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## PREPARING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST'S RETURN



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# WHERE NO ONE HAS SPOKEN THE NAME OF CHRIST

**Ben Anderson, International Director**



*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. Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about Him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." (Romans 15:20–21)*

People often ask about the difference between mission and other kinds of ministry. Missionaries proclaim the gospel, plant churches, train leaders, organize classes and lead the people just like other ministers. The contrast is not so much about ministry activities, but in the recipients of that ministry. The *Louw-Nida Lexicon* gives the literal translation of Rom. 15:20: 'where no one had spoken the name of Christ.' Missionaries—like the Apostle Paul—have been called specifically to preach the gospel where Christ is not known.

When identifying those places without Christ, we use the term **unreached people group** (UPG). At a mission leadership conference in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1982, a UPG was defined as "a people group within which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize this people group." A general rule is that if less than 2% of the people are evangelical Christians, the group requires missionaries from outside to assist in reaching the people group with the gospel. The helpful [joshuaproject.net](http://joshuaproject.net) lists all 17,000 people groups and states that 41% of people are unreached.

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Missionary Jimmy Escobar once told me that he did not understand mission until he understood the difference between the terms **unsaved** and **unreached**. After realizing the people would live their entire lives without hearing the name of Christ, Jimmy and Joy pioneered TCM's ministry in Vietnam before his death of COVID-related complications in September. Joy is getting her documents ready to return, and the TCM board has assigned a second missionary family, the Quiñoneses, to join her on Team Vietnam.

The English word *mission* is derived from the Latin *mitto* which means 'to send.' Apostle Paul gives a **chain of salvation** in Rom. 10:13–15: Sent > Preach > Hear > Believe > Call > Saved. This chain begins with the sending of a preacher and culminates in the salvation of individuals. In Things to Come Mission we follow



*Have you thought about the urgency of lostness recently?  
In the last year, 56 million people passed into eternity.  
No more chances to reach them with the gospel. No more altar calls.  
For them, the game is over.  
Here's another number for you: 3.14 billion.  
That's the number of unreached people on the earth today—  
almost half the world's population.  
If you believe that heaven and hell are real, then this isn't just sad.  
It is an urgent call to reach the unreached.*

*Bobby Hile <https://www.abwe.org/blog/overwhelming-numbers-and-goal-missions>*

the 'set apart and send' missionary method introduced by the Holy Spirit in Antioch. "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off" (Acts 13:2–3). Mission requires the intentional sending of missionaries to the 'regions beyond' where Christ is unknown.

Years ago my father, Vernon Anderson, walked into my office in Indianapolis with tears in his eyes. "I keep reading about all the people in the world who have not heard the gospel," he said, "but I know that I'll never get on another plane to go and preach to them." My father developed significant health problems at the end of his 48 years on the mission field. These did not stop him from teaching a Bible class, preaching occasionally and helping in the TCM headquarters. His unwavering concern was that each person in the world would be able to hear the gospel at least once in their lifetime. The passion he had for the unreached in his generation reflected Paul's passion for his generation. Their generations have passed. How will our generation send the gospel to "the ends of the earth?" ❖

*From this mountain top, we can see the whole of the Shan state and the villages that are unreached and never heard the name of Jesus. My heart was touched to reach them as the Lord reminded me, HE LOVES THEM, TOO! I was able to plant the seed with the owners of the camp-site. I gave them gospel tracts and told them we will be back!*

*—Amy Banac, Team Myanmar*



# ONLY TWO DAYS MATTER IN LIFE



**Timothy Board**  
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*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*  
2 Corinthians 5:10 NKJV

In *The Most Important Place on Earth: What a Christian Home Looks Like and How to Build One*, Robert Wolgemuth shared how he and his young granddaughter were in an art museum and viewed Jean-Leon Gerome's 1863 piece called **Early Christian Martyrs in the Coliseum at Rome** (which also hangs in my office here at the TCM HQ in Indy). Drawing from history, he described horrific details of Christian persecution in the first century by the hand of psychopathic Roman emperor, Nero. His challenge to modern Christians is that the testimony of our lives should be different and therefore counter-cultural regardless of the temporal cost. Since there are only two days that matter in life, God calls us to be prepared for His return by living in surrender to Christ on **THIS DAY** knowing that we are accountable to Him on **THAT DAY** as He is increasingly **DAY BY DAY** the most urgent need of the world.

**1. THIS DAY: Surrendered to Christ – 2 Cor.5:9** The aim of our hearts on THIS DAY is the glory of Him who is worthy of all praise because of who He is and what He has done. We do this by living in surrender to Christ through total dependency upon God and His Word (Rom.12:1). This counter-cultural endeavor is not conformed to the world's system as God's Spirit transforms our minds to live according to biblical priorities (Rom.12:2).

**2. THAT DAY: Accountable to Christ – 2 Cor.5:10** There is coming a day when our lives will flash before our eyes as we give an account before Christ for the duty-bound stewardship responsibility of the gospel on THAT DAY. The testimony of our lives as believers will bear witness as to how faithfully we defended the faith as a soldier, advanced the faith as an athlete, and cultivated the faith as a farmer (2 Tim.2:3-6). Investing the time, talent, and treasure of our lives in eternity through evangelistic outreach, cross-cultural missions, and establishing believers in the faith by training them in sound doctrine, biblical/creation apologetics, and the comprehensive nature of the Christian worldview is the responsibility of every believer on **THIS DAY** in light of **THAT DAY**.

**3. DAY BY DAY: Proclaiming Christ – 2 Cor.5:11** "Pay day some day" is a reality as the awesome terror of God's holiness demands that the righteous standards of His justice be satisfied on that judgment day of reckoning before His great white throne (Rev.20:11-15). As ambassadors for Christ, we are not ashamed of the gospel because the power of God to salvation is not in the winsomeness of our personality or the wittiness of our methodology but in the message of the cross (Rom.1:16). May we faithfully proclaim Christ DAY BY DAY and thus prepare not only ourselves for His return but also a world in urgent need before it's eternally too late.



