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THE WHITE HARVEST FIELDS OF THE PHILIPPINES

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[From September 18 to October 5, a Crusade team from Australia held a series of nine anti-communism seminars throughout the Philippine Islands. The team was led by Dr. John Whitehall who manages to conduct many anti-communist rallies and seminars and still operates a large pediatric medical practice in Sydney, Australia. He was assisted by the Rev. Chan Doan, a minister of the Vietnamese Evangelical Church, who is a refugee from Vietnam, living in Australia. His father is a leader of the Evangelical Church in Vietnam, while his ministerial brother is imprisoned there for the crime of preaching in a neighboring church without official permission. The third member of the team, Mr. Norm Walker, served as Administrator. Dr. John Whitehall gives the following report:]

We had a great time in the Philippines though our trip was fast and furious seeing we conducted 9 seminars in 14 days. The seminars were held in the following cities, and the total attendance was over 2,000. The islands where the cities are located and the individual attendances are given in parentheses:

Palayan (Luzon??about 175) Manila Bible College (Luzon??400) Iloilo Bible College (Panay??350)

Bacolod (Negros??225) Cagayan (Mindanao??80) Malaybalay I (MindAflaO8O) Malaybalay II (Mindanao??500)
Manila II (Luzon??200) Baguio (Luzon??285)

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The visit was well organized by Antolin Zamar who is the President of Doane Baptist Bible Institute. He has put his own life and that of his family members at risk by his open determined leadership against communism. The pastors respect him greatly and love him deeply. As president of the Bible school, he has many contacts with a great variety of people.

The Daily Schedule

Each day's program was hectic. We often rose early to catch a plane, boat or bus in order to arrive for the next seminar which usually started about 9:00 a.m. and finished close to 10:00 p.m. The usual program was as follows: I spoke on the subject, "What is Communism", for about 2 hours; then the Rev. Doan spoke on "The Church in Victory". I then spoke on the subject, "Communism and Christianity", using the text: "Christ Crucified??Foolishness and a Stumbling Block". I explained the atheism of communism and its inherent antagonism to the Christian Gospel. I drew attention to the Russian "Law of Religious Affairs" whose spirit is oppressing the church in Vietnam. Since Pastor Doan had already described the oppression of the church that is taking place daily in Vietnam, it was appropriate to show that this persecution was not arbitrary. It is written in Soviet law and applied in Vietnam and many other countries.

The contribution made by the Rev. Doan was great. He is, like Zamar, a remarkably fine person. He has a sense of humor and a way of telling jokes that appeal to the Filipinos. His message moved them to both laughter and tears even though he occasionally mixed up the punch line of his jokes. He would make a great contribution to seminars in other countries also.

The Students

Our reception was enthusiastic and indeed courageous. Since the seminars had been advertised by radio, there was no way of knowing who would choose to attend. Since the communist New People's Army (NPA) was active in many of the areas where the seminars were held, there was always the possibility that they would put in an appearance. Some of the meetings had plain clothes guards, but at one we had the services of 7 highly armed soldiers. Five of these soldiers became Christians during the day and returned with us to a gathering in the house, where we were staying, for counseling. There, over, a roast pig, surrounded by grenades, rifles and ammunition pouches, the new converts were warmly welcomed and keenly counseled. One man, who was rather large and definitely ferocious, was the leader of a troop and was accustomed to charging directly at the NPA in the belief that he enjoyed the devil's protection through some amulets he wore. Before the evening was over, he had destroyed his charms as a demonstration of his new character and courage. At another meeting, about 70 soldiers were present, and three made decisions for Christ.

The meetings were attended by pastors, lay leaders, school teachers, Bible students, business leaders, officers and soldiers. On many occasions I wished you could have been there for I know the pleasure you would have experienced in seeing the young people. Bible students were there in hundreds? beautiful, interested, articulate and happy. They listened intently for hours. They sang with great enthusiasm, and in the "open meetings" they witnessed and counseled with zeal. The meals were times of gaiety.

You would have been most impressed by the "Bible women" who do four years of study and then form and lead Sunday schools, choirs, etc.

