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A picturesque spot on the Cambodian coast —>

THAT THEY MIGHT COME

"Jesus stood and cried saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." John 7:37

THE REV. L. L. KING VISITS CAMBODIA

Saturday morning, September 15th, a large group of nationals and missionaries extended a most cordial welcome to Rev. L. L. King as he stepped off the plane at Pochentong Airport in Cambodia. This was Mr. King's first visit to our field of Cambodia. A program had been previously prepared to include every important station in his itinerary. This visit, to be followed according to plan, would not come under the category of a sight-seeing trip! Mr. King was on the move and at work from the time his feet first touched Cambodian soil. Saturday afternoon and evening there were conferences with missionaries and the national chairman. Sunday morning three services were crowded together, one following after the other, allowing only sufficient time to move from one section of the city to another place of worship. Following a hasty dinner, Mr. King with the field chairman headed toward Battambang, 180 miles distant, where an evening service was to be conducted.

The next morning the program called for a trip to the outstation of Chandoer Swa, involving a hike through mud and water, four miles round trip, plus a bumpy ride in an English type Jeep. The Christian group was grateful for this visit and invited the missionary party to share their noon meal, Cambodian style. Back at Battambang, a quick shower to remove the mud, then another five hour drive back to Phnom Penh completed the day.

Early Tuesday morning, Mr. King, the chairman, and also the national chairman took to the road once again, visiting successively Kompong Thom on Tuesday, Kompong Cham on Wednesday, Kratie Thursday and Friday, finally arriving back in Phnom Penh Friday evening, covering on that hop almost six hundred miles. Kampot, our most southern station, was scheduled for Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Returning to Phnom Penh Sunday afternoon, Mr. King spoke to the combined missionary staff. Next day there were conferences with the national workers and the missionaries. Speaking to a special conference, Mr. King brought valuable council and advice. He was instrumental in helping solve several perplexing problems, the issue of which could have resulted in rather serious consequences for our work on the field. Tuesday afternoon found Mr. King still busy answering questions and helping solve our problems, right up to the time of departure. Then

bidding us all farewell, he boarded the plane for Saigon at a quarter to six, Tuesday evening.

In conclusion, it can be said that Mr. King's visit was timely and opportune. Our self-support program was receiving its setbacks. National workers were discontented and some on the verge of giving up their churches. The missionaries were not in complete agreement as to the procedure in settling the difficulties. Mr. King walked into our midst under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and with the skillful use of the Word of God, he was able to guide us in our thinking and decisions, thus clearing the atmosphere considerably. To the Board of Managers and our constituency, we, the missionaries of Cambodia, wish to express our sincere appreciation for sending our brother King to us at this time.

Harold Sechrist

THE CHINESE CHURCH IN CAMBODIA

"Faith and fervor amidst fear and frustration."

The Chinese are a remarkable people. They have



A group of missionaries and Christian nationals greeting Mr. King, the new Foreign Secretary.

a prominent history of several thousand years, filled with impressive events, some capricious, others commanding respect. Doubtless their idolatry, demon worship, and materialistic selfishness of the past and present continue to draw God's judgment against them. However the Lord of the universe, Who on occasion considers the nations of earth as a drop in a bucket, is not unmindful of this numerous,

noteworthy people, and has included them in His Plan of Redemption. He is calling out a people for His Name from among them, both on the mainland and also scattered throughout Southeast Asia and the world.

Those Chinese that are scattered beyond the borders of the mainland, are having a good opportunity to hear the pure Gospel of Christ and many are being made conscious that spiritual values are of chief importance. True, there are still millions who are steeped in satanic blindness, whether it be the cloaks of religious quackery, or the robes of egoistical materialism, which causes them to continue pell-mell in heedless abandon, seeking satisfaction and security, but always sooner or later arriving on the shores of dashed hopes. Yet among the vicissitudes of life, especially in recent years, many of them are doing some serious thinking and finding that the Christ of Christianity is not some symbol of western Christianity, but truly the Son of God, Whose

salvation embraces all peoples, and that He alone can save and satisfy.

The battle for men's minds and souls and bodies continues, and the insidious, materialistic, atheistic doctrine and propaganda from the mainland and its "big brother" farther north is increasing and now fast spreading throughout Southeast Asia lands and peoples.

