

## The key of all missionary success is prayer. That key is in the hands of the home churches.

~E.M. Bounds

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## **CONTAGIOUS GOOD NEWS**

#### Ben Anderson, International Director

As the Novel Coronavirus progresses across the globe, people are gripped with a fear bordering on panic. I am writing from Southeast Asia where many countries have canceled flights to China and other countries in an attempt to control the spread of the dreaded disease. Face



masks are sold out, body temperatures are checked in malls, and social media is alive with chatter about controlling the outbreak. One TCM field reports that church attendance is down by one-third. Another missionary reports that all schools have been closed, including their language school.

Mission is centered on the hope of the gospel. In Swahili 'gospel' is translated as *habari njema*, literally 'good news.' The underlying fact of human existence is that all of us have an appointment with "the grim reaper." The statistical probability of dying from the Coronavirus is tiny. Yet, each one of us has one physical death—and only one—awaiting us. Hebrews states that "*people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.*" In spite of the increasingly scientific human efforts to discover the tree of life, the death rate is still one apiece. God's declaration to the first man remains true, "*By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.*"

The gospel holds out hope to mankind. I love the words of Jesus to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Wow! The power in those words is something humans can only dream about. And the gospel is full of that same promise. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Apostle Paul introduces his second letter to Timothy with "the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus" and later states that our Savior "has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Like the Coronavirus, the gospel is designed to be communicated and to spread across the world. Unlike the Coronavirus which produces fear and death, the gospel of Jesus Christ gives hope and life. Although the world will always have another sickness to deal with, the final solution remains the same. As Paul told a man in Philippi who had lost hope, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved!" How communicable is your gospel?

"But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine." (Psalm 33:18–19) �

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### WHY MISSION IS URGENT NOT OPTIONAL TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

#### Timothy Board, Development Director

Heach in different regions of the country, I can personally testify to the essential nature of cross-cultural missions to the health and vitality of the local church. Here

are 7 reasons why mission enhances the entire ministry of the church in the community and beyond, and also serves as an anchor to the heart and soul of the pastor as primary leader of the assembly. This is why mission is urgent, not optional for your local church.

#### 1. MISSION OPENS THE EYES TO SEE HOW GOD IS AT WORK IN THE WORLD -

God's mighty hand is providentially opening doors of opportunity for the gospel in this age of grace. Testimonies from missionaries confirm this reality, opening the eyes to a sensitive awareness of God's active intervention in the affairs of mankind, and cultivating a life of faith in the Word of God.

2. MISSION BECKONS THE HEART TO BE MORE DELIBERATE IN PRAYER – If you believe in mission, then pray for mission. In other words, if you believe people are hell-bound as spiritually lost sinners and therefore in urgent need of Jesus Christ, then pray for missionaries who are taking the gospel into the darkness of this world. Prayer is the mighty engine at the heart of mission.

**3. MISSION CHALLENGES THE HANDS BE MORE RADICALLY GENEROUS** – Let's be honest...regardless of the demographics of your church and its socio-economic status, we prioritize what is really important to us. The time, talent, and treasure of our lives are a stewardship that ought to be missionally invested in eternity. Every believer is accountable before Christ at the Bema.

4. MISSION STIRS THE MIND TO COMPREHEND THE BREADTH OF THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST – God's love and grace is for the nations, and His redeemed people are among every tribe, language, and people group worldwide. American Christians tend to have a very limited perspective of the width, length, depth and height of the love of Christ. Mission gives a proper understanding. 5. MISSION MOTIVATES THE FEET TO INTENTIONALLY GO PLACES WITH THE **GOSPEL OF GRACE** – Tyranny of the urgent enslaves many into merely going through the daily motions of life. Mission challenges apathy, indifference, and hardness of heart to be broken in humility before God and to raise the white flag of surrender to Christ's commission of grace. Being compelled to move forward with the gospel is not so much a matter of calling but of faithful obedience. 6. MISSION IGNITES A PASSION OF SOUL TO LIVE ON MISSION IN THE **COMMUNITY & BEYOND – There is nothing like mission to enlarge our** perspective of what local church ministry could be even in this culture. Mission injects fresh wisdom to understand the times, vision to see beyond what is to what ought to be, and courage to initiate decisive action for the glory of God. 7. MISSION EXPANDS THE LIFE OF AN ASSEMBLY TO IMPACT THE NATIONS FOR GOD'S GLORY – As the pillar and ground of doctrinal truth, the local church is a counter-cultural out-post, strategically positioned in the community and divinely ordained to impact the lives of people in all nations worldwide for the glory of God. Does the mission of your church need expansion to line up with God's heart for the local church? \*