Some had traveled extraordinary distances in order to be present. Several traveled for 24 hours in a launch from the outer islands sharing space with a variety of animals. Two men walked 12 hours to the bus stop, then traveled 4 hours by bus. Two from the mountains hiked for two days, while some traveled by boat and bus for well over 100 miles. The only advertising the meetings received was one announcement over radio, but some who heard it on the Island of Bohol took their bags and caught a ferry over the Mindanao Sea, and then a bus into the middle of the island.

Response of the People

Time after time we heard this lament: "We have never heard this message before. Why have we not been informed about the doctrines of communism? Why is it that the only organization providing this information is the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade?"

Chan Doan often says: "We never had this information in Vietnam." The pleas of our listeners for "more speakers, more information, and more programs" carried a note of urgency.

The frequency of the question, "Isn't communism just pure Christianity?" was dismaying. There has been a widespread campaign to promote this illusion. It is only dispelled by seminars which provide documented evidence assisted by literature. The communist campaign to recruit the church is achieving considerable success. Some theologians are willing to buy Lenin's rope with which they are to be hanged provided they are allowed to bless it as an instrument of peace.

Persecution in Vietnam

Doan's story of the persecution of the church in Vietnam proved very moving to these Filipino Christians as the possibility that they may experience a similar fate looms very large. It is emotionally traumatic to be with the Christians in the Philippines; to see their old men and women, who are still evangelists and missionaries; to be with the parents of the little children; to be with the young people in their warmth and enthusiasm; and to remember Vietnam. It is hard to look at these pastors and be aware of the fact that 30 or 40 evangelical pastors are in slave labor camps in Vietnam and that their families are destitute. It is shocking to visit the refugee camps and see the boats that have been used to escape without wincing inwardly at the thought that another nation may fall victim to communist oppression. The whole trip was too large; the emotional colors were too stark; I feared losing reason in a context of desperation and sorrow, while I was exalted by optimism and faith.

At Bacolod we were invited to appear on television. During a Saturday afternoon, they presented for two whole hours one of my lectures and one of the Rev. Doan's.

During the last three days, we visited the sensitive area of Southern Mindanao where a state of open rebellion exists. We learned something about the political situation as we talked with the pastors and interviewed the mayor of Zamboanga who is opposed to President Marcos.

Visiting Refugee Camps

We visited two refugee camps and slept in one overnight. The existence of these camps gives a message concerning communism which mere words could not convey. The open boats on which these people risked the terrors of the high seas are there for all to see. One boat made an indelible impression upon me as it lay on the beach, while we walked over to it and peeled away the wood with our fingers. It was so rotten, and it was patched in a primitive fashion below the waterline. Two weeks before our visit, this boat had arrived carrying 50 people who had spent 51 days at sea. They were in a deplorable condition, and most were too weak to stand. Fifteen had died on the journey. Twenty-five ships had passed them and had refused to stop and help. The message of those refugees was: "We would rather die at sea than live under the communists in Vietnam."

The squalor and primitive hygiene that prevails in the camps is indescribable, but none of the inmates desire to return to Vietnam. They live with the hope that some country will grant them refuge so that they can build new lives.

Even in the squalor of the camps, family and Christian life continue in a remarkable way. Children are born and lovingly nurtured; church services are held; communion is served; young people form choirs and sing and dream romantic dreams.

Political Situation

The assassination of Aquino unleashed massive social forces. I heard his mother speak at a mass rally in Mindanao. She called for the toppling of the government and accused Marcos of murder. She wept, cajoled, and demanded, and the crowd roared its approval. Naturally the communists consider it their historic duty to attempt to harness the forces.

There are persistent widespread demands for the resignation of Marcos. Doubtless, some of these demands are motivated by the fear that he may win the elections which are planned for 1984.

The opposition is divided. "All want to be president." Some want to cooperate with the communists; some demand that the U.S. bases be removed from the Philippines.