# Preparing People for Christ's Return: The Theological Aspects

Patrick Kilgo, TCM Missionary in Southeast Asia

Soon after moving to Southeast Asia in 2014, we met and ministered to a woman who trusted Christ and became a key "fisherwoman" for our ministry. Within a month, through her influence, 20-25 people were studying the Bible with us weekly in our home. About a year later, during a study of Matthew 24, I made a comment in class along the lines of, "When Christ returns, He will take revenge on His enemies." The fisherwoman, who had been studying with us twice a week for a whole year, very genuinely asked, "You mean Jesus is coming back to the earth?"

"Well, yes, He is definitely coming back," I said, shocked at the question.

"You never told us that before," she said, and the other students seemed to agree.

Had I really never taught them this? Had I been so focused on teaching the doctrines of redemption that I had completely neglected the return of the Redeemer Himself? Had I concentrated so heavily on encouraging them to make Jesus Christ the Lord of their life that I forgot to tell them that He would also someday be Lord over all the earth? Evidently I had failed to teach what the Apostle Paul called "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

Why was it important for these particular believers to know that He is coming back? Most of them came out of a Buddhist/Taoist background which teaches an eternal "cyclical" progression for death and life. This is reinforced by doctrines like reincarnation, which teaches that all life is successively and repeatedly reborn to experience many other lives. The fact that God would once and for all time fulfill His eternal purposes in one final climactic event was mind-blowing for them.

While *under-emphasizing* Christ's return is certainly a mistake, you would likely agree that *over-emphasizing* His second coming is equally wrong. Many Christians seemingly can talk of nothing else. Every news story is some fulfillment of prophecy, every earthquake is a sign of coming judgment, every election ushers in the Antichrist, every military conflict is a "rumor of war" (Matthew 24:6), etc. And, of course, it's not just His second coming that people obsess over, but also the timing of the Rapture, when believers will "meet the Lord in the air" just before the tribulation period begins (1 Thess 4:17). People can become so fixated on the end times that they forget that 85% of Paul's teachings concern our *present-day* sanctification; in fact, he writes relatively little about the end times.

But if we stop to consider all the biblical doctrines that "have no teeth" if they are not connected to Christ's second coming, surely we must feature it prominently in our teaching programs. Below are just a few of those doctrines that are rendered incomplete if we don't teach that Jesus will rapture His Church and later return in bodily form to the earth:

1. **The redemption of our bodies** – As long as we have these corrupted, fleshly bodies here on the earth, we will always be plagued by sin. But one day our sanctification will be complete when God removes us from the presence of sin at the Rapture and gives us new, incorruptible bodies (Philippians 3:21, 1 Cor 15:35-  
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49). "And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess 4:17)!

**2. God's vengeance against His enemies** – The Bible prophesies that "the day of the Lord" will be a time in which God pours out His wrath on evildoers. While much of this wrath happens during the preceding tribulation period, the final defeat of "the beast (the Antichrist), and the kings of the earth, and their armies" occurs at Christ's return (Rev. 19:19).

**3. The final defeat of Satan and his angels** – It's interesting that the "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" will not be enough to thwart Satan's dominion (Matthew 24:21). In fact, God's word says the tribulation will cause Satan to double down on his evil plans "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev 12:12). His actual defeat only happens at the second coming when Christ's angel simply lays hold of him and binds him (Rev 20:1-3).

**4. The ultimate establishment of righteousness** – As King and Lawgiver, Jesus Christ will establish His millennial kingdom and rule it in perfect righteousness. No more will the governments of the world operate in corruption. No more will the poor and downtrodden be exploited. Christ will finally bring justice and judgment to the earth.

**5. God's everlasting promises to Israel** – Without teaching the second coming, others won't know that "the Lord is not slack concerning his promise" (2 Peter 3:9). Israel still has many unfulfilled, covenanted oaths sworn to them by God "who cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). The second coming of Christ is the seminal event in which all of God's promises to Israel will be realized.

**6. A wrap-up of God's eternal purpose for the heaven and the earth** – As dispensationalists, we believe strongly in the God-ordained divisions placed in Scripture. However, all the divisions are meant to point mankind towards an ultimate redemption and the establishment of God's eternal purpose, which He calls "the dispensation of the fullness of times". The entire counsel of His purpose – all that He has been working to achieve across the ages – is summed up with Christ's second coming and ultimate victory when He will "gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." (Eph 1:10)

**7. A literal reading of the Scriptures** – Many denominational systems teach that end times events are allegorical; that is, they are meant to symbolically represent other. Such subjective truths aren't meant to be taken literally. If we fail to teach about the end times events described in the Bible, or if we "spiritualize" them because they seem a bit too fantastic for us, we jeopardize the truth of all the Scriptures. Admittedly, adopting a literal approach can be a challenge when considering apocryphal prophecies. However, I submit to you that no portion of God's Word is so symbolic that you can't reasonably apply some degree of literalness to your interpretations.

As you can see, quite a lot of doctrinal truth rests upon Christ's return. But what does it mean to be theologically prepared for His second coming? It means knowing the teachings and communicating them to others. It means understanding the timing of God's judgment and comforting others with the knowledge that we are "saved from the wrath to come" (1 Thess. 1:10). It means having a sense of urgency for evangelism, because the grace period we are living

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in will expire someday. It means "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" and treating today like a rescue mission for the lost (Eph. 5:16). It means living with joyful anticipation of being with Christ as the days of His return draw nearer. Finally, it means that Jesus wins! All of the evil filth in the world will be trampled under the feet of the King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:16).

