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

FROM THE EDITOR

If you look hard enough, you can always find something to cause celebration. People you know have birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Organizations have the same.

This year marks the 40th year of ministry for TCM. It is cause for celebration! Who would have thought, when the mission was first organized, that the Lord would use TCM so mightily?

The Lord has been good to us. This is how the Lord is! But, these blessings also come because our leaders have been sensitive to the Lord's leading throughout these 40 years.

As you will see in this issue, TCM invites you to join with us as we celebrate these 40 years of ministry.

We invite you to share with us in praise to God for His blessings.

Yes, God has blessed these 40 years. There have been struggles and trials. But the blood, tears, even lives sacrificed for the cause of reaching our world with the

Gospel of the Grace of God have not been in vain.

God has brought forth the increase. Souls have been saved from the pit of hell and sin. Minds have been opened to the glory of His Word. Lives have been given to the ministry.

You have made this possible by joining with others of like precious faith and concern. Celebrate with us!

We also invite you to join with us in seeking God's will for our future. What new countries will He use us to open to the gospel? What new ministries will He use us to begin? Which of your sons and daughters will He lead to give their lives to preach the gospel to the world?

In the following pages we offer two articles from the original issues of *The International Harvest*. We hope you enjoy this look at our history and early personnel.

We offer a look at the life of the Apostle Paul and a picture of our present world in relation to missions. Our director also shares his history and thoughts since joining the mission. ☺

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THE DIRECTOR SHARES

by Joseph W. Watkins



It is hard to realize that TCM is now 40 years old. Yes, during 1995 TCM is celebrating 40 years of ministry. Back in 1957 I became a team member of TCM while still a student at Milwaukee Bible College. At that time I was invited to become a board member and was elected as Secretary of the Board.

I was saved under the ministry of Dr. Henry Grube. When God called me into the ministry Pastor Roy Lange encouraged me to study at Milwaukee Bible College. I only knew a little of the Word of God rightly divided at that time.

Pauline and I were married in July 1955. We left for Milwaukee, Wisconsin in September 1955. We had never been north of the Mason-Dixon line. We both were raised in a country setting where we knew everyone in the neighborhood. We soon found out that we had to make adjustments in the crowded city of Milwaukee. We found a small apartment

where we knew none of our neighbors.

Becoming a student again was not easy for me. I disliked school when I was in high school and probably never would have graduated except for my mother's encouragement. I took the easy courses in high school just to pass and graduate. The easy way out is not the best way!!!

My past actions made it very difficult when I began to study at MBC. I had to really make an adjustment as a student. I had to learn many things that I should have learned in high school. I praise God for Pauline, the teachers, and fellow students who helped me, encouraged me, and prayed for me.

We didn't know at the time I was a student, but God was preparing us for a missionary ministry. While a student, I had many opportunities to preach in the jails, the Rescue Mission, and on

the street corners. I also taught Sunday School and did personal evangelism. These experiences helped me later on in my ministry. Pauline worked full time to help meet expenses while I was at MBC. Her secretarial experience both before and during college helped prepare her for ministry on the field as well.

We had the privilege of sitting under the teaching of some of the most dedicated Grace Bible Teachers who challenged us to study the Word rightly divided and make it known - Eph. 3:9.

It was through their challenge and the need presented at missionary conferences as well as the fellowship with other mission-minded students that we became

interested in missions and in becoming missionaries.

From the challenge and study of the Word, we wanted to follow Paul's example, not only in doctrine, but also in practice. We could see from the study of Acts and Paul's epistles that Paul's goal was to establish local national churches. He did this through evangelism. Then he taught those that were saved and formed local assemblies.

Pauline and I felt called to do the same. But we faced a problem--there was no mission organization under which to serve. One mission we tried to join turned us down because of doctrine. Another wouldn't accept us because they didn't want to expand to other fields. We couldn't go out under any other mission organization because of our dedication to the Word Rightly Divided. Our desire was to minister under a mission that was dedicated to the truth revealed to Paul and to the ministry of evangelism and church planting.

