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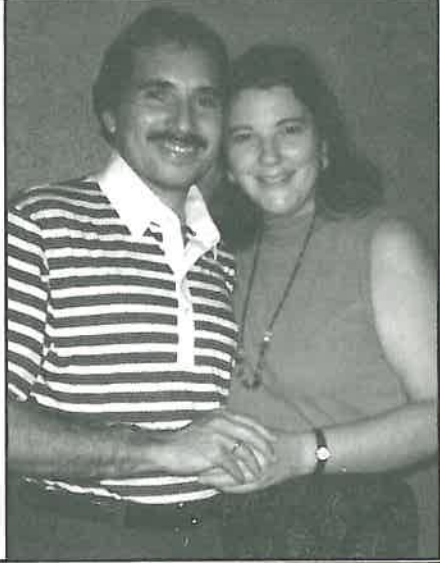
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Introducing TCM's
newest missionary--
since January 1994

Antonio Sistelos

Tony and Barb
returned to
Brazil in February



THINGS
TO COME
MISSION



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

TCM Provides Accountability

From the Editor

"First of all, let me introduce myself . . . We are doing Bible study among the people living in the villages and slum areas. These people are very poor, tenants and the children are walking [and] running nude and naked, starved to death for lack of foods to eat and medicines . . . in behalf of our dear brothers and sisters here, we send you a letter in hoping, perhaps your church fellowship can share to us [literature list]."

A trip to the mailbox can bring cause for rejoicing or uneasiness. Rejoicing comes when we receive information from loved ones. Anxiety comes when we realize how many Christian organizations and individuals are dependant upon the prayer and financial support of God's people.

It is always amazing to think of the people around the world who get our address. I have received mail from individuals in various countries presenting a description of their minis-

try, goals, and needs. I do not even know the people nor have I heard of the organizations they supposedly represent. Yet they write asking for my prayer and financial support. The letter quoted above was received by a friend of the mission who asked us to refer the letter to one of our contacts in the Philippines.

A veteran missionary once told me something

*Verify
Its
Validity*

which runs through my mind at a time like this. He was sharing how we could make our ministry grow. All we needed to do was provide for the expenses of an "evangelist" and we could have as many "evangelists" as we wanted. He continued, "There are people who will preach

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THE DIRECTOR SHARES

by Joseph W. Watkins



Usually, when I participate in a missionary conference I am asked to present the ministry of Things to Come Mission. The first thing I emphasize is the distinctive ministry that was given to the Apostle Paul. It is from this message that we Gentiles receive our commission to go to ALL PEOPLE.

The Twelve Apostles were commanded by Jesus Christ to go to the Jews and not in the way of the Gentiles (Matt. 10:5-6). We even see Christ following this commission in Matt. 15:24. Later on the Twelve Apostles were also commanded to start in Jerusalem (Acts 1:8).

It is not until we come to Paul's ministry and message that we learn Israel has fallen (Romans 11:11). They no longer have that special relationship with God that they had throughout the Old Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and the first eight chapters of Acts. This rela-

tionship is sometimes called a Covenant relationship (Gen. 12:1-4).

Paul tells us in Romans 11:32 that God hath "concluded them all in unbelief that He might have mercy upon ALL." "ALL" includes both Jews and Gentiles. The order is no longer the Jews first, then the Gentiles. ALL are in unbelief.

The Jews no longer enjoy national privileges. The Jews are just like the Gentiles in this age of Grace. Both Jews and Gentiles must be individually saved by believing the same gospel - I Cor. 15:1-4. That gospel was committed unto Paul - Gal. 1:11-12.

The will of God today is made clear in I Timothy 2:4. "Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Let us note three things:

(1) God wants ALL MEN saved. This can only come

about by individual people in all nations believing the gospel presented through Paul - Gal. 1:11-12, I Cor. 15:1-4.

(2) ALL MEN--God is no longer dealing with Israel as a Nation or with the Jews first, as he was in Matt. 15:24. In this verse we read Christ's statement, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." And in Matt. 10:5-7 he says, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles . . . but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Paul says in Romans 1:14, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians: both to the wise, and to the unwise." See also I Corinthians 9:19-23.

(3) He would have ALL MEN come unto the knowledge of the truth (I Tim. 2:4). The order in which Paul presents the above is important. A person must first be saved so that he will be made alive unto the revelation of God.

