retired from serving the Lord.

Mary Hobough mentions a discussion she had with a member of the Spiritist Church. "We conversed and he knows a lot about Paul's epistles and the Bible . . . The Spiritists talk about Jesus and the Holy Spirit . . . What a need for a voice to speak out the truth. Please

pray. I see a need for several couples to start Grace churches (or at least Bible studies) in other areas of Brazil as well as Parana, [utilizing] radio programs, perhaps even T.V. It will take personnel and funds, but God is able."

Another wrote and said, "[Brazil] is ripe for the gospel... Most people are Spiritists and I feel TCM should [target] that people group more than any other."

Joe & Pauline Watkins continue their ministry in the USA office. Joe made a trip (with Ed Wishart) in November to South Africa (mentioned in his article). There is an increasing need to raise up more missionaries and finances within the mission as well as oversee the present ministries and personnel. This is a great responsibility which falls upon his shoulders.

One missionary wrote, probably speaking for most, "It seems we all need more support for the work. My work is very limited for lack of support. But God has promised to supply our needs. I pray He will stretch what does come in for His glory."

Bob & Beth Xavier continue to do a great job in Florida. During the last board meeting of the mission Bob presented a detailed report of the results of his ministry as well as future plans, prayer requests, and problem areas he is dealing with. The *Women Set Free Ministry* has served 21 women in the last year. These women, recently released from prison, learn inter-personal and personal skills as well as receiving Biblical counselling and training which will help them live independently and successfully in the world.

One part of his report states, "Absolutely must add at least one or two more women missionaries to staff. Set Free Office is in great need of clerical workers and volunteers."

He continues, "The concern for myself at this time is that all of the ministry factors come together in sequential progression and that I am not over-extended in the process of the *Women Set Free Ministry* development. I highly covet your prayers and ministry input..."

Beth is still having a difficult time with her pregnancy. The baby was about 29 weeks old the beginning of January. Pray for the family.

Don & Sue Sommer continue their ministry in the Philippines. He has been calling many times trying to get all the details on the work team which will be going there in February. Before the work team arrives, Don will try to have the foundation dug and poured as well as having the cement block made.

Daniel & Jennifer Sidbottom continue their work in the mission office and representing the mission in church meetings. Daniel has been perfecting some programs for the office work. Both have also been working on preparing the Inter-National Harvest for printing.

Daniel will be taking a trip to Brazil (he will have returned by the time you read this) to speak at the first graduation of our Bible Institute. There will also be a chance to visit churches in the area and share with the workers. He will be evaluating the final construction touches on the buildings which the work team built and seek to deal with some problems arising in the area of teachers for the coming school year. ☺

Development Director

"As cold water to a weary soul,
So is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25.25

There have been a number of churches and individuals who have remembered my birthday with a card and news from "home." When these were received in the Philippines, it was always a special occasion. Often I failed to acknowledge receipt of the card and note, but it was nice to know I was remembered and I was reminded again of my friends and supporters.

Below is a list of our missionaries' birthdays and anniversaries. Maybe you could drop them a note sometime. (♥ denotes anniversary)

	<i>January</i>	24,	Barry Pumphrey
♥ 4, 1986	Daniel & Jennifer Sidebottom		
6, 1971	Jeannette Sumilhig		<i>June</i>
7, 1964	Valerie Anderson	♥ 7, 1980	Dan & Jean Gross
14,	Jessie Easterly	13,	Clifford Kinkead
21,	Luz Gaddi	18, 1985	Daniel Gross
31, 1988	Tegwen Anderson	♥ 18, 1981	Mario & Ella Indino
		♥ 18, 1948	Cliff & Lou Ellen Kinkead
	<i>February</i>	♥ 19, 1976	Barry & Kathy Pumphrey
15,	Vernon Anderson	♥ 20, 1947	Vernon & Darlene Anderson
17,	Douglas LeFeber	20, 1953	Jean Gross
28, 1990	Joshua Gross	23, 1952	Loretta Jo Smyczynski
	<i>March</i>	♥ 23, 1984	Don & Sue Sommer
7, 1961	Benjamin Anderson		<i>July</i>
13, 1983	Jessica Gross	13, 1984	Jonathn Xavier
31, 1951	Michael Smyczynski	19, 1989	Frances Anderson
	<i>April</i>	19, 1989	Jaclyn Anderson
16,	Darlene Anderson	25, 1961	Santiago (Sanny) Sumilhig
18,	Don Fromer	♥ 29, 1955	Joe & Pauline Watkins
♥ 26, 1952	Don & Arlene Fromer		
27, 1986	Steve Indino		<i>August</i>
	<i>May</i>	♥ 11, 1990	Joel & Darcy Molina
10, 1959	Donald Sommer	12, 1961	Joel Molina
15, 1959	Eugenie Angelia (Ella) Indino	♥ 16, 1986	Ben & Joyce Anderson
17,	Mary Hobaugh	28, 1990	Carl Sommer

September

- ♥ 4, 1976 Mike & Loretta Smyczynski
- 15, 1983 Jonathan Indino
- 19, 1957 Joyce Anderson
- 20, Arlene Fromer
- 29, Pauline Watkins
- 30, 1952 Daniel Sidebottom
- 30, 1987 Katharine Sommer

October

- 23, Vicki LeFeber
- ♥ 24, 1954 Herodion (Mario) Indino

November

- 1, 1978 Ben Pumphrey
- 1, 1978 Sandy Pumphrey
- 3, 1963 Barbara Bowman
- 8, 1952 Beth Xavier
- ♥ 28, 1966 Doug & Vicki LeFeber