Peter Wiering put Vernon Anderson in touch with Brother J. H. Palmer who had started



Joe - Cheryl - Steve - Pauline
1966 Picture

Things To Come Mission. This mission was started for the purpose of planting churches in the western slope of Colorado. Bro. Palmer was also corresponding with several Filipinos at that time and had sent grace literature to them.

Some of these Filipinos wrote Bro. Palmer asking for a missionary to go to the Philippines to teach them the Word.

It was in 1957 that Vernon Anderson called me (after meeting with Bro. Palmer) to come on the board of TCM. We reorganized the mission that year so TCM would have a worldwide ministry. Vernon and Darlene Anderson and family were the first missionaries to go out under TCM. They went to the Philippines in January 1958. After graduating from the institute course at Milwaukee Bible College, Pauline and I joined the Andersons in the Philippines. This was in October 1958.

What a wonderful experience we had while ministering in the Philippines for 29 years. We truly could follow Paul while establishing national churches. When we began our ministry in the

Philippines we started by holding outdoor evangelistic meetings, passing out tracts, and traveling from church to church teaching the Word rightly divided. Today there are over 540 national churches affiliated with TCM in the Philippines. There are also four Filipino families and one single Filipina who are missionaries under TCM serving in Kenya, Brazil and Indonesia.

While at Milwaukee Bible College I was taught that the missionary should work himself out of a job. This was to be done by training the nationals to take over our ministry. In 1986 we began to see that the nationals had taken over the majority of the ministry in the Philippines. We began to pray about another ministry. The TCM-USA board asked me to consider returning to the states to minister in the USA office. In 1988 we began a new ministry as Treasurer and Development Director.

I felt sad leaving the ministry of training nationals but felt that we needed to strengthen the ministry in America. At the same time I prayed God would let me continue ministering to nationals.

God has answered my prayers. I went to South Africa in 1988 - the first Grace missionary to visit South Africa. There was one Grace church in South Africa at that time. Now there are over eight. Some years later I visited Malaysia to teach in a Grace church there that was pastored by a Filipino. This is the only Grace church in Malaysia, a Muslim country. Then, recently, I visited Australia to teach in a Grace church that was started by a brother from South Africa who immigrated to Australia.

Before closing, let me emphasize once again that TCM is a team working together for evangelism and establishing Grace churches in every country. TCM team members are the board members, the missionaries ministering in the USA office, all the nationals in the different countries, the missionaries in these various countries, and you who pray and give. I would ask that when you pray, pray for all of the team members.

God has truly blessed Pauline and me throughout the 38 years we have been able to minister with such a fine team. We give God the glory and are thankful for the

way He has used and blessed the ministry of TCM. We are looking forward to many more years... praying for the opportunity to enter new fields. If you have any questions about any part of the ministry of TCM, please write me or call (317) 262-8806. ☺

CAN YOU HELP?

Another team member is needed in the USA office. The office team helps minister to the missionaries, field ministries, and supporting churches and friends. We would be co-laborers in the effort to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery.

Vehicles are needed to help missionaries on furlough. You can help by donating a reliable car to the mission. It needs to be in good mechanical condition due to the high mileage (20 - 25 thousand miles per year) travelled by missionaries on furlough.

If you are interested in helping or obtaining additional information, please call me at (317) 262-8806.

- Joe Watkins, Director

A LOOK AT HISTORY: News and Announcements

The following is a combination of parts of two articles written in the 4th and 5th issues of the International Harvest for August - September and October - November, 1958. The Watkins were the second American missionary couple to leave for the mission field.

The Lord has answered prayer in behalf of Brother Joseph Watkins and his wife in providing them with their visas and transportation so that they may enter into the field of service to which He has called them. The visas were approved just in time for their departure. Brother Watkins was ordained at the Missionary Conference in Derby, Colorado on September 27th and then travelled to the West Coast where they sailed October 7th for the Philippine Islands.