### **A LOST SHEEP**

#### Pastor Rathy Chheng, Cambodia Grace Gospel Church

A man who called himself "A Lost Sheep" for 38 years: Mr. Chin Bunthoeun is a 60 year-old man with a heart disease. He can't walk well and his whole body, especially his two hands, keep shaking. He heard about Jesus Christ when he was 20 years old but since then he got a good position in the government Ministry of the Interior. He was rich and powerful, but he never went to church or had any relationship with God for 38 years. He didn't even care about his faith—that is why he told us that he was "A Lost Sheep."

Since he was in power and rich he had two wives. One passed away, and the other one looked down on him because of his sickness that caused him to lose his power and property. They separated a few weeks ago. He had no other place to stay during this terrible time, so he came to stay with his daughter as a new neighbor of mine. Two of her daughters are our students and attend Cambodia Grace Gospel Church.

The problems with his family and health brought Mr. Chin down to almost a zero point. He told us he felt hopeless and didn't know what to do besides wait for death. But our God was at work. Even though most of our young church members are busy with work and study and don't have enough time for outreach activity, our elder members have time. Praise God that He can still use these three old ladies. They went to visit Mr. Chin and offered him their prayers and kindheartedness which made him feel warm and cared for, especially as he is a new visitor and it was his first time to this village.



This Sunday afternoon before our worship service, one of his granddaughters asked him, "Do you want to go to church and join in worship with us today?" He said when he heard this invitation from his granddaughter, he was shocked, and it reminded him about "A Lost Sheep" in Matthew 18:13-15. He didn't know where

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his strength would come from, but he said "Yes" to his granddaughters, and they helped carry him along with his walking stick.

He told us this was his first joyful heart in his despair, especially when he saw some of us run to help carry him and give him a seat. God can make even a small thing like this an expression of great affection to people.

After the worship service, we spent more time for chit chat, and Mr. Tou and I offered him another prayer for his health and for his relationship with God. I also gave him a new Bible. He told us it will be his 2nd Bible after 38 years, and he will try to read it as he can still read nowadays.



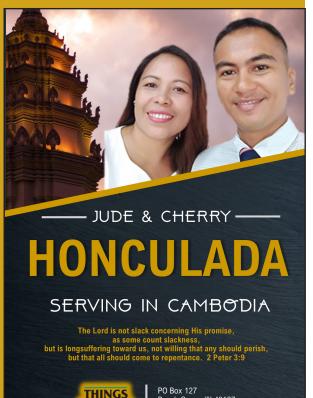
As my beautiful wife reflected, "We don't need to be smart or wait until we have this or that so we can serve God. No! God just looks at the heart of people; it doesn't matter who you are, what background or education you have. As long as you trust in God and share what you have with others, God will use it as a tool to let people experience His love and grace through us." \*

### **NEW CAMBODIA MISSIONARIES**

Jude & Cherry Honculada anticipate joining Team Cambodia this summer. They are graduates of TCM-Philippines Bible schools and completed GTCM training. They join TCM with 6 years of ministry experience, having planted 3 Grace churches in Ormoc City.

Jude states, "I want my life to be used only for God's will. I have my plans, but I only want His plan to be done. I am a product of missionary work, and I want to do mission work, too, so others might be saved by hearing the gospel."

