



## INTERNATIONAL HARVEST

### “WE DO NOT WELL”

By Wm. P. Heath

For direct teaching about our mission, our message and our methods we must go to Paul's epistles alone if we would avoid interdispensational confusion. However, the rest of Scriptures—given for our admonition (1 Cor. 10:11) and profitable for instruction (2 Tim. 3:16)—may well be used to illustrate what Paul teaches. 2 Kings 7:1-9 relates a very moving story illustrative of the position in which we find ourselves today.

The city of Samaria has been under seige for some time. Starvation and despair walk arm in arm through her streets. Outside the gates God has caused the enemy to hear a noise of chariots in the night and they have fled in terror. Salvation has been wrought for Samaria but they are unaware of it. Four lowly and despised lepers have come across the riches left behind by the fleeing army and have been hoarding it up for themselves. Now a thought occurs to one of them and he cries out to his three friends, “We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.” (2 Kings 7:9) In these four men we see ourselves.

The spiritual plight of the world today is not only desperate—it is tragic. It is desperate because men are starving for the word of God. The fleshly religions of lost men, by which they are in desperation seeking something to satisfy their empty hearts, are just as offensive to God as the cold blooded contract between two women to share in slaying and eating their own

sons is to us. We are surrounded on every side by spiritually starving people.

The King of Samaria walked upon the wall, before Ben-hadad and his own people, clad in his beautiful royal robes—but underneath was the sackcloth of mourning. Those around us parade their wealth, their laughter, their worldly wisdom, their pride and self-confidence—but underneath they are starving! Dove's dung is no substitute for the bread of life!

The plight of the world is indeed desperate, but it is also tragic. Tragic because it is so needless. The people in Samaria that night were trembling with fear and groaning with the pangs of extreme hunger. Outside the wall all was peace and safety and there was food enough and to spare. The city had been saved by the power of God, yet many may have died that night for lack of one to tell them the good news.

It is not difficult to see ourselves in the four lepers outside the wall. In desperation they had cast themselves upon the mercy of Ben-hadad and found instead the mercy of God. They had nothing to commend them to anyone—weak, sick with leprosy, haggard from starvation, they came upon the matchless riches provided by God's grace. So have we, praise God. Their first thoughts are only for themselves and in their greed they eat all they

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Joseph W. Watkins



**“Missions was not an elective but an imperative, not an option but an obligation—a privilege and a responsibility. To direct the worshipful eyes of the world upon Christ was the goal.”**

Man by nature is a religious being seeking to worship something—man, trees, rivers, birds, etc. He sees that there is someone or something bigger than himself. His conscience is troubled and his soul is not at peace so he will do anything to find peace. In highly educated countries man will turn to more sophisticated things such as modernism, or liberalism, but in the underdeveloped countries he will resort to paganism, worshipping idols, trees, cows, etc.



When Pauline and I were in the Philippines, we saw a different form of religious worship as the people sought to worship the

same God and His Son as we did. Their worship took the form of paganism: bowing down to idols with religious names, worshipping men in long robes, saying written prayers, and having feast days. They went to their large churches seeking comfort for the soul but found none. The reason they do this is because they are ignorant of God's righteousness and are going about trying to establish their own righteousness.

The missionaries under Things to Come Mission feel it is a privilege to be able to preach the Gospel of Grace to the people of Kenya, Indonesia, Philippines, England, USA, Brazil, and South Africa. It is the only gospel that will forgive sins and bring them into a new relationship with God. It doesn't matter what nationality the people may be, they must believe the Gospel Paul preached and revealed to us. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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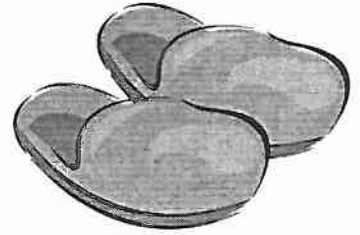
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“Shoes” Continued from page 3 you've never imagined yourself doing? As the *Nike* slogan says, Just Do It! Kick off those things in your life that pinch and rub or don't quite match the person you are in Christ. As you leave those symbols of your own authority behind, you just might hear yourself sighing, “Ahhh!” as you snuggle down into the abundant life God has prepared for you.