Brother Watkins will be taking over the work of the Bible School now being started in the Philippines. This school will serve to train national missionaries from all the

islands and countries of the Far East in the Gospel of the Grace of God that they, in turn, might minister to their own people.

Continue to pray for this young couple as they take this step of faith that God will bless their ministry and use them to win many precious souls to Himself. Also pray for their support that the Lord would raise up those of His people who will give of their abundance in order that their daily needs will be supplied. It is only as you and I pray for these young people that they will be able to successfully do the job that God has called them to do. This couple has stepped out in faith that the Lord will supply their needs. ☺

A LOOK AT HISTORY: *A Day at a Time*

This article, first printed in the Vol. 2, No. 2. issue of the International Harvest for March - April 1959, is the first printed report of Joe Watkins after arriving on the mission field. Joe and Pauline were the second missionary couple of TCM to leave for the mission field.

We do praise the Lord that He has seen us through two months on the mission field. He has done nothing but good for us. We have seen Him work in many wonderful ways, strange ones too, but His ways are not our ways. He is the One to be praised, not man. He is the One we look to. He shall supply all our needs. He takes care of us each day, not a month at a time, but A DAY AT A TIME.

I have been quite busy with the school. The contractors are trying to finish it by next week. We were short some materials and I had to run all over trying to get them, but it is not easy to get things in a hurry here. You have to order about three weeks in advance, and then you are not sure of getting it. There are so many odds

and ends that have to be done in getting the building finished. The cottage for Pauline and I will be completed next week so this too is another concern. We had a well driven this week and found good water at about 60 feet. There will be no running water here, unless you run to the well and run back. No more electric lights, either. We will use lanterns (gas). There is still much to be done and more money needed before the school is ready. Just getting the building is not all there is to the school. We will need books, tables, etc., and the other equipment, and this all costs money. We plan to make the tables and chairs, but will have to buy the materials to make them. Books will be the big item so we really pray about this. It is God for

whom we labor and if God be for us, who can be against us?

We are looking forward to seeing Hubert and his family [another missionary couple planning to minister in the Philippines]. He will be a big help here. Pray for them as they will find it rather hard with the baby being so small.

Pauline and I have both had dysentery, but after treatment by the doctor and medicine, we are feeling much better. We count it a privilege to suffer for Him. Pray for us that God will give strength and wisdom to do His will.

We do praise God for the blessings over the weekend. We were in Bariason for three days and God added

twenty-four souls to the Body of Christ. I had the privilege to lead six of them to the Lord. The blessed thing is that most of them were young people. This is the life-line of the church in the Philippines and of the Grace message. Oh, there are many doors open here. Pray that God will send workers. ☺



Joe Watkins - Angelica Balasabas
1962 - First Graduation

COMMENTS FROM READERS



"It was great reading the latest issue of the *International Harvest*. Congratulations on a most interesting issue.

"It brought to memory my first contact with brother Herbert Palmer. It was at my first time at the conference at Cedar Lake, 1958.

"I had just located my apartment and then walked to a place where literature was offered. When I read the *Harvest* it was apparent that here was something vital. I asked to see who was offering the booklet and there I met Bro. Herbert. I recall so well that I said to him soon, 'Brother, I have a pain that I cannot identify. It began yesterday as I was driving up here from Texas. It is not physical, but there is this ache.'

"He immediately called Joe Watkins and some other party to come. He then said to them, 'Brother Joe has a

problem. Let us go to my room and pray about it with him.' We then walked to his room and at once all went to our knees. In a moment I was at once aware of my problem. I was with the Prison Mission Assoc., but our board men knew nothing of the Pauline Revelation. So I knew that I must tell them. When the prayer was over I leaped to my feet and told of the immediate victory in my heart, then I went to buy five copies of *Things That Differ*. I would not delay but went to my room and typed letters to all five board members, sending them the book.

"What a victory and what a dear brother who knew just how to deal with problems..."

-- Joe Mason

YOUTH DIRECTOR!

