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INTERNATIONAL PROTESTANT CHURCH
7 Tran Cao Van, Saigon
June 1965 - May, 1966IN AN HOUR OF NEED

FILE

During the past year we have been reminded on numerous occasions that God has placed the International Church in Saigon for this present hour of need. Hundreds of individuals have found fellowship and inspiration, forgiveness and guidance through its ministry. Its influence has reached beyond Saigon to remote outposts throughout the Republic. Men arriving from the States tell how the church was recommended to them by friends who attended when they were here. It has been our desire that the International Church will be a "home away from home." God is making it just this.

MORNING WORSHIP

Attendance has continually grown in the Sunday morning worship service. On Easter, April 10, 1966, we had 246 present. If growth continues we will give consideration to an 8:00 a.m. service.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS

The Sunday evening service, now over one year old, is well attended and makes it possible for many who work Sunday morning to attend an evening service. Attendance fluctuates depending on work schedules, curfews, and activities by our missionaries. A normal Sunday evening finds from 60--80 present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has gradually increased in attendance from an average of 44 in August, 1965 to 68 in March, 1966. In addition, there is a Korean Class which has met since Christmas with 13 to 16 attending each week. The total receipts from August 1, 1965 to March 31, 1966 were VN\$51,955 plus the August 1st balance of VN\$27,754 making a total of VN\$79,709. The disbursements (which included supplies, furniture and a special project—the printing of the LIFE OF CHRIST booklet in three tribal languages) amounted to VN\$68,537 leaving a balance on hand April 1, 1966 of VN\$11,172. A Vacation Bible School was held last August with an enrollment of 36.

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

A Tuesday Bible Class is conducted in the parsonage adjoining the church building. Attendance averages about 15, but those who come are eager for the Word of God. We have observed spiritual growth in the lives of men separated from home and family. Jerry Miller, seriously injured in the Metropole on December 4, 1965, was a faithful participant in the Bible Class. We have studied the Pentateuch, Philippians, I, II, III John, Jude, I and II Peter and now the book of James.

YOUTH CENTER AND GOOD NEWS SCHOOL

Reverend and Mrs. James Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen Hau Luong have given able leadership to the youth center program. Each semester there are more than 550 Vietnamese enrolled in English classes. The bi-lingual service each Saturday night is well attended and often fills the downstairs auditorium. We thank God for the young people who have found Christ through this ministry and are being channeled into national churches.

EVANGELISM

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had excellent attendance. More than 20 decisions were recorded for Christ. Since the meetings closed March 13th we have had five additional men find Christ as Saviour. The treasurer's report shows that offerings received were more than enough for expenses.

Our speaker was Rev. Gene McGee of Youth for Christ, Paris, France. We are thankful for his ministry both in the International Church and among the chaplains in the Saigon area.

COUNSELLORS' CLASS

Mr. Vern Betsch of Navigators rendered invaluable service by conducting a four-week counsellors' class for men who assisted in the evangelistic services. A follow-up Bible study for new Christians was also conducted by Mr. Betsch with good success. It is our hope that every believer will memorize scripture and be equipped to help others on to God.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The following were welcomed into associate membership of the International Church.

June, 1965

Lawrence W. Doran
Frank Griscom
T. G. Mangham
Evelyn Mangham
Stephen E. Massie
Wayne H. Miles
Joan Moyer
William S. Moyer
Wilbur E. Palmer

July, 1965

Astrid Cathey
Gordon Cathey
Wayne Eastby

Nell Lundahl

Robert M. Smith
M. G. Thomson
Ralph Waara

September, 1965

J. Kenneth Bailey
Major Hagar
Jim Phillips
Kim Il Yong

October, 1965

Guy E. Mabie
Colin Mosby
Larry Slessler
Lowell Thomas

January, 1966

Elizabeth Banks
William Allison
U Thaug Tin
Daw Aye Nu
Roy H. Christ

February, 1966

Lynette Ti
Archie Vaughn
Richard Gerke

April, 1966

John Noland
George Zimmer
John T. Shepherd

BAPTISMS *

Two baptismal services have been held since our last semi-annual meetings:

December 12, 1965

Carolyn Joy Cathey
Gordon Leland Cathey
Richard John Dottery
Ronald Dewar Howard

Joel Richard Taylor
Chuong Nguyen Trong
Fred W. Irvine, Jr.
Danny Joe Medlin

April 10, 1966

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

A weeknight fellowship supper was held in October. Only 80 individuals signed the list to come, but 130 were present. It was a highly successful evening of warm fellowship, good fun and spiritual inspiration. A second fellowship supper was held on Monday, January 10, 1966 with equal success. During the meetings with Reverend Gene McGee a cookout was held on the church lawn. A second was held on Saturday, April 23rd, with excellent response.