Consequently there is no effective democratic opposition. The most effective opposition comes from the communists who are using their New People's Army (NPA) to wage guerrilla war. The situation in Southern Mindanao amounts to civil war. Forty-five soldiers were killed in an ambush while we were there. The roads into Zamboanga City are guarded by barbed wire and sandbagged "anti-terrorist" placements, despite the fact that the city is administered by opponents of President Marcos. We traveled by buses throughout the South. These buses are stopped from time to time by the NPA who then take government officers and soldiers to the side of the road and administer "people's justice". The fear of the NPA is widespread.

In certain areas there is also fear of government troops since they have been guilty of abuses also. The communists exploit this to the hilt. Most of the people to whom we talked expressed the opinion that the army has been more controlled in the last two years.

Future Plans

I have been invited to come back to speak to universities in the North, the Central, and the South. There are limitless opportunities for speaking at schools and civic clubs. Television is open to us, and we could make video tapes which would be extremely useful. The demand for literature is unlimited, and we must improve both quantity and quality. Simple comic-type booklets which are suitable for the mass of the people would render a great service.

Translators and printing presses are available and waiting through the Bible Institute. There are multitudes of courageous Filipinos who will risk their lives to spread the message. They are eager to warn about the communist danger while they give the Christian "good news". I have never felt more acutely that "the fields are white unto

harvest." The message could penetrate into every corner of the entire country.

I plan to return from November 26 to December 3 to speak in four universities in the North and to a seminar for 500 teachers. There is also the possibility that I will speak to the Philippines Military Academy. In addition there are invitations to speak to six universities in the South.

The situation in the Philippines is critical. The communist party is well-organized and directed, and has courageous agents striving to take advantage of the many social forces available to them. These forces include: political and social unrest, religious naivety, corruption, poverty and disease. In combination, they create the possibility of a volatile and unwelcome future. We must meet the challenge. The Philippines must not be added to the expanding communist empire.

A MODERN MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL

Many of those who are willing and eager to devote their lives to exposing and opposing communism in the Philippines have felt its agony in their own flesh. Consider this letter from this man who attended one of the Seminars conducted by Dr. Whitehall:

It is an honor and a privilege to have attended a Seminar in Malaybalay which dealt with the facts about communism. I am a victim of the communists. My body now is a "left over" of the NPA's as one time they shot me and thought I was dead.

I was sleeping with my wife and four children when a group of 6 men demanded entrance to my house pretending to be soldiers. They told me that I was a spy and that they had come to arrest me. I pointed out that they were mistaken because I am only an ordinary man with no other intention than to find ways and means to earn a living and support my family. They didn't pay any heed to what I said. After a few moments, they bound me with ropes round my neck and my hands at my back. Then they forced me to go with them. After crossing a nearby river, their commander ordered his men to shoot me. I prayed instantly and surrendered my soul and spirit into the hands of God. The first bullet hit beneath my left ear, and I tumbled down to the ground. I was still conscious, but I held my breath and didn't make any movement so that I would appear to be dead. A rain of bullets followed, hitting my hips. One of them raised a knife and thrust it into the left side of my belly. Still I kept on praying and asked the Lord to grant me strength if somehow He still wanted me to live. I was able to untie the rope that bound my hands at my back, and I quickly stood and grabbed the knife, but its holder shot me once more with the pistol in his left hand, and the bullet hit my right palm. Since it was the last bullet, he ran away.

I walked along with blood flowing like water in a faucet every time I breathed. After going about 5 kilometers in the middle of the night, I found assistance to take me to the hospital. I can only say that the power of God to save is far beyond the power of Satan to destroy.

The Lord has restored me physically. Even my speech is no longer defective, although for about three months after the incident I could hardly open my mouth. There are seven bullets in my body which haven't been removed. Pastor has recruited me to be a volunteer lecturer of anti-communism, and I am willing to accept. I have a family and do not have a stable job, but because I am sure that the Lord has a purpose in saving me, I will endeavor to serve Him completely.

May I have the materials and aids you provide to those who are willing to counteract the activities of the communists. Please send me the following:

1. Open Bible??Scofield Bible.
2. "Why I Am Against Communism" booklets.
3. "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)"
4. Cassette tapes and cartridges.

