

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

August 24, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:
The Prescribed Rearrangement
Genesis 2:24

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 27 Aug Evangelism Class.
Thursday 28 Aug Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Monday 1 Sep Labor Day Picnic at the Carle's around noon.
Wednesday 3 Sep Evangelism Class.
Thursday 4 Sep Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Sunday 7 Sep The Lord's Table.
Spanish Bible Class @ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 11 Sep State Fair Evangelism Begins.
Tuesday 23 Sep Pot Luck @ 6:00 p.m. Solo Philip will be here.
Wednesday 24 Sep Foundations Class begins.

- ** Mario Garcia will teach a Spanish Bible Class beginning September 7 @ 6:00. Please invite anyone you might know or contact to it. It will meet in the education building.
- ** This September 11-21 is a great opportunity to join with Child Evangelism Fellowship to present the gospel at the State Fair. Please sign up at the back table.
- ** This fall we are planning to do a Foundations class on Wednesday nights beginning September 24. It will run for 9. Please try to make plans to attend, even if you have been through it. Invite someone to join you.
- ** October 11 begins a Basic Theology class that will be taught by Dan Hensley and George Carle 2. It will begin after the OUI-TX game @ 4:00. Please let Dan or George know if you will be able to attend.
- ** Please increase your prayers for TBC and specifically pray for wisdom and guidance for our participation in the spread of His Kingdom.
- ** Below is a summary of our financial status. For details see Roger.

	July	Year-to-Date	General Fund	Building Fund
Income	\$5,603.14	\$48,522.50		
Expenses	7,890.91	54,143.41		
Balance	(2,287.77)	(5,620.91)	\$4,580.34	\$7,587.14

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hymns

Keys to Life: What We Believe

RALPH AND CINDY LAROSA
Operation Grace World
August 2008

Dear Friends and Family,

Below is our July/August, 2008 - Newsletter. We also included it as an attachment in a better format for reading or printing it off, if you want to make copies for others or for your church. It includes a plan that we hope will make us more effective through strategic training . Thanks again for your prayers and support.

Ralph & Cindy LaRosa, Philippines

A STAGGERING STATISTIC IN THE PHILIPPINES: Recently, I heard a staggering statistic via email from a veteran missionary who leads an organization called Action International Ministries. I called their Manila office and confirmed this statistic. There are an estimated 48,000 untrained and under trained needy pastors throughout the Philippines. This particular organization is recruiting missionaries to come to Manila for a ministry of teaching 5, 10, 15 or more pastors on a regular basis.

POST- WORLD WAR II POPULATION EXPLOSION: In the fall of 1944 when Douglas MacArthur returned and led the famed landing at Leyte Gulf, the Philippines was only inhabited by about 18,160,000 Filipinos. Over 200,000 Filipinos served in World War II and over a million Filipinos were killed during the Japanese occupation and recapturing of the Philippines by American Allied Forces. Today, the Philippines has an estimated population of 87 – 90 million, with about two million babies born a year. An estimated 10% of the population work abroad, and four million Filipino Americans live in the U.S.

POST-WAR EVANGELISM:

Radio Broadcasting: John C. Broger served four years in World War II and at the war's conclusion in 1945, was named the first president of Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC), a Christian Broadcasting corporation located in the Philippines. FEBC is still strong today. In recent years, many global ministries have combined to broadcast the gospel to every major language in the Philippines.

Christian Films: The Jesus Film has been a tool of evangelism in the Philippines since it was first produced in 1978. By the turn of the Century an estimated 900 million people had seen the film and it is now said to be the most watched film in history. In recent years, Gospel messages and Bible teaching have become common via cassette tapes, VHS, VCDs, and now MP3s & DVDs.

Church Planting: The DAWN movement (Disciple A Whole Nation) was launched in the Philippines in 1974. This movement mobilized evangelical denominations to set goals to plant churches in every community. The target was a church for every 1,000 Filipinos by the year 2000. This meant multiplying the number of churches

from 5,000 to 50,000 in 26 years. There have been many church planting organizations, groups, and individuals in the Philippines since World War II.

Gospel Literature: Tons of gospel literature from various organizations have blanketed the Philippines. The distribution of Christian literature is still one of the most powerful tools for evangelism in a country like the Philippines. This country has an extremely high literacy rate for a developing country. The Philippines also has all the major Bible Societies that sell or freely distribute crates of Bibles every year.

The above are just some of the more visible examples of post-war evangelism in the Philippines. There are also many invisible heroes doing evangelism that we won't know about until we get to heaven. Do I think that all of the above examples have been Biblically accurate in their gospel presentations, and would we agree with all of their theology? Of course not, we strongly believe and present that the good news of the gospel is provided by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. However, we should have the same attitude as the Apostle Paul under Divine inspiration, "...whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; **and in this I rejoice.**" *Phil. 1:18 (NASB)* I believe the Holy Spirit will use even a small portion of truth to bring a person positive at God-Consciousness to gospel hearing and eventually to faith in Christ. This has resulted in millions of believers and thousands of pastors with little or no Bible training in the Philippines.

