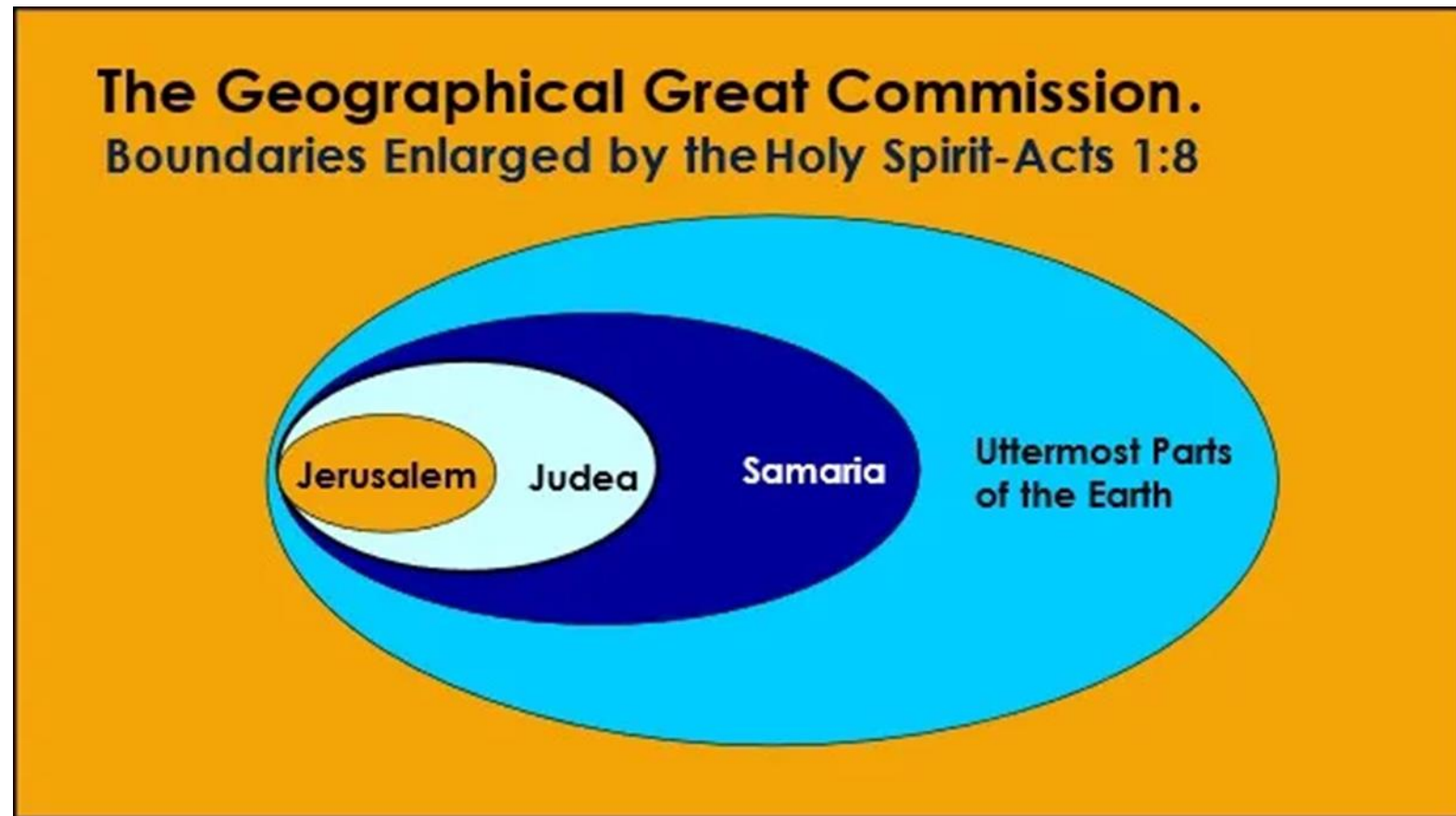