5. Posters and stickers.
6. Aid for a bicycle.
7. Personal support, etc.

At present I am taking training from Pastor and will start active work as soon as your help arrives.

All our volunteers do not have such a dramatic story to tell, but hundreds are willing and eager to learn and proclaim the truth about communism.

HOW THESE COMMUNISTS KILL ONE ANOTHER

Communism kills! History has proved this over and over again. The slaughter of the passengers and crew of KAL Flight 007 by Soviet forces and the brutal slaying of Maurice Bishop, Prime Minister of Grenada, along with his Foreign, Education, and Housing Ministers and two union leaders by other Grenadian Communists are only recent examples of a long established communist practice.

Would U.S. Communists kill with similar abandon if they were in power in the U.S. A.? The evidence that they would do so is overwhelming. One has only to read reports in "CHALLENGE, The Revolutionary Communist Newspaper," to realize how they exult in violence. They stop short of killing openly at present because of the power of the police. The vision of what they would do to the American people, and to each other, if the restraining power of the police was removed, is horrifying.

Consider their report of their conduct at a demonstration in Lansing, Michigan, on October the 8th. The avowed enemy in this case was a group of Nazis and Klansmen who were trying to hold a rally, but communist hostility extended to the police and to other communists and peaceful protesters. Here are a few extracts from their report in the October 19 edition of CHALLENGE:

"The fascists had planned a 1 p.m. rally on the Capitol steps demanding 'jobs for

"We marched into the police lines, as other groups circled through the alleys and into a parking lot to launch aerial barrages of bricks, bottles and anything we could get our hands on. A Nazi leader, trying to instill confidence in his shaken crew, tried to march right through us. This camouflage fatigue?wearing American flag?carrying 'superman' was quickly sobered up. He was met by the blows of our forces, which opened up his head. His face was shattered, his flag taken and the cops dragged him back to the stranded truck."

"We then led a march through the streets of Lansing, with hundreds chanting 'Smash racism! Join InCAR!' When we got back to the steps, there were at least 200 people there, plus the creeps and fakers, who had not moved one inch in all this time. The fakers actually tried to claim credit for stopping the fascist rally!... Then we burned the American flag we had captured from the battered fascists. Then the Detroit InCAR leader made a fiery speech, asking everyone who wanted this type of movement to grow to step forward and sign up. A line of members formed in front of her, literally standing on the ashes of the American flag. In all, about 30 people signed up, black and white, Mexican, Filipino and Nigerian, workers and unemployed, youth and students, men and women."

Their attitude to other communists, who have different tactics, is illustrated by this statement:

"There was also the usual garbage collection of pacifists and Trotskyites, who came to wish the Nazis away."

Communism does not merely threaten to deprive you of your property; it threatens to deprive you, your children and your grandchildren of your lives.

(InCAR, or the International Committee Against Racism, is the front organization of the Progressive Labor Party.)

LESSONS FROM GRENADA

Recent events in Grenada prove two things:

1. The Soviet and Cuban Communists are deadly serious in their program to encircle the U.S.A. militarily and economically.
2. Many U. S. Congressmen and alleged experts in foreign relations are woefully ignorant of this communist purpose.

The U . S. and Allied forces who landed on Grenada were not depriving the people of the right to choose their own government since that right had already been taken from them. The invading forces are restoring it. They are true liberators.

The proof of this is plain to see. Grenada was a colony of Cuba and, through Cuba, a colony of the Soviet Union. One statement, made almost casually by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John W. Vessey, at a press conference, revealed the extent of Cuban control. He said all the communications between the defending forces on Grenada were in Spanish, whereas the language of Grenada is English.

Congressional critic after congressional critic belittled the ability of Grenada to threaten the security of the United States because it was so small and had such a small population. These people would have said to President John Kennedy during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962: "Why are you worried about Cuba? It cannot threaten the U.S.A. It is too small and it lacks adequate military and economic power." It did not lack land on which Soviet missiles were being deployed.