But praise God, the Spirit and Word of the Lord are not bound, and they continue to work in hearts to cause transformations, with a turning to the truth and the worship of the living Lord. In spite of uneasiness and anxiety because of local governments taking action which further brings economic embarrassment and instability, people are boasting in the Lord, and are determined that nothing shall dampen their faith and zeal as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

The last Lord's Day of August, the Chinese Church in Phnom Penh had a banner day, as twenty-five followed the Lord in the rite of baptism, most of them young people. *Pray for these, that they in turn shall be bold witnesses to influence others to renounce*



The twenty-five recently baptized Christians of the Chinese Church, Phnom Penh.

that which is vain, and enter into vital relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. After two years the Church here is still waiting for the government to sell it land on which to erect a suitable house of worship. They still meet in cramped and inconvenient quarters in a Chinese schoolroom, with at least 100 at worship service, and another 100 children at Sunday School in an adjoining room. We marvel at their spirit of enduring such disheartening situations, but again we must admit that they are an admirable, extraordinary people. And we believe that better days, and greater things are coming to and through this people in the future. Let's keep on praying for them and working together with them for a greater harvest of souls from among them.

A. G. Kowles

THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN SPECIAL SESSION

Owing to the furlough of Rev. & Mrs. Harry M. Taylor, who have been in charge of the Bible School for a number of years, we were assigned to this

work for the first semester, September through November 1956. Instead of going to Ta Khmau and leaving our vast district which now consists of the three provinces of Kompong Cham, Prey Veng and Svai Rieng, with a total population of one million and a quarter souls, we have brought the five students to Kompong Cham instead. In this way we are holding regular classes with the help of Mr. Kong, the Bible School teacher, who commutes from Ta Khmau, and at the same time we are maintaining the work of evangelism in the area.

Classes are being held in our home but a house directly across the road from the mission compound has been rented as a dormitory for the students. Besides the regular classes, the students are helping in evangelistic projects, such as house to house leaflet distribution, and colportage work. We solicit your earnest prayers for them, that they may be filled with the Spirit and be greatly used of God for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the church in Kompong Cham. Following this first semester they will be assigned to various districts to continue practical training under the direction of other missionaries.

If "one shall chase a thousand and two put ten to flight", then our five students with God, should be expected to do great exploits as "Christ works in and through them with mighty signs and wonders by the Spirit of God." (Romans 15:18-19)

David and Muriel Ellison.

WITNESSING LAYMEN

"I was sort of scared on that first Sunday afternoon as I entered the yards of the first and second homes, but after that, it was all joy." This is the testimony of one of our laymen who has been helping with house to house tract distribution on Sunday afternoons. A schoolteacher remarked to him that day, "I see you have wandered away from the religion of your people." He answered, "Yes, I did wander—wandered far away from my creator, but now I have returned." Hearing that, the teacher invited him to his home; led him to it some distance off on a side road; asked many questions about the Lord Jesus and the way of salvation, and finally bought some gospels and books. After visiting the same section for the third Sunday afternoon in a row, he came back bubbling over with great joy. He said, "People were actually waiting, hoping I would come along, and they asked me so many, many questions. I thank the Lord so very much for helping me to know how to answer them so easily." At least four other laymen and laywomen in our province are experiencing similar joy in witnessing. While witnessing, these people are invariably asked, "Does the American mission pay you to preach?" The answer, "No", seems to be a powerful keyword that opens the hearts of many in a new way.

Joseph E. Doty

THE LITTLE ONES FOR JESUS

"Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He, Jesus, took them up in His arms and blessed them. Children never need to be pleaded with or dragged to Jesus. They love to hear of Him, and when they learn of Him their hearts go out to Him in simple trust. All they need is gentle leading. So Jesus said, "Allow them to come unto me... of such is the kingdom of heaven."

I know there are some who think there is too much effort being put forth to build up Sunday Schools, have Bible Clubs, and children's meetings, but these bring everlasting results. How old were you when you were saved? A child saved helps make up most of the church of tomorrow.

Come with me to the last Sunday night meeting of the youth conference, held this year at Ta Khmau. Fifty-two young people, boys and girls fifteen and over, have been there for three weeks. Two were saved during the classes. But this last Sunday night found them all at the altar, seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit. They got up from their knees, faces beaming with the joy of the Lord. The testimonies brought tears of joy to all of our eyes. All were saved when real young. Where are they all today?