I have just received a call from Bruce Woolard in South Africa. His church of over 200 members needs a youth director. Anyone desiring more information can call me at (317) 262-8806. They request a three year commitment. - Joe Watkins, Director

**THINGS TO COME
40 YEARS ON
1955**

ANNIVERSARY

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INDIANA 1995 due r details	FRIDAY: 7:00 pm SATURDAY: 9:00 am Regional Business Meeting 10:00 am Workshops 1:00 pm Banquet
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CAN THE WORLD BE EVANGELIZED?

by Ben Anderson - Kenya

As the year 2000 rapidly approaches there has been renewed speculation about the end of the world. Christians, of course, contemplate the possibility of the return of Christ. Several other religions have also attached special significance to the end of this millennium. History says that the year 1000 attracted similar interest in end-time events. Although the date of Christ's return is known only by Him, we do know that each year brings us closer to that wonderful day when we will be caught up "to meet the Lord in the air."

As that day approaches, the Christian community must take stock of the world situation. First, what is the task that Christ has sent us to do? Second, are we accomplishing the task? And finally, how can the task be brought to completion?

SACRIFICE SO THAT PEOPLE MAY BE SAVED

[I am] not seeking my own profit but the profit of many, [so] that they may be saved. Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. (1 Cor. 10:33-11:1)

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, or "peoples" of the world, makes his life goal crystal clear in this passage. He does not, however, limit this calling to himself. He tells us to follow him in his sacrifice. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthian church he states, "[God] has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are Christ's ambassadors" (5:19-20). Paul heaps praise on the model Thessalonian church, "From you the Word of the Lord [rang out] not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith [in God has become known everywhere]" (1 Thess. 1:8). Can there be any doubt that a chief end of the church is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ so that every people group on earth can praise God with heart and lips?

PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE REGIONS BEYOND

Having hope, that as your faith is increased, [our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can] preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. (2 Cor. 10:15-16)

So how well are we accomplishing our God-given responsibility? Great progress has been made, as the following chart from the U.S. Center for World Mission shows.

HOW FAR HAS CHRISTIANITY COME?				
Year (A.D.)	Total World Population (millions)	People Who Claim to be Christians (millions)	Evangelical Christians (millions)	Non-Christians per Believer
100	181	1	0.5	360 to 1
1000	270	50	1	220 to 1
1500	425	81	5	69 to 1
1900	1,620	558	40	27 to 1
1950	2,504	854	80	21 to 1
1980	4,458	1,433	275	11 to 1
1989	5,160	1,722	500	7 to 1
2000	6,260	?	1000?	?

Study this chart for a second because these statistics are encouraging. More than two billion people will claim to be followers of Christ by the year 2000. The number of non-Christians per Christian is a fraction of what it was just 100 years ago.

We must now take our eyes off of what the missionary endeavor has accomplished and look at the "regions beyond." The following chart shows the world from the perspective of our Lord who does not want anyone to perish,

but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Pet. 3.9)

THE CHALLENGE FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION 1992 World Population: 5.3 Billion		
CHRISTIANS 30% (1,700 million)	Committed Christians (500 million)	The Force for Evangelism
	Nominal Christians (1,200 million)	E-0 Evangelism
NON-CHRISTIANS 70% (3,600 million)	Near-Neighbors (1,400 million)	E-1 Evangelism
	Unreached Peoples (2,200 million) 61% of Non-Christians 12,000 People Groups	E-2 Evangelism E-3 Evangelism

This chart is drawn to scale. Notice that 70% of the world is non-Christian. Do you see which box in the chart is the largest? Right! Unreached people at 2,200 million. A people group is a sociological grouping of people who

have a common affinity for one another. An unreached people group is one which will never come to know Christ without outside assistance. One would think that this last category would receive the most emphasis from Christian missions. Sadly, only 9% of missionaries work among unreached people groups which comprise 61% of the unsaved.

