

SEND THE LIGHT



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Helpful Hints

FOR THE PROMOTION OF MISSIONS IN YOUR CHURCH

Most of those who will be interested in the church mission program will be the regular attenders to the services - thus the greatest amount of communication should be for their benefit.

Weekly Church Bulletins

The monthly church bulletins should include items on missionaries, mission activity, mission conferences and meetings, mission objectives and mission projects.

Bulletin Inserts

If space is limited in the church bulletin, an insert can be used to cover the subject thoroughly.

News Letters

In churches that have a newsletter, space should be provided regularly for presenting mission news and information. Special letters could be sent where no regular church letter is used. The pastor could send such a letter before missionary conferences to lend importance to the event. Letters should stress one thing well, rather than covering many items in a lengthy letter.

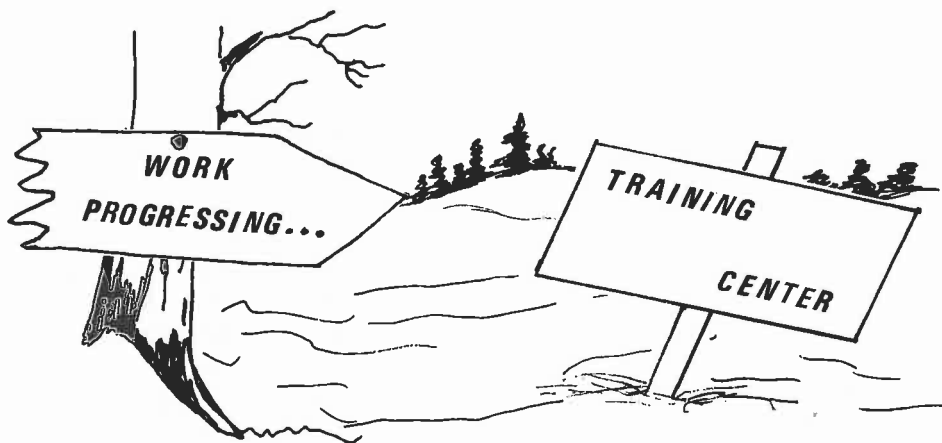
Bulletin Boards

Each church should have a bulletin board area available for use by the mission committee. One person should be responsible for what is placed on this bulletin board. *(continued on back page)*

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PICTURED ON THE FRONT COVER is the lighthouse at the harbour entrance of the Menominee river. The river flows into the Green Bay of Lake Michigan, between the towns of Marinette, Wisconsin and Menominee, Michigan. Lucy Wiering made the drawing for this magazine.

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Today, further progress was made getting things set up for the gospel workers training center. Alfred Sellen, Marvin Duncan, Bob Hotz and Jim Lewis looked at refrigerators and freezers, transported a piano, two gas ranges and a winter supply of carrots. Furthermore we worked at various other tasks that have to be taken care of when people move in.

In our previous issue of the International Harvest, we wrote about the program: "We hope that we can begin this fall." Now we have a beginning! The previous evening Marvin and I met with Bob and Judy Hotz, Jim Lewis and Donald Sellen. We could call it the first (formal) meeting of the training program. We also wrote in that issue: "We are praying for leading as to God's choice for the location..." Since then we have been led to Marinette, Wisconsin.

Marinette lies on the Green Bay of Lake Michigan, 55 miles north of the city of Green Bay. Marinette is separated from the town of Menominee in upper Michigan by the Menominee river. These two "twin" towns have together a population of 25,000.

About three years ago steps were taken to establish a "grace" church in Marinette. Different persons have had a part in this work, but we should especially mention the vision and efforts of Alfred Sellen. A church building was purchased and pastor Cornelius Stam preached the first message. After that, various speakers came up to preach, among them Rollin Wilson and Emery Mollenhauer. Over two years ago the latter became the first pastor and a real effort was made

to further the work. When he resigned this past July, the Grace Bible Church of Marinette needed a new pastor.

I came to this church for the first time last May for a missionary service. Pastor Mollenhauer showed me all around the towns, as suggestion was made that T. C. M. could relocate its home base here. In August I came back here, this time to consider Marinette as the location for the training program. We have considered a number of locations where we had been invited to come and we felt that the Lord would have us be in this place.

At this point, the Grace Bible Church here, whereof I have become the pastor, can be considered a small church and this presents us a challenge for evangelism and church growth ministries. The church will be a "church home" for the training program and its facilities can also be used for the program.

Saturday, October 30, the final steps were taken to purchase a building, two blocks away from the church. That same afternoon Bob and Judy Hotz came in from Sioux Falls, S.D. and we could move their household goods right into the upstairs apartment of this property. We intend to use the main floor, which has served as a music store, for the training program. Alfred Sellen's efforts to find a suitable building and the prayers of God's people resulted in finding this building and enabling us to purchase it for a very reasonable sum.