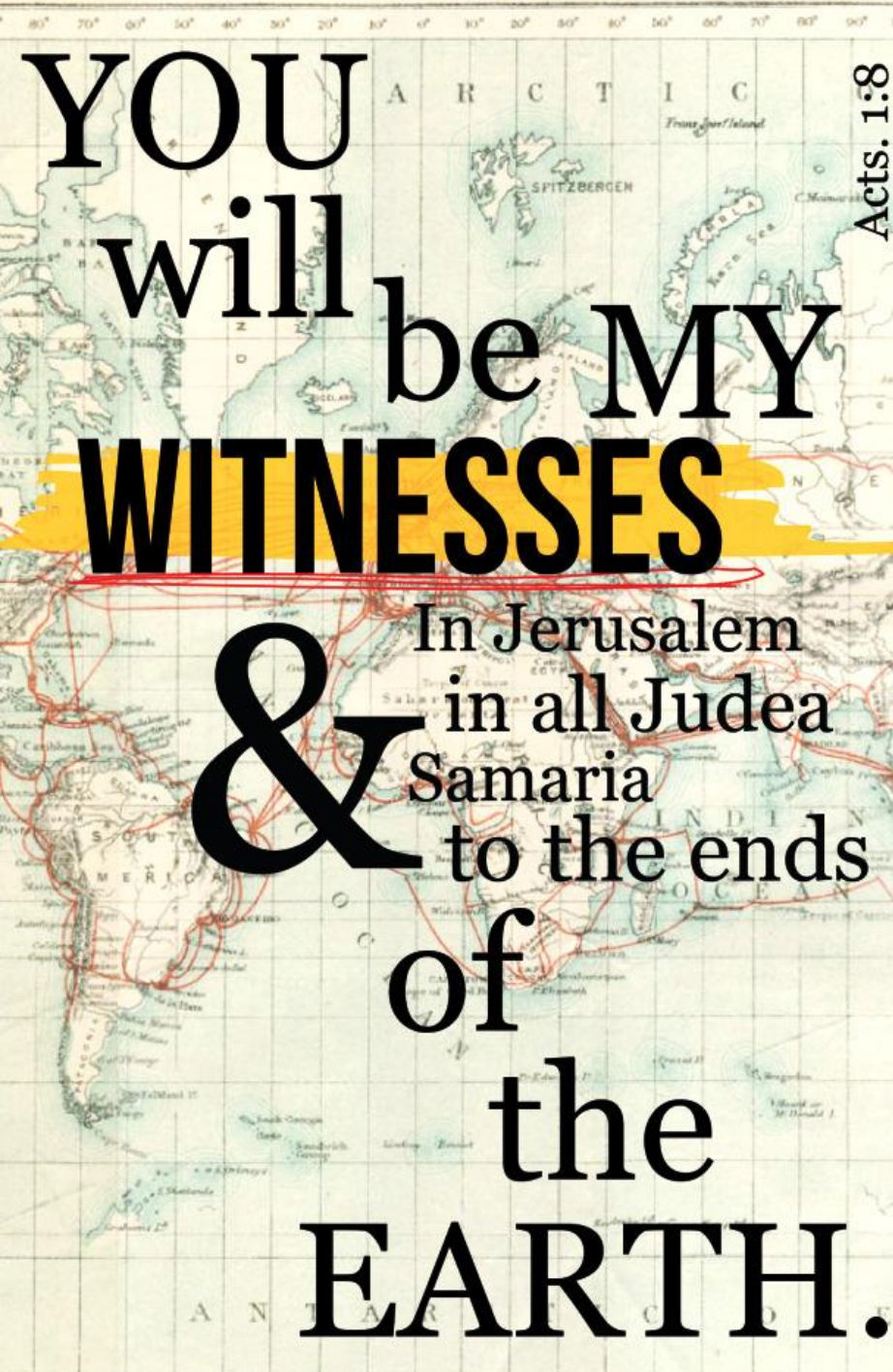