UNTIL ALL HAVE HEARD THE WORD OF THE LORD

This continued for two years, so that all [the Jews and Greeks] who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:10)

Our attitude should be the same as Paul's. He was not satisfied until ALL had heard the word of the Lord. Paul evangelized with a vengeance. If we are going to evangelize the world then we must clearly define the goal.

Defining Evangelism

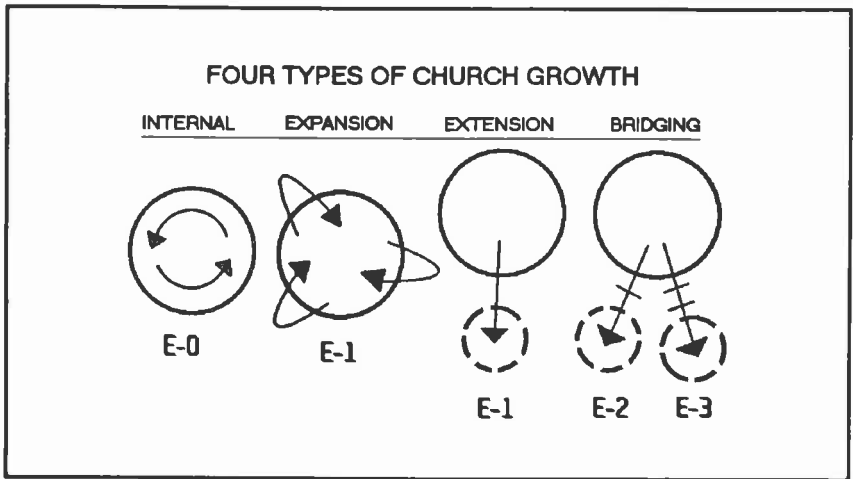
Presence Evangelism - Doing good things for unsaved people in the name of Christ or even anonymously. The World Council of Churches promotes this type of evangelism and frowns upon conversion. No one would argue that presence is necessary for evangelism. It is, however, only the starting point.

Proclamation Evangelism - Making the gospel known to unbelievers in such a way that they hear and understand. Billy Graham believes in this kind of evangelism. By this definition the U.S. is evangelized. Proclamation is necessary for evangelism; but, again, it does not go far enough.

Persuasion Evangelism - Making followers of Christ. Here we are concerned about results--just as God is. He wants "all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." Paul's belief in persuasion evangelism is proved by the several times the

word is used of him in Acts. In 2 Cor. 5:11 he says that since we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to "persuade men."

Perhaps you remember The Gospel Blimp. In that book a man is concerned about reaching his neighbor for Christ. His solution was to organize a fund raiser at his church to get a blimp to fly over his neighbor's house. The blimp carried a sign flashing the gospel. This is proclamation evangelism at its worst and it simply is not as effective as persuasion evangelism. Our mission, then, is to *persuade* the world to accept that Jesus died for their sins.



The Most Effective Means of Evangelism

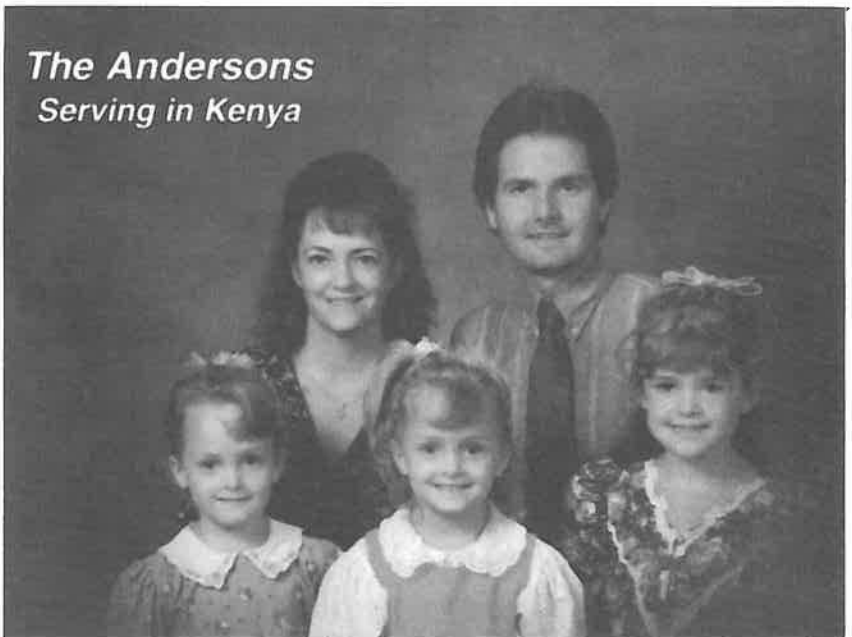
Peter Wagner of Fuller Seminary School of World Mission is fond of saying that the most effective means of evangelism is church planting. This was true in Paul's day and it remains true for our efforts in the 1990s and beyond. There are four types of church growth. Each type is represented by an "E-#". "E" represents "evangelism" while "#" represents the number of barriers which must be crossed by the evangelist.

