

Saigon, August 12, 1924.

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Rev. D. I. Jeffrey,
Tourane, Annam.

Dear Ivory:

Curwen and I have just gotten back in Saigon after a trip up country. We visited Sadec, Cantho, Chaudoc, Binh Long, Tan Chow and Caolanh. Herb. Jackson went with us from Cantho on. We had a very good trip, and I believe a very profitable one.

There are several things that have arisen on this trip that I want to write you about. First, I am wiring you today that Tu from Chaudoc and his wife are sailing this morning on the Orenoque for Tourane. Grupe turned over to me an account with the Bible Society of something over one hundred dollars credit to him. He wants me to collect this for him and pay you fifty five dollars on Tu's account as part payment for Tu's wife's expenses in Tourane. Herb and I had ^{talked} about his finances while we were in Chaudoc, and he has agreed to pay a further amount of some sixty odd dollars covering the total expenses for his wife and his own pin money. He has not this money in hand at the moment, but it appears that his money will have the amount for him at the first of the year, and he will pay it in January or February. Herb. will write you more in detail about this matter.

The next question is that I have agreed that Mrs. Ngo go to Tourane provided you are willing. The present arrangement is very unsatisfactory, and will cost the Mission almost as much as if they were in Tourane. The allowance of ten dollars per month would not be sufficient to keep Mrs. Ngo and her family in Sadec. We would have to give her about fifteen dollars per month. She might possibly get through on twelve, but I think that fifteen is a fair estimate. She has to pay rent, and her mother-in-law, the old Bible woman who was up to Native Conference, is getting fifteen and supports no one but herself and pays no rent. Of course she was getting too much, but Mrs. Ngo has six children. Another reason why I am advocating her going to Tourane is because Herb. Jackson strongly recommends that she do so. Herb. says that she has done splendid work at Cantho, but has been handicapped by lack of knowledge. Both she and her husband are whole-heartedly in the work, but as you know, Ngo is a little inclined to fanaticism, and she could be a great help to him if she knew her Bible better. The old lady of whom I spoke above, her mother-in-law, is also going to Bible-school. She is too old to do very much studying, but Smith says she is too ignorant to be of much use as a Bible woman now, and she certainly is not worth fifteen dollars per month which is the amount that Stebbins has been paying her. I have been quite frank in telling the old lady that we can only give her her board at Tourane, she must provide her pin-money herself. She has agreed to this. I have also put up a proposition to her that I think will be profitable to all. She has agreed to this too. I suggested that she take classes only half time. That is all she will be able to take any way, and that the other half time she take care of Ngo's children and allow Mrs. Ngo to attend classes. The latter can read and write and is quite intelligent. Let me know as soon as possible what you think of this.

The other matter that I have in mind does not concern the Bible School, but I would be glad if you would mention this to Thay Thua. When I was in Sadec I met one of the Christians there who wants to send his daughter to Tourane to Thay Dong's school. It seems his wife is not a very good sort of woman and sets a very bad example to the child in the home. He himself is a very good chap and would like to get his daughter under better influence, and at the same time have her in school. The girl is about the same age as Nèn, and I thought that possibly Thay Thua might be willing to board her. The father has given me five dollars a month to pay for her board, one dollar per month for pin money, and one dollar per month for tuition. In addition to paying these amounts in advance for ten months, he has given me thirty dollars for fare to Tourane and return, making a total of one hundred dollars cash. Please ask Thay Thua if he will be willing to board her for five dollars per month. She seems to be a very nice quiet kid.

We are expecting Mr. Jaffray very soon now. In the meantime I expect to spend a few days at Mytho with the Ferry's. We visited them on our return from Sadec, and found a most encouraging work going on there. They appear to be having a real revival. Thay Dang is very enthusiastic over the work.

We are all well. Smith's are staying in Saigon with us. It is possible that the ladies may be up on the "Fontainbleu" about the twenty-fifth of the month. Probably Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jackson will come at the same time. Or it may be that only Mrs. Jackson will be able to get away so soon. The men will have to wait for Jaffray's visit. We are going right through to Battambang before Conference.

Best regards from all to all.

Sincerely yours

Frank

P.S. I note what you say about the need of making alterations at Taifoo. Better wait until I get home. There cannot be anything immediately urgent. C. F. J.

I sent \$200 by mandat telegraphique from Sadec in response to your wire. C. F. J.

Management for Tu

Wife 50.00

20.00

40.00

20.00

20.00

130.00

Paid 53.00

To be collected from Mrs

10.00

4.00

To be collected from H.G.T.

69.00

Balance 136.00

69.00

\$61.00 to be paid Feb 1925