

Narrative Report For 1966

The year 1966 has been one of the most fruitful and active years of ministry among the Bahnar tribe. After years of sowing the seed we have been allowed to see some of the fruit. We trust and believe that this is some of the first-fruit, the earnest of what God will do for this tribe.

At the outset I would like to say that all of the work mentioned was done in close co-operation with the Gail Flemings.

We held two Short Term Bible Schools during the year with a total of 78 students. We also had two Bible Conferences. We participate in the pastoring of five unorganized Churches. We are very thankful that for most of the year Route 19 has been open and we have been able to have regular ministries in the villages of Flei Dolol and Kon Chrah. In the fall we also started regular services in the nearby village of Dak 'Dja. The Lord has blessed and by the end of the year we count 30 that have made a profession of faith in this village. We now count about 130 in Flei Dolol and 26 in Kon Chrah. These together with the other believers brings the total of Christians in the Bahnar tribe to approximately 230. Of these 55 have been baptized this year. This is an increase of 160 believers in the year 1966.

We now have three Bahnar Christian workers. One, Poh, a second year Bible School student in Bannethuot, is partially supported by offerings taken up among the five groups that meet regularly. My former language teacher, Long, works as an interpreter for Dr. Leuz at the V.N.C.S. hospital and has charge of our guest house. He is a dedicated and zealous Christian. Grup, a former Bible school student and pastor, now supports himself and shepherds a small group of believers in his village of Flei Bia. This village continues to disappoint us and needs much prayer.

We are thankful for the guest house that was built in the latter part of 1965. It has proved useful in many ways and many have received a witness for the Lord as a result of spending a night or two there.

In co-operation with the U.S. Army and Air Force chaplains in this area and material from USAID we were able to complete

at no cost to the mission a 16'x46' warehouse to use in storing relief goods and material. From different sources we have been able to give out many thousands of dollars of food and clothing to needy people this year. Certainly God provides for those in need.

The hymn-sing for the American service men continues to be a great blessing to us and we feel to the men who come. The average attendance is between 35 to 40 men each week with the peak reaching 70 just before Christmas.

Jeannie continues Vietnamese language study with the hope of finishing the second year course in June. Along with other missionary ladies she makes weekly visits to the Vietnamese military hospital. Several thousand tracts have been distributed along with a word of witness; many have signed decision cards and prayed with the local Vietnamese pastor.

God has been merciful to us and blessed us and caused His face to shine upon us. Though war is all around us we have never known a minute of real fear. We look forward to 1967 to be better than the year just past..

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