

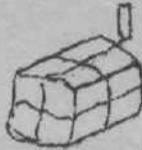
CHILDREN'S WORK-

Crayons,  
Blunt scissors,  
Construction  
paper.



PATIENTS -

Bandages,  
Clothing,  
Support.



PREACHERS

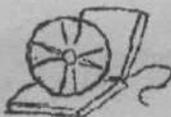
Phonographs for Gospel  
Recordings  
records,



Support for  
new students.

IF YOU'D LIKE OUR RECORD-  
INGS --

We can send you our tapes  
for your radio  
programs or  
special con-  
ventions.



This will make missionary  
work real as you hear the  
sacrifice gongs, the  
preaching in longhouses,  
the Christians singing.

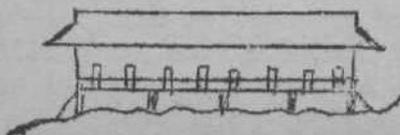
IF YOU'D LIKE TO PRAY FOR  
SPECIFIC NEEDS --

Financial crisis contin-  
ues. The



dollar still brings only  
half as much as it should.

Funds to complete our  
Bible School dormitory,  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  built so far.



October 1954

Banmethuot, Viet-Nam.

Our Dear Fellow Workers--

We pour out our hearts in thanksgiving for all that God has done through you out here. An intense gratitude floods our souls for all your labor and generous help for us. But the past is only the PRELUDE. We must now go forward. We dare not stand still.

These items along the sides are for your seasons of prayer, for definite praying with definite faith. We believe that God will do these things and supply all these needs. It is now the time to open up these new stations in the great newly accessible tribal areas to the north of us (south of the 17th parallel). Unless we get to these tribes now, they will remain in their paganism. Christ will have died in vain for their souls. They have never yet heard His name! We alone are responsible, not the angels nor the unconverted.

God expects us to carry His glad tidings to them. He has given us plain commands. He wants it DONE. We are challenged with possibilities undreamed of before. We must enter these open gates. Pray that we shall lose no time in doing our part in bringing Christ to these "other sheep" --the Kha Tu, Kha Leu, Kha Tang, Kha Seng, So, Tahoi, Die, Hrie, etc.--to the north of us.

Daily we remind our gracious Lord of His Word: "And God is able to give you an overflowing measure of all good gifts, that all your wants of every kind may be supplied at all times, and you may give of your abundance to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 (Conybeare). So we have no anxiety. We share with you the needs of the work and rejoice that you are going to trust God with us.

We need support for more new Bible students. These are our hope for this land. We cannot bring them in until we can build a new dormitory. The framework has already been paid for, about one quarter the total cost.

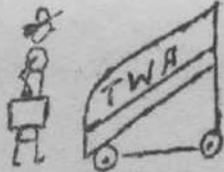
REFUGEES AND RECONSTRUCTION--

Many American agencies are pouring shiploads of relief into this country for the refugees from the north--clothing, food, milk, tools, housing, etc.--The generous heart of a generous people has been greatly awakened. But we here at Banmethuot want to sound out an urgent call to our praying friends to get behind a great forward movement to reach the hearts of people with the Gospel. Yes, please give your old clothes, pots and pans. They are needed by these poor bewildered refugees.

Millions of your dollars are being spent to reconstruct this country after the war, and we rejoice to see roads being asphalted, wells dug, hospitals built, and a thousand and one other wonderful projects for the good of the people to raise their standard of living.

But all our people are in desperate spiritual need. We call on the Church of Christ to rise up and evangelize our people. *Strike now while the doors are opening.*

The pessimists tell us that we have only two more years in which to work. They have been saying this for the past seven years. We do not believe them. We believe God has



Complete restoration and soon return of Marguerite Powell, who

was operated on in Dayton, Ohio for malignant cancer.

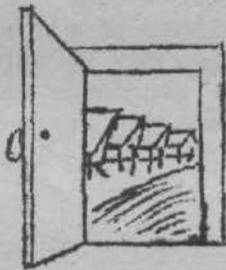
Funds to continue work on mission house at Nui Bara, \$1,500 needed.



Funds to open work among Mhong Dip people.

Small house for our preacher and his family. \$500.00

New missionaries to open new tribal areas made accessible since the cease-fire.



**OUR  
SPECIAL  
EMPHASIS -  
OPEN DOORS**

There is no limit to what can be accomplished for Christ during the coming years.

Our tribal areas are free of rebels. The cease-fire line gives us great new tribal areas to enter, a major missionary challenge.

Why shouldn't we feel encouraged? Our hearts are filled with praise to God.

other plans. We believe He will keep opening doors into new tribal areas until every last dialect has heard the name of Jesus Christ. Missionary work is all a work of faith and once defeatism takes charge of us, there is no room for faith.

We trust God, not circumstances. We follow His leading, not the confused prophets of doom that keep reminding us that the doors are finally closing. Right now in our tribal areas we have the greatest challenge, the greatest opportunities for preaching the Gospel since the Japs moved in in 1941.

