

# ENTERING THE EXOTIC EAST!

## OUR PIONEERING HISTORY IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE!

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WHAT A THRILL TO BE ABLE TO RECALL ALL THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOURS, DEAR DAD, ON YOUR BIRTHDAY! The best place to start the history of the East Is with you, because it was your vision & encouragement & counsel—through your earlier TSC evening talks, & then in your beginning Letters—that really gave the faith, vision, initiative, & courage to all those first pioneers to step out to the unknown, different & exotic East!

BECAUSE DAD & HIS FAMILY HAD OBEYED & were doing all they could, then miraculously, the Lord began adding native-born citizens or former residents of some of these Pacific countries, who then returned to their homelands as missionaries in the family.

NEW ZEALANDER SHUA & AMERICAN HUSBAND, SHEM went to New Zealand & Australia; Miami beachboy Justin & wife Ami went to Hawaii; Filipino Zichri & American wife Shallsha went with Daniel Noah to the Philippines; American Samoan Ezekiel & American wife Mail went to his homeland, & the Lord even gave Vietnam its chance before it was closed, by sending Abby & wife Laadah with Medad—former frontline servicemen there—to pioneer & give it the Gospel! Abby, Laadah & Medad later went to Tokyo as the first pioneer team to Japan, when Vietnam closed. These were the first major countries to be pioneered; SEA, Hong Kong, the smaller countries & the Islands would come later.

THE FIRST TWO TEAMS SENT OUT—one to Hawaii (North Pacific) at the end of 1971 & one to Australia & New Zealand (South Pacific) in 1972—became the beachheads & springboards that began to win more national disciples & bring in funds for pioneering the surrounding countries.

HAWAII  
HAWAII WAS THE MAJOR BORDER BASE to the North Pacific for the next 4-5 years. After Dad's foresight & counsel in an advisory to unite the U.S. West Coast, Western Canada, Hawaii, Japan & the North Pacific countries together into one region, Justin, Ami & Michael Jolly landed in Oahu, Hawaii on New Year's day, 1972! Later the remaining big Burlington camp & school in Washington State moved to Hawaii & on into the Pacific.

JUSTIN RECALLS: "During the first month we wondered if we were missing the mark somewhere, because we had no disciples yet! We met a king who gave us some tents, we got

a bus, moved on the beach & within the first month we had almost 10 fulltime disciples & 6 Catacomb military brothers from the big American Army, Navy & Marine bases there. Then within the next 6 months we had almost 20 fulltimers & 10 Catacombers. In 1-1/2 years we had 7 Homes on the Island! The servicemen, (GT), were some of our most faithful disciples, coming for Bible classes & fellowship & weekend parties that were inspired by the Letter "The Little Flirty Fishy". (No.293) Monthly paychecks from the servicemen were one of the major supporters of the work, not only in Hawaii, but also in Japan, & helped some in the Philippines.

### JAPAN:

ABBY, LAADAH & MEDAD ARRIVED IN TOKYO IN 1972, & Hawaii began to send them more personnel. The first to go were beautiful Filipina-Hawaiian Shiloh (who would later marry Medad & bear our first set of Asian twins) & Elisha & Zacour, Japanese disciples won in Hawaii. More brethren came from Hawaii in the following months & years, miraculously obtaining the 7-year missionary visa instead of the normal 2-month tourist visa, with the help of Brother Paul, one of the very first American missionaries to Japan to marry a Japanese & become a Japanese citizen. He was a helpful king for a time & helped them quickly learn the customs, traditions & some of the language. The Letter "Become One" (No.208) was written to him & the brethren in Japan at that time.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST BREAKTHROUGHS into the "Missionaries' Graveyard"—as Japan has been called by the unsuccessful Christian world—came with breaking tradition—a no-no to Brother Paul—by witnessing & giving Holy Ghost samples! It surely pays to follow the leading of God's Spirit & God's chosen prophet & His plan in the Letters, because although Brother Paul was a very big help, he did as every king, & tried to be a prophet also! He said the way we pioneered Europe & North America wouldn't work in Japan, but after united prayer we went out full force with our Japanese N.T. Gospels & began distributing them to everyone on the streets & trains. Then, that night, we all went to a big concert in Tokyo, & as the crowd dispersed we began our Holy Ghost sample & distributed the lit. TYJ! It resulted in our first two Japanese fulltime

disciples, Jacob Sparkles & Mika in May '73.

