



## SO LONG, DEAR ONES!

A day after we arrived in the States, we went to buy groceries at a famous store in Greenwood, Indiana. By the entrance was a man in full military uniform standing next to a display table handing out brochures about Veterans and Military families while courteously greeting costumers. What a delight to see him so confident, respectable and honorable as he performed his duty. In our minds we knew we were going to do exactly the same as we traveled for five months around the USA representing God, South Africa and Things to Come Mission.

How time flies! It feels like just yesterday we flew into Chicago and yet today we are flying out of Chicago. The 158 days will soon become a memory—one that will last and become part of our lives and ministry forever. We are eternally grateful for all churches, members and pastors who have given us time to share our ministry. Thank you for curiously and patiently watching every slide of our presentation. Your attention, laughter at our corny jokes, questions, comments, respect and acceptance helped boost our confidence as we talked about our work. Thank you for your hospitality and generosity in providing food and accommodations. You definitely know how to care for missionaries—it's obvious by the weight we gained throughout this trip. We thank the Lord daily for allowing us to raise not just funds, but friends and families as well. Your love, prayers and concern are more precious than silver and gold. Thank you for your cards, wishes, prayers, material and financial gifts for our ministry. May the Lord reward the work of your hands.

Until we meet again, Partners . . . “the LORD watch between you and me, when we are absent one from another” (Genesis 31:49).

*in this special edition of our Ministry Echo Newsletter, we would like to minister to you from the Word and from our hearts.*

## **Mission: What is it and why it is important to be part of it?**

### **Whose Mission is It?**

While we take pride in our work and ministry, and the mission organization we belong to, mission is never ours. It is God's. He owns it. He started it. He is a missionary God. It was God looking for man first (Genesis 3:9). It was God who first promised a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15). It was God who did the first missionary work (Genesis 3:21). The Latin Christian theological term, *Missio Dei* is translated *mission of God* or *sending of God*. Mission is God's work and desire that He wants to accomplish in the world. I Timothy 2:4 tells of God's desire for all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### **Who's Supposed to do It?**

While it is His mission, He wants to accomplish it *THROUGH* His people. That is why throughout history God called, preserved, and sent people to this task. It is because of this mission that Christ came, died a painful death, yet rose again the third day (I Timothy 1:15; Romans 5:8; I Corinthians 15:3-4). It is because of this mission that God gave us His Word, the Bible. Missionary and missiologist, Ralph Winters rightly said, "The Bible is not the basis of missions; mission is the basis of the Bible." It is because of this mission that we are still on earth despite our salvation and heavenly hope. God saved us, sealed us, equipped us, and sent us to execute His mission. It is because of this mission that God puts us into His body.

In this dispensation of Grace, God is reaching the world through the Body of Christ in which all believers are members in particular. We are Christ's ambassadors with a message to preach and a ministry to fulfill (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). While it is important to be a member of Christ's Body and understand our unity in Christ, it is equally important to know our diversity in parts and functions in this mystical Body. Christ puts us in a special and specific part of His Body to function and fulfill His mission (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27). It is sad that while believers can positively answer the question, "Are you a member of Christ's Body?," many have not yet answered the question, "To which part of Christ's Body do you think you belong?" The first question determines SALVATION (or lack thereof) but the second one defines MINISTRY. We are all ministers of Jesus Christ. He saved us to serve Him. Titus 2:14 says, "*Who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*" Many times, we think it would be much better for God to use angels to save the lost and edify the saints. It would be much quicker, cheaper and more effective and yet it pleases Him to partner with us, despite our imperfection and shortfalls.

Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:10, "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*"

## Why Do We Have To Do It?

1. It is God's will. When we do mission, we are fulfilling God's desire to have all men saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

2. If we don't do it, the souls of men are at stake. People will go to hopeless eternity without hearing the gospel. The eternal destiny of the people is in our hands. Paul says, "...woe is me, if I preach not the gospel." (I Corinthians 9:16)

3. The rapture, our gathering together in heaven, depends on it. In this time of Grace, God is longsuffering because He wants more people to hear the gospel and have a relationship with the Lord.

4. Doing the work is fulfilling and rewarding, not to mention the many rewards God has prepared for those laboring for Him. (I Corinthians 15:58)

## How About The Regions Beyond?

While God is working effectively locally, God is also working mightily in the regions beyond. He continues to call, train and send cross-cultural missionaries to many parts of the world to preach the gospel and establish ministries in foreign lands. These **Sent Ones** are the people who are willing to step forward in faith, apply for passports and visas, cross cultures, languages and borders and leave the comfort of their own countries for something unfamiliar for the sake of the mission of God. While all believers are called to be ambassadors of Christ and missionaries within their area of influence, not all are called for cross-cultural missions. In light of that, one should not feel guilty for not being able to minister abroad. God is also raising up **Senders**, whose ministry is equally important, to partner with the **Sent Ones**. God is looking for **Senders** who *intentionally adopt* missionaries by making them feel loved, accepted, looked after and appreciated; **Senders** who are willing to *intelligently pray* and lift up the missionaries' lives and needs before the Throne of Grace; **Senders** who *regularly communicate* with missionaries for news, updates, and requests; **Senders** who are willingly and sacrificially giving to sustain the family and ministries of the **Sent Ones**. All these can be done without leaving the comfort of home. But we do encourage all those who are able, to visit at least one mission field before they die. It's a life-changing experience!

*For more information on our mission field and ministries, don't hesitate to contact us at [dpadayhag@tcmusa.org](mailto:dpadayhag@tcmusa.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We are full-time missionaries supported by free will gifts from churches and individuals. TCM issues tax-deductible receipts for all donations for our family and ministry.*

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# Prayers and Praises

♥ We thank the Lord for health and safety throughout 5 months of ministering in 35 US states. It has been a tremendous experience and blessing for our family. We thank the Lord for a good car, too!



- ♥ Pray for us as we apply for visas to South Africa in our home country, Philippines. There has been a change in the application process from submitting directly to the South African Embassy in Manila to applying via a visa processing agency. Pray for the fees (\$400 for 4 of us) and paperwork and God's hand over this process.
- ♥ Please pray for the registration of *Grace Outreach Ministries South Africa (GOMSA)*, our new South Africa-based, non-profit partner organization. They will provide the registration number required for the visa application. TCM missionaries and trained national leaders have worked together to establish this new organizational structure.
- ♥ Please pray as we raise \$2400 for our one-way plane tickets from Philippines back to South Africa. We plan to be back to the field at the end of November.
- ♥ Please pray we can find a suitable, safe, and reasonably priced 3-4 bedroom house—one room will be a ministry office/workstation/studio.

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