## SHOES

By Valerie Anderson



Every so often an American women's magazine will find its way into my hands. Among my favorite features in those magazines are the advice columns on matters of etiquette. That may surprise you, but they provide a window on American culture that I find most fascinating. The questions are often astonishing and the answers delightfully absurd when viewed from a cross-cultural perspective. One query that has stuck in my mind over the years was whether it would be appropriate to take photographs at a funeral. Emily Post was clearly aghast at such a notion and responded accordingly. However, where I grew up in Southeast Asia, the dead were revered, and having one's picture taken with the deceased or at least beside the coffin was a perfectly acceptable means of honoring that person's memory!

Another etiquette question I've been reminded of since coming to Turkey had to do with shoes. An anxious home-maker wrote in to say that she'd just installed pristine white carpeting in her home. Would it be all right to ask guests to leave their shoes at the door? The response was a decided NO! How preposterous to expect guests to socialize comfortably while going about in stocking feet!

In Turkey on the other hand, it would be considered very poor form to keep your shoes on after you've entered someone's home! Going up the stairwell in an apartment building, it is common to see shoes piled up outside each family's front door. If you could see beyond those doors, invariably there would be a shelf lined with slippers for family member and guests alike to put on as they enter the home. Although it took a bit of getting used to, I quite like this custom. Shoes that pinch or rub or that don't quite match your outfit—even though they

were perfect for sloshing through puddles outdoors—can be joyfully kicked off as soon as you get to the door. You can almost hear your toes sigh a contented "Ahhh!" as they snuggle down for a pleasant evening in a cozy pair of slippers.

A Scottish lady who's written a book about her experiences living in Turkey, gives an enlightened perspective on the shoe culture: "When I visited a friend and removed my shoes at the door, I could feel the humility of the gesture. It wasn't just to keep my host's carpet clean but to say, *'This is your domain and I'm treading lightly. I've left the symbol of my own authority outside.'* Only police march into a home with their shoes on! And as the host clothed my feet in slippers like her own, I would understand: *'My home is your home. Welcome.'*"

Superimpose that insight onto an image of Moses taking off his shoes before the burning bush, and you get a powerful picture of what it means to enter into the presence of God! That vision is what the Lord used nearly two years ago to call me to come to Turkey. Like the etiquette columnist, I wasn't sure I would be comfortable stepping out of my shoes and into God's plan for my future. Moses had the same misgivings. God, however, is able to do abundantly more than we can ever ask or imagine. Moses stepped out of his sandals and look what God provided: shoes that lasted through 40 years of wandering in rugged wilderness terrain without wearing out! Even *Birkenstock* can't compete with that! Although it took a bit of getting used to, stepping into God's plan for me has been a wonderful experience of seeing God's provision for everything I need, from finances to friends, to work that I thoroughly enjoy.

What about you? Is God asking you to step out of your comfort zone and into His plan for you? Do you have misgivings because it's something

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## The Ministry of Carlo and Elma

We praise the Lord for the ministry given to us. We would like to consider the various aspects of this ministry.

II Corinthians 5:18 says "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

II Corinthians 5:19 states further, "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

There are many aspects to the ministry of God, but of utmost priority is the "**ministry of reconciliation.**" As ambassadors for Christ, "we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**" II Cor. 5:20 This was Christ's reason for coming to earth, "Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners.**" I Timothy 1:15.

The **ministry of equipping the saints** is also very important. Our part is to teach and train. As we see in Eph. 4:11,12: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the **perfecting of the saints, for the edifying of the body of Christ.**"



"**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**" II Tim. 2:15 The ministry of the Word is necessary for equipping the saints, making them strong and knowledgeable in the Word as well as humble in the lives they live.