We are very blessed to know how God's redemptive story will end, but the responsibility we have as a result is to share His return with believers and unbelievers alike. While I myself am not much of a bumper-sticker guy, I appreciate the sticker that simply states: "Christ is coming again. Are you ready?" ❖



## PREPARED FOR CHRIST'S RETURN: A CHINESE COUPLE

Pat Kilgo, TCM Missionary in Southeast Asia

**A** Chinese man who attends our church sent me a text message saying he had met a woman who had questions about the Holy Spirit that he couldn't answer, so he referred her to me. I met with the lady and her husband a couple days later and discovered that she has a long history of depression and emotional problems because she couldn't find any meaning in life.

*She was told several months back about a Taiwanese pastor, and they have been listening to him. He speaks regularly about the Holy Spirit but never teaches from the Bible. They were confused about why they couldn't access the power of the Holy Spirit like this Taiwanese pastor is (ostensibly) doing. I asked them if they had believed the gospel, and neither of them had ever heard of any such thing as the gospel. I shared with them about faith in Christ's cross work, and that we cannot even have access to the Holy Spirit until we trust in the gospel. I invited them on a hike later that day, and I was able to build trust with them in such a way that the following week they accepted Christ at my home! Praise God!*

*This couple stands out in my mind from others who have come to faith in our ministry. The lady has been searching for meaning in life for many years and has been asking God to show her the right path for many months. Through a series of truly amazing events and divine "coincidences" they were referred to me, and they believed the gospel.*

*We have studied together once more since then and, let me tell you ... the chains are gone! All their life baggage, all the religiosity they worked so hard for, all the self-reliance, and all the meaninglessness of their life melted away under the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are new creations, and I'm watching it happen before my very eyes. They are hungry for the truth, and they've already led their 5-year-old son to Christ. God's love is amazing! ❖*



# CHRIST'S RETURN: IMPLICATIONS FOR BELIEVERS

**Genesis Maraath, TCM Missionary in Thailand**

**T**he Return of Christ is a necessary aspect of the gospel message. The first coming of Christ brought forgiveness of sins through His death, burial, and resurrection while the return of Christ will transform our lowly bodies into glorious ones (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Philippians 3:21). The latter is the final goal of our salvation. Paul calls it "The blessed and glorious appearance of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," and it's getting "closer than when we first believed" (Titus 2:13; Romans 13:11). Consequently, the Return of Christ has implications for how we live our lives from day to day.

## **IMPLICATION #1: WALK IN THE LIGHT**

Believers are told to wake up from slumber. Believers who are sleeping are doing the works of darkness as was common during the New Testament time. For example, in Romans Paul admonished the believers to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light; to walk properly as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy; to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts (Romans 13:11-14). Waking up from slumber is the same as walking in the light. Light drives out darkness and light purifies. When believers are walking in the light, they are careful how they live. They have a heart to listen and obey God's truth, walk in the wisdom of God, renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and live a self-controlled life in the present evil age, eagerly waiting for Christ's coming (Ephesians 5:8-18; Titus 2:11-13).

Those who are eagerly waiting for Christ's return are not passive; rather, they are actively purifying their lives in the pursuit of holiness in readiness for our Lord Jesus. John tells us that as children of God, we will be like Jesus when He appears and "everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3). To watch with readiness for His return means we conduct our lives in such a way as to please Him rather than be ashamed when He appears.

## **IMPLICATION #2: BE DILIGENT IN DOING GOOD AND SERVING THE LORD**

The word 'diligent' is a steady perseverance in one's effort, resulting in careful, energetic, and persistent work. Diligent people get the job done. They do not quit until they have given it their all. Harvest follows those who are doing good diligently in this life and in eternity. As followers of Christ, we can be thankful that our good deeds and service for Him will not be forgotten. Our labors are not in vain because the Lord Jesus is coming again. When Jesus comes, He will reward every person according to what is done in the body whether good or evil. Many times, we are tempted to give up on doing the will of God simply because our strength is failing and those who are on the side of the truth are few. It's tempting just to follow the crowd. Most of the time, the crowd goes astray from the ways of God.

The Coming of Christ is what Paul calls "in due season." Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." In Revelation 22:12 Jesus said, "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work." When Christians are eagerly waiting for Christ's return, they are diligent in serving Him.

## **IMPLICATION #3: PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL**

God's plan of redemption is fulfilled in Christ because apart from Christ there is no salvation. Many Christians are unaware that Scripture explicitly says judgment is part of the gospel. Paul mentioned that one day God will judge the secrets of men according to his gospel (Romans 2:16). God's judgment is dreadful. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31). Why is it a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God? It is extremely dreadful because the wrath and vengeance of the living God is eternal. The living God lives forever to punish unrepentant sinners. He can and will inflict wrath for ever and ever.

The Lord Jesus consistently explained this judgment of torment in hell for those unrepentant and rebellious sinners in the Gospels. In our modern times, "hellfire preachers" are not popular anymore, as there is a shift of emphasis from fear to the gospel of love. However, the reality is still the same: when sinners die without knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior, they will go to the lake of fire. For this reason, we, as ambassadors for Christ, must proclaim the message of reconciliation at all costs since God is not willing that anyone should perish. God is making His appeal through us so men and women can be reconciled to God. He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and on the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

This age in which we live, the "last days" before Christ returns, is the wonderful age of sharing and proclaiming the gospel everywhere – when God is constantly calling people from all nations to salvation through the gospel as the only power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16). Any delay in the Lord's return is to allow more time for people to come to repentance and find salvation (2 Peter 3:9). There will be no hope of salvation for the lost after Jesus comes; today is the day of salvation. It is imperative that we share the gospel and hope of salvation in Christ by grace through faith.



► **How is your daily walk?** Do you find yourself following the crowd? You need to pray fervently and watch with readiness for Christ's return and conduct your life in such a way as to please Him rather than be ashamed when He appears.

► **Have you been tempted to give up in serving God?** Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Those Christians who are eagerly waiting for Christ's return serve the Lord Jesus diligently.

