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CO-WORKERS WITH GOD

Ben Anderson, International Director

A unique concept presented by Apostle Paul is the *Body of Christ*. Of all the words he could have used to describe the people of God in this dispensation of grace, he chose "body." He explains, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." Later in 1 Corinthians 12 he explains that every part of the body is important to the success of the whole body. Believers work together with our spiritual Head Jesus so as to fulfill God's purpose. In this sense we are co-workers with God, which Paul also emphasizes, "As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain." The Body of Christ has a God-given and Christ-directed task for our generation, and we must be about the business of fulfilling that task.



Mission "to the ends of the earth" is God's purpose, and teamwork is required for its success. Romans 10 gives a series of events for the lost to be saved: Sent → Preach → Hear → Believe → Call → Saved. The Antioch church followed this pattern in Acts 13 when Barnabas and Saul were "set apart" and "sent" to be "a light for the Gentiles." Mission teamwork requires **Senders** and the **Sent**. When missionaries leave their own people to proclaim Christ to another people, they have a sending team made up of an army of believers who are giving, praying, communicating and encouraging.

In 2008 TCM began sending Team missionaries in addition to traditional individual support missionaries. A Team missionary is assigned to a Team in a particular country or region. Team missionaries are selected from among experienced ministers who have graduated from Bible school in their home country. After being called by God, they are trained through TCM's Grace Theological Center for Mission. Their support is one-third from believers and churches in their home country where they do deputation for three to six months, and two-thirds through the Team account which is supported by senders in America. Because the support is through the Team, there will be a continuous outreach of the gospel to a particular country even if an individual missionary leaves that Team.

This *International Harvest* presents several of our Team missionaries. Even if they do not have an opportunity to visit your church or home, they are real people who have real passion for the lost. TCM has Teams in Myanmar, Thailand, East Timor, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and East Africa (currently Uganda and Ethiopia with an orientation base in Kenya). Our first team was Team Cambodia which has two established churches in the capital, two church plants, official registration and a national board and director. If God lays one of these countries on your heart, you can join

that Team as a Sender. You will receive the Team newsletter and get to know each of the missionaries and ministries. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Although a few people will be called to go as workers, everyone is called to be a Sender. ❖

A NOTE FROM JOYCE ANDERSON

Gifts for the KENYA BIBLES FOR YOUTH project were used to buy Bibles for children and youth who are participating in the Bible memory challenge sponsored by Grace Bible Churches of Kenya. During the recent national Bible conference 60 youth from 12 churches completed the Bible challenge and earned a new Bible. Each participant memorized 10 doctrines with Scripture, 5 verses to lead a person to Christ and the names of the 66 books of the Bible. Church leaders and their members are motivated to continue the Bible memory challenge so that all members earn a Bible and grow in their biblical knowledge and understanding. One pastor exclaimed, "This Bible challenge has transformed our Sunday school ministry and has led our church in a new direction." ❖



WINDS OF CHANGE

Timothy Board, who served as TCM's Development Director for the past several years, resigned from that role effective Oct. 31, 2023, to launch a new Grace Family Ministry (www.GraceFamilyMinistries.org). We are grateful for all the churches, conferences and camps where Tim has represented TCM since 2019. Many of you have memories of his robust messages and TCM Teams presentations along with TCM T-shirts, decals, pens and brochures to show for his efforts! Join us in praying for Tim & Lori and their family in all the details of establishing their new faith-based endeavor.



Ask the Lord to provide the right person to be TCM's new Development Director. Meanwhile, TCM's Office Administrator, Valerie Wynalda, is filling in as TCM's contact person in the USA. You can reach her at the TCM office number (317) 783-0300 or email Valerie@tcmusa.org ❖

TCM TEAMS

A cooperative alliance among worldwide Grace believers to promote the rapid spread of the gospel in the least evangelized nations.

WHAT?

The concept of TCM Teams follows Paul's method of recruiting ministry partners from the regions where he had established churches, training and mentoring them, and then sending them out as missionaries.

TRAINING EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY

TCM Teams are made up of spiritually qualified individuals from countries where Things to Come Mission has well-established ministries. They receive specialized training in cross cultural ministry and are sent to unreached nations to preach the gospel, establish churches and prepare local believers for productive ministry among their own people.

In missions, the term "unreached" means that less than 2% of a people group are genuine believers in Jesus Christ. They will not hear the gospel without a witness from outside. **Of the 8 billion people populating the world today, 3.4 billion are unreached!** We must cooperate with believers around the world to send missionaries, or be sent ourselves, to bring the gospel of grace in Christ Jesus to the unreached.