Cherry agrees. "Being in ministry developed my purpose in life: to bring people to reconciliation with God and into an intimate relationship with Him; to train leaders who will stand and continue in ministry; to have a legacy that will last until Jesus comes. \*



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### **INTRODUCING THE TCM BOARD**

The TCM Board is made up of pastors and laymen who are active in their churches and desire to see the gospel of grace spread throughout the world. They gather as a Board three times a year and lend their time, experience and

expertise to make decisions that enable TCM to achieve its vision and mission. We trust you will identify with and be inspired by the articles they've written. ~The Editor



### **THREE CRITICAL QUESTIONS**



#### **Pastor Aaron Harris**

Let me introduce myself and how the Lord led me to be the Executive Director of Things to Come Mission. My name is Aaron Harris, Pastor of Kettle Moraine Bible Church in West Bend, WI. This wasn't always my occupation—for 6 years I was a Special Education teacher in a brick and mortar, private institution, and then in cyber school. I fully expected to be a career teacher; however, the Lord had other ideas. He brought a true gift into my life, my wife Liz, who encouraged me to become

a pastor every time I received that spiritual nudge from the Lord. The educational training and job experience I received continues to be used of the Lord to help me reach God's people with His Word and grace.

When I first met Liz 11 years ago, I knew right away that she, with those blue understanding eyes, and her sweet, kind heart, was the woman for me. I was in my last year of college and she was just beginning nursing school. After Liz finished her RN schooling, we got married, secured successful jobs, and started a family. As we served locally at Altoona Bible Church in central PA, we were always open for the Lord's leading in our lives.

During our home church's annual missionary conference, Tim Heath, former Development Director of TCM, asked me if I had ever thought of becoming a Pastor. I replied, "Well no, I never thought about that." I remember waiting for Liz to come home from work that night, and telling her what Tim Heath had challenged me to consider. She simply looked at me and said I should be a pastor. It was so obvious to her. Little did we know that God would use this step of faith to move me to become a pastor and then to move us all the way to Wisconsin. God gave me a loving wife who has been so supportive and always willing to take steps of faith with me. Along this journey, He has also blessed us with four amazing children.

Liz and I both love missions, so when the opportunity came for me to be part of the TCM board, and now TCM Executive Director, it was a "no brainer." We need missions to spread the glorious gospel of the Grace of God. We not only need

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missionaries, but we need mission-minded pastors in the USA to reignite the local church for missions.

If there is one thing Liz and I desire to do as parents, it is to instill in our children's hearts—and in the hearts of people God brings into our lives—the ability to answer these 3 questions: "Who are you?" "What is your calling?" and "What are your assignments?"

Let's try this together: My name is Aaron Harris and I'm a child of God. That's who I am. My calling is to preach the gospel of the Grace of God. Simply put, God loves you and sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for your sins, and He was buried and rose again the third day. Call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, believe in this precious truth of the gospel and what He accomplished for you and you shall be saved. It's all by His precious grace. God has assigned me to be husband and father to a beautiful family, Pastor of Kettle Moraine Bible Church, and Executive Director of TCM. Although my assignments might change over time as the Lord leads in my family's life, who I am and my calling don't change.

Do you know who you are in Christ? Do you know that your calling is also to preach the gospel, since you are an Ambassador for Christ? Please know, your assignment is not who you are. It's where God has you at this moment and where you are to be faithful to declare and live the truth of God's love. 2 Cor. 4:3-6 �

### **50 YEARS AND COUNTING**



#### Pastor Jeff Bertram

Jeff Bertram joined the TCM Board in 2019. He is pastor of Old Bethel Bible Church in Alpha, KY as well as owner/operator of Bertram Lumber, Inc. Jeff and his wife, Sandra, have 2 daughters, Emily and Kendra.

My first experience with missionaries was around 1970 when Bro. Joe and Pauline Watkins visited Old Bethel Bible Church. Earl Wooton, the pastor at that time, had met them at the Berean Bible Fellowship conference in Cedar Lake, IN, and invited them to share their ministry. Although I was very young, I can still remember seeing them for the first time. Bro. Joe was a giant of a man to a little boy. His crew cut hair and tanned skin is forever etched in my memory. I also recall him showing picture slides on a rotating projector (something I had never seen before). From that first visit, Bro. Joe and Pauline built a relationship between TCM and Old Bethel Bible Church that is ongoing 50 years later. Over the years we have had the honor of hosting other TCM missionaries in our church, and I can say with assurance that nothing can replace first-hand knowledge of missionaries and their work.