In Kenya we find that another important aspect of the ministry is **entertaining and showing hospitality**, taking time to listen to the needs of the people and comfort them in their sorrow. We note this in Romans 12:13 "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." And in verse 15, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

Our **ministry of reaching the children** is an exciting and challenging one. We remember what Christ said in Matthew 19:14, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." These children need someone to extend a hand to feed them. They need to be embraced and told they are loved. They need to ex-

perience the love of Christ in their lives. Oh that we might feel the compassion of Christ. He had compassion for the multitude. Love and compassion must go hand in hand. We are reaching many children through Bible classes and feeding. We feed about 25 street children in the town proper. We feed around 45 welfare children of Kenya, and in our weekly Bible class program we feed around 75 children. We are very happy seeing them taught the Word of God and fed bread and drinks. It is challenging working with these precious souls and extending our hands to the needy and less fortunate.

Our **ministry of Home Bible Studies** follows the pattern Paul used. We see in Acts 20:20, "...have taught you publicly, and from house to house." Many homes nowadays are full of complex, desperate, despondent people...only the Word of God can help them with their problems. In home Bible studies they are given love, compassion and hope in the struggle they are experiencing. Consistency in doing home Bible study is necessary in order to reach families with the gospel. This is also the beginning of a home church.

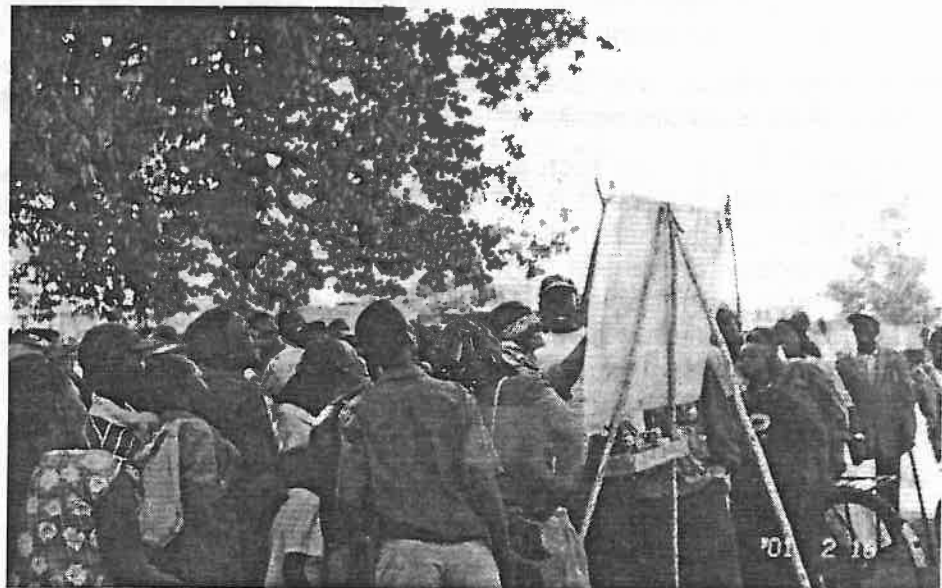
**The ministry of Evangelism:** We have found that the Sowers' Program is well received here. We had a goal of reaching 100 souls. We had ten members on the team, and in each town we made it clear that each person should counsel

three to five persons and should see to it that he led the person to a decision to accept Christ as his personal Savior. We overshot that goal: more than a hundred people accepted Christ! What a joy in our hearts and praise to the Lord to see these people saved by the grace of God.

I also enjoy working with home Bible studies along with a Kenyan pastor and an intern-student Bible woman. We worked with them in the Bible Teachers' class. Our goal for this program is to train local church members to become teachers and preachers of the Word of God rightly divided, to become strong Christian leaders and to become a catalyst in their localities to start Bible studies. We want them to become mature Christians with the message of grace.

Our ministries should be goal-oriented, service-oriented, and above all people-oriented. Each individual in the ministry should be directed with a goal that leads to accomplishment and satisfaction. We have been given the motivation – **Christ's love constrains us!**

**Carlo, Elma and Charael Paña**  
Thika, Kenya, E. Africa



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Question: When a young person believes God has called him to foreign mission service, how may he determine where this should be?**

Any young man or woman who has been directed to plan on foreign missionary service can expect God to lay the field of service upon the heart. As one gives himself to prayer, and serious examination, God will show the field He has chosen. Paul himself prayed (Rom. 1:8) for those in Rome. In 15:24 he indicates he planned to go there enroute to Spain. The secret of knowing the right place, is to confidently ask God, and it will be revealed.