TCM TEAM MISSIONARIES ARE:

- ♥ **Non-American missionaries.** They are foreign nationals from TCM fields in the Partner stage of the Troas Strategy. Currently all TCM Team missionaries are from the Philippines, but TCM anticipates sending Team missionaries from Indonesia and Kenya soon.
- ♥ **Bible school graduates** with extensive experience in church ministry.
- ♥ **Trained for cross-cultural ministry** through TCM's Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM) intensive mission training program.
- ♥ **Sent and supported by both TCM and the TCM-affiliated national church organization in their home country.** Team missionaries present their ministry and raise one-third of their financial support in their home country. The TCM Development Director presents their ministry in the USA. The remainder of their financial support comes through TCM from believers like you, who might never meet the TCM Team missionaries, but are eager for unreached people to hear and receive the gospel!

WHO AND WHERE?

- ♥ **Cambodia:** James & Agape Bermejo, Jude & Cherry Honculada
- ♥ **East Africa:**
Roland & Beverly Improso–Uganda
Reagan & Jemima Mejia–Ethiopia
- ♥ **East Timor:** Aaron & Noemi Arsino, Asuncion “Ciony” Buca
- ♥ **L♥♥s:** Jude & Faith Bunglo, Juna Umacob, Roel & Donna Zabate
- ♥ **Myanmar:** Dan & Amy Banac
- ♥ **Thailand:** Pathy & Adel Arcino
- ♥ **V♥tn♥m:** Vincent & Shirley Quiñones, Joy Escobar (♥ for security)

WHY?

- ♥ **Wise Stewardship:** TCM Teams benefit from the lower cost of living in many foreign countries.
- ♥ **Rapid Deployment:** Potential Team missionaries can be deployed to a strategic country within six months.
- ♥ **Experienced Ministers:** Applicants with proven ministry skills and theological training are selected by the TCM board and trained for cross-cultural ministry.
- ♥ **Maximum Ministry:** Without the need for extensive deputation travel, Team missionaries can live nearly full time on the assigned field.
- ♥ **Encouragement and Accountability:** Team missionaries are accountable to each other while encouraging those who are facing challenges.
- ♥ **Coordinated Teamwork:** The Team will continue to minister in its assigned country even if an individual missionary returns home. New missionaries will be recruited to replace departing missionaries.

HOW?

- ♥ **Be a Team Player!** Choose your Team/s. Learn their names. Get their bookmark/s and put them where you’ll see them often. Stay informed through newsletters, social media, TCM website/Facebook updates and TCMs bi-monthly *News You Can Use* prayer bulletins.
- ♥ **Cheer them on!** Pray regularly and specifically for them. Encourage them via text, email, social media or letters.
- ♥ **Show your support!** Talk about them and their ministry with your family, church or small group.
- ♥ **Keep them going!** Support them financially through TCM. It costs \$500 per month to keep an adult Team missionary on the field. Donations are put in the fund of the designated Team. Each missionary on that Team receives a monthly stipend from their Team fund. You can also donate to their Field to help with ministry expenses and special projects. ❖



Pathy & Adel Arcino
TEAM THAILAND



Dan & Amy Banac
TEAM MYANMAR



Reagan & Jemima Mejia
TEAM EAST AFRICA



Roland & Beverly Improso
TEAM EAST AFRICA



Jude & Cherry Honculada
TEAM CAMBODIA



James & Agape Bermejo
TEAM CAMBODIA





Roel & Donna Zabate
TEAM L♡♡S



Juna Umacob
TEAM L♡♡S



Jude & Faith Bunglo
TEAM L♡♡S



Joy Escobar
TEAM
V♡TN♡M



Vincent &
Shirley
Quiñones
TEAM
V♡TN♡M



Ciony Buca
TEAM
TIMOR



Aaron & Noemi
Arsino
TEAM TIMOR



TEAMS

TCM TEAMS FAQ

Q: Are all non-American TCM missionaries Team Missionaries?

A: No. Some missionaries from the Philippines (Indinos, Gardner Improsos, Maraats & Padayhags), were sent out by TCM before their home country reached the Partner Stage of the Troas Strategy. They are “individual support” missionaries who raise their own support primarily from donors in the USA. Chetra and Julia (Liles) Hong are also individual support missionaries.

Q: Are all TCM missionaries serving in the same country part of the Team?

A: Yes and no. Individual support and Team missionaries might work together in the same country (e.g. Hongs and Team Cambodia; Indinos and Team Timor; Gardner Improsos and Team Myanmar). The only difference is whether they raise their own support through USA donors or whether their home country *teams* up with TCM to cooperatively support them.