I have personally witnessed how having a relationship with TCM and its missionaries has affected lives within our assembly over the years. It has given us another opportunity to minister outside the four walls of our church and outside our community. Seeing the work of the ministry going on in other parts of the world is very encouraging to our church, knowing that God has allowed us to be a small part of it!

### **SAYING "YES" TO GOD**

#### Dr. John Harris, PhD

t has been a tremendous privilege to serve on the TCM Board since 2016, and now as President of the Board. I am a tenured Professor of Engineering and Chair of the Saint Francis University Engineering Department in Loretto, PA. Over the last 32 years, this position has afforded me the flexibility to be very engaged in ministry, much of which has been at Altoona Bible Church (ABC) in Altoona, PA. Before I received my PhD in Nuclear Engineering, I had already become quite involved in ministry at ABC. I was an adult Sunday School teacher, treasurer of the church and part of the music team. In 1986, while I was still in school, the Lord had taken hold of my heart. In conviction, I told the Lord that whatever He wanted me to do, I would do. I have sought to say "Yes" since that day.

I sincerely believe that every gift God gives us should be used for His honor and glory. Open doors are meant to be walked through with faith and trust. The level of commitment of the believer should be complete and spiritually discerned and driven, a relationship of trusting in the Lord. My principal gift is teaching, which the Lord has enabled me to exercise with all ages of His saints. At ABC, I have been

an adult Sunday School teacher for over 33 years, teacher in our Bible Institute for over a decade, filled the pulpit numerous times and worked with a number of individual men to prepare them for full-time pastoral service. Ministering with youth is also a particular joy, as I have been able to work alongside Penny, my wife of 36 years, as well as our adult children. Together we direct our Grace Kids camps and youth retreats as well as teach in our junior church program. All these things are ways of simply saying "Yes" to God. He constantly integrates our gifts with the gifts of others. God has blessed me with an amazing

wife, children and church friends who have faithfully carried out their gifts as well. It has truly been a blessing to work alongside so many faithful and gifted saints.

I have shared these details as context for why I made the choice to serve on the TCM Board. My heart has been led through the years to focus on the lost. A heart for the lost is a natural result of spending time in God's Word and recognition of God's desire to have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. We are ambassadors for Christ after all. Reaching the lost that our church can reach has been near and dear to my heart as I've written tracts, organized door-to-door witnessing, helped develop new outreach programs, chaired our church mission board, and housed and supported missionaries. Over the years I regularly prayed that the Lord would open doors of ministry, of opportunity, of impact for His service. TCM is an answer to prayer as I have continued to keep my eyes open for God's leading and direction for my personal life. Being able to make an impact in world missions, to reach those that have never heard, is truly a privilege. I can't express how amazing it is to be part of a Board of faithful and godly men who prayerfully and passionately serve and commit time and energy for the single purpose of serving their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in helping the

ministry of TCM reach the regions beyond.

During this last year, the passage starting in Romans 13:11 has resonated in my reflections on God's work in my life and in this world, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." I am more awake today than I have ever been in my life. The time is short! We are closer to our Lord's return than ever, yet billions remain unreached. We all need to wake up! We need to be laborers together with Him, and in truth, God will give the increase. TCM is one way in which both you and I can partner with so many others in such an important work for the cause of Christ.  $\bigstar$ 

### **PART OF GOD'S MOVEMENT**

#### **Pastor Donald Sommer**

Don Sommer is the TCM Board Treasurer and served as TCM Executive Director for the past 5 years. He is Pastor of Grace Church in Indianapolis, IN. He and Sue have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

have been connected and involved with Things to Come Mission in one form or another since 1981, when, after graduating from college, I visited the Philippines as a short-term missionary. During those nine months I experienced first-hand the excitement of seeing God working in an amazing way through the ministry of TCM. People were coming to faith in Jesus Christ, churches were being established, there was enthusiasm to study the Word of God and people's lives were being changed. I knew then I wanted to be involved in what God was doing around the world, and particularly in the Philippines. During those months I dedicated my life to full-time ministry. After returning to the US and completing Bible college training, my wife, Sue, and I returned to the Philippines as full-time missionaries, where we served for 13 years.