► **Have you been sharing the gospel?** Remember, there will be no hope of salvation for the lost after Jesus comes. Today is the day of salvation and it is imperative that you share the gospel and the hope of salvation in Christ at all costs! ❖

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## EUNICE HEATH AT 99: STILL PREPARING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST'S RETURN!

**Beth Heath Hammond, Eunice's daughter**



**M**y mom, Eunice Heath, loves to talk to people. She can talk to a total stranger and in 5 minutes she knows all about their family and has shared the good news of Jesus with them. I have seen her do it so many times that I thought she was really gifted with Evangelism. Mom told me it was not always so easy for her. When she attended Biola College, she was so shy she could barely talk to anyone. She was told by her dear friend that she would need to be friendly to get friends. So, the Lord used her weakness to become her strength. She said she asks the Lord to use her to tell people of His love for them.

My mom had such a heart for missions and wanted to be a missionary more than anything. She even wrote her fiancé, Bill Heath, that she had to break off the wedding if he didn't want to go to the mission field. She sent off her letter and at the same time Bill sent her the exact same letter! My parents were married for almost 60 years.

Mom was a pastor's wife for 25 years before my parents were called to be missionaries in the Philippines where they served for 18 years. Four of us kids were able to go with them during their first term. We all loved the Filipino people, and they really loved my mom. Whether she was a pastor's wife or a missionary in a foreign land, she loved those who came into her path. We had guests join us for meals many times. If she found people needed food, she would share ours with them. She also had some nurses training, so she would help with medical needs of the barrio people, too. She taught us by her example to truly love people—you can't just say it, you have to show it.

The Lord has blessed my mom with 99 years, and she continues to love the Lord and His Word with all her heart. She lives with my sister, Opal, and loves to read the Bible to her while she is busy in the kitchen. Mom is still a blessing to those she meets at church and her new friends at the senior care center where she visits several days a week. She befriends the lonely there and again shares her best friend, Jesus. ❖

## THE URGENCY OF REACHING THE UNREACHED

**Vincent Quiñones, TCM Team Vietnam**

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47

What has moved TCM missionaries to leave their homelands to take the gospel of the grace of God to the ends of the earth? Why would they leave their



comfortable life and cross oceans, skies and land to live among unreached peoples and pagan cultures?

William Carey, often referred to as the Father of Modern Missions, said, "It must undoubtedly strike every considerate mind, what a vast proportion of the sons of Adam there are, who yet remain in the most deplorable state of heathen darkness, without any means of knowing the true God." In 1792 he and his family left England's shores to go to India - never to return.

All believers are certainly called to evangelize in their locality and culture. However, not all are called to evangelize as missionaries to the regions beyond. Missionaries ('sent ones') have a special calling to work cross-culturally, proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel of the grace of God to unreached peoples. This often involves setting up indigenous churches, training leaders to train their own people, and establishing Bible schools as the source of workers for that particular people group for the glory of God

### **MISSION: TO RESCUE THE UNREACHED**

It is estimated that of the 7.75 billion people alive in the world today, 3.23 billion of them live in unreached people groups with little or no access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Joshua Project, there are approximately 17,446 unique people groups in the world with 7,400+ of them considered unreached (over 41% of the world's population!). The vast majority (85%) of these least reached groups exist in the 10/40 window and less than 10% of missionary work is done among these people.

- ▶ The unreached live in "people groups" separated from other people groups by barriers of language, race, economics, borders, religions, and others.
- ▶ Most of the unreached were born and raised in their cultural belief system and it is all they know.
- ▶ The unreached have no Christian witness within their sphere of existence.

### **MISSIO DEI: THE MISSION OF GOD**

Adam and Eve were created as perfect human beings in the image of God, but because they sinned, the image of God in them was disfigured and they became subject to death. Since then, all the descendants of Adam and Eve are born into the world as sinners. Tragically, in that fallen state, they miss out on the main purpose for which people were created — to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Regardless of how the image of God may be marred by sin, the fact is that men, women, and children still bear the image of God. This forms our views and actions toward them and also emphasizes the urgency of reaching out to those who do not know the Lord Jesus. Their eternal destiny is at stake. Will they spend eternity in heaven or hell?

God the Father sent Jesus Christ to this earth on a mission to *seek and to save the lost* (Luke 19:10). Jesus sacrificially left the glories of heaven to *dwell amongst us* (John 1:14) in order to communicate and demonstrate God's love to lost humanity. God foreknew that to do this He would need to send *his own Son in the likeness of sinful man* (Romans 8:3). Jesus taking on the bodily form of a man is described by the word **incarnation**. We can be eternally grateful that Jesus achieved His mission! God's ultimate goal for those who come to faith in Jesus is to *be conformed to the image of his Son* (Romans 8:29) who is the perfect *image of the invisible God* (Colossians 1:15). When an individual believes in Jesus, he or she experiences becoming a *new creation* (2 Corinthians 5:17). The image of God in

them has been renewed and they are recipients of the free gift of eternal life.

### INCARNATIONAL MISSION

After Jesus laid down His life and rose again, He sent forth His disciples to continue the work He had begun. They were commissioned to *go and make disciples of all nations* (Matthew 28:19). Later, the Lord Jesus commissioned Paul to take the gospel of the grace of God to the Gentiles. Paul, in turn, commissions us to be *ambassadors for Christ* proclaiming the gospel using all possible means to reconcile lost humanity to God (2 Corinthians 5:19-20). Paul sensed a divine urgency associated with his stewardship. He felt compelled to bring all Gentiles as an acceptable offering to His Lord (Rom. 15:15-16).

Through the centuries, the same mission applies to all who imitate Paul in following Jesus. Jesus left us an example, known today as the ***Incarnational Model***. What does that mean? Taking the gospel *in person* to the lost.