ENGAGING ETHIOPIA

Pastor Reagan Mejia, Team East Africa

Hailing from northern Philippines, I grew up in a Catholic family, but without a relationship with the Creator. As the youngest of three siblings, life was quite challenging for us because our father passed away when I was just one year old. Our mother remarried, and they had several children, which made life even more difficult since my mother's attention shifted to my stepbrothers, stepsisters, and my stepfather. I yearned for the love and care of parents, especially a father's love.

In July 1998, when I was 15 years old, I found what I had been searching for—the Father's heart of God. This happened when I responded to the gospel after my cousin invited me to attend an evangelical church. It was there that I placed my trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, believing that through His finished work on the cross, I am forgiven. His resurrection provides me with hope for eternal life. I look forward to spending eternity with my Heavenly Father. After placing my trust in Christ, my fear of death vanished, my insecurities faded away, and I discovered joy and a reason to live. I yearned to learn more about Jesus Christ through His Word, much like a baby craving milk. Going to church and attending prayer meetings became exciting. My relationship with Christ ignited a passion within me to share the gospel with my unsaved schoolmates and friends.

I served as a Pentecostal church pastor for five years. However, in 2005, I met a Grace pastor from TCM-Philippines, who introduced me to the distinctive message found in the writings of Apostle Paul. Through God's grace and the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, I came to understand the Dispensation of the Mystery. After five years of studying the Grace Message, I was officially recognized as a TCM pastor.

My wife, Jemima, grew up in a Christian family and is a Pastor's Kid. Her father, Noli Buagas, is a Grace pastor who has been in the ministry for many years. When Jemima was a child, her parents shared with her about Jesus and always took her to church, especially for Sunday School. This is how they planted the seed for her to know Christ in her life. Jemima faced pressure and discouragement due to being a PK, which caused her to experience depression; but, praise God for the wonderful grace He has shown in her life! She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at age 14. As she began reading the Bible in her daily devotions and growing closer to the Lord, she realized it was a blessing to be a PK because God used her parents to help her know Him and understand the message of grace. It became a privilege to serve God in the ministry given to their family. Jemima praises the Lord for everything He has done in her life and thanks Him for giving her talents and skills in Music and Children's Ministries that she can use for His glory.



Jemima and I were married in 2008, and we successfully established a Grace Church in northern Philippines. While planting that church, I pursued college studies and completed my BSED (Bachelor of Secondary Education) with a major in English. Within a year, I passed the Licensure Exam for Teachers. Jemima and I were among the Batch 1 trainees at Grace Theological Center for Missions (GTCM) in 2015. Afterward, we continued to pastor a church in Metro Manila, and I also taught at a senior high school. However, we firmly believed God called us to be missionaries so in 2023, we finally applied to be sent out by TCM.

The Lord is leading us initially to preach the gospel and establish churches in Ethiopia, East Africa. Ethiopia is the second largest country in Africa with a population of 127 million, yet it lacks a Grace church, and approximately 35% of its people are Muslims. These realities burden our hearts to bring the Grace Message to this country. Our ambition aligns with that of the Apostle Paul, who said, "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." (Romans 15:20) Our vision is to empower eleven Ethiopian leaders to plant churches in the eleven regions of the country. We aspire to create a strong Church Planting Movement led by national leaders.

The mission field presents various challenges, such as visa issues, homesickness, and cultural differences. Nevertheless, we trust in God's enabling grace, as He is the One who called us to the mission field. Our children, Keziah and Dale, are enrolled in the *School of Tomorrow*, homeschool program. This allows us to dedicate more time to our ministry. May God bless the work of our hands. To God be the Glory! ❖

A TRIBUTE TO MEL AND FREDA GUIMBA

PIONEER TEAM MISSIONARIES TO L♡♡s

Joyce Anderson

I first met Mel and Freda Guimba in 2010 at the Grace National Annual Conference in the Philippines. They were in process of answering God's call to L♡♡s, an unreached country where less than 2% of the population has heard the name of Jesus Christ. At the time, Mel was pastoring a growing church near Manila and Freda was working in the office at a Christian University. She was a few months away from completing 20 years in her job which would qualify her for a pension. I suggested they wait until she received her benefits, but they felt the urgency of entering their target country, learning the language and finding opportunities to evangelize people and plant churches.