MEDAD & SHILOH remember that, "Dad came out with the "Birthday Warning" & "Wonder Working Words", & we realised that it was the answer to our prayers to make up for our lack of not being able to speak the language. Our nationals were just babes & could hardly speak or understand English. After much prayer the Lord spoke to Medad & Abby & told them to try system translators. The Little Sisters of Jesus were a great encouragement to us & translated some of our first MO Letters. The Lord also led us to a system translator who helped us pump out the simple Love Letters & political Letters." Only a short time later "Shiners--Or Shamers?" (No.241) came out, & Jacob then became our first translator to get the LIT Revolution on its way.

ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL OUTREACHES became the "Catacomb Kids" parties of high school students, with skits, music & witnessing & scores of these kids became fulltime disciples who are still going strong today.

AS THE WORK GOT UNDER WAY, Japan became a springboard too & sent out three new pioneer teams to...

#### THAILAND, KOREA & TAIWAN

ADRON & HEART & THEIR 3 CHILDREN were the first pioneer team sent to Thailand. They left Japan to reinforce our dear service brother Horeb Holykliss, who had met us in San Diego, California, & had gone back to Thailand to try to begin a work there.

TROPHIMUS & WIFE TELARISHA, from Japan, were the first pioneer team to Korea. Because there is a very strong, conservative, Protestant hold in Korea, this first team received a lot of persecution & was sent out of the country. Since then some road teams on visa trips or small underground teams have gone to Korea, but they have not used the Family name or worked very openly.

PETER, MERISHA, MELODY & JAMIN all went to Korea & had a very fruitful time FFing & getting out lit on Sunday afternoons with the tract-passers! Ha! More recently, Chris & Leah, Simon & Esther spent about 2 years really changing lives & winning our faithful fulltime national, Job.

THE FIRST PIONEER TEAM TO TAIWAN consisted of our first German disciple, Corinth--won by Falthy in Germany--& his wife Hannah (now Michael & Maria). They had hitchhiked across India & SEA & miraculously found the first little team in Tokyo. They left Japan & entered Taiwan on student visas, attending language school & teaching English for support. They were soon joined

by other brethren from Hawaii, Zac Newsong & Zenus. They learned Chinese fluently & won faithful disciples--Rebecca, who is still our top Chinese translator & Leila, followed by many others. It is a very challenging place.

#### PHILIPPINES

THE PHILIPPINES IS A VERY RECEPTIVE FIELD with thousands of souls saved & many national disciples. The Catholic Church as well as many Protestant missionaries have spread the basic knowledge & principles of Christianity, making the hearts of the people really receptive.

THE LIT REVOLUTION WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST BOOMS to the first pioneer team here of ZTchri, Shalisha & Daniel Noah from Hawaii. It began to get the Word out like never before, & the people would crowd around by the hundreds to try to get a piece of lit. The extra funds helped to print more lit & open new Homes, with a much higher standard of living.

THE CATACOMB MINISTRY STARTED SOON AFTER THAT & began to win a lot of strong disciples of high school & college age. Ruth & Samuel were the first to join. Faith & Juan came at the onset of the FF Revolution & RNR & these changes gave the needed RPMs to win many, many friends there & in all the countries of the Pacific, from the very very top of the government on down. FFing has become one of the main supporters.

#### HONG KONG & MACAU

HONG KONG & MACAU'S FIRST TEAM WAS REHOB & ABDEI (now Gabriel & Claire) who arrived from Hawaii in '73. Zac BC & Aaron Arrow also helped pioneer the field, & Maacah & Katrina, the two earliest Chinese disciples in the country, are both extremely active in translating the Words, singing & translating songs for the local radio show "Wonderful Music". In the Spring of 1976 Ho, Esther & Ruthie arrived & soon after GLP began producing volumes for all, as well as Wild Wind with products for the Pacific. With the RNR came lots more FFing & less office-oriented ministries till now; even despite a couple of bouts of media persecution, the work is really thriving with miles more outreach to nationals than ever!

#### THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

THE FIRST TEAM SENT TO AMERICAN SAMOA WAS NATIVE-BORN EZEKIEL & AMERICAN WIFE MALL & one child. After reinforcements came from Hawaii, teams went from this small island to Western Samoa & Tonga. We also reached a lot of Korean fishermen there. Some got saved & took lit & the message back to Korea.

MY FIRST TEAM, I BELIEVE, WAS AMOS & ABIGAIL & their children, who went from Hawaii & had a fruitful time there. Different French-speaking brethren, including Christian & Hanne were able to do some really fruitful FFlng & they had good, regular fish on the line. New Caledonia is similarly French-speaking, so Amos & Mary, Christian & Phoebe & Hanne opened it up & did well, GBT!