To implement one's desire to know, one might well surround himself with data; knowledge of different fields, personal contact with missionaries on those fields, contact with the home Board and anything else which might give a better understanding to the needs, characteristics and life on that field.

**Question: Under the "Faith Principle" how is one supported as a foreign missionary?**

As a child of God, any missionary may expect God to supply the needs for the work. Before going to a field, the missionary (ies) is expected to carry on a deputation work, placing squarely before the people the spiritual need and aim of that missionary. While it is not the policy of many missionary groups to place before the people the needs in dollars and cents, the people ought to nevertheless be acquainted with the needs upon request. But, it is the primary aim and motive of those on deputation to so present the work that the Lord might arm someone with a desire to follow that missionary while representing them on foreign soil. The example of Paul in Phil. 4:10-12 ought to serve here as well. The Lord will send in that which is needed.

**Question: What educational preparation does TCM require of its missionaries?**

While the home Board prefers each applicant have a diploma from a Bible College, it is not mandatory. No doubt there are cases where individuals have an education equivalent, or do not lack in Biblical preparation through the years, or for other reasons qualify as missionaries. What is most needed is a personal dedication to the work of the Lord, and a deep consciousness of the presence of the Lord in one's life. Anyone who may feel desirous of becoming a foreign missionary could present the inquiry to the TCM Board, for further clarification.

**Question: How can one determine a call to a mission field?**

In the first place, there is not one child of God upon the earth who has never been called to work. We acknowledge this from 2 Cor. 5:14-20. Too, we are called "labourers for him" in 1 Cor. 3:9. The question never is "Should I begin?" but "Why don't I begin?" A burden to any work is all the call we need. Look about and let the call develop. It is doubtful one could expect to go to a foreign field service, who has never been challenged to do so right where he or she happens to be at the moment.

**Question: What would you say is the biggest hindrance to effective work on a field?**

Sin in whatever form it may be found is the greatest hindrance to any work of the Lord. If the occasion arises where there is a problem on a field of service, it no doubt can be traced to slipshod Christian living.

**Question: How may I begin, as young as I am, to see if the Lord is going to lead to service overseas?**

It is an amazing thing, but preparation throughout the years is all pointing to a work in the future. Rarely has God called a man who has a voice that warms the cockles of the heart, to do translation work secluded in the jungle somewhere. He may, but as we look about, God is preparing His children right now for the work tomorrow.

A good suggestion would be to keep your heart surrounded with the things of the Lord, exercise and perfect what you may believe is God's gift to you, begin to project yourself in the area where you feel at home. Begin to read missionary biographies. God will do the rest. You may claim Phil. 1:6 regarding this too. Be trusting, and you will be trustworthy!

**Question: What is the greatest need in Things to Come Mission?**

The most pressing need would be missionaries that would be willing to minister in church planting ministries. There is also a need for missionaries to minister to the youth and teachers for our Bible Schools.

Thinking in terms of material needs: financial assistance for the Bible Schools, aid for national ministers, and funds to print literature.

**Question: Does TCM deduct 10% or 15% from donations to cover office personnel and other expenses?**

No, the total donation is given to whom or for the purpose designated. The office personnel live by faith like the other missionaries.

can and begin to hoard the rest. Can we honestly disassociate ourselves from this picture? Do we not live in luxury beyond that known by kings in by-gone days while the efforts to reach the lost daily lack for necessary funds? Do we not soak up the deep things of the word until we are spiritually bloated while our very neighbors and family languish in darkness?

