

## FAR EAST

## BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

Here's the story of a miracle -- performed by our God through a single radio.

December 22, 1980

Dear Christian Friend,

It's a story that begins 23 years ago, in a remote Hmong village in the jungle mountains of northern Laos.

Isolated from the world, life in the little village went on much as it had for generations. The boys learning the skills of manhood -- the girls learning the gentle arts of the women. Fields were tended and crops were harvested. There was music and feasting. Weddings, births and funerals. And always the tales of the elder ones told around the campfires.

But there was also fear -- fear that crept into every area of life.

Because the Hmong were animists -- spirit worshipers. And they believed evil spirits were everywhere . . .

in the trees . . .

in the rocks . . . in the rivers .

Everywhere . . . waiting gleefully to bring suffering, pain, disease and disaster.

But in this little village there was something else:

A radio.

And for these people, isolated by mountains, jungles and rivers, that one small radio was their window to the world -- their threshold into the 20th century.

No wonder then that the "talking box" was a center of interest for the entire village. Crowds gathered to hear the music of other lands -- to wonder at the languages they

(over, please)