Why is God concerned about this truth? It is the message for us today, a message that exalts Christ and His Church. God is concerned that men be saved. But He is equally concerned that they come to a perfect knowledge

of truth - the revelation given to the apostle Paul.

We of Things to Come Mission seek to obey I Tim. 2:4. We want to reach people in all nations with the gospel of God's grace as revealed to and through the apostle Paul. As people believe this gospel, we want to teach them the truth that was made known through the Apostle Paul (Eph. 3:1-9).

TCM has ministries in the following countries:

(1) THE PHILIPPINES: TCM started its ministry of seeking people in 1958 in the Philippines. Today there are 510 national churches, over 300 pastors and Bible women, two Bible Institutes with 120 students enrolled this year, and various additional ministries. We now have eight Filipino missionaries ministering in three foreign countries. All of these churches, pastors, Bible women and foreign missionaries are seeking to minister the gospel of the Grace of God to the unsaved and teach the saved the truth. The ministry in the Philippines is under National leadership.

(2) INDONESIA: There are 25 congregations and one Bible school with 15 students

training for the ministry in Indonesia. Two of the Filipino missionaries are ministering in Indonesia; Joel Molina and Luz Gaddi. Indonesia is a Muslim country. There are 190 million Indonesians with 150 million being Muslim. TCM seeks to minister to these people through trained Indonesians.

(3) BRAZIL: The ministry in Brazil is divided between the North and the South due to the large area covered. In each area there is a Bible Institute training the Brazilians. There are 14 national churches in Brazil. Some of the present ministries involve the youth, pastor's seminars, women's retreats, and children's ministries such as Project ABBA. Four Filipino missionaries are ministering in southern Brazil along with two other missionary couples.

(4) KENYA: The Grace Bible Fellowship (TCM-Kenya) has grown rapidly from its simple beginning in 1986.

Presently there are at least 15 congregations and/or Bible study groups. The key to this ministry, as in all TCM ministries, is the Grace Bible School which trains the nationals to be preachers, teachers, Sunday School teachers, youth workers and ministry leaders. There are various other ministries which help stimulate growth in the churches--Theological Education by Extension, Literature, and Bible Correspondence Courses. Along with the USA missionaries, there is a Filipino couple ministering in Kenya.

(5) USA: There are people here in the USA who also need to hear the gospel of the Grace of God and need to be taught the truth.

A. Women Set Free Minis-



Bob Xavier--Women Set Free Director
Joseph Watkins--TCM Executive Director

try: I had the opportunity to visit Women Set Free Ministry this past December. What a blessing it was for me to witness Bob Xavier counseling and teaching these women. These women would have been in jail except for the fact the judge released them into the care of the Women Set Free Ministry. You can read more about this ministry on page 14.

B. Grace Interim Ministries: TCM is concerned about the Grace Churches in the USA. These churches are the means for missionaries, pastors and financial support.

Don and Arlene Fromer started Grace Interim Ministries in order to help Grace churches while they are without a pastor. When invited, Don pastors a church while the church looks for a pastor. Then when they call a pastor Don moves on to another church and serves until they find a pastor. He has been able to help a number of Grace churches this way. A church without a pastor will become a weak church. With Don and Arlene's ministry they can help keep the Grace Church strong and growing.

I would like to tell you about other fields where TCM

has ministries: SOUTH AFRICA, ENGLAND, MALAYSIA, and SINGAPORE but my space is limited.

Brethren, would you please make our TCM ministries a matter of special prayer. If you feel there is a way you would be able to help, please write me or call. We would love to talk with you. ☺

TCM missionaries serve in:

KENYA

Vernon & Darlene Anderson
 Ben & Joyce Anderson
 Jessie Easterly
 Cliff & Lou Ellen Kinhead
 Genesis & Verna Maraath
 Eddie & Linda Bedore (on deputation)

SENEGAL

Valerie Anderson

BRAZIL

Doug & Vicki LeFeber
 Tony & Barb Sistelos
 Michelle LeFeber
 Mario & Ella Indino
 Sanny & Jeannette Sumilhig
 Gomer & Nene Indino

INDONESIA

Luz Gaddi
 Joel & Darcy Molina

ENGLAND

Barry & Kathy Pumphrey

PHILIPPINES

Don & Sue Sommer (on furlough)
 Dan & Jean Gross (on furlough)

U. S. A.

Joe & Pauline Watkins
 Daniel & Jennifer Sidebottom
 Bob & Beth Xavier
 Don & Arlene Fromer

DEPUTATION, What Is It?

