

Banmethuot, Viet Nam, Indo-China,
April 29, 1955.

Our dear Friends--

The Board has decided that we should return to America at this time. We are taking a long ocean trip home by Europe and do not know yet where we shall spend our furlough in America. We shall be in New York for the Board meeting in August at which time we shall discuss Fall tours for The Christian & Missionary Alliance, wherever they decide.

In the meantime, please continue to support as usual, by your prayers and gifts, this needy Banmethuot Leprosarium and Tribeswork. Your letters and gifts sent to New York Headquarters, marked especially for this work, will be acknowledged as usual by the missionary staff here at Banmethuot, Viet Nam. They will keep you in close touch with the work out here.

We will let you know later our furlough address, and, in the meantime, all personal letters either sent to us here at Banmethuot or at the New York headquarters address will be forwarded to us as we are enroute to America.

We'll let you know later about speaking engagements when we find out the Board's plans for us.

We are looking forward to times of sweet fellowship with you all while in America and presenting to you personally the challenges of this great missionary work. We ask for very special prayer for us and the work at this time.

I, Gordon, have just returned from a five-day trip at Nui Bara among the Stiangs, and another five-day trip among the Muong Preh of Dak Song District. We went on foot, 25 kilometres, into the jungles and had a great time, especially in one of the villages. For the first time in our experience out here we saw a whole Muong village pull down their fetishes and burn them, as they accepted Christ.

We are too busy packing to tell you more of these victories at this time, but will hope to tell you in person later on in America.

Ever sincerely yours,

Raura I. Smith

Gordon H. Smith