



CROSS CURRENTS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Dear Prayer Supporter,

Four ministry gifts are listed in Ephesians chapter four verse eleven. These four gifts from the ascended Christ are introduced by the word *some*. Two of these categories listed are *evangelists* and *pastor/teachers*.

When at Bible College the late Dr. Howard Ferrin warned us students that it is possible to possess a *gift* from God but not to exercise that gift in the *power* of the Holy Spirit.

We rejoice every time that God selects our extension fellowship with those who have an understanding of the finished work of Christ; of His resurrection power and of the Holy Spirit's necessary anointing upon each of us. A believer is too tall to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit if he is one inch taller than the feet of Jesus. Water always runs to the lowest level!

Certainly, in these last days, we need the discernment of the Holy Spirit. God has made His anointing available for those in public ministry and also for those who are called to *supportive* and *administrative* roles.

When we pray for revival, we can anticipate that Calvary will bring each of us to an end of our self-life—self-centeredness, self-sufficiency, self-vindication etc. Yes, an experience of Calvary always precedes an experience of Pentecost!

This will enable us to discern between the ministry that is worked-up from earth by man's cleverness and manipulative skills, and that of the God-honoring ministries through believers who rebound from failure and are being freshly anointed by our ascended Lord in Heaven.

Everybody Loves a Miracle

But what is a miracle? A miracle is any event or circumstance that has no possible explanation other than God!

When Dorothy and I recently reflected upon the far-flung ministries of CCIM we realized that it would not be stretching the boundaries of the miraculous to suggest that the only possible explanation of what is happening today (in so many places around the world) has to be God Himself! Humanly speaking none of this should be happening—but it is, and to God be all the praise!

This Month we will Focus on CCIM's Latin America Outreach

You may remember that Spanish is one of the forty three languages into which CCIM's two books have been translated. Thank you for your faithful prayers and concern when we undertook our missionary journey to Brazil last September. Yes,

we were there on the infamous day of 9.11! There we witnessed deep concern and prayer involvement for fellow believers in the States.

In addition to ministry in national churches, Dorothy and I also enjoyed fellowship with, and ministry to, all the Trans World Radio National Directors who had gathered from ten Latin American countries for their annual business conference. Without exception, each TWR Director expressed deep gratitude for the strategic adjunct to their ministry that the CCIM books provided! To share more details:

In the Brazilian churches

As one Sunday evening service commenced, a pastor whispered "you can preach until midnight they can't get enough of the Word!" Yes, the Portuguese speaking church was packed with two overflow meetings. (This, we were informed, was the normal attendance for a Sunday evening service) Then following the service, and at the request of those desiring to experience a living fellowship with God, they held a CCIM "book signing" session. For Dorothy and myself, this was a new experience!

The TWR Latin America Directors' Conference

At the Directors' Conference it was exciting to hear national reports of blessings in the midst of trials. And, report after report testified that in country after country, God is using CCIM's "missionaries in paper covers" in a wonderful way. We had the privilege of ministering His Word to this wonderful leadership gathering representing both Portuguese and Spanish speaking people.

CCIM's Portuguese books in Brazil

These had been distributed through the national school system. As a result, both teachers and students turned to Christ in great numbers. However, hearing about such remarkable results, a Roman Catholic priest put a stop to this particular opportunity. We praise God that, in spite of this road block, other fruitful opportunities continue to unfold in Brazil for CCIM literature to be distributed through TWR.

CCIM's Spanish books in Latin America

These are being effectively used through a wide TWR distribution in all Spanish speaking countries. Many are turning to Christ!

In Chile for instance—unlike the Roman Catholic interference in Brazil—amazing numbers of Roman Catholics are turning to the Savior. You can imagine our rejoicing to hear that, in Chile alone, the first Spanish printing of *Your Quest for God* has resulted in hundreds of Roman Catholics personally finding new life in Christ!



TWR Brazilian Outreach

Among the Spanish speaking peoples, the converts are being faithfully followed-up by co-operating churches; also by such TWR Spanish radio ministries as that of the late Dr. J. Vernon McGee in his regular "Through the Bible" broadcasts.

