

Foreign Field Flashes

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VIET NAM

Captured with Miss Betty Olsen and Mr. Henry Blood in the Tet Communist offensive on Banmethuot were three Raday churchmen: District Superintendent Y Ham and two pastors, Y Ngue and Y Lac.

Y Ngue, whose beautiful new Raday church yet stands in Banmethout despite superficial damage, suffered the loss of two sons as well, one a student at the tribes Bible school.

For reasons still not clear, Y Ham and Y Lac later were released. Y Lac, who reached Banmethout on Thursday, February 15, reported seeing Miss Olsen, Mr. Blood, and Y Ngue the previous day, alive and well. For security reasons, he would not disclose where.

Although no direct information has yet been received from the three earlier captives, Rev. Archie Mitchell, Dr. Ardel Vietti, and Mr. Dan Gerber, there are substantial reports that they are alive and active in humanitarian work.

Miss Betty Olsen
and
Pastor Y Ngue,
Held Captive



COLOMBIA

Strategically located across the street from a hospital in downtown Pereira is the new bookstore and reading room officially inaugurated last November 10.

Already it has been a blessing. Many business and professional men as well as students have entered to look around, ask questions, read the literature. And of course there are Bibles and Christian books for sale.

"During January and half of February we sold 45 Bibles besides many New Testaments and Scripture portions," comments Miss Elizabeth Wise, in charge of the project. A large number of evangelical books have been sold as well.

Students are the most frequent visitors. One young man, attracted to the gospel by radio broadcasts from Bonaire, passed the reading room and went in to see the books. He agreed to attend services at the C&MA church, and there sought and found the Saviour. He continues to visit the reading room and is growing spiritually.

"Please keep on praying for us," urges Miss Wise. She is anxious for God's continued blessing on the bookstore-reading room and the church.



Bookstore and Reading Room in Pereira, Colombia



Mngong Pastor Y Krun

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If Pastor Y Krun looks happy in the picture above, there is good reason. He ministers to the Mngong tribal church in Quang Duc. It's the largest church in Viet Nam, with 1,200 members.

The Spirit of God has been moving in a marvelous way among the Mngong tribespeople. So continuous have been the conversions that the original church building had to be enlarged three times during its construction. Even then it was crowded out.

So the Mngongs built again. And recently the new building was dedicated.

Thankfully, the Tet Communist offensive caused no serious disturbance in the Mngong area. Pray for the Mngongs and for Pastor Y Krun.



TRAVEL

Miss Luella C. Burley to Gujarat, India; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ballard and Mrs. Herbert Nehlsen to Mali and Upper Volta; Miss Joyce Houck to Peru.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Wesley Brill from Indonesia; Miss Grace Patterson and Miss Ruth Schenk from Guinea; Miss Carol Van Bremen from Ivory Coast; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Drummond (accompanied Mrs. Ziemer and Miriam), Miss Helen E. Evans, Rev. and Mrs. David A. Frazier, Rev. and Mrs. G. Fred Kleinhnen, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Livingston, and Mrs. Marie Ziemer (health) from Viet Nam.