While I was in the Netherlands a few weeks ago, Marvin and Marlene Duncan stopped here on their return from Nova Scotia. Now they are back again for a week and a half to help get things going and to see if the Lord would have them come here to take a share in the work. Pray that they will know His leading in their lives.

Up till now we have not used a specific name for the training program. We have thought about a number of names and one of these may well work out, but before choosing a name, we would like to hear from you in case you would like to suggest a name. **

PRAY FOR THINGS TO COME IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Pedro Calledo, a national pastor in the Philippines, is considering missionary work in Indonesia with Vernon Anderson.

Brother Calledo was a member of the first graduating class from the International Grace Bible Institute . He started and directed the Mindanao Grace Bible Institute, and has been working with the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program. He is now director of International Grace Bible Institute.

*We are rejoicing to see Philippino believers willing to answer the missionary call to help carry the gospel to other needy lands. Pray for pastor Calledo, as well as the other nationals who are giving their all to the service of Christ. ***



Teacher-Evangelist Pedro Calledo and family

The Latest

FROM HERE
AND THERE

Warren and Shirley Keiper are making plans to move into the State of San Paulo to open a new area of ministry. They plan to be relocated by the first of the year.

John Shriver reports; their van which was damaged in an accident earlier this year has been repaired and is back in service for our Lord.

Vernon Anderson and family have returned to Indonesia on a one year visa, but no permit has been granted to bring the airplane into this country. (The plane is now in Albuquerque, New Mexico waiting until it can be brought into Indonesia.)

Joe Watkins has returned to the Philippines and is wanting to get more literature printed which will help the national workers in their study of the Word and in the outreach of the gospel.

The Sidebottoms report:

The addressograph machine that was given to us many years ago by friends in Indiana, was taken in to Denver to get repaired for the first time since we obtained it. It has served us well and is now an antique, although it possibly could be fixed yet. We would ask you to pray about getting a good used one and would suggest that if anyone knows about a good buy on a used machine, which would help to speed up the addressing here, to inform us. The same goes for our old model address plate making machine, which broke down this past week.

The prayers and the gifts for each area of the Lord's work thru TCM have truly been appreciated down through the years and we trust you will continue to help us in His great work. Be assured that Beverly

and I do appreciate the fact that you help to supply our needs here in the office so we don't have to take from other funds to do the office work. The Lord richly bless you as you labor at home and abroad through your prayers and gifts. If we can be of further service to you, please call us.

U.S. MAIL BUSINESS

Due to the change in postal regulations condering the use of *business reply envelopes*, the mission will no longer be using these envelopes, except those *on which you place the appropriate postage.*

Any *business reply envelope* mailed out without proper postage *will not* be delivered to the mission but will be returned to the sender if a return address is given. Any envelopes not having a return address will be sent to the dead-letter section of the Postal Service. To avoid delay or loss of the Lord's money, PLEASE place proper postage on all correspondence to the mission.

The cost of address correction has been increased to 25¢ per piece. If you move, or plan to move, please send us your new address as soon as possible.

A L A S K A.

Contact has been made with some "Grace" believers in Anchorage, Alaska. They would like very much to have a grace church started in that city. The potential is good if there were a man willing to pastor in this Northern State. Anyone interested in pioneering a grace church in Alaska, or anyone moving to Alaska who would like a contact with other "grace" believers, is invited to contact the mission office.

GOSPEL WORKERS TRAINING PROGRAM.

The mission has launched into a training program and has located this center in Marinette, Wisconsin. Three men students are now in the area for training. A building has been purchased and training has begun. There have been others who voiced interest in attending such a program. It is not too late to enroll in this first class. Regular class work will begin in January, although the students now present are

gaining practical experience in starting a new work in a new location.

There are many challenges before us as we seek to prepare men and women for the Lord's service. Several churches and individuals have encouraged us with their pledge to pray and help toward such a program. Your prayers and help are needed now. Any questions you might have concerning what part you might take in this new ministry, whether it is as student, instructor or faith partner, in prayer, giving or other assistance,— please contact the mission office or Peter Wiering, director of the program, at 733 Main St., Marinette, Wis., 54143.



AN OPEN DOOR

by Marvin Duncan

For over three years I have been corresponding with a dear brother in Nova Scotia by the name of Clarence Mombourquette. Clarence has written many times saying, "This is a Macedonian call, COME AND HELP US!" Clarence pointed out the lack of any good fundamental Bible teaching much less the "Grace Message" being taught in Nova Scotia.

Over the years the mission has advertised the need of missionaries for this area, but to date there has been very little interest and no prospects of anyone working in Eastern Canada. Earlier this year I suggested that as the Lord provided, I would be willing to come and survey the area and seek our Lord's leading as to what HE would have me do as to a future ministry. In July a letter came from Clarence asking, "Would you come NOW and help us?"