IN THE SOUTHERN SPRING OF '73 (Aug/Sep) SHUA led the first pioneer team to Fiji where they met a lot of sheep & good contacts for the future. Shortly afterwards, Zaccour Baker & Gathier were our first team to Papua New Guinea. They learned to speak good Pidgin & won lots of friends. Several years later, Jude & Sharuen Horizon, Esther & Renee Aaron had a really fruitful outreach there FFlng & witnessing on the road. Now many of these islands have hundreds of MWM Members who correspond faithfully & love the music! It's exciting work for our teams there now, following up on these hundreds of Club Members! With short visas & long distances, Dad's vision for the radio sure was the key! GBH! Hallelujah!

NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA--Shem IN 1972, AS A RESULT OF THE "GREAT ESCAPE", hundreds of Family members streamed towards the Border Base in New York in preparation for going to Europe. We (Shem & Shua) were working in Dallas helping prepare these teams when the Lord began to convict us about launching out & pioneering. Shua was a passport-holding New Zealander, & her parents had just returned to New Zealand to live. This strongly confirmed our other leadings of the Lord. Also, my father was a Vice-President of a large air freight company & I was able to fly at discounts of 75-100% on most airlines! Little Andrew & Jezliah (who was 7 months pg at the time) were the other part of our team. Being married to a New Zealander gave me an automatic permanent resident visa--a very valuable asset. So the Lord had clearly planned it all years in advance! PTL!

FINALLY WE WERE ALL 4 AIRBOURNE--leaving Mainland USA & landing in Hawaii where we stayed about 10 days fellowshipping with the Family there. Then we boarded the plane to New Zealand, cradling our sacred box of xeroxed MLs--the "Ark" being carried into the South Pacific!

ON JUNE 22, 1972 WE LANDED IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND! Our Modus Operandi was to quietly enter the country & scout, rent a house, get a used van, witness to the university students for labour leaders, & once we were established, sock it to the

public with Holy Ghost samples, tracts & g media coverage.

OUR EARLY PIONEERS WERE: Gibeah & Mercy Peter Atlanta, Lydia Nun, Isaac Numbers, Abarim & Merisha Zelotes, Apelles Cheshire Miriam New Love, Nadab, Abel & Anna Issachar, Marsha. We began to witness in Jesu People coffee shops, universities, pubs, & on street corners, which soon brought in ne disciples, the first lasting fruit being Matthew.

OUR PUBLIC DEBUT CAME WHEN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER reprinted an anti-COG article from the USA. We phoned the paper & mentioned that we were the local branch of such a group & would grant them an exclusive interview! They immediately came & did a very good radical article on us which spread our message throughout the country. The Revolution for Jesus had begun!

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1972, ARMED WITH MY FREE AIR TICKET, PETER ATLANTA & I FLEW TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. We called for reinforcements from New Zealand & began working with a radical Christian coffee shop doing singing programs & teaching classes, as well as Holy Ghost samples at the Domain (the "Hyde Park" or speakers' corner of Sydney), appearing on TV & radio & winning disciples.

GIBEAH & MERCY & A SMALL TEAM LAUNCHED OUT TO PIONEER MELBOURNE, the second largest city. Later a pioneer team of Carpus, Ashnah & Abel went North to Brisbane, the third largest city.

AUSTRALIA WAS A VERY RADICAL COUNTRY. The man on the street was a Socialist, with a newly elected Labour government which immediately stopped the draft & pulled out of the Vietnam War, recognised China, as well as received us heartily. We witnessed to Senators, Ministers, & regularly corresponded with the Deputy Prime Minister & sent him MO Letters! Australia wasn't churchy & therefore was very open to our progressive socialist religion of love. PGL It was a witnesses' paradise. We were mainly financed through forsake-all, mail donations, & extensive provisioning. We moved into a larger house in February 1973 near the infamous King's Cross, Sydney, where we set up a print shop, darkroom, taping ministry & office & base for the area.

AFTER "ARE WE CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS?" came out, we met the Little Sisters of Jesus in Sydney & became quite close. In the early days before some untrue & negative publicity got around, we were very well-received by the Catholics--singing in schools, convents, seminaries & even for masses!