By Eddie Bedore

Deputation is a word that is commonly heard when the subject of missionaries comes up. Missionaries frequently speak of "going on deputation" or "doing deputation work" in close association with their travels and presenting the ministry they are involved in to churches, Sunday School classes, Bible study groups and individuals. These efforts are carried out in what is also commonly called support raising.

But does the word deputation actually refer to raising financial support for the work of ministry? While deputation is intricately linked to a missionary's financial support, the word itself does not refer to finances or support-raising at all.

Well, what does it mean then? I thought or assumed I knew what deputation meant. When my wife, Linda, and I were officially accepted as missionaries by the TCM Board, I was prepared "to go


on deputation." In my mind this meant raising financial support for the ministry we would be doing.

This was not an entirely new endeavor for Linda and me. We had lived on a faith basis when we were involved in youth ministry following graduation from Christ Unlimited Bible Institute in Kansas City. As a high school Bible Club Director I was re-

quired to raise support the same as a missionary going overseas. The terms "going on deputation" and "raising support" seemed to be used interchangeably, so I assumed they meant

the same thing.

As a pastor for the last several years, I have come in contact with various missionaries on deputation. During all this time the validity of my assumption (that deputation meant raising financial support) was never challenged. Because of this I continued on with the wrong notion of what a missionary was doing when



*Deputation
brings the
senders and
the goers
together.*

he or she was about the business of deputation.

When Linda and I were preparing for our first presentation on deputation as TCM missionaries I decided to look the word up in the dictionary. I wanted to get a precise definition to know exactly how this vague word was actually linked to the raising of financial support.

Was I ever surprised when I read the definition in my dictionary. It said: **1. A person or persons acting for another or others; a delegation. 2. The act of deputing, or the state of being deputed.** Under the word depute I found this definition: **1. To appoint as an agent, deputy, or delegation; send with authority. 2. To transfer authority to another.**

I discovered that the meaning of deputation is to deputize or appoint as a deputy. A deputy is one who is appointed to act for or in place of another. Deputation and deputy basically mean the same thing.

The discovery of the true meaning of deputation gave me a new outlook on doing deputation. While deputation

may result in the provision of the funds needed for the support of the missionary, it actually has nothing to do with asking for money.

The missionary does not go on deputation to deputize others to act on his or her behalf. Just the opposite is the case. The missionary presents himself as a prospective agent who will faithfully carry out the Lord's work in areas of the world where others simply cannot go themselves. When anyone gives monetary support to a missionary they are in effect deputizing that mis-

When you give monetary support to a missionary you are deputizing that missionary to act as your personal representative in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

sionary to act as their personal representative in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

By the same token, the fruit that is produced through the ministry carried out by that missionary is put to the

eternal account of those providing what the missionary needs to live and minister on the mission field, whether his field is at home or abroad.

By coming to an understanding of the meaning of "deputation," I have a far better understanding of what it means to be on deputation.

As a missionary I do not have to go out and ask anyone for money. I am not under the burden of raising finances for myself. I am FREE to simply share the ministry that the Lord has called my wife and me to. We then trust that the Lord will supply through His people to whom He has given a burden for this particular ministry.

Now with conviction I can say with the Apostle Paul, **"Not because I desire a gift: But I desire fruit that may abound to your account"** (Philippians 4:17).

The Apostle Paul spoke these words in the context of thanking the Philippian church for their help in meeting his needs.

Through their help he was able to complete the ministry God had called him to (see Philippians 4:10-19).

Yes, financial aid is needed for those who are serving in full-time ministry. But deputation is not asking for that aid. It is simply the offering of oneself as a deputy to be sent out. Those who choose to support the missionary are commissioning him or her to carry out the work of the ministry as their personal representative.

The question has been asked: "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14-15).

The answer can only be that they cannot hear, believe or call on Him if the message of Jesus Christ is not brought to them. And those willing to go cannot go unless they are sent.

Deputation is not asking for money but is an effort toward getting the senders and the goers together. As the senders send and the goers go our corporate commission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ can be carried out. ☺

What Are Those Students Doing?