"STRATEGIC TRAINING": At about the same time as I got the email concerning the number of untrained pastors in the Philippines, a group of six pastors asked me to meet with them at a coffee shop in Manila. Five of them had been our students and had graduated from a seminary that Cindy and I were a part of in the early 1980s. One of these five leads a large church planting organization as well as being a pastor. They proposed a plan to set up training centres in strategic areas where we already have facilities connected with local churches or schools. The training will take place in module format on days that both the pastor-teachers and pastor-students are available. We will also teach these modules during strategic times of the year when both teachers and pastors can meet for several days for a longer period of intensive instruction. We even have one venue with lodging facilities close by our church in Lucena City, where we could have intensive training for a longer period of time.

We are testing this proposal by gathering a group of these pastors in September for a Bible conference. Most of these participates will be church planting pastors who desire and need more training. We are hoping to set up a system to launch this proposal by the end of the year. We ask for you to pray that God would give us the wisdom (James 1:5), as we meet with these pastors and test this proposal. We hope to find an effective way via "strategic training" to enlarge our contribution to this staggering opportunity.

The Prescribed Rearrangement

Genesis 2:24

Gen 2:24 = Application by Moses (Rearrange your life).

2:24 C.T. = For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and cling to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Summary:

1. **Moses makes an application of the divine arrangement of marriage.**
2. **The man is the authority in this new relationship and should _____ take the necessary steps to fulfill the principle.**
3. **A man is to _____ let go of mom and dad and hang on to his one and only wife. Eph 5:25-31**
 - A. **He must learn to make decisions and be responsible for them.**
 - B. **The breaking of one authority structure to establish another is designed to teach responsibility and _____ personal responsibility to future generations.**
 - C. **It is how he will _____ learn wisdom to pass on to the next generation. Prov 3:3-7; 4:2-6**
4. **This statement, by itself, could lead to _____ of other well-established principles of Scripture, such as the 6th Commandment. Ex 20:12**
5. **The word "leave" is more concerned with _____ than geography, thus it is more a _____ than a spatial issue.**
 - A. **In the ancient wedding ceremonies, the groom went to get the bride and bring her to his father's house.**
 - B. **The Lord will bring His Bride to His Father's house. John 14:1-3**
6. **There is to be a relational _____ that is to be established and not shared with mom and dad.**
 - A. **It should be an _____ of man's spiritual relationship with the Lord. Deut 10:20-21**
 - B. **His relationship with the Lord will be his _____ to accomplish the Lord's will. Deut 11:22-23**
 - C. **His relationship with the Lord is his prime protection from _____, so he had better cling to this relationship first if he is to "guard" what is entrusted to him. Deut 13:1-4**
 - D. **Failure to obey the Lord will make the _____ cling until it has consumed the offender. Deut 28:15 cf 20-21; Deut 28:20-21**
7. **The application also extends to the wife and her parents.**
8. **Becoming "one flesh" is required to "multiply" and "fill the earth."**
9. **This would have worked great if they hadn't eaten from the forbidden tree.**
10. **Solomon illustrates how not to do this. 1 Kings 11:1-4**

Principle: The husband is _____ before the Lord to establish and guard a godly relationship with his wife.

Keys to Life: What We Believe

2. Theology Proper. (Study of God the Father)

The Bible reveals a single, triune God, existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections (Deut 6:4; 2 Cor 13:14).

- a. The Father plans and supervises (Eph 1:11; 3:11).
- b. The Son carries out the Father's plan and is the mediator between God and Man (1 Tim 2:5; John 4:34; Heb 10:7).
- c. The Holy Spirit reveals information about God's plan to men (John 16:8-13; 1 Cor 2:10).

Principle: God _____ for His creation, is actively _____ in its preservation and _____ Himself to it.

3. Christology. (Study of Christ the Son)

The Incarnation: We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God (John 1:1-2, 14).

The Virgin Birth: He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35).

His Substitutionary Death: He accomplished our redemption, through His death on the cross, as a substitutionary sacrifice (1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pet 1:18-19).

His Resurrection: His literal physical resurrection from the dead guaranteed redemption forever (Heb 10:9-14; 1 Pet 1:3-5).

His Present Session: The Lord Jesus Christ in His glorified body is now in Heaven, exalted at the right hand of God the Father, where He presently fulfills the ministry of representative, intercessor, and advocate, as the high priest for His people (Heb 7:25; 9:24; Rom 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2).

Principle: The Son is actively _____ in you.

4. Pneumatology. (Study of the Holy Spirit)

His Salvation Work: We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin; that at the moment of salvation, He indwells every believer during this present age, baptizes them into the body of Christ, and seals them unto the

day of redemption (John 16:8,11; 1 Cor 12:12-14; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14).

His Post-Salvation Work: It is the duty of every believer to seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Since the Holy Spirit indwells the believer at salvation and the condition is irrevocable, this is an absolute. The filling of the Holy Spirit is thus related to walking in love and walking as children of light and is clearly related to faith. Confession of sin(s) is an integral part of this process. (Eph 5:18; Gal 5:16; 1 John 1:9).

Spiritual Gifts: The Holy Spirit sovereignly bestows a spiritual gift (1 Cor 12:7) on every Church age Believer. The gift of apostleship, prophecy, miracles, tongues, and interpretation were generally discontinued for the remainder of the Church Age after the close of the Canon of Scripture. (1 Cor 13:8-11; 14:22; Eph 4:3-16).

We believe God is sovereign and can empower individuals to carry out his will and plan. (John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15; Jas 5:15; Php 2:13; 4:11-13).

Principle: The Holy Spirit _____ our path and _____ us along the way.