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June 26, 1924.

Dear Ivory.-

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. with your answers to the first lot of questionnaires. I am trusting that the four Annamese will be able to go to school this year. There is still a lot of money needed, but I am asking the Church to stand with these young and worthy chaps. As for the Indian, it may be wiser for him to get more Annamese before going to school and then he will get more out of his training. His wife, an Annamese, has prayed since he made out his questionnaire. I doubt if any of the wives of the four above mentioned Annamese will be able to go with their husbands. It is a case of not having money enough for the men, say nothing of their wives. Your decisions are fair, Ivory, I am pulling with you for self support. I wish you could hear the sermon I am preparing for Sunday. I want to see Annamese money going into this thing.

I am enclosing Three more Questionnaires. All of these men have their money.

What a sporty time you have been having up there. A jolly ripping good time is what one might call it if they wanted to be awfully correct. Why don't you jump into one of those winged machines and take a tour of the South, there is a good landing place in the middle of the Mekong, there isn't a tree there.

Never mind, old chap, Conference is near and that means fun as well as late hours, ha - ha. Don't let the ocean dry up in the next two months, I want a swim if nothing else. I suppose you are so sick of swimming that you can hardly be decent to the beach up there; boy, I sure will be tickled to get unto a bathing suit again.

The special services are lasting throughout this week. We praise God that His blessing continues in a place after we have left it. Omoh, the first place we went on this campaign is still "bringing them in". I have written to Mr. Jaffray and Mr. Irwin about another man to help Dinh. There is no mistake about it, the old man can never swing the schedule and we can not cut it down if we will do justice to the work. The old man came to me on his own accord and told me that he can not do the work alone after Ngo leaves. It is a case of holding one man back for a year or crippling the work of a province. The work has taken on new life - we must follow it up. I will be willing to take Tram. "A prophet is without honor in his own country," but I can use him on the out-stations and in itinerating work. He is young and needs more training, I know it; but what about the work of a province that is after us all the time to go here and there and somewhere else. Shall we answer these calls of turn a deaf ear to them after the hard time we have had it stirring up the people. I wrote strong letters to Mr. Irwin and Mr. Jaffray. It is a case of have to. Saigon and Sadec demands two men and I do not see as they have a bit more work than Cantho. Look at it squarely, Ivory, it is a joke to think that Dinh can do it alone. The poor old man is all in already and hasn't been doing half the work he will have to do.

Let me hear from you. Take it easy during the next few weeks and get rested up for the year ahead. We'll see you soon, regards to all from us.

Yours as always,

*H.A.J.*