Except for a brief period during the early 2000's, I have been directly involved as a part of TCM since going to the mission field as a 22-year-old kid. I've worked as a missionary, Development Director, office manager, board member, Treasurer and until recently as the Executive Director. Each of those roles has helped me better understand the mechanisms that God uses to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and to build the Body of Christ around the world.

I am still motivated to continue serving the Lord with TCM for the same reasons that moved me nearly 40 years ago. I see that God is using the organization as a valuable and effective tool for His glory through evangelism, church planting, training of leaders and living as a witness for Christ in a dark world. TCM's ministry has expanded dramatically over the years, but the focus and objectives remain the same. Just as I wanted to be part of God's movement back then, I continue to be excited at how He is working worldwide today. �

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### DEALING WITH A DIFFICULT DIAGNOSIS

#### Pastor Jim Tollar

Jim Tollar is pastor of Grace Bible Church in Beloit, WI and Business Manager at Berean Bible Society. He has served on the TCM Board since 2015 and spent a year in Kenya as a TCM missionary. Jim and his wife, Missy, have a daughter and twin sons.



As ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ, we have a wonderful message of reconciliation to proclaim to a lost and dying world. We also have a responsibility to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God (1 Cor. 4:1,2) for it is God's desire for "all to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). Each of my ministries represents "the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery" (Rom. 16:25), and they have allowed me to be part of the Lord's work in spreading the Gospel of the Grace of God locally, across the USA, and around the world.

This past November I was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which makes it difficult to walk long distances or stand for a long period of time. I was asked recently whether I think this is some sort of punishment from God, and what impact this diagnosis might have on the ministries in which I'm involved.

When I first received the news, these same two questions crossed my mind. In addressing the former, I know this is NOT a punishment from God. In the dispensation of Grace, God is not dealing with the Body of Christ as He did with the nation of Israel. God is not "spanking" us as He did when He was angry with the nation of Israel (or Gentile nations) under His prophetic program. In His dealings with Israel, God always sent a prophet to tell the lawbreaker what sin had been committed and what the punishment would entail (i.e. Jonah & Nineveh; Nathan & David; the prophets & 12 Tribes of Israel). Today, God is not angry with the Body of Christ (Romans 5:1), and now it is God's Word that **teaches** us how to live (Titus 2:12—teach and chasten are the same word in Greek). God's Word is complete; there are no "new messages" from a prophet to tell the believer what he/she might have done wrong to warrant punishment. Because of all this, I have the assurance that God is not angry with me and is not punishing me with illness for any certain sin.

As to the other question, what impact will this diagnosis have on my ministries, I must admit, I'm still not sure. When Missy and I visited South Africa this past December, where I was guest speaker at the first annual GOMSA conference, I had to use a wheelchair in the airport terminal and had to sit while teaching at the conference. I thank the Lord that apart from these instances, it was not difficult to get around and minister the Word. Through this ordeal the Lord has reminded me of many things, things all of us need to be reminded of every day no matter the circumstances in our lives, whether good or bad:

- 1. God's grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9).
- 2. Life is short, "redeem the time because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).
- 3. Proclaim the Word and don't get distracted by other issues (2 Tim. 4:2).
- Look for that "blessed hope" & the redemption of these sin-cursed bodies (Titus 2:13; Rom. 8:23).

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- 5. In everything give thanks to God—this is His will (1 Thes. 5:18).
- 6. Do ALL things without complaining (Phil. 2:14). 🛠

### BENEFITS OF MISSIONARY VISITS

#### **Pastor Don Hosfeld**

Don Hosfeld joined the TCM Board in 2019. He is pastor of Grace Bible Fellowship in Nokomis, FL and also has teaching ministries at a local assisted living facility and a local prison. Prior to becoming a pastor, Don worked in IT installation and services and in education. Don and Valerie have adult children.