TCM's first missionary, Vernon Anderson, started working in the Philippines in 1958. He spent the next 47 years actively engaged in preaching, teaching and establishing Bible institutes to train pastors in the Philippines and beyond to Indonesia, Tanzania, Brazil, Kenya, Cameroon and South Africa. When Vernon entered the presence of the Lord in 2012, he left a legacy of hundreds of churches throughout the world being led by faithful men and women. He also left a challenge to continue the mission of preparing people for Christ's return through the message and methods of Apostle Paul.

The question for our generation is whether we will finish the race that others have started and run so faithfully. With over 3,000 people groups still unengaged and unreached with the gospel, let us not become complacent and stop running. Instead, we have the opportunity to increase our pace and run the final lap. We have the resources but do we have the resolve?

The finish line is in sight. Sacrificial effort could result in the completion of the original mandate. In two thousand years, a multitude of people groups has been reached. However, the benchmark is that there will be *no* people groups left who have never had a chance to hear the gospel. Will we take up the baton to get there?

### URGENT MISSION

The task before us is urgent. The harvest season is quickly passing. May our hearts be heavy with what is heavy on God's heart—unreached people who do not know Him. May the burden produce holy unrest in our spirit that won't diminish until the unreached have been reached with the gospel. May it move us to action.

When was the last time you wept for the lost of your city? When was the last time you missed sleep because you were praying for the unsaved of your city? May we have such a passion to reach the unreached that we can say with Paul, "I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed—cut off from Christ—for the sake of my people, my fellow countrymen." (Romans 9:3-4).

God wants the unreached to come to Him—and He wants to use us to reach them. He will use us to make a major impact. He will use us to bring unreached to His presence. He will use us to turn the declining percentage of Christ-



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## PRAY FOR **THE QUIÑONES** AS THEY MINISTER TO VIETNAM

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followers into a growing percentage of Christ-followers. I'm praying and believing with you for the hearts and souls of the unreached. There is nothing more important to which we can give our life.

Setting a deadline seems to electrify believers toward a sense of urgency, as though we realize that time is running short and faith-filled efforts must be employed. Will we rise up with new urgency? If we resolve to bring the gospel to the remaining 3,000+ unreached people groups, what effect will that have on our efforts? Will we match great effort with great sacrifice? Will it move us toward a spiritual wartime footing in which we call every believer to be part of a global effort to eradicate areas devoid of the gospel?

### **NO PLACE LEFT UNREACHED**

The remaining unreached people groups are in the most difficult-to-reach and most overlooked places. Reaching the goal of "no place left unreached" will come with a great price. Jesus demonstrated the path toward fruitfulness: it requires death—death to self and, in some cases, physical death. *Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.* (John 12:24, ESV)

A clue to Paul's motivation in settling for nothing less than "no place left unreached" (Rom. 15:23) is found in the same chapter: *But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.* (Rom. 15:15-16, ESV) Paul, filled with gratitude for the grace of God, longs to bring all nations to the Lord as an acceptable offering.

The end is in sight, but let us not rest until there is no place left unreached!❖

### **NEWS FLASH!**

*TCM Team Taiwan has been put on hold indefinitely since Taiwan is still closed. The Quiñones family has eagerly embraced the opportunity to join Team Vietnam instead and serve alongside Joy Escobar. The whole Team anticipates arriving in Vietnam by April. To support them financially designate donations to Team Vietnam.*



## TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S GRACE

**Jeyson Florêncio, Bible student, church elder, Bible School secretary and small group coordinator in North Brazil**



*I was 19 when I had my first real, personal experience with Jesus Christ. I was raised in a very strict evangelical home, and there came a period in my teens when I didn't want to go to church anymore. Trying to live to the letter of what I had been taught did not allow me to have a normal childhood and adolescence like other children, and that frustrated me. My view of God was also distorted, so I left the church at the age of 15 and decided to study occultism. I read some books on witchcraft and tried to closely practice the ceremonies taught in them. I managed to perform some spells and thought I was powerful! The truth is, the more I craved the taste of darkness, the more insensitive my spirit became. I came to the point of killing my dog using witchcraft, and even contemplated killing my grandmother and my brother because I couldn't stand either of them! God in His grace never allowed me to kill them, but I was full of hate for everything and everyone. I hated my family, I hated that I'd been born, and I hated God. I couldn't stand to see someone happy with someone else—that was repulsive to me.*

*One night I was so unhappy and ashamed that I decided to commit suicide. As the day of my intended suicide dawned, a DVD about the story of the Apostle Paul caught my attention. I was curious, and when I put the DVD in my computer, I saw the option of a trailer for a movie "He Is Risen" about the resurrection of Christ. As I watched the clip and saw Jesus crucified and soon after appearing resurrected, I heard a voice ministering to my mind saying, "Trust Christ! Go back to church!"*

*I replied to myself, "No way! I'm very unhappy, but I can't go back after all I've done! I've 100% radically followed the opposite path! I tried to kill my brother and my grandmother! Whenever someone tried to evangelize me, I called that person derogatory names! I told God several times to leave me alone! There's no other way for me! I'm going to die, and I'm going to hell!"*

*Then that voice came back to my mind saying, "All your sins were forgiven on the cross before you were even born. God looked to the future—for He is not subject to time like you—and He saw everything you were going to do before you were even born. Yet He took all your sins and laid them on Christ **before** you practiced those things. You just need to believe! Believe and receive the gift of salvation in Christ!" At that moment, with tears in my eyes, I replied: "I believe in you, Lord!" Then and there I could literally feel a renewal, and thoughts of suicide disappeared from my mind! At that moment I knew I was born again!*

*That was my first acknowledgement of my salvation! My second understanding was salvation from self-sufficiency and legalistic living. This salvation has been taking place through daily experiencing feeling freed, little by little, from the feelings that have affected my life since childhood. Today, I understand that Jesus Christ died for my sins at the cross, but I have also been learning that the person I was, died with Christ at the cross. I am a new man and new creation, created in Christ for every good work (Eph. 2:10). As a result of this realization, I have decided to dedicate the rest of my life to serving Him in full-time ministry. For the last year, I have taken classes at our Bible School here in North Brazil to be better equipped for the ministry. I desire nothing more than to serve Him in helping people who are separated from God to find peace and rest from their sins in Jesus Christ. ❖*

# DON'T ASSUME!

## Joe Campos, Missionary in North Brazil

There are many assumptions we make in life. We assume that just because someone says "Hi," they are, in fact, "Fine." We assume that someone saying, "Good morning" means they are in fact having a "good morning." And we tend to assume that just because someone we know or have recently met speaks "Christianese" or goes to church, they are undoubtedly saved. What a deadly mistake!