Our son, Derek, was ready to enter college and this would leave Marlene and me free to move as our Lord directs. We committed this to our Lord and the answer seemed clear to head for Nova Scotia. On August 22nd, Marlene and I were in St. Louis, where I spoke in the Bible Fellowship Church on Sunday morning and at the Gardenville Community Church on Sunday evening. Wednesday of that week found us in

Massillon, Ohio, where I spoke at Calvary Chapel and then we made our way to Sydney, Nova Scotia, for Sunday services.

In Sydney is another "Grace" man who has been standing for the message for the past six years. It was in this area that three men had shown an interest in the Word rightly divided, Our desire was to meet with these men, encourage them in the Word and hopefully meet others of their families or friends with whom we could talk about the Word and the message of Grace. Sad to say, we were not allowed to visit these men and no contacts were available to us in the Sydney area. On Thursday we departed from Sydney and headed for Halifax, a city of about 122,000, to meet with Clarence to see the contacts he might have in this capital city. Clarence wasn't expecting us until Saturday, but what a reception we had on Friday afternoon!

Most of the folks were out of town for the Labor Day week-end so we didn't schedule any public meetings. We did have Bible studies with Clarence every day and that Sunday we attended an Independent Baptist Church service. An indication of the spiritual condition of the population of Nova Scotia is the fact that this church has been in Halifax 21 years, yet that Sunday morning there was only the Pastor and six people in the congregation - two of these were visitors from the States.

On Tuesday after Labor Day, we had a public meeting in one of the homes and eight people came to hear the Word rightly divided. Two of these were college age young people. What a joy to see their interest in the Word! After the service was dismissed, these boys stayed till mid-night asking questions and seeking more knowledge of the Word. I gave them a number of booklets written by Mr. Stam and encouraged them to study the Word. I had preached on the two bodies of truth in the Bible as defined in Acts 3:21 and Romans 16:25...that which was SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN and that which was kept secret SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN. These boys saw this truth and were thrilled to have a method of understanding the Bible.

I believe there is a wonderful opportunity to deal with the college-age young people in Nova Scotia. They have given up on the formalistic denominational churches and are seeking Truth apart from these churches. Several groups of young people are now meeting together looking for some understanding of the Bible and will listen to anyone who claims to be a Bible teacher. The bulk of these young people who are seeking are finding only a charismatic answer to their search. There is very little, if any, teaching of the Word in any depth, much less teaching the Word rightly divided. The young people will listen if only there were someone available to teach them.

This is truly an open door for someone interested in ministering to young people. Has God placed upon your heart a burden for young lives? If you are interested in ministering to the college-age youth, why not contact the mission at Box 96, Cope Colorado 80812.



On the scene at the start of the training program: (men, 1. to r.) Peter Wiering, Jim Lewis, Bob Hotz, Marvin Duncan. (women 1. to r.) Marlene Duncan, Etta Wiering and Judy Hotz. (Donald Sellen not present).

Testimony of First Students

On Saturday, October 30th, Bob and Judy Hotz arrived in Marinette, Wisconsin as the first students to the Things to Come Mission training center. The following testimony and report gives clear indication of the dedication of this fine young couple. (Ed.)

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthened me." It has been quite some time since my wife Judy, and myself first began to consider going into full time Christian work for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At first we were not willing to serve Christ in a full time capacity, so we did nothing toward this end. Then our first child, Christopher, was born and for the time being we thought we had a reason just to stay where we were.

Our second son, Nathan, was born two months premature and with the medical bill we knew that it would be quite some time before we would be financially free to serve Christ as we knew we should.

We could sense God's wonderful hand in our lives even though we were aware that our second son might not live. Numerous times, if it had not been for the breathing monitoring equipment and the heart monitor, the doctors would have never known that Nathan had stopped breathing. Yes, it was God who sustained us in those times for we could only pray,— trusting Christ to work out His will. Our son had other complications and could have had brain damage due to the many times he ceased breathing, but God had it under His guiding, loving hand. Today our son is as normal and healthy as any child.

We prayed to God that if He wanted us to serve Him in full time Christian work He would clear away the medical bills. The medical bill was of considerable size since our child had been in the local hospital for two months and a day. We were notified

that our hospital bill was taken care of. One of the doctors also notified us that they were taking our bill off their books. Over a period of 14 months we were financially freed.

On March 29, 1976 our home was put up for sale and the first and only interested people bought it. At this time we moved to an apartment in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, while we waited for the Lord to work out details for schooling. On October 22, 1976, when the way was clear, I quit my job and we started packing. We needed an automobile to make the trip to Marinette, Wisconsin and God provided. We needed a larger trailer than was available - again God provided a trailer and pick-up truck plus my wife's father and mother to drive it. Upon arrival, an apartment was available as well as a good number of brothers and sisters in Christ who speedily helped to unload, despite the rain and cold.