LEPROSARIUM NEWS--

For two months now the whole construction program at the Leprosarium has been at a standstill. Unless the financial situation changes soon, giving us more local currency for our dollars, we cannot expect to finish the hospital (floors, ceiling, plastering, painting, septic tank, plumbing, furnishings, etc.) nor undertake any other building. We have had to let all our workmen go.

Some of you have read Charlotte Schon's September circular sent to friends who gave gifts to the Leprosarium that month, but we want to include a paragraph or two here also.

"At our treatment center (self-supporting segregation village) there are two patients ready to be discharged within the next three weeks, while here at the Leprosarium there are three who will return to their villages within six months. Their hearts are happy and so are ours.

"This week I started hand exercises for some of the patients whose fingers are bent and weakened at the joints. To see the poor crippled hands of these patients is something one does not readily forget. The degree of deformity varies. It may be simply that the little and fourth finger are bent and can be straightened only by using the other hand to do so. It may be that all the fingers are bent and stiff forming what is called a 'claw hand.' Or, perhaps the bones have been absorbed so that only the short swollen stumps remain. The exercises are fairly new, but have been found very beneficial. Naturally they won't help everyone, nor will they produce perfect cures for all crippled fingers, but we anticipate a certain degree of restoration in others. It will take time and patience.

"In the laboratory all the routine lab work has been completed on our 270 patients. Only a few remain who have not had their skin cut and scraped so that Mildred Ade can check them for the bacilli of leprosy."

DR. BUKER'S VISIT--

We have just enjoyed a visit from a world-renowned leprologist, Dr. Richard S. Buker, of Chiangmai, Siam. He brought us great encouragement as he studied our program. "You are on the right track," he told us.

In his report he stated--"Here is an excellent beginning. The great essentials are well cared for, and the future has no limitations because of the foundations...The one segregation village I visited was a model...The immediate difficulties are in no small part due to the political situation. The value of the American dollar has dropped in half. This is an artificial drop and eventually will strike its proper level. Until it does, the building work has to cease."

HUMAN SACRIFICE IN 1954--

A few weeks ago six people in a Mnong Dunor village died of some disease or other. The people looked about to see, not what, but who had caused the deaths. A nearby village had moved into the neighborhood recently and the sorcerer laid the blame on these latter. Taking the matter into their own hands, they raided the new village, captured eleven men and women, and brought them back home by the neck.

Here the ordeal by molten lead was undergone. (Molten lead is poured into the palms of the hands and if they are not burned, the person is innocent. If burned, he is guilty.) Each one's hands were burned, signifying that they had the evil eye, and had cast a spell on the six dead people.

Two of the prisoners were tied to the sacrifice poles in front of the chief's house, and a great sacrifice ensued for days. With lances the two were slain, their bodies cut to pieces and distributed along all the trails leading to the village and to their fields.

Word soon reached the French administrator, a hundred miles away, who rushed to the scene with six armed native police. He heard the sacrifice gongs, the drunken cries, and arrived just in time to save the other nine. Two were tied to the posts, first having been made drunk, and it would be only a matter of minutes before their blood would have been offered to the evil spirits to ward off further sickness and death.

These are the kind of people we are now reaching with the Gospel. They are among the most primitive in the world, living in the grossest superstition. It is not easy to convert them. We have to make friends with them first and that takes time. The simple Gospel message is presented over and over again. It will take many native preachers to do the job.

We all join in sending again our heartfelt thanks for your interest and help during these days of opportunity and advance.

Cordially yours in Him,

*Raura S. Smith* *Gordon H. Smith*

P. S. Please make out all gifts to the  
Treasurer, The Christian & Missionary Alliance,  
260 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York.

Mark them: "Tribeswork, "Leprosarium," etc., care  
of Gordon H. Smith.

Any parcels sent directly to us by mail and marked  
"Leprosarium" enter duty-free and arrive in about  
two months time.

G. H. S.

We believe He will keep these doors open until every tribe has heard the Gospel.

Our optimism is based on what we believe to be the plan of God. Never have we had a greater opportunity to ADVANCE, EXTEND, STRENGTHEN, and BUILD.

Despite world conditions and disturbing news, we believe we should follow our Captain with perfect trust and faith as step by step He is opening the way. No word of defeat, retreat or retrenchment has ever come from Him. He says "Go...I am with you."

NOTE: Some of our mail may have been lost in recent plane crashes. Please let us know if you have not received our receipts for your kind gifts.

Roman Catholics pouring in.

90% of the 360,000 refugees pouring south are Catholics. Some are now in our area. They are entering villages where we have chapels, and are doing all in their power by gifts, persuasion, and preaching, to win our tribes-people to their religion.

e are now turning away people with leprosy for lack of accommodation.

Our preachers reported for August--118 villages visited, 95 people prayed.

After one year among the Mnongs and Stiengs, our two Vietnamese missionaries have learned to preach in their respective languages, have translated hymns, and the Gospel of Mark has been translated into Mnong.

We regret that we have to mail this circular to you by slow mail, taking nearly two months instead of by air in eight days.

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