Now for a Miracle

Dorothy and I recently responded to a TWR Latin America request that both *Food for Faith* and *Your Quest for God* be professionally recorded. These top quality broadcasts in Spanish will be aired all across Latin America!

CCIM has undertaken to sponsor the expense of these recordings at a total cost of \$5,000. For this money 60 broadcasts of *Food for Faith* and 40 broadcasts of *Quest for God* will be produced for radio broadcasting. But that is not all!

Each of the 100 broadcasts will then be aired over 100 TWR radio stations all the way from Argentina to Mexico and the Dominican Republic. This amounts to the astonishing total of **10,000 missionary radio broadcasts covering all of the Spanish speaking countries in Latin America!** In our eyes, this wonderful opportunity can only be explained in terms of God and to Him goes all the glory!

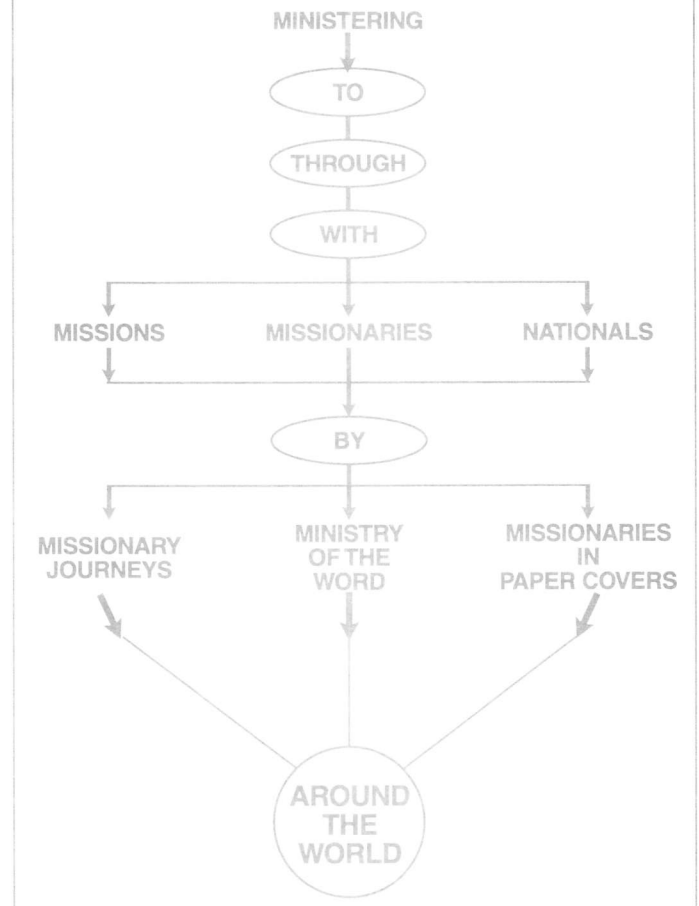
The miracle of God's grace

Anticipating the great response that has already been forthcoming from spot broadcasts, CCIM has initiated a further printing of literature at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars. One US dollar will print two books which will be freely distributed to spiritually hungry people. The number of people we can help will be in proportion to the number of books that we can print. This is where your prayers and interest are so important.

Also through TWR-Dominican Republic Presently CCIM is sponsoring the translation into Creole of our AIDS tract "Hope for the Hopeless." 20,000 copies will be printed and distributed to poverty-stricken Haitians where AIDS is so prevalent.

To clarify how God has brought about such wonderful opportunities through the economy of our home-based operation, please review the following flow chart. Please understand that, without your gifts and your faithful prayers, such a world-wide outreach would not be possible. Thank you most sincerely in His precious Name!

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Another Missionary Journey this Month

Yes, once again this month, the **ministry of the Word** will combine with a **missionary journey** to further expand the circulation of "missionaries in paper covers."

As you receive this letter, and as our Lord enables and provides, Dorothy and I again anticipate ministering *to*; *through*; and *with* the TWR staff and churches in Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina and Chile. Without His anointing, this projected missionary journey will be pointless. We continue to count on His faithfulness through His people to make this possible. The expenses involved in our missionary journey are also a matter of faith even as they are an act of obedience.

Yours in the bonds of Calvary,

Richard & Dorothy Bennett



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