Due to delays with the immigration department the Guimbas were unable to depart from their homeland immediately, and Freda was able to finish her 20 years of employment. Even so, their commitment to leave behind their family and friends, thriving ministry and retirement package for an atheistic country, not considering the cost, was inspiring. For 11 years Pastor Mel and Freda ministered under repressive conditions because the Communist government considers Christians to be a virus that should be eliminated. Despite injuries, illnesses, conflicts and persecution, the Guimbas worked creatively to remain in the country. In 2016, more trained missionaries from Grace Theological Center for Mission (GTCM) were added to their ministry team. People in several cities have heard about the Savior and some have left Buddhism and turned to Jesus Christ. A study center was built and there are increasing opportunities for spiritual birth and growth where people are living in spiritual darkness.

Near the end of 2022 Freda was diagnosed with kidney failure and was

Mel & Freda with delegates from L♡♡s presenting a song at the Southeast Asia Grace Conference



hospitalized and is now being treated as an outpatient. With a deep sense of loss and reluctance, the Guimbas have stepped down from TCM and will return to a church ministry in the Philippines. Because they did not ignore the call in 2010 there is a closed country where the population now has an opportunity to open their hearts and eyes to the living God. Thank you Pastor Mel and Freda for responding to God's call to an unreached people group so that they can be reached for Jesus Christ. ❖

CALLED TO THE UNREACHED

Pastor Roel Zabate, TCM Team L♡♡s

We are the Zabate family from southern Philippines. It is our joy to share our mission journey with you. I am Roel (age 42) married to Donna (age 35) for 17 years now. God blessed us with two beautiful daughters, Dannah (16) and Karen Kishia (14). Currently, we are pastoring a church in Toril, Davao City. It has been such a blessing to serve the local church here.



Our faith journey was largely influenced by our families as we grew up in Christian homes. Not only were we taught the basic spiritual disciplines to thrive in our walk with God, but more importantly, we were impacted by how they modeled God's grace as we were growing up. We are thankful that our children as well, are growing in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and we are excited about God's plan for their lives.

Looking back, we are so grateful for the privilege God gave us to join in different ministry trainings and opportunities that helped us discover and hone our ministry skills as well as shape our character into who we are now. We didn't imagine in our early years that we would take this path. I graduated with certification in Electrical Installation and Maintenance (EIM) and Donna graduated with a Bachelor of Elementary Education. But God sovereignly led us to leadership and pastoral roles over the years that paved the way for us to know our calling for cross-cultural missions.

Every mission journey has a beginning and ours started when we joined a mission course, Kairos, in 2015. God used this tool to help us understand His heartbeat for the nations. Since then, we were never the same—we became passionate for reaching the nations. God began opening doors for us to engage in different mission mobilization efforts and hands-on cross-cultural experiences near our locality, such as doing outreach in Kilaolao among the Manobo people (one of the minority tribes in our region). That gave us a glimpse of what we wanted to do in the next phase of our lives. Then God drew our attention L♡♡s.

L♡♡s is a Communist country with 7.5 million people, but only 0.1% Christians. The population is 75.5% Unreached, 60.2% of which are Buddhist-Animist. This region is high risk in terms of security, as most church meetings are considered as illegal gatherings and enemies of the state. God has led us, and we know our next family adventure will be to serve as missionaries in this land.

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In light of this call, we submitted ourselves for further training at Grace Theological Center for Mission. The most helpful part of our training was the opportunity to learn from experienced missionaries who taught us about culture, the challenges of missionary work, and effective strategies to share the gospel contextually. We are confident that this training and our experiences have prepared us to serve as missionaries to the regions beyond.

We are excited and humbled to be called by God to serve as Team L♡♡s missionaries. We know there will be challenges, especially with learning the culture and language, but we are confident that God will be with us every step of the way. We ask for your prayers as we prepare to deploy. May God be glorified in our obedience to Him. ❖

HELLO AND GOODBYE ... INTRODUCING TEAM THAILAND

Ben Anderson, TCM International Director

When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship. (Acts 20:36–38)

As humans, we go through several seasons of life which can include changes in location. One challenge of missionary life is the constant hellos and goodbyes. As ministry develops and children grow up there will be many changes.

TCM's Thailand field is experiencing such a change. Back in 2007 when I was TCM's Executive Director, I made a memorable survey trip to three cities in Thailand with missionaries Genesis Maraas and Nathan Killion to determine the feasibility of working among the Central Thai people. The following year the Maraas and Killion families moved to Chiang Mai in northern Thailand.

