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HEADQUARTERS: WUCHOW, SO. CHINA

July 31, 1924.

Rev. D. I. Jeffrey,  
Tourane, Annam,  
French Indo-China.

Dear Brother Jeffrey:

I have owed you a letter for sometime, but you know what little time Conference leaves for letter writing. I have been pleased to receive yours of the 2nd and 24th June, and also yours of July 5th.

Thank you for your good wishes and congratulations on our release from the robbers. The Lord certainly has brought us all out wonderfully, and I believe without a small of fire upon us.

Brother Irwin forgot to send your letter on, but brought it with him. They had a good time, and I believe were all greatly benefitted by their stay in South China. I hope the folks will not be too hard on them for getting down south a little later than was expected.

We praise God with you for the good prospects in the Bible School. Long ere this you have had the \$500.00 on School account.

We have credited your personal account with \$45.00: also \$11.00 for embroidery on Mrs. Jaffray's account.

We are, as you request, discontinuing the subscription to The Bible Magazine for Mr. Quoe in your name.

I trust that the fuss about the American propaganda etc., in Hanoi has quieted down.

T too felt very sorry about the Grupes, but there seemed nothing else to do but to let them go home.

Thank you for yours of June 24th re: the

Tourane Annam,  
December 16th 1924.

Rev. W.C. Cadman,  
Rue de la Citadelle,  
Hanoi. Tonkin.

Dear Mr. Cadman;

Since replying to your letter of the 10th inst., this afternoon, I have not felt satisfied that I did right in refraining from mentioning one matter that has been on my heart. And since Thay Thua has been in to see me about the same thing I feel that I had better mention it.

In your letter you mention that the Hanoi church Committee had taken up the matter of Mr. Thai and that they were going to write Co Chu. Thay Thua tells me that Co Chu has received the letter and that he has read it, but Thua feels very badly that the charge has been made that the Tourane Church postponed the wedding, which is not true of course.

You will note that in my first letter this afternoon, I have suggested that personal friends of Thay Thai take up the matter of the marriage. And I wonder if it has been the wisest thing for your Committee to write this letter. I am quite convinced that your Committee's motive is praiseworthy but there is a danger of their action being misunderstood. The postponement of Thai's wedding was entirely a Bible School matter since I had been asked to conduct the ceremony, and the whole responsibility devolved on me personally. I quite agree that it was necessary for your Committee to consider the interests of the Hanoi church, but it does not look quite right for them to deal officially with this matter, especially as it involves Tourane and folks might think that they were going over our heads down here.

I did not intend to mention this matter until I had a chance to talk with you, as it is chiefly a subject that concerns the principles of Annamese church government, but since Thua had the same uneasy feeling that I had, I am constrained to mention it,

with best regards in His service,

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Battambang

Cambodge

4th Oct. 1924.

Dear Brother Jeffrey,

It has been my intention to write ever since our return to Battambang but have been kept busy as you may well understand after being away. Before you receive this letter no doubt Mrs Jeffrey will be back in Tourane much to your mutual joy. I do trust she may have had a real enjoyable and profitable visit round to the various stations. We were indeed sorry that she did not feel free to come on up to Battambang with us, but did not want to press her to do more than she felt she should. True the extra days ride up here is hard on one, especially when one has to turn round right away so to speak and go back. We made a good trip up here however, arriving about 5 P.M. and only having to pay \$3 each. The natives were going for \$2:50. When one thinks that the distance is 291 kilometres that price is ridiculously low, is it not?

We found everything going along quietly here. Our Cambodian neighbors while not showing very much interest in the Gospel seemed to be glad to see us back again. We feel that only continuous waiting upon God will cause a "break" to come here. We are seeking to pray down the blessing which shall result in the real conversion of many. You will help us I am sure. Both Khanh and Sott are going along steadily. The former shows real initiative, which I am sure you will be glad to hear. True the number of those who are taking a stand for Christ is small at the present but we are confident that the seed sown is going to bring forth fruit soon. We are planning to go down to Bac Prea soon. This is a place near the Great Lake where the majority of the population is Annamese. We have had many interested enquirers from there and feel that God is leading us to establish regular meetings possibly down there for the Annamese.

While at Pnom Penh we were successful in finding a new language teacher. He seems a nice fellow and I believe his heart is open. Pray for him that he may soon make a stand for Christ. Muriel is studying with him exclusively for the present, with the exception of half an hour each day, which is given to Thay Khanh who seems to want to learn Cambodian. This past week I have been preparing an outline of the subjects to be taught in the Cambodian Bible School, and have made a start in the preparation. The great difficulty is that we have no part of the Bible in the language which necessitates the translation of all passages and verses to be used. Hope to start teaching in perhaps a couple of weeks even if Ock Sott is the only one to study at the beginning. In that case we will only study part of the day, the other part being devoted to preparation and to active evangelization.

Have not yet a contract with the owner of the house tho' have had a talk with him. He will rent for a period of ten years but wants \$30, True that is the amount we have paid up to now, but the old man told us \$25 before and now has put up his price, so I refused to make the contract. I feel we are safe in leaving the matter a little while and perhaps he will come round and be willing to sell in the long run. We have already

heard some of our neighbors talk that way, for of course every one knows every bodies business. Just as I have been writing this I have been interrupted however by a Chinese who had been sent by the proprietaire of the house to look over the necessary repairs. That looks as if he was going to do his part in repairing the house tho we have not yet signed a contract. Evidently he expects us to, sooner or later.

I am enclosing you a letter which I think will be interesting to you also the two English pounds sterling of which the writer speaks. He wrote to me some time ago asking about the work and suggesting that the Sunday School of which he is the Superintendant should send a gift to the work. I suggested that it be made to the Bible School. It will interest you to know that this Sunday School is called "The Ragged School Mission" that gives you an idea of its nature. I had some of my first experiences in the Service of the Lord there.

Excuse more now. Muriel joins me in sending greetings and love in the Lord to all at Tourane. Trusting that Mr Smith is completely re-established in health and that you are all well as we are,

Yours in His blessed service,

*David*