Defining Church Growth

- E-0 Internal Growth** - People already in the church are brought into a more active relationship with the Lord.
- E-1 Expansion Growth** - The church brings in people of its own community. The single barrier is known as the "stained glass" barrier.
- E-1 Extension Growth** - The church plants another church just like itself in another part of the community.
- E-2 and E-3 Bridging Growth** - The church establishes another church in a different cultural group. E-2 growth crosses the "stained glass" and one other barrier while E-3 growth crosses one or more additional barriers.

Referring to the earlier chart, 61% of unbelievers can only be reached for Christ by E-2 or E-3 cross-cultural evangelism. In other words, if every Christian in the world

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The Andersons
Serving in Kenya

Frances - Joyce - Jaclyn - Ben - Tegwen

PAUL AS OUR EXAMPLE

by Tony Sistelos - Brazil

I am very happy to be able to share with you all and hope this finds you rejoicing in the blessings and joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and honor forever, Amen.

Barbara and I recently began our second year as a missionary couple under TCM. As we look back over all our many struggles and victories, we see plenty of opportunities to daily renew our dedication to God. This past year ('94) particularly was very different from any other in my life. More than ever before, I've really put my life in the Lord's hands by praying daily: "Here I am Lord! Use me!"

Initially, these simple yet decisive words were followed by a subtle doubt that my time, talents and desire to work would actually be put to use by God. In my Christian immaturity and human reasoning, I hadn't yet learned to see with the eyes of faith and trust that the God who created me also created the time that I have available and my abilities to use for Him. Soon I learned that God hears our prayers in a very special way and answers us according to His will and time.

In these past 14 months in which I've prayed this prayer, I have had no doubt that God has heard me because an amazing transformation has occurred in me. Now I desire even more to serve Him better, to be found as a faithful steward, a willing servant in the Lord's work. The impressive thing is, my dear friend, the fact that everything, literally everything (talents, dreams, knowledge, classes, material goods, wife, family ..., everything!) has been involved in this "here I am Lord." God has done incredible things in all of these areas.

Another man intensely lived out this same type of transformation. He was the Apostle Paul, a man who made a difference. I am challenged by his example.

As a man, Paul knew his position in society (a Roman citizen, an Hebrew of Hebrews). He also recognized the numerous transformations which had occurred in his life. In Phil. 4.9-13 and 2 Cor. 11.21-33 Paul speaks of his rational knowledge of the power of God which operated in him through Christ Jesus. Living among both Greeks and Jews made him extremely knowledgeable of both cultures. He later used this to God's glory. He had full knowledge of his part in God's plan, recognizing that he was "the chief of sinners," saved by grace, privileged to have received a special calling from God. Note how Paul identifies himself in Rom. 1.1 and the first verse of each of his letters.