As a pastor, I believe having missionaries visit your church is important for a number of reasons. People want to know and shake hands with those they pray for and support. Whether supporting a missionary directly or indirectly, seeing or hearing how contributions are used allows one to have more intimate involvement in their ministry. As much as I, as a pastor, can attempt to convey the successes and needs of missionaries, there is no replacement to meeting those who are living and experiencing it.

Even if a church believes itself not in a position to help financially, I hope they would still invite missionaries to come and share, as you never know the effect it may have on your group. Maybe the seed will be planted for the next missionary or the inspiration to support when the possibility presents itself. Don't put God in a box, as He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph 3:20).

It is also important to consider the benefit to the missionaries of being welcomed into a church. Mission work can be tough. As a pastor, I know that there are difficult times in ministry, and the Lord has used others to encourage me. These were important and needed moments. Meeting fellow saints who are praying and following along with their work allows the missionaries to see firsthand the community of support they have, and be encouraged as a result. It allows them to be appreciated for the work they are doing for our Savior.

I have always been thankful and inspired when missionaries visit and look forward to the next one. \*

### **RAISING MISSION-MINDED CHILDREN**

#### Nathan Bullock



Nathan Bullock joined the TCM Board in 2018. He is a retired firefighter and driver/engineer for Gwinnet Country Fire Department in northcentral GA and currently owns and operates a plant nursery. In 2008 Nathan helped start Grace Bible Church in Thomson, Georgia where he attended and taught Sunday school for 5 years until they moved out of the area. He and his wife, Lisa, and daughter Rachel attend Grace Bible Fellowship in Gainesville, Georgia. Nathan has 5 adult children, including TCM missionary Leah Sanders, another missionary

daughter and a son who is considering mission work. When asked how he cultivated such an active interest in missions among his children, this is Nathan's reply.

When my children were growing up they learned about missionaries such as Hudson Taylor and Adoniram Judson in their homeschool curriculum. They also had to write papers on some of these men and women missionaries of great faith. The two mothers of my children should get the credit as they were their main teachers. My first wife Esther, taught them until she went to be with the Lord. Then, I was doubly blessed, as my current wife took up the mantle with our three youngest children and taught them about the importance of missions. Missions were only part of their learning. My children themselves are the ones who have a desire the take the gospel to the regions beyond.

Foreign missions often give opportunity to share Christ with those who have never heard the Gospel of Grace. I wholeheartedly support those called and willing to leave the comforts of home and family to take Christ to other lands. The Apostle Paul set the example by going to Gentile lands to preach the gospel and establish local assemblies.

My children and their families are greatly missed when they are on the other side of the world. God blesses us with children and would have us raise them with Christ and His Word as the center of their lives. When they are grown, we should be happy to see them follow the Lord ... wherever it leads



them. How can one possibly stand in the way of their calling?

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An unsolicited P.S. from Nathan Bullock's daughter, Leah Sanders: "My dad is humble, but he deserves some credit. My dad has faithfully read his Bible at the kitchen table for over an hour every day for as long as I can remember. He is faithful with looking to the Word for everything in his life, so that desire in me has also come from him. To share the gospel and to serve the Lord is an example he has set for all of our family! My dad is a big part of my personal desire to follow the Lord's call on my life!  $\Leftrightarrow$ 

### USING THE GIFTS GOD GIVES YOU

#### David Kinkead

Since joining the TCM Board in 2019, David Kinkead lent us his expertise and years of experience as a professional web application developer by designing our new TCM website. David holds a degree in Computer



Information Systems and currently works for Verizon. David's parents, Cliff & LouEllen Kinkead served with TCM in Kenya for several years, and his sister, Joyce Anderson, is a longtime TCM missionary. David is the Board chairman of Grace Bible Church in Phoenix, AZ. He and his wife, Sarah, have 3 adult children and several grandchildren.