Historically Thailand is one of the most resistant mission fields. After 200 years of mission effort the population of evangelical Christians is still under 1%. The Thai people are friendly, but sadly, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel." Undeterred, the missionaries threw themselves into language study, eventually learning to read, write and preach in Thai. They evangelized many, experimented with various outreaches, held home Bible studies, befriended college students, hosted a Southeast Asia Grace Conference and established a Grace fellowship in a rented house.

The seasons of life brought changes as children grew up and other ministries offered inviting opportunities. In 2020 the Killions left Thailand

to take up a US-based ministry. Genesis Maraats completed his PhD while in Chiang Mai and dreamed of shifting from the church-based ministry he has done for 31 years to a Bible college ministry where he can train men and women for ministry. In 2024 the Maraats will transfer to Manado, Indonesia where Genesis will teach in Anderson Theological Seminary, an accredited Bible college named after pioneer TCM missionary Vernon Anderson who moved to Indonesia in 1973.



These changes left TCM with a decision about how to continue the Thailand ministry. Was God pulling TCM out of that spiritually needy country, or did He still have a plan for us?

Enter the Arcinos! Pastor Pathy Arcino and his wife Adel graduated from TCM's International Grace Bible Institute and have served faithfully for 13 years on the island of Leyte in the Philippines. Leyte is famous as the location where General Douglas MacArthur ("I shall return!") landed to drive the Japanese Army from the Philippines. TCM-Philippines held its first mission conference in 2015 on Leyte Island at the Arcino's Matlang Grace Gospel Church, and Pathy sensed God's call to mission. In 2022 Adel also heard the mission call, and the family joined Grace Theological Center for Mission. On his TCM application Pathy wrote, "My greatest joy is when someone is reconciled to God and freed from the coming wrath of God." When I discussed the need in Thailand with the Arcinos, they eagerly accepted the challenge.

TCM has formed Team Thailand, and Pathy & Adel Arcino, with their sons Noah and Zach, have been accepted as its first missionaries. The Arcinos will begin their mission assignment with a year of language study at the best school we have found in Thailand. During that year we will seek God's direction about the most strategic area of Thailand to start a new ministry, based on the skills and interests of the Arcino family. As Team Thailand missionaries, the Arcinos are now on the long and winding deputation trail to raise one-third of their support in the Philippines. In November and December they will travel continuously on the island of Mindanao where TCM-Philippines has 300 churches. TCM will be raising two-thirds of their support through USA donations to Team Thailand.

Please pray for this new direction in the Thailand ministry, as well as for the Grace fellowship in Chiang Mai to continue with the believers who learned from the lives and teaching of the Maraats and Killions. Finally, pray for Genesis & Verna Maraats as they take up the Spirit's leading in Indonesia, the largest Muslim country in the world. ❖

FACING THE CHALLENGES OF THAILAND

Pastor Pathy Arcino, Team Thailand



Adel, and I are blessed with two sons, Noah and Zach. We are happy to share about our life as a family serving God here in the Philippines. I became a child of God during my second year in Bible School. I thought being in a Christian family meant that I was already saved. Through my Bible school studies, I learned the truth of salvation and accepted Jesus Christ as my one and only Savior, believing that He died for my sins, was buried and rose again.

Adel was evangelized by a Bible Woman during Sunday School. She personally received the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 12. Noah, our older son, has just begun his personal journey of belief in God. We are glad that both our kids show willingness to follow what we teach them about the gospel and the ministry that awaits them even at their young age. They are currently enrolled at Tagum Grace Academy undergoing home schooling.

I graduated from International Grace Bible Institute in 2011 and was ordained in 2018. Over the past 13 years of service with TCM-Philippines, God has always been faithful to our family. Some of my main ministries with our church team of workers and leaders, have been evangelistic crusades, church planting and operating a Field Bible School. Adel has been a public school teacher for almost 13 years. Desiring to use her abilities in line with God's ministry, she completed the Field Bible School program and serves as a Bible Woman. In the church she is actively involved in the children's department and leading the women and youth in evangelism ministries.

We finished Grace Theological Center for Mission training in 2022. Through that experience, God really strengthened our perspective, ambition and desire. What really matters to Him is reaching perishing souls. Doing that is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

God has called our family to go to Thailand, a country with a population of 71 million, but only 1% have come to know Christ. One of the greatest challenges that awaits us there is learning the Thai language, one of the most difficult languages in the world. An equal challenge is the strong belief of the Thai people in following Buddha. Following Apostle Paul, we

desire go to the regions where Christ's name is not known. We are ready to give up our career, stable jobs and established ministry here in the Philippines to fulfill this calling to extend the message of God's grace to the regions beyond. ❖

FIFTY YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

In October 1973, Vernon and Darlene Anderson with daughters Valerie and Amy, arrived in Manado, Indonesia to pioneer a new field for TCM. They left the thriving ministry they'd established in the Philippines in the capable hands of other missionaries and national leaders. They left their teen-aged son, Ben, in boarding school. Why? Because of the urgency of God's call to go to the regions beyond.

