

May & June 2015

❖ **EXPANDING TO THE REGIONS BEYOND** – "As TCM celebrates 60 years of proclaiming the message of God's grace, we have determined that our leadership team must expand. Over 2 billion people in the world remain unreached by the gospel. Cross-cultural missionaries, from America and elsewhere, must be raised up and sent among those people. Just as Jesus—"the Word"—came to the earth "in the flesh," so, we must send missionaries "in the flesh" to the lost people of our generation. During 2015 TCM is expanding from one organizational leader to three. The Office Administrator (Valerie Anderson) will handle the finances, communication and resources at Headquarters in Indianapolis. Development Coordinator (Tim Heath) will liaise between TCM and the American Grace churches and organizations. The International Overseer (Ben Anderson) is responsible for existing and new ministries outside USA. Thank you for your prayers as we grow!" - Ben Anderson"

❖ **NATHAN KILLION - THAILAND:** " During a recent Bible study a member of our church shared some doubts about God. "What if He loves me today,"



Jessica & Nathan Killion

the person wondered, "but later He becomes angry with me and changes His mind?" The answer to this question may seem obvious to those of us who have grown up in the church, but for the Buddhist-background believers that make up the church here in Chiang Mai, queries such as this represent very real fears. As they hear Bible stories for the first time, learn about the living and true God, and study basic doctrines of the Christian faith,

the church here needs our prayers. We are well aware that there is a real spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of the people. Conversion and growth are often slow processes since there is a vast difference between the fear-inducing teachings of karma and merit-making and the peace-giving truths of God's mercy and grace. Please pray with us as our team here endeavors to proclaim the Word of God and clearly communicate the gospel in a language that is not our own. Please pray for the people of our church, that they will grow in the faith and be made complete in Christ. Please pray as we continue to reach out and, by God's grace, train up these brothers and sisters to serve the Lord Jesus Christ."

❖ **DEAN PADAYHAG - SOUTH AFRICA:** "We thank the Lord for continued expansion in our ministry in South Africa. People are catching our vision and getting our passion. ABGMSA leaders and churches are determined to fulfill our vision to plant 20 churches in 20 strategic places by 2020. In spite of financial hardship, church planters are making progress in building up pioneering works. Bible students have plans to start churches and Bible study groups. Two churches have been added to our work force. GBBS students continue to receive Grace teaching and training for the ministry. Non-Grace students are excited in their new-found faith. We have extended our outreach to Mozambique and Zimbabwe with plans to start churches this year through Bible students from these countries."

❖ **PRAY FOR TCM MK GRADUATES:** Keren and Kezia Improso arrived in Kenya with their parents March 7, 1996, the birthday of TCM Director Ben Anderson and he has said the arrival of the Improso family to help in the ministry was one of his best birthday presents. Gardner and Ledith, along with their youngest daughter Kelly, have continued to serve in Kenya 19 years. Four years ago Keren and Kezia returned to their country of the Philippines to attend university. Last month they graduated with BS degrees in *International Studies*. Both plan to take a short trip back to Kenya while actively looking for jobs.



Keren & Kezia Improso



Andrea Maraata

Andrea Maraata has lived in Thailand with her family, Genesis and Verna and brother Josiah, since she was in sixth grade and spent the last seven years at Grace International School. Andrea will attend Calvin College in August to study for a BS in Secondary Education-Biology. Please pray she will adjust well to life in USA while being separated from her family halfway around the world. Pray for all three grads that they will make wise choices and grow closer to God and mature in their love and obedience to Him.

❖ **"MUCH PRAYER, MUCH POWER..."** a short quote greatly significant as we hear of extreme persecution of believers, today, around the world. We hear of the burning of Christian churches, members imprisoned, killed or fleeing across borders, what is our response? What can we do? We can remember to pray for God's power to overwhelm the enemies of Christ, and to open doors to millions who have never yet heard of Christ and His power.