I have lost count of the number of people I assumed were saved but, after asking them a few questions, I realized they were actually lost. If we want to prepare people for Christ's return, we better make sure the people we meet and those who are part of our lives are truly ready to meet Christ in eternity.

Everyone who goes through our membership classes hears from me or from one of our leaders that the first step to doing evangelism the right way is to never assume that someone is saved just because they sound or look like a saved person. But how do you find out if a person is saved or not? There is only one way to find out: ASK THEM QUESTIONS! What kind of questions? I believe every believer is able to create a few questions to find out if their friend, family member or co-worker is surely saved.



To help you build your own set of questions, I will share with you some standard questions I have used and taught to others in order to find out if a person is indeed saved. The first question I ask is, "MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?" It seems obvious and even unnecessary to ask such a question, but starting a conversation about one's eternal future without permission is the easiest way to make them shut down.

Once the person agrees, I usually follow with this question: DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH? This question helps you to know which way to direct the conversation. If the person answers YES, you may proceed to ask them where they think they will go after they die. If the answer is NO, you may offer them a book on the subject, or if you feel prepared to argue for the existence of God, heaven, and hell, you can continue the conversation.

At this stage of the conversation things start going into a very specific direction. Now you could ask the person: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WERE TO DIE TODAY YOU WOULD GO TO HEAVEN? People usually give one of three answers: YES, NO or MAYBE. At this point it is important to give a clear plan of salvation through Christ alone. To explain the plan of salvation, you might want to use a gospel tract of your choice or a memorized set of Bible verses to guide the person to Christ. Regardless of your approach, this plan needs to include:

1. I was born in sin, which makes me a sinner.
2. Sin separates me from God eternally (He must judge sin).
3. God provided reconciliation through His Son, so I could live with Him in heaven for eternity.
4. I must trust that Christ died for my sins, was buried and rose again as the only way for me to be forgiven and reconciled to God.



# ONE BY ONE

Hymn lyrics by Finley C. Hunter  
(To the tune of *Day By Day* by Lina Sandell)

## I.

*One by one the days, the hours are passing  
When this gospel age of grace shall end.  
CHRIST is ris'n, the FATHER now is asking,  
"Who will go for us, whom shall we send?"*

*Tell them now before the break of morning  
At the shout when CHRIST for men appears.  
Millions wait without one word of warning  
Knowing not a SAVIOR from their fears.*

## II.

*One by one the foreign doors are closing—  
Lost to help that only GOD can give.  
Who will go the secret now disclosing  
Telling how dead men through CHRIST can live?*

*Just suppose you never heard of Jesus.  
Just suppose you bowed to wood and stone,  
Blind forever to a life that pleases  
Hopeless, helpless, lost, undone, alone.*

## III.

*There's just One who by Himself could save us;  
Who alone had healing in His wings.  
By His grace He touched us and forgave us;  
Changed our lives and made the paupers kings.*

*How can we who know of sins forgiven  
Keep this precious treasure to ourselves?  
He whose hands and feet and side were riven  
Bids us go the glad good tidings tell.*

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It really doesn't matter what kind of biblical tool you use to guide someone through these steps, as long as you guide them through a biblical path to salvation in Christ alone (Eph. 2:8, 9). I personally use a tract popularly known as *May I Ask You a Question?* It is put out by Evantell, and you may order through their website (Evantell.org). If I don't have a Gospel tract with me at that moment, I use what is called "THE ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION". This is a set of verses found in the book of Romans that can guide a person to salvation (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10). You should have these verses memorized so you can recall them in any situation.

Here is one thing you must remember: we who are saved in Christ are His ambassadors and we are called to the task of evangelism. This task includes engaging in conversations where the Gospel of Grace is clearly explained and an opportunity to trust Christ is given. As long as we are breathing, this task must be fulfilled regularly in our lives. How we choose to accomplish this task may vary, but the task remains. We are here for a reason, and this reason is to lead many of our friends, family members and co-workers to the Savior. So, when you meet that friend of yours again this week, don't assume that just because they appear to be saved, they are saved. Be sure they are, because their eternity is at stake here. And don't forget to ask questions that will help your loved ones be certain of their salvation in Christ. ❖



## PREPARED FOR CHRIST'S RETURN: A FORMER BUDDHIST MONK

Sokney "Chetra" Hong

*I am a Cambodian man, the oldest of 5 siblings in a very strong Buddhist family. I first began to know about Christianity in 2012 when I started working as a teacher at a language school established by Indonesian missionaries. The school teaches the Khmer language to foreigners who work in Cambodia, most of whom are missionaries. My job was to teach Khmer to foreign Christians, help them read the Bible in Khmer, translate sermons for pastors and even help them learn to sing Christian Khmer worship songs. Some students told me what Bible passages they wanted to study for the next lesson, while others allowed me to decide where in the Bible we should study. Either way, I had to read the Bible before class and prepare questions. I did this for many years, even though I wasn't a believer. The language school also required me to attend a Bible study every Monday. I joined the study, but my heart was never in it until 2018.*



**Chetra with his parents**

*I had quite a journey before I could accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Before working at the language school, I was serving as a Buddhist monk for 5 years. I thought Jesus was not a real God; only Buddha is a real God. I considered Buddhism to be the most precious thing in my life—it was my everything. I always said, "I can't lose the most precious thing in my life!" I also didn't think I was a sinner.*

