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William A. Paul, Editor

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WORKING ON LANGUAGE COURSE

by Jean Sodemann

As I write, today is one of the big festival days in all Muslim lands (and therefore here in Pakistan). This is the day when they commemorate the testing of Abraham on Mount Moriah. Contrary to both Jewish and Christian tradition, and the authority of the Word of God which proclaim that Isaac was the intended sacrifice, the Muslims claim that Ishmael was the one who was delivered at that time. Thus, Ishmael, rather than Isaac, stands as one of the founders of their faith.

The Animal Slain

The day began with the men going to the mosques to say their prayers. When they returned home the animals were slain, having been previously purchased just for the occasion. Then the meat is cut, a piece saved for the family, and the children distribute the remainder to their friends and neighbors. The rest of the day is spent in visiting back and forth, in eating, and in celebration.

The Language Course

So far our days here have been taken up in language study. Since coming here to Mansehra, the Lord has placed on my heart the burden of preparing a course of study so that other missionaries can learn the Hindko dialect, which is the mother tongue of all who are raised in this northern mountain area. His hand of blessing has been upon the work thus far. This has been evident in the wisdom He has given even though all concerned in the preparation of the course are untrained in the linguistic field. It has also been evident in His choosing of language informants to help in the work. These men fit in perfectly for such a task and they have been cooperative, especially as seen in the fact that they have had a wonderful attitude toward asking the opinions of others. This is a miracle in this land where individual pride and honor are so valued!

First Part Ready Soon

We expect to spend a month in Abbottabad in finishing the last part of the first course. It should be ready to put into the hands of others for study by the end of September. Do pray that as this dialect is studied, the Lord will give ability to learn and speak so that these people, too, may hear in their own language that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners and is the Perfect Sacrifice, accepted by God Himself, for the redemption of mankind.

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CAMBODIAN COLPORTAGE WORK

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Dear Brother Paul:

In a day when world-shaking events shift one's attention all too quickly, and the winds of unrest blow endlessly to and fro, your faithful intercession and giving are paving an everlasting highway of truth in the Cambodian language. Be assured beyond any doubt, the souls traveling this road will abound to your account.

Literature Distribution

In spite of added governmental regulations and a small missionary staff (due to furloughs), the first half of 1960 shows an increase in literature distribution. The facts behind this advance all reveal clearly the Lord's working on our behalf.

Discouraging Prospects

As the year was ushered in there were no national colporteurs working in Cambodia, and the chances for securing any were nil. Some who had once served well had fallen by the way, and those who had carefully guarded their spiritual lives were too fearful. Added to this discouragement was the complete closing of one province to any evangelism—a province which previously had been high in literature consumption. Finally, our latest venture of placing books in local book stores had been



Witnessing in Cambodia

practically fruitless and the possibility of establishing our own book store was likewise not feasible at this time. We faced these stark realities, but with an inner assurance that the Lord knew that books were not made to stagnate on the shelves and that we had done our best to find a solution.

The Church A Center For Distribution

A pattern of real success was noticed in our Phnom Penh church where a bookcase, properly placed, always keeps a variety of old and new books before the people. Sales are consistently good. We took that as a clue to design and purchase bookcases for each of the larger church buildings through Cambodia. To date we have placed four of these in different areas. This makes each church a center of literature distribution. For this type of venture, no permission is needed from the government, either!

Colporteurs Available

Then, unexpectedly, two veteran colporteurs felt that they "had to" start selling books again. One left his little business in order to do so. Each one, in his own particular way, has been doing very well. One is named Tuey, the other is Phi Phi. Pray that they will be filled with a spirit of perseverance and determination now that they have begun selling regularly again. The tendency has been to sell awhile and then to quit, due to the extreme difficulties which they face. Just this week, in preparation for another trip, Phi Phi was injured when a truck hit his motor bike. He is, however, mending nicely and was not injured seriously.

"Stop Evangelism"

A change of governors brought about the sudden command to stop evangelism in Takeo province. We made this a matter of earnest prayer, knowing that any type of request or inquiry would only aggravate the situation. Within three months the governor was removed, replaced by a former and friendly governor who immediately rescinded the "stop evangelism" edict and gave complete liberty again. We watched the salvation of our God.

But we have just begun. Please make the distribution of our Gospel literature a matter

SOWING THE SEED

By Mrs. P. A. Voith

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—Eccl. 11:6

Now and again our hearts are encouraged by evidence that causes us to realize that Gospel Seed sown many years ago is bearing fruit at the present time. The following incident took place recently.

Heard the Gospel as a Child

At the close of a Sunday morning preaching service a Thai woman raised her hand, indicating that she would like to make a definite decision for Christ. We spent some time instructing her thoroughly and in our conversation these interesting facts came to light: As a child she had listened to groups of people preaching the Gospel in her home town. "But there was no resident missionary in that town before the war," I remarked. "True," she said. "But groups of Thai and foreigners would come from time to time to preach at the festivals which took place at the temple of the Great Footprint of Buddha, which is near our town. There I heard them and I was greatly attracted to the message. I determined in my heart that some day I would become a Christian and worship the true God."

A Sincere Seeker

"However I feared to do so while my parents and grandparents were living. I knew that they would be very hurt by my giving up Buddhism." Pointing to the black clothes she was wearing, she said, "Now my last grandparent has died. No one can be hurt by what I do, and so I have decided to become a Christian." She prayed a very earnest prayer, and I was impressed with her knowledge of the Gospel and her sincerity.

Attending a Wedding

Recently a missionary was invited to perform the wedding ceremony for the adopted daughter of one of our faithful Christian women, a woman of means, incidentally. When we arrived at the wedding we were surprised to find the Governor and many of the town's highest officials present. The daughter was marrying the son of a prominent businessman. The marriage vows were impressively given. After the ceremony the wife of one official was heard to say, "Oh, I wish I were a young woman again so that I could have the missionary come and perform just such a ceremony."

Thai Women Have Few Rights

Many were the nods of approval given by the Thai women as they heard these vows. I



The Rice Harvest in Thailand

asked the wife of a judge what she thought of the ceremony and the vows and she quickly answered, "Oh, very good, very good." I could realize how "good" these vows sounded to women who have so little security and sense of permanency in their marriage. They well know that after a few years the husband will most likely take another wife, then another and another. We felt that the ceremony was a good witness to all and many comments were also made on the fact that in Christian ceremonies there is no drinking of liquor such as takes place at the Thai weddings.

Please pray with us that on all occasions, as we mix with the Thai people of all classes, that Christ may be exalted and His Truth made known.

The Alliance Mission
Korat, Thailand

of importunate prayer until the demand out-reaches the supply.

Representing you in Cambodia,
Cliff and Marlene Westergren