BOOK SHELF

The service rendered by the Bookshelf is invaluable. More than 10,000 piasters of Bibles and books are sold each month. Thus we know men are being encouraged to read good literature. We are indebted to Rev. and Mrs. Orrel Steinkamp and Miss Nell Lundahl for their assistance at the Bookshelf. Miss Nancy Mack also assisted earlier in the year.

*Plans are now underway to construct a baptistry under the large tree on the church lawn. Several recent converts are awaiting baptism.

CHURCH MUSIC

The Gospel has a way of singing its way into men's hearts. We have a very faithful choir under the capable direction of Lt. Col. Ralph M. Leighty. This humble man has a love for the Lord and for music. He has kindly consented to donate his time and talent as long as his schedule permits. We are indebted to Virginia Steinkamp for her faithfulness at the organ console.

Reverend Harold Dutton assumed directorship of the choir immediately after the evacuation of dependents in February of last year. We are indebted to him, already a very busy man, for the interest and time he has invested over the past thirteen months.

GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOUSE

When it was announced that 150 new hymnals were needed for the church, folk oversubscribed within two months. These lovely books are inscribed in memory of loved ones and in honor of living friends and relatives. Other gifts donated since August are:

- 120 place settings of stainless steelware
- 2 outdoor grills
- 2 Sonic speakers
- 50-cup coffee maker
- water filter
- painting for church lobby
- bulletin board for church lobby

FINANCIAL GAINS

The Lord has promised to supply the needs of His children. We have witnessed the abundance of God in making it possible for us to liquidate \$15,500 U.S. on our original \$50,000 debt on the church property. In addition we have assisted a number of missionary projects within the Republic.

THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST

There is no accurate way to measure fruit in the lives of men. From those who have publicly confessed faith in Christ, who have come for private counsel and prayer, who have given testimony of victory in their lives, who have expressed a desire to follow Christ all the way, we can be sure that the Spirit of God is present in the work of the International Church. Our one desire is to see the Name of Christ magnified, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto myself."

THANKSGIVING TO GOD

Mrs. Cathey and I have thoroughly enjoyed our ministry in the International Church. We were reminded by an older missionary when we left the United States that we would experience valleys of discouragement and mountaintops of victory. This has been true. But we accept both with the assurance that we are in the will of God. It is gratifying to know that we are in this troubled country for "such a time as this." How privileged we are to pray with the suffering and dying, to help men on to God, to awaken the consciences of those hardened by sin, and to encourage believers in the deeper things of God. We are grateful for the wholehearted support of every missionary, the understanding and counsel of the chairman, and the willingness on the part of so many of you to assist in services when you are in Saigon. We ask for your continued prayers that this work might accomplish all that God desires.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon M. Cathey

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Financial Report
July 1, 1965 - March 31, 1966

	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Offering General</u>	<u>Offering Building</u>
July	142	VN\$ 45,237	VN\$ 77,425
August	154	48,807	67,973
September	167	35,296	151,221
October	174	82,071	109,878
November	179	54,455	67,185
December	198	47,527	119,096
January	208	64,499	102,841
February	205	52,194	80,552
March	213	49,132	99,029
Totals		479,218	875,200
Transfers between funds		(162,019)	162,019
July 1, 1965 Balance		26,203	68,583
Total Funds Available		VN\$ <u>343,402</u>	VN\$ <u>1,105,802</u>

Expenditures

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>
Missions	VN\$ 109,546	
Printing, Purchase of Literature	25,365	
Utilities	41,045	
General Church Overhead	156,012	
Return to the Christian and Missionary Alliance (\$15,500 U.S.)		VN\$ 1,116,000
Total Expenditures	VN\$ <u>331,968</u>	VN\$ <u>1,116,000</u>

CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 1966 VN\$ 11,434 VN\$ (10,198)

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