In the early days of their ministry in Indonesia, the Lord opened an opportunity to share the gospel of grace and teach the *Highway of Life* lessons (a dispensational overview of the Bible) to a group of university students. The Lord lit a spiritual fire in those young men and women, and they enthusiastically shared what they'd learned with everyone they met. Among them was Jerry Sumanti, who didn't allow a physical disability to prevent him from joining the action.



Undaunted by opposition from family and liberal churches, the young professionals eagerly attended Bible training classes in the Andersons' home. Testimonies from group members who were thrown in jail for witnessing, only fueled their zeal for evangelism. Soon Vernon Anderson was flying them in pairs to other islands to spread the gospel and start Bible studies. Seven years later, when the Andersons were blacklisted by the government and denied visas to re-enter Indonesia, the Lord continued to work through those they had trained. Jerry Sumanti pioneered a work in the southern part of his home island of Sulawesi, pastored a church on the neighboring island of Kalimantan, and eventually joined the staff of Anderson Theological Seminary (STTAM) to train young people for ministry. He also held key roles on the board of the national church organization.

Fifty years later, the Lord remains faithful! *Gereja Alkitab Anugerah* (Grace Gospel Church) is well established in Indonesia with around 60 active congregations. Government-accredited Anderson Theological Seminary



Jerry (center) with STTAM students

(STTAM), trains men and women to plant more churches. This past July, Jerry Sumanti was reunited with Vernon Anderson in heaven, yet their legacy lives on. ❖



5th Southeast Asia Grace Conference PH 2023



Conference Host
Pastor Jun Pielago



TCM Missionaries



Missionary
Aaron Arsino



Missionaries Hong & Mejias



Guest Speaker
Dr. Ken Kemper



Missionary
Vincent Quinones



Cebu Church Choir



Dr. Pat Kilgo

SEAGC: INCREDIBLY UPLIFTING AND DEEPLY TOUCHING

Mrs. Anne Vivares, SEAGC delegate from the Philippines

My husband and I have had the great privilege of attending all five Southeast Asia Grace Conferences (SEAGC). We have seen different Asian nationalities of fellow TCM believers bonded together in the Body of Christ. The exposure to cross-cultural ministries helps us more highly respect our brethren beyond our borders in predominantly Muslim, Buddhist and Communist territories. Indeed, the field is ready for harvest.

The recent SEAGC in Cebu City, Philippines was truly remarkable, capturing attention with its diverse array of life-changing discussions on missions and leadership. During the country presentations, we had the unique opportunity to witness firsthand the tangible reality of how the Lord works powerfully in safeguarding our missionaries and meeting their needs in miraculous ways. We witnessed how God utilizes them despite the challenges posed by cross-cultural and ethnic differences. This event was incredibly uplifting—glorifying God and deeply touching the hearts of all those present, prompting us to wholeheartedly praise Him for His redemptive work among humanity. Furthermore, the testimony of Chetra Hong, a former Buddhist monk from Cambodia who was converted to Christ and dedicated himself wholeheartedly to becoming a TCM missionary, was absolutely awe-inspiring. It served as a powerful demonstration of God's unfailing grace, manifesting in the lives of those whom He has chosen, leading them to discover the redemptive truth of Jesus Christ and transition from the realm of darkness into His transformative light.

SEAGC 2023 also stood out for building awareness about supporting the mission fields. Many Filipino professionals attended for the first time and were amazed at how the Philippines keeps sending missionaries despite many struggles. Mindsets were changed regarding financial support, family care, and short mission trips. We were boldly challenged to view supporting missions as an investment for eternity. As Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We have the great joy of being among the Senders. Most of the Filipino TCM missionaries are our close friends, and some were IGBI-Ozamis classmates. God has always supplied all our needs, and the COVID pandemic taught us how to be humble stewards of His grace. Should God call us also to the borders beyond, pray with us that we will finally be ready to say, "Here I am Lord, SEND me". ❖

KENYA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Titus Kivilu, Kenya Grace Bible Institute Director



Kenya Grace Bible Institute and Thika Grace Bible Church were privileged to host this year's Grace Bible Church TCM-Kenya National conference on August 17-20. It was well attended with over 250 people who expressed much excitement in being together for fellowship and feasting on God's Word. We had great lessons and great speakers, great music and great fellowship.