Growing up as a pastor's kid, my dad was my hero. I remember so vividly the night he shared God's salvation message and led me in the prayer to accept Christ's atoning sacrifice. His commitment to Christ and his dedication to sharing God's Grace really inspired me to follow in his footsteps, which is why I enrolled at Grace Bible College straight from high school. However, it didn't take long for me to realize that being a pastor required gifts I did not possess.

As I read in Romans 12:6, I know the gifts God has given me are to be used. Sometimes the gifts we receive equip us best for the small behind-the-scenes tasks, or sometimes they suit us best for pastoring a church or serving as a missionary in a foreign land. Sometimes we see immediate fruits of our labors, and sometimes these fruits are not quite as evident. In any case, we are one Body, doing His work, and I am so blessed to be used of Him.

Serving on the Board of TCM, in truth, is humbling. I get the opportunity to learn in great detail what all our missionaries are doing. I see their dedication, their sacrifice, their great ability to share God's wonderful love through His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. I see the lost, being found. I see hundreds of people giving sacrificially of their finances to ensure this message of God's Grace is shared to the unreached regions of the world. I work alongside such tremendously gifted men and women who work so hard to further this ministry. So yes, I am humbled, but also grateful and encouraged, and so very thankful that I am allowed to contribute.

I do not know where God will lead, or what new work he will lay before me, but I pray I will follow the example of our faithful missionaries and always respond to his calling with a willing heart.

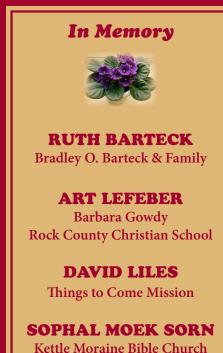
## FOLLOWING ON ...

Ciony ("show-nee") Buca joins Team Timor in March. The Team will be applying to renew the registration of their English Language Center, through which they get their visas.

Sanders family joins Kilgos in Southeast Asia in April. Their home will serve as a temporary venue for a new church plant. Sanders will attend the Southeast Asia Grace Conference followed by GTCM training through June and July in the Philippines.

Julia Liles plans to return to Cambodia by May. She has been in England to support her family through her father's hospitalization and subsequent death. David Liles leaves a tremendous legacy of devotion to the Lord and the Grace message. Keep Julia and her family in prayer through these significant transitions.

eam Taiwan is ready to go, but still awaiting approval of visas.





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# HOW CAN I HELP?

### NAKURU LAND PROJECT

Grace Bible Church in Nakuru, Kenya is raising funds to purchase the land on which their church is built. This church, situated on the floor of the Rift Valley in the 4th largest city in Kenya, was established many years ago by Gardner & Ledith Improso and Pastor Justin Muriithi. They have been renting the church property all these years while endeavoring to save some funds to buy the land. GBC-Nakuru invites you to join them in making this land purchase possible.



Need: \$5000. Designate: Nakuru Land

### SOUTH AFRICA MINISTRY VEHICLE PROJECT



Grace Outreach Ministries of South Africa (GOMSA) needs to purchase 2 used, reliable vehicles for use by their church planters: one for the southern church planting team with Pastors Moluvhedzi, Monyamane and

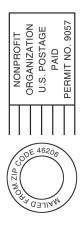
Maguma, and the other for the northern side with Pastors Mdluli, Dlamini and Velly. They travel long distances at the provincial level, and this year, they are going national. **Need: \$10,000 Designate: GOMSA Vehicles** 

### **GOOD SOLDIER FUND**

Training ministry workers is absolutely essential to the mission of TCM. The Good Soldier Fund (GSF) has helped meet that need by providing tuition scholarships that enable financially needy students to enroll in TCM Bible schools in the Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar. The Good Soldier Fund is now expanding to include Bible school students in Kenya. Scholarships



are awarded based on application data, and recipients must maintain a high grade average and good moral standing. The average scholarship awarded to a Bible school student is \$100 to \$200 per academic year. Designate: Good Soldier Fund







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