This article is a compilation of information sent by Pastor Abundio G. Boco, the director of the Ozamis campus of International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines.

Close to 100 students are moving back and forth across the campus. The students raise their voices as greetings are passed back and forth. Questions are asked concerning departure times and travel arrangements. There is an air of excitement and anticipation.

An outsider would think the students were undisciplined and unruly and question the effectiveness of the director in handling the students. However, if you were to observe closely and long enough, you would understand the director is responsible for the activity and it will produce spiritual fruit.

The students are preparing for their Christian Service Assignments. Each semester, each student is required to engage in some form of Christian service or ministry. Each student will choose one of eight ministries to be involved in.

1) IGBI Gospel Singers' Concert. This school year several talented students united themselves as a singing group. Five



Home Bible Studies

ladies and four men make up this group. They visit the churches and challenge the brethren with their singing and testimonies. Every performance ends with a message straight from the Word. This brings spiritual revival to the local churches and challenges the young people to serve the Lord.

2) Children Extension Classes. This assignment takes the students outside the local church. Children and youth classes are formed in places where there is no Grace church. This provides an opportunity to reach unchurched children and often results in the children accepting the Lord as their Savior. Sometimes the parents and relatives of the children also respond. At the end of each term the classes conclude with a special program prepared by the student teachers.

3) House to House Visitation. Personal evangelism is a big aspect of Evangelism Instruction in the classroom. Students do not find satisfaction and meaning in this course without engaging in personal evangelism.

4) Tract Handout. IGBI helps teach the students the great value of the printed gospel message. Taking advantage of the literacy of every Filipino community, several students are assigned to pass out tracts.

5) Home Bible Studies. It is a practice of the Institute to train senior students to form Bible Studies in the homes of the communities where they are assigned. Meetings like this often develop into a larger group and, in the end, become a church.

6) Release Time Classes. IGBI has always tried to take advantage of the great opportunity to reach the children in the Public School classroom. Visual aids help produce more effective teaching. Our students are always teaching large classes because the children always find our teaching different when compared to the religious instruction of other groups.

7) Pastoral Work. The churches in the area avail themselves of the great privilege to call for student pastors and Bible women. Not only is the church helped through this ministry, but the student often receives some form of financial or material remuneration. Students assigned to a church some distance from the Institute are allowed to depart on Friday

afternoon and return to the school on Sunday afternoon.

8) Open Air Meetings. IGBI has two Homiletic subjects. Homiletics 1 is learning the theory of making sermons and Homiletics 2 is the practicum. Students in this course are taught to preach outside, especially in open air meetings. Preachers are expected to hold many meetings, most of which require the use of amplifiers. Senior students are usually assigned to this ministry.

These eight ministries will basically reflect the Christian Service assignment for the Bible Institutes on four different fields: Brazil, Indonesia, Kenya, and the Philippines.

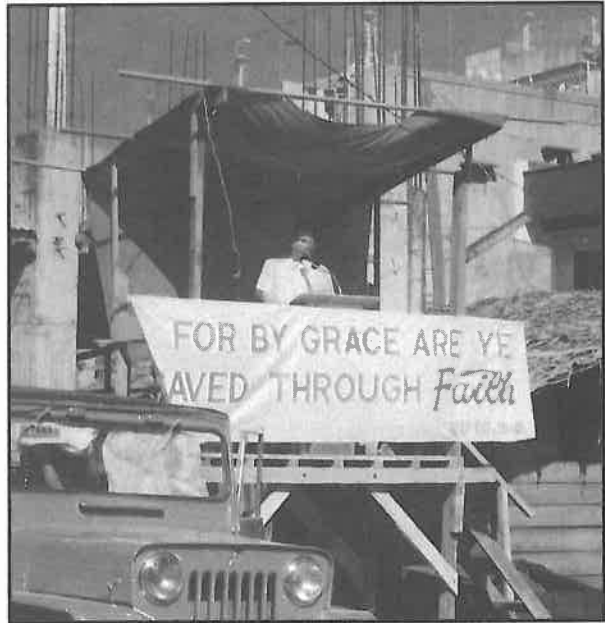
Please be in prayer for the directors of these Institutes as they seek to prepare a combined total of over 200 students for Christian ministry. Laborers are greatly needed! ☺

PRAISE GOD!

26 Students of IGBI will graduate on April 3, 1994

PRAY!