Delegates came from Grace Bible Churches in Kenya, Abounding Grace Churches in Uganda and Brother Fikre from Ethiopia. We are grateful for the TCM missionaries who graced this year's conference and were among the guest speakers: TCM International Director Ben Anderson and his wife Joyce, Gardner and Ledith Improso serving in Uganda, and Dean and Sheba Padayhag with their daughters serving in South Africa. We also



Pst. Titus Kivilu with Padayhags & Fikre

appreciated messages from our GBC-Kenya Director Samuel Mwangi, Pastor Peter Kagwi, Pastor Titus Kivilu and others. We thank the Lord for our host, Pastor Charles Munene, the interpreters, worship teams and all who helped facilitate this successful conference.

The conference powerfully challenged us to *Partner in the Gospel* (Phil 1:5). We pray that every member, pastor, missionary and church represented in this conference will take up the challenge and enhance their partnership in the gospel so that the gospel of salvation will move with speed and

reach the regions beyond where Christ is not yet known. We are thankful for all the support and prayers that were offered for this conference. We felt them every single moment. God bless you all for your faithful partnership in the gospel! ❖



International delegates



Speaker Dean Padyhag
with Pst. Patrick Kilei



Speaker Gardner Improso
with Pst. Titus Kivilu



Speaker Ben Anderson



Director Samuel Mwangi
with Pst. Peter Kagwi



FAREWELL TO A FAMILY MEMBER

On July 25 a dear member of our TCM family, Kathy Pumphrey, entered her heavenly home. Her husband, Barry, wrote, "Right now she will be in the presence of her Lord and Saviour, enjoying reunion with so many of our friends who have gone before. I would like to say lots of spiritual things at this point about how trusting I am about the plans and purposes of God and how her leaving us is all part of that, but actually, I just miss her! Please pray for our family as we assimilate all that's gone on and this sudden change that has taken place. What a blessing she was to us as a wife and mother."

Barry attended TCM's International Grace Bible Institute in the Philippines in the late 1960s, living and serving with several pioneer TCM missionaries, before returning to the UK and meeting and marrying Kathy. Together they were a voice of truth and grace in England for many years, doing house-to-house evangelism in their home city of Birmingham, leading the UK Grace Fellowship and organizing the annual Cloverly Hall Grace Conference.



Valerie Wynalda remembers Kathy's kind and unruffled hospitality: "When I was in high school, 8 of us on a summer mission team descended on her Birmingham home. As a teenager, I didn't appreciate the monumental challenges of housing and feeding that many people for 2 weeks while also tending to her active one-year-old twins! Yet Kathy took it on with

remarkable dignity and grace. I was so impressed with how organized she was! Several times since then, while traveling to and from the mission field, I've had the privilege of visiting Barry and Kathy in England and was always blessed by their warm hospitality and unending cups of tea."



Kathy was instrumental in Julia Liles-Hong becoming a TCM missionary to Cambodia. Julia shares, "For almost 15 years I have been blessed by a very special lady in my life whom I fondly refer to as 'Aunty Kathy'. Kathy was one who lived out her faith, not only as a wonderful blessing to many, but as a dedicated steward of God's grace—a resource of truth, creativity, musical talent and joy. She was tireless in serving the Lord and so sweet to those around her, particularly her beloved husband, Barry. To some, their names will be familiar as our TCM-UK representatives, but to my family,

they are family. We have walked together through so many of life's trials and joys. Barry and Kathy were especially supportive of my journey into missionary life. Since the beginning of my commitment to ministry in Cambodia, they



mentored me through weekly video calls to share prayer requests and encouragement from the Scriptures. Kathy was the quiet, smiling type, but one whom you knew loved so very well. I will be forever grateful to Kathy for being so 'present' in the lives of so many, however far apart we lived. Barry led the marriage service for Chetra and me, and I love it that Chetra also fully embraced them as "Auntie and Uncle." Together, Kathy and Barry have been constant, consistent prayer partners and faith encouragers in the lives of countless people over many decades. I am privileged to be among those individuals. Kathy has now reached her ultimate destination and is with the Lord in heaven, complete, at peace, without suffering and dwelling in joy as she worships her Lord and Saviour. May our prayers rest upon Barry and their three adult sons (Ben, Sandy and Adrian) and their families, as well as those of us who were very close to this special woman. I'm so grateful to be part of Kathy's legacy in her devotion to the Lord and His message of hope & love." ❖

