

An Urgent Need

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." French Indo-China is the greatest task God ever gave the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Have you grasped the significance of the truth in the tract, "Broadcasting," that to our society God has entrusted the evangelization of 50,000,000 souls? Do you realize that 20,000,000 of that number live in Annam of French Indo-China? One of the reasons for founding the Christian and Missionary Alliance was to take the Gospel to Annam, the old name of what is now called French Indo-China. It is the only field where sole responsibility is placed in our hands to evangelize three nations, the Annamese, the Cambodians and the Laosians.

Are we accomplishing the task? Listen to a few facts.

Up to 1918 we had occupied only two stations, Tourane in Annam, and Hanoi in Tonkin. Aggressive evangelistic work has gone on for the past seven years, but we have just touched the fringe of the problem. At present there are twenty-eight regular missionaries for that field. Seven are now on furlough and four leaving this spring, leaving but seventeen missionaries to carry on the work. This leaves less than one missionary to evangelize a million souls. We are actually able to work among about one million souls with our present staff of workers. No new missionary has reached our field for two years. At our present rate of working it will take many years to accomplish the task. The challenge is to our society. No other society is planning to enter this virgin soil, a country open and ready to receive the Gospel. It is a call to earnest prayer, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Prayer, mighty prayer, alone will avail to bring about the desire of the Lord of Harvests.

Five couples are now looking to God for their outfit, transportation and support. Pray for them. It costs \$18,000.00 to support three missionary couples for five years in French Indo-China. With



The Stebbins Family in Native (Annamese) Costume

an automobile, and a staff of Spirit-filled native workers, one missionary couple could do the work of three couples. The support of one couple for five years is \$6,000.00. One thousand will buy a French auto, which is the price of a Ford in French Indo-China. For \$10,000.00 one could do with one couple what three couples could do for \$18,000.00. Good automobile roads run in all directions in French Indo-China. God is leading the missionaries to look to the native church for the speedy evangelization of their own field. Ten missionary couples are needed at once to hold what God has given us and to occupy strategic centers, and five couples additional each year for the next five years if we are to do the task God has given us. But God! "But prayer! Concerning the work of my

hands command ye me." "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish *but that all should come to a knowledge of the truth.*"

This is our largest field in the Alliance. What are we going to do? Pray for these five couples under appointment that God will send them forth, pray that God will give money to supply automobiles for every station. Ten thousand dollars will equip every present station. Pray that God will call out many native evangelists to work among their own people. Pray that Tonkin and Annam, two closed provinces, representing 12,000,000 souls, may be opened for the preaching of the Gospel.

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