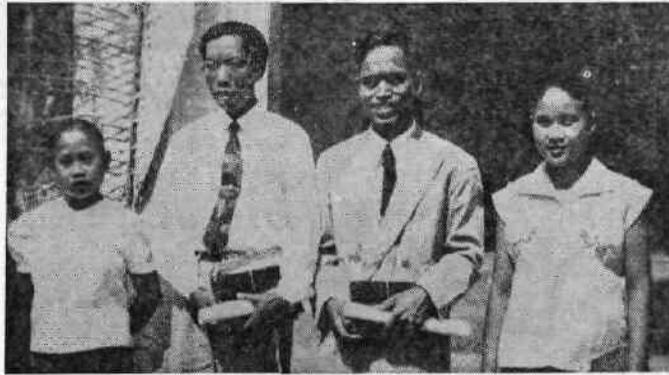


ALLIANCE MISSIONS ON THE MARCH



H'Bak, Y Suai, Y Ham and H'Krong, Raday Bible students

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Training Tribesmen for Spiritual Leadership

GRADUATION exercises at the Bible school for the tribes, in Banméhuot, Viet Nam, were held on Christmas Eve, 1955. Two young Radays received diplomas certifying their completion of the course.

Y Suai and Y Ham, the new graduates, began their studies in 1947. Y Lieu, the only previous graduate, began his work in 1937 and completed it in 1954. In his case the war intervened to prevent operation of the Bible school. But another difficulty faced by teachers in a language only lately reduced to writing is the lack of a complete Bible. In some years the school was in session for advanced students only a month or two because the missionaries had to take time for translating additional books of the Bible. Now the entire New Testament is available in the Raday language. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and The Acts are printed and the other books are in mimeographed form.

Establishing a Bible school for tribespeople means more than simply setting up a curriculum that will provide a three-year course. The educational background of those applying for entry is extremely low. To fit them for service as pastors and evangelists among their own people is no small undertaking.

In order to keep the Bible school flexible enough to permit its adjusting to the individual capacity of its students and also to keep their training closely related to the work they are preparing to do, the time requirement for graduation is set at twenty-four months in the school. The months of study are accumulated over a period of years during which the students alternately engage in the work and in study. The fifty-four outstations among the tribespeople welcome the help student pastors give them and the experience seasons young workers. Theory is constantly being proven in practice.

A new longhouse-dormitory recently constructed will permit accepting young men from the Jarai tribe. Students from the Mnong tribes are already in the school. Developing leadership for the churches is a task requiring more than natural wisdom. Missionaries so engaged covet faithful backing in prayer.

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about seventy-five, with an average of eighty persons attending the Sunday morning worship services. The church was organized with twenty charter members on July 30, 1953, and the building was dedicated in May, 1954. Plans are now being made to add a Sunday school unit.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Wiechman, writes that a recent revival campaign conducted by Rev. H. P. Rankin, of Atlanta, Ga., was accompanied by great spiritual blessing. He stated that about thirty persons were prayed for in regards to physical needs; twenty went forward for spiritual help, two for salvation, and one who had backslidden renewed her covenant with God. Among those who received physical help was a psychiatrist, who testified that while going to the altar had been the hardest thing he had ever done, the Lord had healed his eyes.

Activity at Avenue Road Church

The Avenue Road Church, Toronto, Ont., conducted a successful deeper life Bible conference from March 4 to 11 with Rev. Paris Reidhead, of Orlando, Fla., as the speaker. The pastor, Rev. Donald R. Shepson, writes that there was an unusual sense of God's presence in the meetings and large crowds came in spite of bad weather. The evangelist ministered in the power of the Holy Spirit and the people responded with a sincere desire to meet God in the fullness of His blessing. The pastor and congregation agree that this was undoubtedly one of the most profitable campaigns held by the church in many years. Plans are now in progress for another such conference next year. An added feature of the week was a three-day retreat held for the Alliance pastors of the District.

The missionary giving of this great center of missions and evangelism continues to be a source of real thanksgiving. The pastor reports that for the last four months of 1955 the congregation averaged \$1,000 per Sunday for missions. A large group of members will be received into the church in the near future, with each candidate giving good testimony of a separated, consecrated life.

Schedule of Evangelists

Continue to pray for the ministries of the Bureau of Evangelism of the Home Department as meetings are held throughout the country. The schedule for the next weeks is as follows:

Rev. Ronald C. Johnson. Oklahoma City, Okla., April 17-29; Montgomery, Ala., May 6-13.

Rev. L. J. Pyne. Ithaca, N. Y., April 25-May 6.

Rev. H. P. Rankin. Santa Cruz, Calif., April 17-22; Stockton, Calif., April 23-29.

Rev. T. J. Spier. Greenville, Ohio, April 11-22; Mason City, Ia., May 1-13.

APRIL 18, 1956

Installation at Waverly, N. Y.

Rev. Paul Sherman was installed as the new pastor of The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Waverly, N. Y., in a special service held on February 28. A number of pastors representing Alliance churches in the area and the

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