FOLLOWING ON ♥ ♥ ♥

PAULINE WATKINS recently celebrated her 90th birthday! Pauline and her late husband, Joe, joined TCM as missionaries in 1957 and arrived in the Philippines in 1958. They were in charge of establishing the International Grace Bible Institute in Ozamis City. Pauline gave typing lessons, kept records, taught English and managed the school kitchen. After ten years of service at IGBI, the Watkins family moved to Cebu City to minister with the churches and pastors in central Philippines. They also planted the Cebu Grace Gospel Church. In 1986 the Watkins returned to the USA where Joe served as TCM's Executive Director from 1990 to 2005, then as Development Director until his death in 2014. Pauline has faithfully served all those years in the finance office at the TCM headquarters. She is diligent and meticulous in processing the checks TCM receives and issuing receipts. We honor Pauline for the invaluable service she has given to TCM over the past 65 years and pray the Lord continues to sustain her because we don't know what we would do without her!



GOMER & NENE INDINO are settling into E Timor alongside co-workers, the Arsinos and Ciony, and studying the Tetun language.



ROLAND & BEVERLY IMPROSO rejoice in the healthy birth of their son, Cyron Zuri, after 13 years of waiting and praying for a child.



GARDNER & LEDITH IMPROSO wrap up their Uganda assignment in November and hope to return to Myanmar by the spring after a visit to the Philippines.

IN MEMORY



KATHY PUMPHREY
Valerie Anderson Wynalda

JERRY SUMANTI
Darlene Anderson
Valerie Anderson Wynalda

JOHN D. WILSON
Barbara J. Wilson

REMAINING NEEDS FROM RECENT PROJECTS

Furnish Manila Mission House
Received \$1950 Remaining need: \$2190

Indonesia Seminary Building/Library
Received: \$5300 Remaining need: \$3693

Kenya Bibles For Youth
Received: \$250 Remaining need: \$1150

Kenya Photocopier
Received: \$450 Remaining need: \$210

Myanmar Photocopier
Received: \$340 Remaining need: \$655

Uganda Entebbe Church Plant
Received: \$400 Remaining need: \$1000

N Brazil Ibura Church Security Gates
Received: \$200 Remaining need: \$1800

E Timor Church Kitchenwares
Received: \$400 Remaining need: \$500

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HOW CAN I HELP?

GOMSA LAND & MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING



For years, Grace Outreach Ministries of South Africa (GOMSA) has been like a family without a home. With growing attendance and increased rental costs, finding suitable, affordable venues for GOMSA events and activities has become challenging. We are seeking to buy land and construct a multi-purpose

building that will serve as the headquarters of GOMSA ministries, a venue for conferences and youth/children's camps, as well as the main campus for GTEAMS (Grace Theological Education and Ministry Schools). We are praying to complete this project by the end of 2025.

Need: \$50,000 **Designate Donations:** GOMSA HQ

MOVING INTO MALINDI



Peter Kagwi & a co-worker at the pillar in Malindi erected by Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama in 1498 during his expedition from Lisbon, around the southern tip of Africa, to India.

Malindi is a predominantly Muslim city on the Indian Ocean coast of Kenya, known for its marine national parks. Pastor Peter Kagwi has traveled the 120 miles from Mombasa to Malindi several times over the past year evangelizing and enrolling contacts in the *Highway of Life* dispensational Bible correspondence courses. Now Kenya Grace Bible Church is sending Bible school graduates Francis Odera and Andrew Maunduas to establish a church in Malindi. You can facilitate this endeavor by helping with moving expenses and deposit for rental house (\$140), rent deposit for church hall (\$135), and chairs, sound system, keyboard, etc. for church services (\$1170).

Total need: \$1445

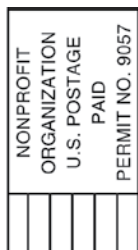
Designate Donations: Malindi Church Plant

MOTORCYCLE FOR HONCULADAS

Jude and Cherry Honculada of Team Cambodia, are planting a church in the Chbar Ampov district of Phnom Penh. A motorcycle would facilitate meeting with local contacts to collect them into a Bible study and eventually a church. A motorcycle would also assist them with getting to services and events at the two established Cambodia Grace Gospel Churches, participating in Team meetings, and ordinary activities such as grocery shopping.

Need: \$2500 **Designate Donations:** Honculada Motorcycle





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***Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!
For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.***

***When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with
compassion for them . . . Then He said to His disciples,
"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are
few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out
laborers into His harvest."***

***I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."***

(Joel 3:14; Matthew 9:36-39; Isaiah 6:8)