Witnesses of Christ: Missions for All

St John's – St Margaret's Church

Rev Cecil McSparron and Mary





Witnesses of Christ

- Our **common** identity and mission
- We are **all** witnesses of Christ
- We are **all** called to His mission

Missions for All

- Book of Acts
 - apostles (Acts of the Apostles)
 - bivocational workers, like Paul, Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18: 1 to 5)

Tentmakers: Paul, Aquila and Priscilla

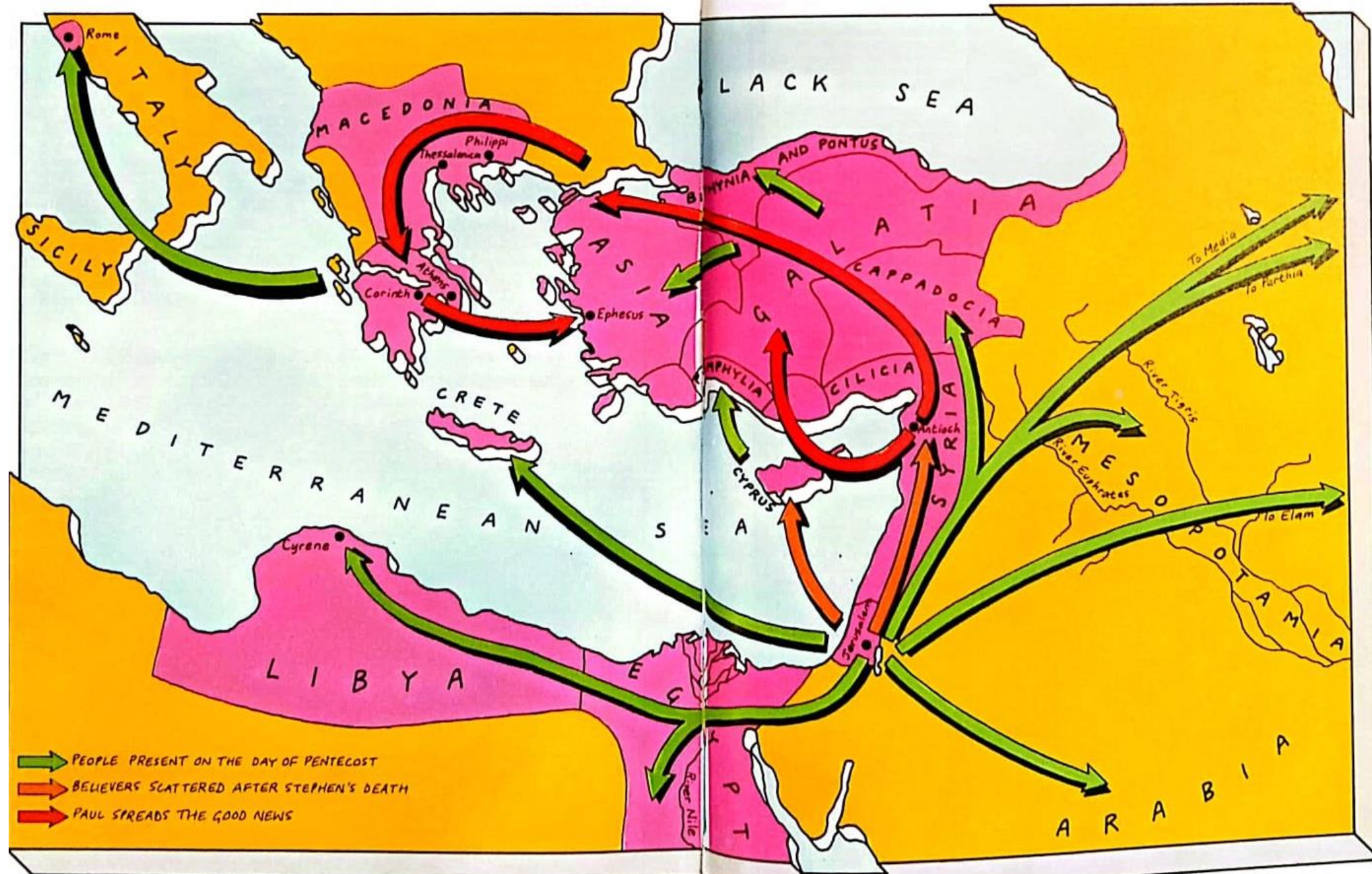


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 - **all disciples** (e.g. Acts 11: 19 to 21)

*¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, **speaking the word** to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, **preaching the Lord Jesus.***

The Message Explodes



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 - bivocational workers like Paul, Aquila and Priscilla
 - all believers (e.g. Acts 11: 19 to 21)
- All vocations
 - vocational missionaries
 - bivocational missions



At Amity Printing Press, Nanjing (1993)

Missions for All

- All vocations
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My family and I at Amity Printing Press, Nanjing (1995)

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 - youths
 - adults
 - retirees

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- frontline missions
- missions support
 - pray
 - give
 - missions trips

Missions as spiritual warfare

- Frontline missions: direct combat forces
- Prayer: air and missile support
 - No missions for God can be done without prayers
 - When you pray, you are at the forefront of missions
 - When you pray, you are engaged in the very heart of missions
- Giving: logistic support
 - financial support of the missionaries
 - financial support of the local ministry and staff
- Missions trips: short term support forces

Missions trips

- “Not everyone is called to be a missionary, but all of us need to get out to see, to experience, and to share in God’s work in the harvest field.”

Bishop Rennis Ponniah

- One can never tell what God will do in you and through you on a mission trip.
- Check out missions trips to join:
<https://www.sjsm.org.sg/missions.html>

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 - different ages
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 - frontline and support
 - local and overseas
- Our common vision

To Populate Heaven with Worshipers of God

“ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, *from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages*, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb....”
Rev 7: 9 to 10