As a minister of God's Word, he was blameless; he knew the will of God for man and the fundamental importance of Jesus Christ for man's salvation ("And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" Rom. 8.17-18). He correctly divided the Word of truth, and was able to transmit it in a way that gave hope to his listeners (2 Tim. 2.15). His life had a purpose. As God's messenger to the Gentiles he represented the dispensation of the gospel of God's grace ("according to my gospel ..." 2 Tim. 2.7-8). He had a perfect understanding of the content of the gospel which he preached ("the gospel ... by the revelation of Jesus Christ" Gal. 1.11). He

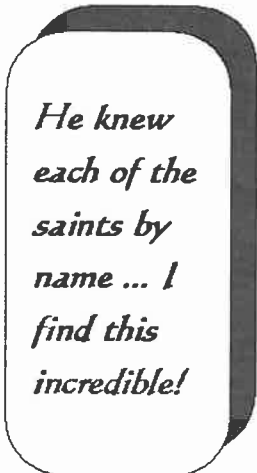


Tony & Barb Sistelos

used all his intelligence and every available resource to implement the most complete ministry known up to this time ("And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom ..." 1 Cor. 2.1-2 and "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak; I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" 1 Cor. 9.22-23).

As a pastor, Paul's conduct was that of a caretaker of bodies and souls. To all his flock he gave aid, in person and/or by letter. He knew all of them profoundly and was sincerely interested in them. He was an ever-present friend. In order to care for so many churches, he travelled on foot or by horse over a surprisingly large territory (Asia and Europe) without a telephone or car, in all glorifying God for his own two legs (Rom. 15.23-26). Also, he knew each of the saints by name and was involved in the various activities of the church ("I commend unto you Phebe our sister ... greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus ... greet Mary ... salute Andronicus and Julia ... Amplias ... Urbane ... Apelles" Rom. 16.1-16). I find this incredible!

As an evangelist, nothing, absolutely nothing, kept Paul from preaching the Word. They could put him in prison or chain him to a guard, but his words of comfort and teaching were never held back ("... What persecutions I endured ..." 2 Tim. 3.10-17, "... in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft ..." 2 Cor. 11.23-28, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" 2 Tim. 1.8-9). Paul's teaching style was quite skillful--he liked to use easy-to-visualize examples in order to illustrate God's plan for the believer ("Ye did run well ..." Gal. 5.7, "prize" 1 Cor. 9.24, "good soldier" 2 Tim. 2.3, "husbandman being first par-



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taker of the fruits" verse 6, etc.).

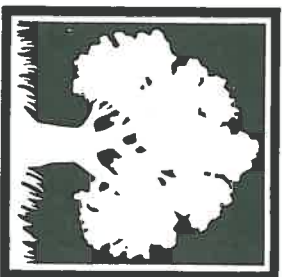
As a missionary, Paul never felt detained by circumstances (unlike most of us!). His difficulties, however, were the propulsive force of his ministry. He saw God's plan in each step before him and hence, did not fear. He walked ahead of the others, being a man dedicated 100% to God ("Brethren, be followers together of me" Phil. 3.17).

When we pray "Here I am Lord! Use me!" He does! Let's transmit the Word of Truth as God's ambassadors with fear and trembling. Just like the Apostle Paul, we are separated for God in Christ Jesus, and have a ministry to those around us. We know who we are in Christ and the mission He has given to each of us. Let us make every minute count, to be able to say with Paul, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20.24). ☺

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evangelized everybody in his or her community, 42% of the world would still have not heard the gospel. Cross-cultural church growth takes a heavy investment of time, money and people. The completion of our task will call for 200,000 full-time missionaries and \$6 billion in annual donations to missions. Currently these figures are 43,000 missionaries and \$1.7 billion. In addition, mission agencies will need to re-direct their efforts from holding the hands of established church organizations capable of standing on their own to reaching the unreached. Let our rallying cry be Paul's words when he said his ambition was to preach the gospel where Christ was not known so he would not be building on someone else's foundation (Rom. 15:20).

Will the world be evangelized by the year 2000? Not likely. Will we have made great strides toward that goal by the year 2000? That, my friend, depends on you and me. ☺



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