Pray for them as they begin a new phase of their ministry.



Open Air Preaching

REACHING AMERICA'S FOURTH WORLD

by Bob Xavier

CHALLENGE AND INSIGHTS TO REACHING AMERICA'S FOURTH WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

While we have evangelized the "uttermost parts of the world" and have made tremendous progress among the Third World developing nations of the earth, we have neglected our modern "Samaria," a community of lost souls in our own backyard. Samaria was the subculture of it's day. It contained, as far as the establishment was concerned, the "untouchables." We have within our Christian community a huge subculture of lost souls referred to as the Fourth World.

**Can the Forth
World culture
be a strong,
vital part of
the church's
future?**

CHURCH IN DECLINE:

Churches traditionally evangelize people like themselves. It is more difficult to reach the hidden, lost people within the Fourth World who aimlessly wander through society. These people are alone, des-

perate and searching--untouched by the warmth of God's love. They have been ostracized by the church which has been concerned with evangelizing its "own kind of people."

While some churches have grown numerically, appealing mostly to those who are already churchd, church growth surveys show there is

not any county in America which has experienced church growth during the past fifteen years.

The Fourth World is a world within a world, a culture within a culture, a society within a society. In

many ways, it is separate from the rest of society. In reaching this Fourth World, traditional evangelism is generally ineffective. In order for these people to be reached, a revolutionary mission

strategy designed for cross-cultural ministry is needed. As a church, we have been extremely forbearing and patient with the pagan peoples of the Third World developing nations. The same courtesy needs to be considered for the Fourth World culture of America.

NEW SUB-CULTURE: We have among us a fast-growing sub-culture of Fourth World Americans. Many of these people have grown up facing a chaotic social climate of rebelliousness, discontent and estrangement.

Today, nearly 60% of our nation's families are experiencing the trauma of divorce, splintered families and single-parenting issues. Approximately one-third of the people in the United States are children of an addict and about 60% of the addicts have had at least one parent who is an addict.

These figures reflect the enormous need for revolutionary evangelism strategies to be designed for a cross-cultural ministry to the Fourth World people within our nation.

TCM'S FORESIGHT AND GRACE: For nearly fifteen years my wife, Beth, and I have worked as Fourth World Missionaries with Things To Come Mission. For six years we served the Lord in Key West, Florida. Presently we are serving in the greater Tampa Bay Area. We acknowledge that the Lord gave TCM considerable foresight and grace to extend to Beth and me the right hand of fellowship as Fourth World missionaries. None of us could have imagined the Fourth World culture would become so large and powerful. Today it influences almost every



A Resident in Life- Skills Training Beth Xavier Patti Willard
Missionary Resident Director

Three Generations
Sharing the Love of Christ

aspect of American life, challenging and changing it in many respects.

The Fourth World culture has its own music, clothing, hairstyles, politics, religions, heroes, morality and other social mores. Today this Fourth World culture has infiltrated the above-ground mainstream culture and has found expression in our schools, businesses, industries, entertainment, sports and politics.

THE WEEKENDERS: Some of the members of the Fourth World are permanent residents of counter-culture with a wide variety of life-destroying problems. They have full-time addictions to drugs, alcohol, and/or amoral lifestyles all of which deteriorate natural family relationships.

Others drift into the Fourth World on weekends (or periodically) to participate in its lifestyle.

These weekenders may work at the Ford plant or they may be our own children, but they are Fourth World participants. They have a wide variety of life-destroying problems and often

develop addictions, becoming full-time societal dropouts. This group of people, although living beside us and surrounded by our nation's churches, is spiritually deprived and without contact or exposure to the Lord's love, forgiveness and acceptance.

HOW CAN THIS BE?

"How can this be?" one might ask. As the church, we have spent most of our energies casting our nets into foreign waters. We have neglected the sea of lost souls within our own backyard. It is clear that this situation needs our direct attention and immediate action!

First, in order to effectively evangelize this Fourth World of unreached and hidden people, we must obtain a better understanding of them. This is an accepted practice among missionaries to Third World developing nations.

Second, we must cast off our misconceptions and prejudices of the Fourth World here at home. This also is required of missionaries to other countries. We must look beyond outward appearances and see people strug-

gling for answers. A single parent has a need to be a part of the two-parent family church ministry. Children need surrogate moms, dads and grandparents who have solid Biblical teaching.