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*But there was one question I always asked myself: "What is the purpose of my life?" I knew I was missing something and always felt emptiness in my heart, but back then I didn't know what was missing in my life. I first considered believing in Jesus in 2015 when friends shared the gospel and purpose of life in Jesus to me. It was just a thought, and I didn't yet decide to believe. It was nighttime, and as I was thinking about that question of acceptance, I experienced that my breathing stopped. I had to jump out of the room to breathe.*

*Not long after that experience, I met an English Jewish man, and he told me that Jesus wasn't the Son of God, that He was just a puppet who simply did what He was told. Not only that, but during the same year I watched a lot of magic tricks on online videos. Considering what that Jewish man had said, one of the miracles that Jesus performed came to mind: Jesus walked on water. I had watched a magician perform walking on water, then reveal the trick, so I concluded that Jesus wasn't real, and assumed everything about Him was set up. That was a real barrier to my faith.*

*Toward the end of 2017, Julia Liles enrolled in the language school where I was working. I was her teacher at that time. She invited me to the Cambodia Grace Gospel Church, but I was not interested. Sometimes I went and sat in the kitchen and listened from a distance to the fellowship service. Julia kept*



inviting me to Sunday worship and one day I decided to join in. That first Sunday, Pastor James Bermejo's preaching answered the questions in my heart about the Bible. By October 2018 I realized I was a sinner who needed to be saved. I cried and prayed to the Lord, and I personally decided to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

**Chetra (center) receives his Pastoral Ministry certificate from missionary James Bermejo and Cambodian Pastor Rathy Chheng.**



Since then, Sokney "Chetra" Hong has completed the Cambodia Grace Gospel Church's Pastoral Ministry Mentoring Course. He and Julia Liles are engaged to be married in April. They plan to attend TCM's 2-month intensive Grace Theological Center for Mission in the

summer, followed by a year of Bible school training at International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines. They plan to return to Cambodia as a TCM missionary couple in 2023. Chetra's family members are still Buddhist, but he and Julia have been planting seeds of the gospel among them. ❖



## SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

**Julia Liles, Missionary to Cambodia**

**S**hine, so that people will know the truth of the glorious gospel! (Matt. 5:14-16). Don't hide your faith, be BOLD! But, how to shine? And how to make the world around you see that it's *Christ in you, the hope of glory* (Col. 1:27)?

In 2009 I attended a Pastors' Conference at Grace Bible College (now GCU) in Michigan. A large group of pastors attended a talk by Evangelist Bill Fay. He addressed a series of questions to his eager audience which resulted in a number of men with raised hands, admitting to being afraid of or struggling to evangelize in the community. When Bill asked one pastor what held him back, he replied, "I'm concerned I won't know enough to answer their questions." We can likely empathize with that feeling; however, that man's answer to Bill's next question stunned me: "I've served as a Pastor for almost 30 years!" It's clear from this brief account that we often over-complicate sharing the gospel. Consider the simple conversation Paul and Silas had with the jailer in Acts 16:31: "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

We must recognize that **practical evangelism** is a lifestyle. As Christians, the main purpose for our lives is sharing Christ. We do not merely *identify as* Christ followers whose citizenship is in heaven—we are in fact *new creations* in Christ. God reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation! (2 Cor. 5:17). When we believe in Christ, we become His ambassadors. Now that is a responsible role to fill!

**ACT: Attitude Communication Testify** is a helpful acronym when contemplating how to share our faith with others. Our **Attitude** plays a huge

part in how open people will be to receiving the Good News, especially since non-believers get their reference for Christ from us. **Communication** is key, and we must take the time to listen, be respectful, and be sensitive. Thirdly, **Testify** to **God's Truth** and tell them about Jesus Christ! I once heard a pastor/evangelist say, "If you haven't shared 'The Cross', you haven't shared Christ!" There is much we can share from Scripture, but the cross is the power of salvation.

Pray each morning to be prepared for each encounter you may have that day. If you are seriously shy about sharing the gospel, please repeat the following verse to yourself and trust in its truth to lead you to evangelize the lost: "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the POWER of God that BRINGS SALVATION to EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES." (Rom. 1:16) 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us, "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." Availability and preparation are two words that come to mind with this Scripture. We shouldn't leave the house dreading or avoiding the possibility of sharing the gospel! If this is the case, we need to pray all the harder that we will not give the Devil a foothold by closing our mouths, but will be open to every opportunity the Lord presents . . . and He will!

As you engage in conversations, it may be helpful to ask probing questions such as "*Where do you find peace?*" "*What makes you feel secure?*" "*What is your purpose?*" and so on. Then **listen** for key words to help you understand where the person is coming from, and to guide you in how you present the gospel message. Be aware of people's pain and the damage other Christians may have caused in their lives. Some of my most challenging conversations are with individuals who left the church due to hurts and turned their back on the Lord. We don't need to be naïve since the Scriptures reveal the damage of sin in the church. Never assume a person knows Jesus already. There are those like my eldest sister and I, who thought we were Christians because we were raised in a Christian home and believed in the Creator God; yet we did not accept Christ as our Savior until much later in life. Also, don't assume the person can read, especially if, like me, you like to hand out tracts or Scripture cards! Some of us live or work in areas with a larger illiterate population. Verbal communication, even backed with a simple drawing, can really help a person's understanding of the message you are sharing.

When conversing with someone, we must be wise in our approach and the words we use. We may need to contextualize biblical concepts to make them relatable. We need not be afraid of those from different backgrounds or life circumstances, but we should be sensitive to cultural and religious differences so as not to cause deep offense. I recently visited a church in Birmingham, UK with a wonderful multicultural congregation, including many Punjabi Christians. We discussed the need to be respectful to those of a different faith so as to earn opportunities to communicate the gospel of Christ. We do not need to bad-mouth another person's religious beliefs; rather, we are called to tell the truth, so that they may "see" and hear of the One True God! Christ transcends all things: culture, religious barriers, negative experiences within a church or Christian context, a difficult upbringing, languages, even awkward personalities! So let us not doubt the Holy Spirit's work in us and ability to work through us, to deliver the life-giving message of HOPE!

