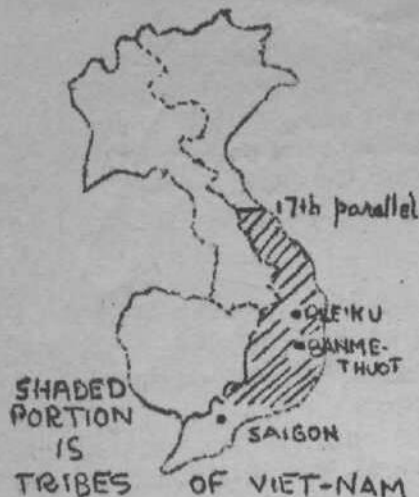


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Our Dear Friends,

Once again it is time to greet all of you who have so faithfully supported our work among the Tribespeople of South Viet Nam by your prayers and your offerings of love. We thank God for each one of you, and pray that His blessing may be your portion in abundant measure. Truly we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
--Psalm 126:3.



It has been at least three months since all of you have heard directly from us here in Bannethuot, and no doubt you are wondering if the work is continuing since it became necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith to depart for America. We rejoice to report that the evangelistic work, the Bible School, translation and printing are continually being pressed forward with many encouraging signs. Just at present we are experiencing somewhat of a financial crisis, but this is often the case during the summer months, and we look to the Lord to see us through as He has always done in the past, through the offerings of His faithful servants.

So that your minds may be refreshed concerning the extent of the work here, we shall repeat a few statistics. We have as our immediate responsibility the support of three Vietnamese missionary families, 50 tribal preachers of which 47 are married, and 6 single women. These national workers are ministering the Word of God in at least 46 different centers among the Ralay, Mnong, Stieng, Bih, Mdhur, and Cil Tribes. Each month brings its share of reports causing reason for thanksgiving, as well as calls for earnest prayer to be offered for the establishment of the true Church in each one of these centers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangham just last week brought back the heart-stirring report of a recent visit made into the vast, untouched Jerai and Bahnar tribal areas in the vicinity of Cheo Reo and Ankhe. These areas are now wide open for the Gospel and could be occupied, except for the lack of workers. During their trip they distributed tracts along the road whenever they encountered people. Then on the return journey after all the tracts had been given out, people continued to clamour for more literature. They recognized the car from a distance and came running across the rice fields at the sight of it requesting more tracts.

Several days later two Vietnamese strangers from one of these distant areas, arrived at Pleiku to the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Sang, the Vietnamese missionaries there. They said they had received a tract, had gathered their relatives and neighbors together to read it and were convinced that it must tell about the true religion. So they decided they must know more of this message. Mr. Sang explained the Gospel to them, which resulted in their praying and then returning to their home after having been given more literature and Scripture portions. Let us pray that it will not be long until laborers may be stationed in Cheo Reo and Ankhe to gather in the harvest that is most apparent.

Throughout July our Bible School has been in session here in Bannethuot. Encouraging progress is being made as classes are being taught in Daniel, Doctrine, Corinthians, Matthew, Life of Christ, Parables, Old Testament, Vietnamese Language, and Music. Pray that each one of the students may profit richly as he gives himself to the study of the Word, and that we who teach may each day be able to teach with the unction of the Holy One upon us. Two of the students are completely self-supporting. This is a new venture and needs our prayer help that they will not be discouraged.

We are launching out in faith for the erection of a second dormitory to house eight more families. Our living quarters for the School are really very meagre and