A dope addict, alcoholic, or a homosexual is a person. These represent "people groups"--not just specific problems though their problems do make them unique.

Third, a new kind of discipleship and counseling ministry must be developed specifically for this culture. We must minister to the long-term

needs and deficiencies of the Fourth World people of the United States. This also is commonly practiced by missionaries to the Third World developing nations.

THE CHURCH'S FUTURE:

In normal family life, we learn to love despite differences. In the same way, Christian brothers and sisters in a normal spiritual family must learn to love, forgive and accept other members in spite of their uniqueness. At present, traditional church growth is in a decline because



Ginnie

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Loral

Joe Watkins

Ministry on the Move

by nature, churches evangelize among people of their own kind.

Church health and growth depend on evangelizing these other people of the Fourth World. Dr. Ralph Winters, founder of the U.S. Center for World Missions, says "unless, or until, in faith the future of the world becomes more important than the future of the church, the church has no future." The Fourth World already is a part of the world's future. **With diligence, patience, compassion and prayers it can become a strong, vital part of the church's future.**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS:

Women Set Free Ministry's regeneration program places high emphasis upon each resident understanding the completed work of Christ and the Grace doctrine.

We are prayerfully seeking spiritually mature, retired couples to assist with the work of this ministry. Also, we are in need of a single, committed young woman with a heart to live and work alongside women residents.

These residents are in recovery from a wide variety of life-destroying problems.

Our most important need is for brothers and sisters in Christ to pray for the staff and residents of *Women Set Free Ministry* (WSFM). Pray that each will be abundantly faithful and fruitful to all that the Lord puts before them. Also, please pray that churches and individuals will assist in the financial need of sponsoring a woman during her Life-Skills Training. This sponsorship would help with her living expenses during this training. Perhaps your church would consider putting WSFM or the Xaviers on their missionary budget? We are so very grateful to be called to such an exciting ministry. (II Cor. 4:5) ☺

Editor's Note: Please contact Bob Xavier by phone: (813) 758-1190 or write: Women Set Free Ministry; 4230 26th Street West; Bradenton, Florida, 34205. Gifts for the Xaviers or Women Set Free Ministry should be sent to our Indianapolis address. ☺

THE NEED FOR A CAR!!

"For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality." This quotation reflects Paul's desire when writing to the Corinthians. However, it is still God's desire for us today. We want to challenge you to evaluate your praying and your giving. Can you pray more for our missionaries? Can you give more for the missionaries?

When our missionaries come home on furlough, either for a year or a few months, they struggle to acquire dependable transportation. You can imagine, if the missionary will travel thousands of miles in a few short months, they would need a trustworthy car.

TCM is able to give a tax-deductible receipt for the donation of a reliable car. If you donate a good car, please contact the mission Executive Director, Joe Watkins. If you can not donate a car, please pray that the Lord would direct in this matter and that a good car (or two) would be available to the mission. ©

COMMENTS FROM READERS



"[I have] received three copies of the Inter-National Harvest. I am praying for the missionaries and the prayer needs. I am enclosing a little offering. I pray the Lord will be with each of you in this important service you all are engaged in because of the love you have for the Lord and for those who are lost."

-- New York

"It is good to learn of other 'Grace' organizations besides . . . [The] Inter-National Harvest is an informative publication and I want to be kept on your mailing list. Enclosed is a check for the ministry of . . . "

-- Missouri

"I want to help in praying and in finances for the ministry of . . . I want to give a one time gift and plan to give . . . a month toward their support. [They] have been a real blessing to me . . . a

wonderful couple who obviously love their Lord Jesus and have dug deep into studying His Word. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to share in their ministry."

-- Iowa

"I was so excited when the saints at the . . . Church in Orlando sent me a copy of the IH! I've been very curious as to if and how the gospel of the grace of God rightly divided is being shared abroad.

My wife is from [Mindinao] . . . future plans to visits there and I've been anxious to bring literature (rightly divided) and my guitar in hopes of sharing the gospel of the grace of God with as many as the Lord is willing.

You can imagine my joy and surprise to discover that there is already a ministry there . . . few have been taught to study His Word diligently . . . I'm so grateful for your ministry there. Count on us to help contribute in some way to this much needed ministry.