Those who belittle the danger posed by communist activities in Grenada are akin to those foolish people who belittle the danger of a cancerous lump because it is small and painless during the early stages.

The neighboring countries were well aware of the danger a militarized and Cuban?controlled Grenada posed to their security.

The process of communist expansion proceeds as follows:

1. Cuba controls the government of Grenada through its military forces and advisers. It builds a major airfield and stores abundant Soviet weapons. It trains, builds, and controls a relatively large Grenadian army.
2. Cuba selects groups of susceptible nationals from neighboring countries and trains them militarily and politically in Cuba.
3. These trained and armed nationals stage an armed coup in their own country and seize power. They then claim to be the legitimate government. In some countries this is not too difficult as these countries have no armies and minimal police forces.
4. Cuba supplies soldiers and advisers to maintain its surrogates in power.
5. A large military force is organized with Cuba providing the training and arms.
6. Elections are abolished. The people are helpless as their new rulers are protected by Cuban soldiers. However, the new rulers may be overthrown and possibly killed by more fervent communists if their attitudes and actions are not fully satisfactory to their Cuban masters.
7. A Soviet base is established.
8. The process is repeated in neighboring countries.

President Reagan merits the thanks of all who cherish freedom for recognizing and stopping this process in Grenada and for restoring personal and political freedom to the people. The military forces who liberated the U . S. citizens who were under house arrest in Grenada a' who were in distress and danger, performed superbly and deserved the overwhelming gratitude the liberated students displayed on their return.

Dear Friend,

Christian Anti?Communism Crusade

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The enormous hoard of weapons which was found on Grenada was there for a purpose. That purpose was to equip soldiers who would maintain communist control over Grenada and then extend communist conquest with the inexorability of a growing cancer.

As each new country was added to the communist empire, it too would have been militarized, internal opposition

would have been eliminated, the people would have been intimidated and enslaved, and its resources would have been used to impose communist dictatorship upon the next country.

This does not come as a surprise to readers of the Crusade newsletter. They are aware of the communist program to encircle, demoralize and conquer the U.S.A. This program has received a setback, but the communists will act dialectically. They will withdraw as the hammer is withdrawn in preparation for the next blow. They are confident that the forces of ignorance, fear, guilt and treason within the U . S . A. will work ceaselessly and effectively to soften the resistance of the U.S.A. so that the next blow will make substantial progress.

In these circumstances the work of the Crusade is absolutely vital. The nature of communism and the pattern of communist activity must be explained to the leaders and people of the U.S.A. and the world.

Fortunately, the sun never sets on the work of the Crusade. As I write, a team is conducting an anti?communism seminar for 500 Christian pastors and workers in Costa Rica. The accompanying newsletter describes a series of splendid seminars held in the Philippines, and Dr. Whitehall is returning there in November for meetings in the universities. A seminar will also be held in Nairobi, Kenya in December.

Each seminar costs a substantial sum. Those who attend come from considerable distances and need help with their traveling expenses. The students must eat, and we provide meals and accommodation. The teaching team must be transported, and airfares are costly. Work in the Philippines alone has cost \$50,000.

The immediate cost is only the beginning. Each seminar recruits scores of volunteers for such work as distributing anti?communist literature, and giving Christian and anti?communist testimony. These workers must be supplied with literature, tape?recordings, tape recorders, means for essential transportation??usually bicycles??and living expenses. Holding a seminar is like having a baby; the expenses of the birth are followed by the expenses of nurture. As our work expands, our need for support grows.

We are obtaining magnificent results with the gifts we are now receiving. Thousands are being supported, and millions are being informed. In 1982 we received \$884,000 and spent \$925,000. This year we expect to spend over \$1 million. We must receive at least \$1 million to maintain our activities.

If those who believe in the work of the Crusade will give a special gift, we shall reach our goal. Can you give \$10,000, or \$10, or any greater or lesser sum? With our million?dollar truth fund, minds will be enlightened, communist recruitment will be impeded, freedom will be maintained, and lives will be saved.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz