

Mission Evangélique,
Haiphong November 13, 1922.

Dear Brother Ivory:

Your letter written on the train to Hue is still unanswered. I am so glad that your trip was in some measure successful, and that soon you will be holding regular meetings in Faifoo. Thank you also for the report of the School work for the first month. I am much interested in the School, and pray often for you and the students. If we can get Spirit-filled men who know the Bible, then the Annamese Church can evangelize Tonkin and Annam even if the Government does not give permission. In that respect it may be an advantage that the country is closed if the native Christians get a burden for their own people and do the work. They may get at it quicker than they would if we could go.

At present I have two candidates for the January term of School. One is Thay Ap, age 30, from the province of Ha-dong. He and his brother came and prayed since we came back. Thank brought them in. The younger brother is in the Professional School at Ha-ly. Thay Ap failed in his entrance exams. When he said he wanted to go to School, I explained all about it and advised him to find work and save money till School begins in January. For a time he found no work, but now he is working for Bach Thai Bui at 16 piastres per month. Some time ago he brought another fellow named Tam Tau, who also wants to attend School. Ap knows the Chinese character well, but is rather slow on the Quoc ngu. I told him that he would need to know something about the Bible before you would accept him. By a general knowledge of the Bible I would say one should know the Books of the Bible in order, and the Chatechism. You mentioned being able to read and write fast. How much else should a candidate know? The next time I see Ap I shall remind him that he must study. He has been to the inquirers' class frequently, and takes a great interest. When I see a fellow bring another, I begin to think he is the right kind, even if he does not seem so smart outwardly as some others. I rather think he does not know enough to come to School as yet, but he asked me to write to you. When does the Second term begin? He may make wonderful progress between now and then. He seems very anxious to study, and I am anxious to see Tonkinese men in School. The more of them, the better I shall be pleased.

Ap's friend, Tau, also wishes to come to School. He is 19 years of age, and reads and writes French and Quoc Ngu well. Formerly he worked on a mine in the interior, keeping books I suppose, and drew 30.00 piastres per month. Now he works for a French import and export company whose office is on Bd. Paul Bert, opposite the Cinema, the Banque Industrielle, and Denis Frères' hardware store. I imagine he gets as much or more there, than he got before. He seems like a meek little fellow, and I feel sure he could study and keep up all right if only he could get a good foundation of general Bible knowledge. He has been to several of the inquirers classes. I am teaching them Phuoc Am Yeu Chi.

Our teacher has led a few to Christ, and has brought many to the Chapel or the house, but I am praying that he may change his mind and come to School in January. It would be losing a good helper to us, for he helps Mrs. Jackson very much indeed in the Children's class, and he has done some preaching. He seems to have a gift for teaching children the S. S. lesson, and he preaches very well.

Please give me any advice you have to offer. I am anxious to have these men study, and yet I do not wish to have them make extra work for you if they are not prepared to keep pace with your other students.

Mrs. Jackson joins me in sending kindest regards to you and Mrs. Jeffrey. Remember me to Ferry. Yours sincerely, R. M. Jackson

Mrs. Anderson spent a week with us, a week with the girls in Hanoi, and then another week with us. They left here on Thursday and from Hanoi on Saturday arriving home tonight. Mr. Davis has come from Shanghai, and it is probable that Messrs Anderson & Waterman will go with him to Szechwan for 5 or 6 months. R. M. J.

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