



Anderson ADVANCE

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"I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel." (Php 1:12)



JANUARY 2019



Michigan Conferences Joyce attended many of the Michigan mission conferences in early 2019. It was the coldest winter in a long time, and the Lord gave her safety. She represented the TCM Team missionaries of Southeast Asia.

FEBRUARY 2019



Indonesia Bible School Every February I teach mission at the Anderson Grace Theological Seminary in Manado, Indonesia. My prayer is that one day soon the Indonesian Grace churches will send a missionary.

MARCH 2019



Taiwan Survey Vincent Quiñones, Roland Improso and I circumnavigated this mountainous island experiencing the culture and making many new friends along the way. These two families plan to enter Taiwan in 2020.

APRIL 2019



Philippine National Conference We attended the national conference with 450 delegates from the Grace churches around the Philippines. I gave three messages on the theme "Strengthened by Grace" from Hebrews 13.

Dear Team,

Greetings from the Philippines where we've been quarantined for four months. After traveling continuously for many years, it feels strange to be in an apartment every day. This is truly the time to fix our eyes on Jesus.

Joyce and I left Kenya 15 years ago to take up my role as Executive Director of Things to Come Mission (TCM) and five years since we left the United States to become International Director. In January we were in Kenya and reflected on how different life would have been if we had stayed. The roads and security have greatly improved and certainly life and ministry would have been more established.

Then we thought of the many ways God has used us to push the good news of Jesus Christ into new areas of the world. A concern when I became director in 2005 was that it had been 32 years since TCM had opened a new field in Southeast Asia despite that being the home of TCM's two largest fields—Philippines and Indonesia. After studying Apostle Paul's methodology in Acts I developed what we call the *Troas Strategy*, which is a cycle of five stages for developing fields: Target – Plant – Train – Release – Partner. We urgently needed to Release mature ministries to their national church organizations and Partner with them to open new fields among unreached peoples.

We have worked with the Philippine Grace churches to establish a Mission Department under the leadership of Gerson Bermejo. Joyce and I have traveled to many conferences, seminars, church anniversaries and Bible schools to educate and encourage the Grace members about their part in God's mission. In 2015 TCM's mission training program, called Grace Theological Center for Mission, opened and has now trained 39 new missionaries with another session in 2021. TCM has implemented the Team Missionary support system where non-American missionaries raise one-third of their support in their home country while TCM raises two-thirds in the U.S.

So was it worth it to leave our beloved Kenya? I can hear a resounding Yes from people in Uganda (2004), Cambodia (2007), Thailand (2008), Laos (2011), Malaysia (2011), Myanmar (2014), Singapore (2016), Vietnam (2018), East Timor (2018) and Taiwan (2020). By Jesus and Paul's example, mission

MAY 2019



Chiang Mai We stayed at Maraah's house in Chiang Mai with Josiah while Genesis & Verna attended Genesis's and Andrea's graduation in Michigan. We enjoyed meetings with the Killions and Grace Fellowship.



JUNE 2019



Indonesia Conference Forty years ago my parents established the Grace ministry in Indonesia and the churches held a grand celebration in Manado. We were joined by my sister Valerie Wynalda and missionaries James & Agape Bermejo.

JULY 2019



Singapore Base We used Singapore as our base for two and a half years due to excellent flight connections. We made many friends and I was able to speak in various venues. The door is not yet open for TCM to be registered in Singapore.

AUGUST 2019



Davao Anniversary I spoke at the 44th anniversary and building dedication of the Davao City Grace Gospel Church. As I teenager I played the guitar with Jon Heath when his parents Bill & Eunice Heath were planting the church.

requires separation. The Kenya field is doing great under Kenyan leadership with help from Robby & Tegwen Heath, while at least 10 more countries have a chance to hear the grace gospel. May we be faithful in completing the task God has set before us.

Someone has said their most worthless purchase was a 2020 planner—and I concur! So, please take a look at pictures of our ministries in 2019. Thank you for joining us on the journey.

In Christ,

Ben & Joyce Anderson

OCTOBER 2019



Mission Conferences We participated in six mission conferences in WA, ID and OR to say Thank You to our supporters while representing our Team missionaries in Southeast Asia. We enjoyed time with our daughter Frances in Grants Pass.

SEPTEMBER 2019



Reunion with Mom We celebrated my mom Darlene Anderson's 90th at a forest cabin in Brown County. Hope, Val, Amy and I joined with our spouses for a memorable honor to our godly mother and faithful servant of the Lord.

so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith
Rom. 16:26b

DECEMBER 2019



Heaths and Kenya Kenya is an active field with many churches, Bible school graduations, seminars and ordinations. We stayed with our daughter Tegwen and her family while helping with the opening of the resident Bible school.

NOVEMBER 2019



Exposure Journey I introduced TCM Development Director Timothy Board to six key countries in Southeast Asia. It was a time of learning how our missionaries live and work for more accurate representation in the U.S. Tim took 20 flights!

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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. They replied, "Believe in the lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the chief. Therefore, let us not end up like those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life has superseded the law of sin and death. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. "But what about you?" Jesus asked. "Who do you say I am?"