It is ever to the credit of these men that they came to the place where they said, "We do not well!" Dr. Chafer said that grace cannot incur a debt. This is only partially true. The man who was the great product and apostle of grace cried out, "I am debtor." (Rom. 1:14) These men were not put under obligation to God, and certainly not to Ben-hadad, for the feast grace had provided—but they had an obligation to the starving people of Samaria that could only be satisfied by immediate and effective action! We also "do not well" when we have the surpassing good tidings of grace and "hold our peace!" If the only verse we had in all of Scripture for missionary effort were the words of 2 Cor. 5:15, "He died for ALL", this verse alone should send us around the world, not content until ALL had heard of it! The walls of Samaria were not thick enough to muffle the wails of a dying city; can the wall of unbelief and indifference around our hearts muffle the moans of a dying world?

There was another consideration that drove them to action. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Rom. 13:12) they might have cried. If they are going to have the joy of breaking



David, Tim,  
Eunice, Bill, Beth, Jon.  
The Heath family when they left for the Philippines



A recent picture of Bill and Eunice Heath

the news—and avoid censure for keeping it to themselves—they must act now. With the Lord's coming so very near we too must speak out while we yet have time. What we do with the good tidings is all important. God

grant us grace to be as wise as these four lepers!

*The above article was written in 1967 the year he and his family went to the Philippines as missionaries for TCM. Brother Bill went to be with the Lord on April 22, 2001 at the age of 83. Editor*

**Editor's Note:**

I had the privilege of ministering with Bro. Bill Heath as we taught together for many years in the International Grace Bible Institute and in the churches in the Philippines. Not only did I have the privilege of ministering with him, but I also had the opportunity to sit under his teachings. Bro. Heath was a great Bible teacher.

The Heath family and Things to Come Mission would like to re-print one of Bill's books that he wrote in the Philippines especially for the Bible students, pastors and elders of the churches there. The title of this book is "Help in Hard Places."

This Book deals with many subjects from the Word of God: the way of salvation, the security of the believer, the scope of salvation, Christian life and outlook. Under each of these there are many sub-subjects he deals with such as universal reconciliation, salvation of Israel, degrees of punishment, etc. The cost to re-print will be \$2,000. We already have \$600 specified for this.

Before Bill went to be with the Lord he revised this book. When the printing is complete we will give a copy to all of our pastors and Bible Students in the Philippines, then we will make it available to our other fields of TCM's ministries. Also it will be made available for people here in the US.

If you would like to help with this project you can send your gift to Things to Come Mission designated for Heath's Book Fund. Your gift will go 100% to this project.

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I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplication, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

***DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED A MISSIONARY PROJECT?***

**INQUIRIES** have come into the headquarters asking for missionary projects that could be undertaken by a church group. Several needs have been brought to our attention by the missionaries. One of these may be just the project for your group or church.

◆ **Christian Books or Bible Study materials** can always be used on several of our fields. Any Bibles that you want to send will be gladly accepted by the nationals.

**SOUTH AFRICA:**

◆ **Van for the Soweto Church.** Pastor Stephens said the church could use it as a transport vehicle to help get people to church. This church is located in the Soweto area of South Africa-\$700.

◆ **Casio Keyboard** for Pretoria Grace Berean Church (South Africa) is needed to help with the music-\$200.

**BRAZIL:**

◆ **Chairs** for new churches being established-\$200.

◆ **Child Evangelism Training** for nationals-\$200.

◆ **Windows** for the Ibura Church building-\$800.

◆ **Bibles** for kids classes-\$250.

**PHILIPPINES:**

◆ **Printing of tract** "Who Can Forgive Sin?" by Pastor Don Elifson. 10,000 copies-\$120

◆ **Printing of other tracts** to be selected-\$250.

◆ **Sponsors for a radio program for southern Luzon Island.** This Hour of Grace program will reach thousands of people with the gospel of Grace. It will be a 30 minute broadcast Saturday and Sunday.-\$100 per month.

◆ **Beds for IGBI students** to replace old ones that termites have destroyed-\$160-200.

◆ **Put a ceiling** on the first floor of the women's dorm at IGBI to prevent the dirt from falling in the room that is used as a dining hall-\$160-200.

**TURKEY:**

◆ **30 Bibles for classes** needed by Valerie Anderson and Meghan McBride. The cost is \$24 per Bible.-\$720.