Something I have learned over the years on the mission field in Cambodia, is that we need to meet people where they are. What I mean by that is, "Don't think of



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yourself more highly than you ought to think." (Rom. 12:3) Christians have been known to come across as 'puffed up' or arrogant when sharing biblical truths with non-Christians. I believe this is one big reason that many have been put off from accepting Christ. We are not to bombard a possible first-time hearer with lots of facts and knowledge about the Bible. Evangelism is as simple as sharing Romans 10:10, "For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." Only God knows where we are in the line-up of those who've shared gospel truth in someone's life, so we can trust Him to guide. We can surmount the barriers people have put up in their hearts and minds by approaching them lovingly, learning from mistakes, and remembering the way things were explained to us until it finally made sense.

We need to adopt Paul's determination to "be all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Cor. 9:22). Each of us is unique, and that's good, because the people God brings into our lives are unique, too. It's encouraging to realize God uses each of us in different ways to inspire others to accept the truth of the gospel. If we bear this in mind, we will have a real attitude shift. Greater yet, our view of the world will be challenged to the point where we will desire to humbly proclaim the gospel to the unreached, unchurched and blinded people of our world. Wherever you are and whoever you are sharing with, God knows and He is directing these divine appointments! Open your heart and let Him lead you!

It is essential to remember that we are sharing life-saving truth! It must be exactly that, not a watered-down version or sweet, soft gospel. We are sharing the incredibly powerful message that we all need Christ, we have all sinned (Rom. 3:23) but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ! (Rom. 6:23) It is within this message—however you choose to deliver it—that people are faced with the reality of their fallen state, but are also given an amazing opportunity to accept abundant life! (John 10:10) If we are not clear about the message, our hearers will most likely not be clear about their salvation either! Don't be afraid of questions they may ask. It's helpful to be prepared with answers, but if you don't have an answer, please don't be too proud to admit that. It's ok! If you can, arrange a follow-up conversation, but don't just guess at answers or the person will feel misled from the start.

Just as Christ faced opposition, so may we. The Scriptures are explicit about the expected suffering of a believer. However, we can face animosity, aggression or persecution with confidence, as did Christ on the cross, knowing Who has sent us and why. Instead of getting overly defensive with a person, let the gospel speak

for itself! We are to be humble, compassionate servants, delivering truth. Just as Christ did not force people to believe in Him, neither should we.

This may seem a lot to digest, but I want to encourage you to consider the possibilities of how God can use you uniquely to share the message of the cross in whatever way you can. Do not get overwhelmed with the many points to consider. Just pray over them and trust that the Lord will lead your steps. You'll be amazed at the deep satisfaction in your heart when you walk in line with God's will by sharing God's truth with others. It is a beautiful and blessed way to live out your Christian life and will truly fulfill God's purpose for you as His workman (Ephesians 2:10).

My father was a keen evangelist who shared with people daily about the Lord. I once asked him how he did it so easily. He replied, "I don't find it easy, but it needs to be done"! That statement inspired me to press on in the work of evangelism. May there always be those who inspire us in our faith walk and witness. God will bless us all as we each seek to serve and save the lost. I'll close with a passage packed with motivation, because we are in this together!

*'Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world**, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.'* (Philippians 2:9-16) ❖

## **"TENT-MAKING" IN LAOS**

Just as Apostle Paul used his profession as a tent-maker to gain contacts and supplement his income, we employ a "tent-making" approach in Laos. In this restricted Communist country, we are not allowed in as missionaries, but we can get visas through having secular jobs. A secular job in Laos can have many benefits. Traditional missionaries sometimes struggle to develop an identity in the host community without a clearly defined role associated with a job. Some people can even become suspicious of the missionary because they see them spending money and living in a nice house without evidence of employment. Our secular teaching jobs automatically give us an identity because the local people have similar jobs. Our English Grace Center also serves as an entry point that is culturally accepted and understood.

Some benefits of teaching in a secular school in Laos:

- ▶ Integrating work and profession with one's witness in a culture.
- ▶ Providing access where traditional missionary presence is not allowed.
- ▶ Gaining identification and credibility with the culture by becoming part of the rhythm of their lives.
- ▶ Establishing trust by building relationships with people encountered through one's job.
- ▶ Showing a service or servant mentality and being available and willing to work.
- ▶ Modeling godly living and behavior while being scrutinized. ❖

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**Gardner & Ledith Improso** have been assigned to Uganda for 18 months while waiting for Myanmar to open up.

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**Joel & Leah Sanders** are on leave of absence from TCM. Joel is currently the Associate Pastor of Community Bible Church in Tipp City, OH.

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In January 2022 TCM formed **TEAM EAST AFRICA** to minister in the northeast quadrant of Africa, with initial emphasis on Uganda, Ethiopia and Rwanda using our well-established work in Kenya as a base for orientation and resources. **Roland & Beverly Improso**, formerly with Team Taiwan, are the first TCM missionaries assigned to Team East Africa. They are already in Kenya for orientation before proceeding to Uganda, where they will work alongside Gardner & Ledith Improso to stabilize and expand TCM's existing churches and ministries there. As "Team missionaries" Roland & Beverly receive a percentage of their financial support from their home country, the Philippines, while the remainder is raised by TCM through donations in the USA. We encourage individuals, small groups and churches to "follow" Team East Africa, pray for them and support them financially. One-time gifts and regular donations are welcome.



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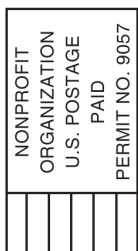
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