

The year year 1966 is over- gone forever, but stamped on the pages of ~~hi~~ history are some very important events. Most of the things that the world calls important will soon be forgotten along with many so called leaders of the day. We are glad to know of many things that have come to pass this year that will abide forever along with the One who has made such things possible.

To report on the war situation in Viet Nam and in this province would be superfluous since such reports are the world's daily rations. God's judgments are falling hard on idolatrous nations-only the ones who flee to the Lord for refuge shall escape the awful consequences of sin. Our program has not changed. We are out to use every means possible to persuade hopeless humanity to return to the Lord and be saved.

The year has been filled with heart aches, as we have been spent, trying to comfort the poor sorrowing people still being driven from pillar to post. The territory in Binh Dinh province is not yet cleared for the thousands of homeless people to return. They are on our door step so to speak, many without food or shelter. What an opportunity is ours! We do all we can to alleviate their suffering, but best of all, we have the only food that lasts forever, and that which is most needed for dying men and women everywhere. Many escape with just the clothes on their backs and that only rags, but we recognize their greatest need is that wonderful robe God has for all men everywhere- the gift of righteousness. This is our line -to use every means possible to make known that this gift is free. We continue to work with the pastors and preachers in this province and the Protestant Chaplains who are anxious to help with many new projects. It is marvellous to stand at the beginning of this year 1967 and glance back for a moment to scan the past few years. Great things God has done. Ten years ago there were no churches in this province of over 1,000,000 people and just a scattered handful of christians. Now there are six churches

already completed, four almost done, and one which has been destroyed by war
tivity. Each location has a growing congregation with a pastor or preacher
working faithfully in their midst. It has taken much time and effort—endless
handling of money and book keeping as we have cooperated with the chaplains,
preachers and their congregations to bring these new churches into existence.
It is marvellous in our eyes to see how the Lord has put in the hands of these
National workers new buildings to be used as instruments to implement the
great soul-saving work here. This is the effort that lasts, the "pacification"
program that stretches throughout eternity.

How we wish we had more National workers & more missionaries here in this
vast unevangelized region. On our way to Anke the other day our hearts went
out in pity for poor people who were trying to save their rice crop. Floods
had flattened the precious grain and they were out knee deep in the receding
flood waters trying to save what they could. What a picture of the awful need
this harvest time. The floods of vicious war and sin are upon this land
and we are here with so few reapers trying to snatch them from the awful hor-
rors of death and hell.

Many people in this land avoid the task of the farmer and flee to the
cities for easy living, but someone has to do the back breaking task of bring-
ing in the sheaves. Methods haven't changed much through the centuries. Most
all is done by hand—we believe in new methods where practical but we find the
old fashioned way is the best way to reach the lost—the person to person pro-
gram. In other words we are ^{not} primarily after churches and institutions, we are
after people, precious souls, and it is only the Word of God which is "quick
and powerful" under the anointing of the Holy Spirit that brings them in.

The Pocket Testament League has furnished thousands of John's Gospels
beautifully printed in the Vietnamese language. These are being distributed in
homes, hospitals, jails and refugee camps, and especially among the military
boys. In spite of the many urgent duties we are in the midst of this important
task. This work isn't just distributing these Gospels promiscuously, rather it

Going from house to house, to each hospital bed, present personally the living
head of life. After several hours travel from hut to hut through mud and dirt
these feet ~~these feet~~ do not look very "beautiful" but we know what the re-
sults will be as we lovingly present the WORD of LIGHT and LIFE. In one Viet
Cong prison camp scores stood boldly and expressed a desire to accept Christ
as their personal Savior. All in that camp were given a John's Gospel.

There are now two thriving churches in the city of Quinhon which is the
center of endless activity since this is the port for all military supplies in
this area including the 1st Cavalry at Anke and Pleiku. Since our last report
the District 6 church in Quinhon has been finished, become self supporting and
have their first pastor (ordained). He has had the courage to invite the Dis-
trict Conference to meet here in February. We are glad the new church is large
enough to accomodate such a gathering.

A beautiful new church has been finished at Phu Phong and it stands as
lighthouse, in the midst of a big camp housing over 25,000 refugees. What an
opportunity! Up the mountain at Anke the new church is nearly completed, it
also is located in the midst of a huge refugee camp. Again at Bong Son in spite
of ceaseless fighting in that district the christians have succeeded in almost
finishing their new church. We met on Christmas Day with a happy group of chris-
tians at Binh Nghi. For years they had nothing but a grass shed to meet in. Now they have a
nice new church which promises to be a great attraction to all that region
round about and will no doubt be instrumental in bringing many to the Lord.
Also on Christmas Day we met at Dap Da in their newly dedicated church. It was
full to overflowing with christians, rejoicing in the Lord.

All the calls from the preachers and their congregations present quite
a challenge which includes Bible teaching, baptisms, visiting jails and hospitals,
taking part in Evangelistic meetings (carting electric generator where there is
no electricity to provide lights and public address system) personal work, tract
distribution, etc.

The roads are the worst we have ever seen in this province caused, of course by the war and the urgent demand for military supplies, guns and equipment all over the province. The fourteen year old Mercury which we drive is weakening. We hope it will last until furlough. We may need safety belts to stay in the old trap until time to bid it farewell. How good it is to use and wear out such things," the mammon of unrighteousness " to win friends for eternity. Lk.16.

The refugee center which moved from town, out about three kilometers to a new location now has a new church nearing completion. This will make three churches in the Quinhon vicinity where a few short years ago there were none.

To go into detail about the Lord's working here would take a book and we do not have time to write a book. We are glad the records are being kept over there where there is one who watches over His own all the time. How often we are reminded of His special care. Just last Sunday we went to Ankhe over the mountain road which heavy rain and constant military trucking had made almost impassable. We met with the Christians, distributed hundreds of Gospels in the refugee camp and visited the chaplains in the 1st Cavalry camp nearby. We didn't get started home till later than we planned. It seems the Lord had other plans. We learned later from military men who had been up there, that same day that the Viet Cong had fired on a civilian bus as it was coming down the mountain killing one woman. This happened about 2 P.M. We had planned on leaving Ankhe at that time but was delayed till 3 P.M. so missed the incident by one hour. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added."--and thanks to Him, some things taken away. Our times and trips are in His hands.

We are depending on the Lord who answers your prayers, the One who holds the whole world in His hands, to lead on and to fulfill His purpose in our lives, and use us for His glory in bringing many precious souls into His kingdom.

Chester & Mary Travis