-- Florida

("TCM . . ." con't from page 2)
whatever doctrine we want if the price is right." I was surprised! "Is it really true?" I asked. Yes, the sad fact is, it is correct. Not all who request help are like this, but some are.

Pictures and letters can present tremendous needs and results. Most Christians are not able to travel and observe these ministries. Because of this limitation, many are deceived. How can the legitimacy of these ministries be verified?

This is where Things To Come Mission comes in. Part of the responsibility of the mission board and organization is to provide accountability. We can guarantee, as it were, the validity of missionary personnel and ministries in countries around the world where TCM ministers.

Although we have sent Christian literature to people we do not know, TCM will not send finances to anyone without knowing them and verifying their ministry.

TCM seeks to protect your identity and address.

However, as TCM receives gifts for individual nationals and as correspondence goes back and forth across our world, sometimes individuals will get your address and might write to you.

Please feel free to contact our office if you receive requests for financial assistance from individuals you do not know. I know people in the Philippines who correspond with individuals in the USA and receive support from them. Yes, often they are carrying on valid ministries. However, there are those who have registered the church building, land, vehicles, and various equipment in their own name, not the name of their organization.

I am surprised at the number of national organizations and ministries in the Grace movement that depend upon our support. Each organization is worthy and provides an essential ministry to the Body of Christ.

Let us help each other insure that the finances available to the Grace movement are wisely spent. ☺

NEWS YOU CAN USE . . . for prayer time

DON & SUE SOMMER send their deep appreciation for your prayers and financial gifts. It was a real joy to see the Lord supply for the large medical bill they had. You will recall they were without insurance due to their return from the Philippines. Thank you for sharing with them. The bill has been paid!

What a joy it was to see so many of the missionaries during the first part of this year. There were three families who attended the board meeting in January. Three other families were traveling. Thank you for praying for these six families as they travel. The Lord graciously supplied safety and good fellowship.

GOMER & NENE INDINO are in Brazil! Praise the Lord. They have prayed for so many year for this opportunity to serve the Lord in Brazil. The Brazilian and USA visas only allowed them 45 days in the USA but during this time they were able to visit churches in Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Indiana, and Alabama. Please be in prayer for them as they study the language and adjust to the country. We look forward to "much fruit" as a result of their willingness to "go" and be used this way.

DAN & JEAN GROSS are getting ready to return to the Philippines after their furlough. During this past year they have been able to travel throughout the USA and visit many churches and friends. Thank you for your prayers for them.

MARIO INDINO continues to travel and share their ministry in Brazil with friends and new acquaintances. **ELLA** and the children are in Brazil and Mario expects to return in April. Recently one friend gave a special gift to purchase a washing machine for the Bible Institute in Brazil.

JOEL & DARCY MOLINA continue to make phone calls and

pray. The government in Indonesia has not approved their papers for re-entry into the country. It has been discouraging to them since they wanted to return during January. Please pray for this process that approval would be granted in the Lord's time.

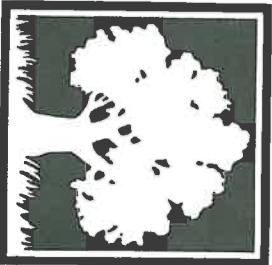
CLIFF & LOU ELLEN KINKEAD, after what appeared an impossible health situation, have returned to Kenya. Praise the Lord. Cliff has tried various medicines and has found an approach that works. Continue to pray for them as they still must refrain from overexertion.

S. LEE HOMOKI, JOEL McGARVEY, AND TIM McGARVEY have been invited as special speakers during the National Workers Conference in the Philippines. This is scheduled for the first week of May. **DON SOMMER** will lead the team. They will also have the opportunity to share in youth conferences and hold outdoor meetings in various cities.

Thank you for your prayers for the needs of the **GENERAL FUND** of the mission. Additional people are regularly contributing to the GF. During December to February our GF expenses exceeded income by only \$38.35. Please continue to pray that the Lord would touch people's hearts concerning this need. The Director has used "Where Needed" funds to cover some expenses for the GF. Pray for all of our missionary and ministry accounts.

Pray that the Lord would clearly make known His will and direction in the lives of our missionaries and national workers. We desire to be tools and vessels the Lord can use and send. Although there are sacrifices demanded and usually willingly made, we believe God will richly reward and bless with "much fruit." Pray with us toward this end. Pray that Satan would not be able to discourage us and pluck up the sown seed.

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