

Haiphong, January 4, 1923.

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Dear Brother Ivory:

Mr. Ap came to morning prayers and he has just left the house. The S. S. Nguyen Trai is due to sail at 10 A. M. You will probably receive my telegram some time today. I sent it last night. I hope this letter will go on the Grénoque tomorrow, reaching you Saturday or Sunday.

In my letter of Dec. 17th, I told you I could not promise anything toward the support of the man or men I should send. Today I have some good news! Soon after Conference Mrs. Jackson wrote my uncle and aunt telling them that 50 dollars gold would send a man to School for a year. My uncle told his Bible Class of ladies, and on New Year's night I received by registered mail 50.00 in actual U. S. GOLD pieces. Yesterday I took it to the Bank and received Piastres 90.09. I am inclosing herewith a Money Order for that amount.

This gift is all from Miss Hull, one member of my uncle's class, who works long hours in a factory to support herself, her mother and another old lady. She gave my uncle a U. S. Bond for 50.00 to be sold and the proceeds sent to me to support a Native in the Bible School for one year. Since Mr. Ap is the only one from here, I have awarded it to him. I tried to impress upon him (Mr. Ap.) that the lady had made great sacrifice to send it, and that he must study with all his might in order to make worthy use of it.

Yesterday I told Mr. Ap that I would send all the money to you, and give you FULL AUTHORITY to deal it out as you see fit, and in harmony with the way you treat the other students. Of course I expect you to keep the money yourself, and deduct from it each month the cost of his board in the common dining hall as well as the spending money which he must earn like the rest. Miss Hull requested that I see that the full amount be used for one man. Since the exchange was fairly good, I thought that his board and spending money during two terms of school might not use all of it. It occurred to me that there might be enough to pay his fare to his home and back during the Summer vacation. You have no work for him at Tourane and you do not want to feed him for nothing during three months or more. I think he ought to work during vacation in order to buy himself some new clothes and he ought to visit his father, his wife and children. It would be a splendid opportunity for him to witness in his Village where we cannot go. After I had bought the mandat, Mr. Ap asked me if I could give him some money before hand with which to buy clothes, and have you deduct it from his spending money, but I told him I had bought the mandat already. For a long time he was without work, and I have no doubt he was in debt, but he told me that when he should go he would leave no debts behind him. At least I understood him that way. However he had no money to help himself. Then some of his clothes were stolen and he asked me to loan him money on Dec. 26th. I gave him a lecture on borrowing and then I made him a present of two piastres. Since he is having everything given to him, I would like to have him suffer a bit of hardship. As yet, these folks do not understand what it means to go to Bible School. They act as if they were doing you an honour in being willing to go, and as if you were hiring them to study and must therefore pay all their expenses. They have no idea of helping themselves to the limit, and of making personal sacrifices in order to study. However I believe Ap will make good. He left a job where he was getting his rice and lodging and 15 or 16 piastres per month in cash. Probably he thinks that when he is willing to go down ~~to~~ to his rice and lodging and only 2 piastres per month he is doing well for a start, and so he is. In time I believe

he will go all the way. We can not expect them to change their ideas too quickly. As I stated above, I give you full permission to do what you think best, and if you want to give him part of the money to buy clothes, I am perfectly willing.

Mr. Tau will not come at this time, but I believe he is looking forward to coming in September. There is also another fellow, Mr. Tai who wishes to attend School. I will correspond with you later about them.

In writing to my uncle, I told him that I thought you would prefer that money be sent for the general Student Fund, instead of for individuals, but since I realize that people will give for an individual when they will not give for a general fund, I told him to let them support individuals, and I will do all I can to help you on this end. You need not write to any of those who send money to us. The chief difficulty for you will be extra book keeping.

According to the arrangement, made last May, I suppose that Mr. Thanh will return to Tourane to study next September. I hope you will have another man to take his place at that time. It hardly seems as if Mr. Ap would be ready to preach before he has completed at least three terms in the School.

To date we have had no word from Wochow about the plans of Dr. and Mrs. Turnbull, but we rather expect a telegram from Hongkong any day, telling us to meet a boat. Mr. Hicks of the Methodist Mission, is due here any day.

Mrs. Jackson and I thank you heartily for the letter and photo which arrived Christmas morning. It is a good likeness of both of you. I think you, Ivory, look to be feeling better than you did when the School picture was taken, or even when I saw you at Conference.

Mrs. Jackson joins me in sending Christian greetings to you and Mrs. Jeffrey. Please remember us to all the other workers. We shall remember you and your school work at the prayer meeting tomorrow.

Your brother in Christ,

R. M. Jackson.