

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
IN HISTORY OF MISSIONS
IN VIET NAM

- 1627 Portuguese Jesuits entered Tonkin (North Viet Nam)
- 1856 Murder of Spanish Catholic Bishop Diaz at Hue (Central Viet Nam), led to French military intervention.
- 1887 The French organized the federal government of Indo-China composed of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochin China (present day Viet Nam), and Cambodia and Laos.
- Dr. A.B. Simpson wrote in the WORD, WORK, AND WORLD: "The great kingdom of Annam should be occupied for Christ. Why should it not along with Tibet, be looked forward to as one of the earliest fields of new aggression by the people of God?"
- 1896 Rev. C.H. Baerwae, Alliance missionary crossed over into Tonkin from South China
- 1898- 1910 Continued probing attacks made by So. China Alliance missionaries into Viet Nam. Contact made with Vietnamese at Lung Chow, Alliance station in So. China, near Tonkin border.
- 1911 So. China Alliance missionaries Jaffray, Hosler, and Hughes negotiated for house in Tourane, Viet Nam. An appeal was made to home constituency for \$1,000.00 to rent house and maintain two missionaries in Viet Nam for one year.
- July South China Conference appointed Hughes and Hosler to study French in preparation for beginning work in Viet Nam. Alliance Foreign Board cabled, "Wait."
- One of the two recruits for Viet Nam, Rev. G.L. Hughes died of heart attack in Hong Kong.
- Sept. 1st, Paul Hosler took up residence in Tourane, Viet Nam.
- Sept. 18 Hosler received cable from Jaffray stating that Foreign Board had cabled to "Proceed."
- Dec. Hosler baptized first Protestant convert in Viet Nam
- 1913 Hosler began work on Gospel of Mark in Annamese character.
- 1915 Missionary staff totaled 9. First missionary conference was held with Dr. R.H. Glover, Foreign Sec'y. of C.S.M.A. and Rev. Isaac Hess, Chr. of So. China Alliance Mission as speakers.
- World War I in progress
- Dec. - French Government prohibited Protestant missionary work among the Vietnamese. Five of the nine missionaries returned to America.
- 1916 Jaffray visited French Governor-General and received permission for missionaries to work in Haiphong, Hanoi, Tourane, and Saigon.
- 1918 Alliance missionary made survey trip into Cambodia from Viet Nam.
- 1919 Church of fifty Christians at Tourane took on support of their own pastor.
- 1921 Bible School was begun at Tourane in building formerly used as horse stable.
- Field statistics: Missionaries 22
 Main stations 5
 Out stations 2
 Church members 183
 Baptisms during yr. 79
- 1923 Two Alliance missionary couples became first Protestants to establish work in Cambodia.
- 1926 First complete Bible published in Annamese language.
Alliance missionaries made survey trip into northern Laos. Southern Laos was occupied by Swiss Brethern missionaries.
Tourane Bible School students made missionary pledge for support of student in Wuchow Bible School, So. China

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- 1927 Local churches organized into National Church body.
First class graduated from Tourane Bible School
- 1929 First Alliance missionary established residence in the Kingdom of Laos.
First work was begun among the aboriginal tribes people of Viet Nam
- 1930 The School for Missionaries Children was established at Dalat, Viet Nam
and Field Conference held at this site for the first time.
Government permission given for the launching of first Bible Magazine in
Vietnamese language
- 1933 First church made up of tribal Christians organized at Dalat
- 1938 Dec. 31st statistics for combined fields of Viet Nam, Cambodia, East Siam:
Land area- 343,000 sq. miles
Population- 27,954,121
Churches and outstations- 217
Baptisms in '38- 1,117
Ordained national pastors- 39
Missionaries- 68
- 1940 Dec. Japanese attack Pearl Harbor. U.S.A. enters World War II. Missionaries
interned.
- 1945 V.J. Day, Sept. 2nd
- 1946 Missionaries reenter Viet Nam
Nov. 21- Indo China War begins at Hanoi with fighting between French and
Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh forces.
- 1951 Radio Ministry begun in Vietnamese language
- 1954 July 20 Indo China armistice agreements concluded at Geneva. Viet Nam
partitioned at the 17th parallel with the North going to the Communist-led
Viet Minh. Cambodia and Laos become independent States.
- 1955 Jan. 1 The Alliance field of Indo China reorganized in to four autonomous
fields- Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, and Tribes of Viet Nam.