December

- 1, Lou Ellen Kinkead
- 2, Kathy Pumphrey
- 2, 1981 Rebecca Xavier
- 3, Robert Xavier
- 3, 1954 Susan Sommer
- 3, 1991 Neiel Sumilhig
- 11, Joe Watkins
- 17, 1952 Dan Gross
- 19, 1958 Jennifer Sidebottom
- ♥ 30, 1978 Bob & Beth Xavier
- 31, 1968 Darcy Molina

A CONTINUING GIFT

Things To Come Mission would like to acknowledge the following gifts which have been received in memory of some family member, friend, or respected individual who has passed away. Cards have been sent to the family of those whose memories you have honored.

Lola Hawkins

Joseph & Pauline Watkins

Gertrude Heddon

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Mabel Linger

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sorenson

Raymond Powell

Carol Powell

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Lois Lichtsinn

Mabel Linger

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Graves

Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Linger

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sorenson

WORK TEAM

Note date change: February 29 - March 14

Construction on *Solomon Improso Memorial Hall*

IGBI Campus, Ozamis City, Philippines

Eight men signed up - still room for more
contact the TCM office for more information

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schools that operate part of the year for elders with families, church-based Bible schools, correspondence courses and others. Here again we see churches on the go and not in decline.

Is the Grace Movement dying? Hopefully we can see from these few examples that the answer is an emphatic "no!" In this regard we are following the trend of evangelical Christianity as a whole which is moving away from being associated with American/European society and becoming the faith of the masses outside of the Western world. Let us take this as a challenge to the American Grace Movement to a stronger commitment to evangelism, and growth in spirituality and knowledge in our churches at home. It is not too late to revive the ailing patient. ☺

NEW LEADERSHIP

Things To Come Mission would like to extend our congratulations to Roger Anderson on his appointment as President of the Grace Gospel Fellowship. Roger began his new ministry on October 1. Pray

for God's blessings and grace to overshadow his ministry as he leads this organization.

The mission would also like to extend our congratulations to Bruce Kemper as the new president of Grace Bible College. Although he has been at the school since May, his installation was not held until October 17. We encourage our readers to pray for President Kemper as he leads this organization in the preparation of our Grace students for ministry. ☺

GIVING OPTIONS

Although the majority of Things To Come Mission's financial support comes from monthly cash donations, this is not the only way you can give to the Lord's work through the mission. You could also consider the following:

Include TCM in your Will Living Memorials

Securities and other appreciated assets

Annuities

Some of the above options not only allow you to make a gift to the Lord's work but offer a tax advantage as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the mission office. ☺

Treasurer

Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections Reflections

"Yes? What? Is that really you?" How do we know when God is really "calling" us? Are there certain circumstances, Bible verses, or people in our lives that give us the feeling of being "called" into a specific ministry?

When I became a Christian in fourth grade, I decided I wanted to "serve the Lord" as a missionary. As a logical nine year old, I figured that since lots of people were competing for job positions here in the U.S., I would just go somewhere else where there weren't so many people applying for the same work. Initially then, I would say it was the *need* that called me. Since the number of Christian workers per people who have never heard the gospel is so much lower in other countries than in the U.S., I felt it was wise to "go." Maybe the financial security was a little shaky, but the job security was great! And when I finally finished college, I know that is where God still wanted me--I was able to use my training and talents to their very limits overseas.

Now we are living in central Indiana, mainly because that's where my husband was needed. But now I have to struggle and rethink my "call." Besides encouraging and supporting my husband, what is it that God wants me to do? Again, there are plenty of needs around, so how do I choose? At this point it has moved more into the realm of *burden*. I can feel for the many hurts and problems I see in this city of Indianapolis and know that Jesus Christ is the ultimate answer in life. But there are certain needs that really weigh on my heart--an actual burden--where I am compelled to respond because of the uniqueness of God's love in me.

However, I am realizing the call goes even beyond the needs and the burden. Needs are important to consider--it's being sensitive to the spiritual, physical, and emotional situation of others. The burden of our heart is important, also, because it's being sensitive to the way God has made us and the specific strengths and talents the Holy Spirit has given us. But when it comes right down to it, these aren't the things that really call. The needs and the burden only amplify and clarify the call. It is God who calls in the midst of everything and He calls us to live a holy life (2 Tim. 1.9). As we do so, we participate in His work--we do the will of the Father. That means I'm not doing it on my own. Because it's His work, not mine, He gets the credit and He is responsible for working in other people's hearts (I can't change people no matter how much I may want to). So that takes the pressure off and gives me a peace no matter whether I see results or not. He just wants me to answer His call by thinking and doing what Jesus would do if He were me. ☺

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PROJECT IDEAS

One time:

- USA mission lot and building
- Philippine mission lot and building
- Brazil Bible Institute construction completion
- Book pack for Bible training centers - Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia, Philippines
- Shipping charges for literature given by Grace Publications
- Computer and Printer for Indonesian Bible Institute and Literature Ministry

- Membership dues for Women's Set Free Ministry to join the *Evangelical Association for Financial Accountability*
- Evangelistic Ministry Van in Brazil
- Dbase IV Lan Pac (network multi-user program)
- Lawn mower for Brazil Bible Institute (5 acres)

Monthly:

- Literature ministry - Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia, Philippines