ISAAC & REBEKAH, OUR FIRST AUSTRALIAN DISCIPLE, were married in the biggest Catholic Cathedral in Australia, which was filmed in full by the major TV station! Valuable contacts & references were made for Asia as well. Shua & Lydia Nun met Mother Teresa & got her blessing during the gigantic Eucharistic Congress held in Melbourne in 1973 which was attended, of course, by many of our tract-passing Family members!—Ha!

UP UNTIL THIS TIME WE HAD NO SUPERVISION other than through the Letters & the mail, so we were always desperate with God because we didn't know what to do. Thanks to the Letters & the Lord's guidance we seemed to be riding a fast-moving wave—every Letter as it came out gave us timely & specific directions on how to ride this wave! Now most of these early pioneers have gone on to other fields in Asia & India (GBY, Dad, for "Refuges") & are helping to reap the harvests of the Golden Triangle. TYJI

#### SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

IN MAY 1973 SHEM & APELLES CHESHIRE SET OFF FROM AUSTRALIA TO SINGAPORE, just a week or so after Zattu & Morningstar had come through on their way to Indonesia! This was the point at which East met West in pioneering out this way! PTL! Apelles wrote:

"WE TOOK DIFFERENT FLIGHTS AS SHEM HAD FOUND A CHEAP STAND-BY FLIGHT, where they put you on a waiting list & I was scheduled on another economy flight the same day, seven hours later.

"IT WAS A REAL MIRACLE HOW GOD GOT SHEM on that flight only minutes before the departure! God works in mysterious ways, for little did we know that God was going to use Shem's waiting in the Singapore airport to help us meet the person whom God used to open many doors in Singapore, PTL! He met the most precious Catholic Mother Superior, Sister Josephine. She was the head of one of the Catholic Orders. The Letters that were coming out at that time were really the key & very timely, such as "Are We Catholics or Protestants?", "Maryknoll Fathers" & "Arrivederci Roma!". These really gave us the vision & faith we needed. Also our previous experience of working with Catholics in Australia made it easier for us to relate to them.

"SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY THRILLED TO SEE SHEM'S PR BOOKLET, which had lots of pictures, testimonies & letters of recommendation from other Catholic Orders in Sydney to whom we had been ministering before.

"SISTER JOSEPHINE ALSO INTRODUCED US TO

THE HEADS of several other Catholic Orders, who received us warmly & openly accepted us as brethren. Through these God gave us many "Golden Opportunities" to sing in churches & minister to all the students of several schools of which almost all were saved! We kept going back for repeat performances & God gave us some key sheep to concentrate on. This is when we met some lasting fruit.

"THEY WERE JUST TEENAGERS AROUND 15 YEARS OLD, but they were so anxious to serve the Lord, & some of them, like Andrew & Psalms, are still to this day going strong for Jesus!

"AFTER 2-1/2 MONTHS, A FOLLOW-UP TEAM of Gibeah & Mercy arrived from Australia to help get something more solid established.

"AT THIS TIME WE RECEIVED THE BOMB "SHINERS OR SHAMERS?". Wow! At first we felt maybe it would be too dangerous to apply in Singapore, but the Lord encouraged us that "all things are possible" & it definitely applied & was a vital way to reach all the people. So we started out with giving away a few MNs. We would give out 12 in a night & we thought this was a lot, but little-by-little the Lord gave us more faith to get it out, & soon we were printing locally & giving out thousands with donations! God was really blessing our obedience & through witnessing we were meeting lots of sweet sheep.

"WE WERE STILL CONSTANTLY HAVING TO RENEW OUR VISAS every two weeks, so in January '74, after the arrival of Ariel & Elishama from Australia, the Lord showed us it was time to pioneer Malaysia, & Shem suggested I head this scouting party with Elishama.

"WE TOOK A TRAIN FROM SINGAPORE TO KUALA LUMPUR, which is the capital city. First, we stayed with some of Elishama's system friends. They were Tamil Indians, who were very sweet & helped us to get adjusted to this new city & country. But soon we followed up on some Catholics who had given us their addresses in Singapore. This very precious nun, Sister Denise, introduced us to the Head of one of the biggest schools in Malaysia, who gave us permission to stay rent-free in the Priest's Conference Center. PTL! We put on lots of school programs in the city & out in the small village schools. Sister Denise still is a very precious queen & help to the Family today!

"THEN CAME THE AMAZING LETTER "GODAFI'S THIRD WORLD", & we enthusiastically printed 5,000 of these & started to get them out to this Muslim country. This is when we started to get our first newspaper article which was quite favourable & showed the front cover of the Letter. Since then, we

have always had teams there despite the short visas, & we have 34 nationals! PTL!"

