

Pioneering with Christ in Vietnam by Irving R Stebbins – Notes

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- Anh tho Nhung – first convert in Vinh Long – p 136-7
Bible – First Catholic - Latin & Vietnamese – not printed for circulation. Left out 2nd commandment (no other gods before me)
Colporteurs – booksellers – BFBS – sold Gospels & Acts – lived off the 80% of sales.
Dinh – p 122-123
Ferry – p 133-134
Hai – Sa Dec – p 104, 109.
Huynh Minh Y – Irwin's secretary – p 131-134
Klein – French official in Sa Dec – quite antagonistic.
Lang – pp 71, 105-108
Lieu – p 65-66
Ngo – Sa Dec – p 86
Olsen – served in southern China before going to Vietnam -
Ong Xa Hanh – Cao Lanh Mayor – p 113-114.
Single Missionary – missionaries sent single for fear that if spouse didn't feel called, he or she would become a hinderance. Common among missionary sending agencies ie CIM etc.
Thanh – “Nobleman Thanh” – pp 66-68.
Thua – first elected ECVN Pres (from Central) – p 57-63 & 68.
Tiep – worked with Cadman in Saigon – p 131
Tuan – pp 72-73
My Tho
- Ferry
Presidents of the HTTL
1. Thua – first elected (from Central) – p 57-63 & 68.
2. Tiep – (from North) “doubting Thomas” – breakdown due to VD
3. Phan - (from Central) – asked to step down when confronted about finances
- when SDA came in they picked up and later discovered why he left TL
4. Thai – (from South)
Vinh Long:
- Stebbins
WCC attempts to lure ECVN.

1918 - Nov 2, Jaffray leaves WuChow for tonkin with: Miss Mary Hartman (Tourane) , Mr John Olsen (Saigon), Raymond Jackson (Hai Phong), Irving Stebbins ((Saigon) & Marion Foster (to Tourane). “We must go forward” and double the strategic centers (Jaffray).
- Nov 11 – Armistice Day – only 4 or 5 remained in Tourane
1919
1919 – John Olsen moved from Southern China to start ministry to the 80,000 chinese along with several Christians – discovers some who found Christ in Southern China.
1921/2 Jaffray urges setting up a wage scale. “no preacher should be paid less than salary paid to government secretary. 25 piasters = \$12 (US). 10 to 20 Christians tithing should be able to support their pastor.

- ie Danang – support own pastor, build own churches, have own organization & offices and finally become entirely independent of us. “God will bless them and anoint them, even as He has you young men”. – p 103.

1925 – French language required before arrival on the field.

1926 – Hammond & Ellison arrived in Indochina – to Cambodia.

1926/7 – Faith Richards & Carlsens & Pruett

1928-1930: Ferry in My Tho – a rumor started that Christians did not have to pay the resented head tax required of all men. About 2,000 people came around to convert to Christianity. After the explanation most stayed, some fell away later. 7 churches grew out of this – including: Vinh Long

5.

Controversy – Executive Committee worried about growing too fast. – Jaffray put out the maps and insisted on moving forward. Equip by mentoring even though so many of the new Christians and missionaries were quite green.

Catholic opposition – p123.