During the past months we have had some discouragements, but we knew that if we were to go to school God would provide the Spiritual strength and he has.

As we look forward to attending the Things to Come Mission Training Center, we also look to God that He will continue to lead and guide us. God has given both Judy and myself a burden to help the young people of the world. Please pray that we will be willing to learn and serve as He would direct. **



A rural Indonesian village. The Lord has opened the door into Indonesia for "Things to Come". Let us now pray for workers to enter these doors for Christ.

GOOD TOOLS FOR GODS WORKMEN

by Bill Heath

As I consider the mounting indications that the day of foreign missionaries could soon be over in the Philippines, I ponder the question of what part of our work is most vital in the time we may have left. Although I feel that every ministry we are engaged in at present is important and at least potentially fruitful, there are two areas that stand out above the others. If the work is to continue and prosper, after a possible missionary pull-out, there must be well trained workers and adequate tools for them to work with.

We feel that our workers have received good training. We are busy adding to their present knowledge and skill through worker's seminars several times a year. More trained workers will be added as new classes graduate from our schools. However, just when we are faced with the double pressure of an expanding work and a limited time, our school program has had to be greatly curtailed. We may not be able to train next year the ones who cannot attend school this year,— there may not be a next year available to us.

The best of workmen need good tools. The worker of the Lord is no exception. His tools are the Bible and Bible related literature. At present the Philippines welcomes books and literature and seldom, if ever, impose duty or restrictions. It is more exciting and "romantic" to wait until Bibles and Christian literature must be "smuggled" in,— but it is far more effective to send them now. Why not have a concerted campaign to buy up the present opportunity afforded by President Marcos' commendable and praiseworthy policy in this regard, and flood the Philippines with Bibles and sound study materials?

The cults are not asleep! Three times in the past two months representatives of one of the cults have come to my door selling very beautifully printed books and booklets.. No one has been here to offer sound Bible centered literature for sale. Another cult offers a superbly printed magazine with full color pictures and interesting and timely articles,- free of charge! Still another rapidly growing cult is using full color tracts on gloss paper, and slide presentations of their doctrines. Our tracts are black and white, on a rather poor grade of bond paper. No slides are available as far as I know; in any case no slides presenting our dispensational view of the Word of God.

What are the needs? We still need some Scofield Bibles for some of the recent graduates and new workers. Concordances are needed. We could use more books written by our grace brethren and also books by such men as William Pettingil, Arno C. Gaebelein, L.S. Chafer, William R. Newell, etc.. We need well written, nicely printed tracts that have a clear message of salvation by grace alone.

We are making headway. Thanks to the vision and generosity of our TCM Home Board and several friends in the States, we were able to put a number of pieces of literature and some fine books into the hands of the workers in my area at the last seminar. Brother Watkins will be printing a great deal of material in the dialect. That material will be slanted toward the culture, while remaining true to the Word. I am working on a commentary on Jonah and Nahum with the workers here especially in view. Joe and Pauline are mimeographing it now. Several have been sending us everything from Sunday School papers and visual aid materials to Bibles. Thank you! Keep them coming.

Perhaps you would like to become a part of a campaign to make sure that the history of vital Christian literature in the Philippines will not read: *"Too little and too late"* but: *"Plenty, and on time!"*



Reaching Out In Nigeria



Pastor Nelson with new motorcycle for the work in Nigeria.

The T.C.M. work in Nigeria is one of the fastest growing works within the mission. Brother Innocence I. Udoh has written often, asking for transportation so he and the pastors can keep in contact with this expanding ministry. The expense of an automobile put that possibility out of the question for now but we did see the need of doing something. As we prayed and as you gave, the doors opened that funds could be sent to purchase a motorcycle. This tool for that work is now in use and the pastors can reach out further with the gospel of the grace of God. Although there is still a need for other means of transportation, pastor Udoh and the other workers are rejoicing and praising God for your faithfulness in giving to meet this need.



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HELPFUL HINTS (continued from page 2)

Materials should be of a current nature and removed as soon as they become outdated.

Announcements and pictures of church supported missionary activities should be posted.

Displays should not be crowded. Small amounts of information, attractively presented, will be more readily noted.

A missionary letter or announcement will receive greater attention if mounted on colored paper which permits a large border around the item.

Do not clutter the bulletin board with letters or other notices. A few attractively presented items -changed frequently- will command attention. Under-scoring key paragraphs with a colored felt-tip pen is a quick attention getter.

Bulletin board display is more attractive when the fasteners are of the same color and style and all items are placed on the bulletin board in the same manner.

Photographs can be used to good advantage if persons, places or activity are identified. Make sure thumbtacks are placed where they will not damage the photograph. Photographs can rest on thumbtacks and be held in place by thumbtacks placed on each side.