#### THAILAND

IN THE END OF 1972, HOREB HOLYKISS, AN AMERICAN SERVICE BROTHER who'd served in the country in the war, returned after joining the Family in San Diego. Adron & Heart & their cute kids soon arrived from Japan & it was a real credit to them how quickly they started learning the tonal languages. Soon others, Toni, Aphrah, Zac Lantern, Gibeah & Mercy joined them & the Lord soon started bringing in fulltime, lasting disciples. When dear Crystal joined in 1975, she was a drug addict & was FFed by Zac & Is now mommy of 4 gorgeous kids & an excellent translator. Adron & all were always faithful to get more Letters translated every month, since disciples, friends & sheep almost never spoke English. We had a really fruitful coffee shop in downtown Bangkok, then more & more the Lord started leading teams up-country to Korat, Udon, Chaing-mai & all. A lot of outreach was with the US Airforce guys & their Thai "pawns" & they were always so sheepy, as life was so insecure as many flew B-52 bombers into Vietnam & they knew what they were doing wasn't right! Later, since we followed Dad into giving out free lit, Thailand has always been amongst the top in world shiners. Litnessing teams would go out & send boxes & boxes of lit up the line to different cities they planned to go to, since it was too much to carry! School programs have been a tremendously effective outreach with thousands of souls won monthly! Recently, many Scandinavians have arrived & have been a real asset to the field—they adapted extremely quickly to this tropical field & we have been winning more new Thai disciples lately than ever before!—it's a real explosion! PTL!

#### INDONESIA

IN HOLLAND, EARLY 1973, ZATTHU & MORNINGSTAR were betrothed & then prayed over & they set off for Indonesia. Zatthu had been born in Amborne, Indonesia & as with many upper-class Indonesians, his family, during governmental turmoil, fled with the Dutch to Holland.

HE HAD BEEN WON TO THE FAMILY IN AMSTERDAM & was now able to return to his homefield & establish a work! PTL! Just a few weeks later, Peter Atlanta & Lydia Nun were betrothed in Australia & set off for their honeymoon mission also—a love affair with Indonesia that was to bear so much fruit over the following years! Initial housing, since funds were very low, was quite poor with lots of local kids peering in the windows & following everywhere!

FROM THE BEGINNING, THOUGH, THE LORD RAISED UP SOME OUTSTANDING KINGS—Mr. & Mrs. R. were friends of Zatthu's parents & publishers of a major Christian newspaper & they are still a real help & friendly to this day!

REINFORCEMENTS IN THE FORM OF DANIEL & MIRIAM NEWLOVE (US) arrived from Australia & Zebadiah from London & this formed the core of the original Indonesian work. They quickly began to learn the language in their outreach & started faithfully translating Letters. All through the years the team there has kept the translations really rolling so that when our most strong, lasting national disciples joined they had a real basis—a rock to stand on! PTL! Michael Bondung was the first to join & stay & Michael Artist, from Surabaya was the first of 5 brethren from the same family to join!—All really sold-out & their parents are jewels! PTL!

ONE OF THE MAIN INITIAL STRUGGLES WAS TO OBTAIN LONGER VISAS, whereby they could stay. This initial team exercised the patience of Job indeed as they would trek across dirty, hot Jakarta traffic for a couple of hours many days a week to immigrations only to be told nonchalantly, "besok aja"—come back tomorrow! LBT! Their patience, faith & sticktoitiveness certainly paid though & they found a way whereby we could get sponsorship & help many initial pioneers stay. Over the years, the main cities had solid teams with lots of lit out on road teams, but now, since dear Dad's push East, making more manpower, money & materials available, we have teams on many of the distant islands, & the local radio show "Alman Surya" is one of our most effective outreach tools yet!

INDIA, BANGLADESH, NEPAL & SRI LANKA See Pioneering testimonies covered in separate article.

#### (CONCLUSION):

IN ALL OF THESE FIELDS, THE ONE CONSTANT FACTOR that kept us all envisioned, inspired, corrected, directed, broken & fruitful was the WORD! "When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee, & when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee." (Pr.6:22.) And that's what your words have done & do for

"THESE ARE THE LANDS OF THE RISING SUN, THE LANDS OF THE FUTURE, THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE, THE HEADS OF THE WORLD OF TOMORROW! ... GO EAST, YOUNG FOLKS, go East & grow with the Lands of His Rising Sun!—Jesus!"—1283:185