

Survey of Mission Fields of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, for the Year 1924, as Presented to Annual Council, May 27 to June 3, 1925

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Tourane

In this oldest station in the French Indo China field there are 827 Christians, members of the churches at Tourane and Faifoo, 174 of these having been baptized during the past year. The church offerings amounted to over \$500 Gold, thus enabling them to support three student evangelists laboring there and pay all incidental expenses of the church. In a village near Faifoo the head man asked that the native pastor visit him as the whole village was interested in the Gospel. The first visit resulted in twenty-one accepting Christ and the people are eager for some one to be stationed there permanently. Many other villages are open to the Gospel and hundreds are turning to Christ.

Translation

Besides the completion of the translation of the entire Bible into Annamese portions of the Bible have been for the first time translated into Cambodian; several books have been translated into Annamese, and Dr. Simpson's book, "Wholly Sanctified," into French.

Mission Press

Through the splendid work in this department not only have the Bible and several books and tracts been printed in large editions in Annamese, but progress has also been made in securing sufficient Cambodian type to print the scriptures in that language as soon as the translations are available. "The output for 1924 was a little higher than last year. Ten million, twenty thousand, five hundred and thirty-two (10,020,532) printed pages were turned out. These included eighty thousand portions of scripture, three thousand copies of "Pilgrim's Progress" in Annamese, one thousand copies of "The Lord's Return" by Rev. R. A. Jaffray, one thousand copies of "Difficulties Answered" by Dr. Torrey, five hundred copies of "Power Through Prayer" by E. M. Bounds, in Annamese, and five hundred copies of Dr. Simpson's "Wholly Sanctified" in French. Besides these we have printed 120,700 booklets, tracts, etc. The total number of books sold in Indo China during 1924 was as follows: 289 Bibles, 3,588 New Testaments, 73,943 Gospel portions, 66,444 tracts and 20,675 Gospel books."

Bible Schools

At Tourane are Bible Training Schools for the training of men and women workers. "These schools are God's workshop, from which He is turning out the Annamese missionaries who are going to make possible the accomplishment of the tremendous task of evangelizing French Indo China." Twenty-five men and twenty-two women were enrolled during 1924.

Many of these are self-supporting but the field is asking for additional funds to enlarge this important ministry.

Native Conference

Since the true purpose of mission work is to win souls to Christ, and by the Holy Spirit's power to promote the development in every field of a living church so that the church itself can carry forward the work of evangelizing in giving the Gospel to every creature, the development of the native church is of paramount importance. No Alliance field gives evidence of stronger, more healthy growth in this regard than that of French Indo China. The first Annual Native Conference was held at Tourane in March 1924. Concerning it the Chairman writes: "Some sixty-five official delegates were present, representing all parts of the field. The large church at Tourane was filled for almost every session. The seats not required for delegates were occupied by the local church members from Tourane and Faifoo. Two weeks of special services were held; planned much on the order of the Alliance conventions in America. Bible teaching and heart messages on the deeper life were given at the morning and evening sessions; the afternoons were given over to reports from the delegates and discussions of the work. Rev. R. A. Jaffray and Pastor Wong from Wuchow were with us and their messages were greatly used by God.

"The Conference was made a blessing to everyone. There was much confession and getting right with God. The delegates returned to their homes or stations with a new vision, and many of them with a new fire in their hearts. These Conferences are going to be a great means of unifying and strengthening the Annamese Church as well as broadening their vision. French Indo China presents a unique problem in missionary effort. Here we have twenty millions of people wholly dependent upon us for evangelization. We have only one missionary on the field for every million people. We hope for more soon, but we can never expect to evangelize this country with foreign missionaries. It is the Annamese church that can and will accomplish this task. These native Conferences will be one great means of awakening the churches to a sense of their responsibility."

In a recent letter from French Indo China a clear statement is made by the mission concerning the policy for the work and a strong plea is made for a number of Spirit-filled, well-trained missionaries to be sent each year during the next few years. We believe before the close of 1926, if Jesus tarry, at least ten married couples ought to reach the field as new missionaries. Let us pray earnestly that this need shall be fully met. Praise God, three of these married couples are

already in France enroute to the field and two others have
been accepted for appointment.

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