

Dalat, Viet-Nam,  
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:  
CO-WORKERS AND FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD:

Greetings in the bonds of Christ's love and fellowship from the third annual conference of the Tribes of Viet-Nam Mission.

ADVANCE--The Tribes Church adopts its constitution. . . Six entire Ma villages turn to the Lord. . . Leprosarium witness produces firstfruits from Stieng and Miong Bunor tribes. . . Raday New Testament is ready for the press. . . Long-prayed-for break comes in the Bahnar Tribe. . . . The unsubdued Katu region reopens. . . Undeniable healings result from simple faith. . . . Young people's societies and youth witnessing bands are established. . . These are just a few of the recent advances made.

SELF-SUPPORT--A big step for the tribes of the Dalat area this year is self-support. When the deacons of the churches were presented with the fact that there were no funds available, their answer was: "No church shall be closed for lack of foreign support." Others said, "We want our 'teacher' to stay with us always. If he is hungry, we will feed him. If he is sick, we will nurse him. If he dies, we will bury him." Praise the Lord for such response!

REFUGEES--Paul, in writing of his imprisonment to the Philippeans, said, "The things which have happened...have fallen out rather to the furtherance of the Gospel." Since the signing of the peace and the division of Viet-Nam last year, great bands of refugees have been pouring down from the formerly Communist-controlled areas, and are now at our doorsteps, reaching out eagerly for the hope which the Gospel brings to them. In the refugee camps of the Black Thai and White Thai, the Tho and Mung tribes, weekly services have been held, resulting in definite decisions for Christ. Through the help of Gospel Recordings, Inc., we have contacted many more of these language groups than we could have reached with our available personnel and finances. Who but our God could turn the events of this war to the spreading of the Gospel and to bring glory to His name?

CONFERENCES--Conferences have been conducted in main centers and in jungle villages, resulting in revival blessing and spiritual deepening of the Church. At the second INTERtribal conference in Dalat, delegates included 118 tribes pastors, their wives, and many Christians, representing 21 language and dialect groups. A precious spirit of unity in Christ was manifested in this great company. Outstanding was the evident development of abilities by the native brethren in directing committees, planning and conducting services, and preaching during conference meetings.

THE CHALLENGE--Every effort is being made to bring about complete self-support in all tribal areas: the Christians must be taught to give sacrificially of their tithes and offerings; the preachers must learn the grace of receiving from their own people; the missionaries must exercise spiritual wisdom and tact in presenting and developing this program. The complete translation of the New Testament in Koho is an immediate goal. We hope soon to begin a literacy program; so that, by individual reading of the Word, the Church, as a whole, may be deepened spiritually.

Only by our united prayer can these challenges be met, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Ephesians 6:12

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