On one station, who is that young lad leading the Sunday School, face wreathed with smiles? He is the grandson of a former pastor, now with the Lord. He does not live home for his parents are separated, each remarried. He is praying for them. This young man has dedicated his life to the Lord's service. He is a firebrand for the Lord, always witnessing and trying to win souls to his Master. In that same church is another, the leader of the young people's group. He is gifted, fearless in witnessing, and he too, has dedicated his life to the Lord's service.

On another station we find three brothers, all saved and living Christ before their parents. When the oldest was saved several years ago, the father thought, "I have nine other children; if this one is dead to me, for he has accepted Jesus, the other nine will care for me." Two more boys from among those nine have accepted Christ for the oldest brother lead them to Him.

Do you want to meet some others? Turn on your radio twice a day; tune in on the Far East Broadcast and you will hear a beautiful voice singing praises to the Lamb of God. This young man expects to enter Bible School next year. He is leader of the young people here in the capital city. And his brother? When a little boy, he would weep, asking Jesus every meeting to make him just like Jesus. He is

a fearless witness for His Lord and Savior. Just this past week he was the means of leading two young lads to accept Christ. Others had sown the seed, but this young lad followed them until they finally yielded their hearts and lives to the Lord.

These are only a few of those who met the Lord. The others are busy for Him too, and leading others to Christ. They were all saved when tiny children. There are tens of thousands of other boys and girls who still do not know Jesus as Savior. Meetings are being held in many places for them, but we need more workers. These youths are filling that need, and we covet your prayers for them. You would love the boys and girls of this land as you look into those dark, beautiful eyes; but you need to look deeper, that is into their hearts which are dark with sin, for they need Jesus too. Pray for the children of Cambodia this Christmas season. Esther Hammond

A FIRST AND A LAST CHANCE TO HEAR

The proprietor of an eating place in the city of Kompong Thom had had ample opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Several times each week, for a year or so, I had gone to a shady street corner in town, out of the way of business, where I preached Christ from the tailgate of my station wagon. This restaurant owner had heard me preach, how many times I cannot say, and had also received Christian literature to read.

I am reminded that it was just last Saturday morning, one of the Christians was eating noodles and drinking coffee at the place, as he had been accustomed to doing from time to time. The restaurant owner got to talking with him and questioned him as to why it was that he never ordered liquor or cigarettes as others commonly did. The Christian was delighted for such an open opportunity to bear witness of how the Lord Jesus had saved him from sin and the binding power of intoxicants, and explained to him the way of salvation. The well-to-do restaurant owner voluntarily admitted that the way of Christianity was certainly good, whereupon the Christian invited him to give his heart and life to the Lord Jesus, and accept His salvation, even as he had done some years before. But the restaurant owner's answer was "Wait and see!" That very night he suddenly died, though he had had no known sickness.

It makes us want to weep for this one who had ample chance. But what of those yet teeming multitudes, and some whole language groups, that have not yet had even one chance? — "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest."

J. E. Doty



The Naga (seven headed dragon) is portrayed in sculpture everywhere

HOW MANY DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS ?

Christmas comes slowly for children. The preceding months drag by and the last 24 hours are filled with excitement and expectation of receiving the wanted treasures. For grownups, the months between Christmases fly by swiftly and as they count off the days, parents often wish that there were more than 24 hours in each day to prepare for the holiday. And then Christmas comes! Small faces glow with delight as the gifts are received and the older folks relax and enjoy it too.

Have you ever thought what it must have meant to God, when after centuries of waiting, the first Christmas dawned? God spent years in preparation for that day. The time seemed long to man who hoped for a redeemer but how brief it must have seemed to God who was sending His Son to die for the sins of the world. The unspeakable gift was given and how costly it was to the Father who saw Bethlehem in the shadow of the cross of Calvary. God gave that greatest gift on that first Christmas morn and you

and I have with joy received the wonderful gift of free salvation.

But what of those who are still waiting? They have gone through many days, months, and sometimes years of preparation to receive the gift of freedom from sin and yet Christmas has never dawned for them. Why? Because we who have the good news are so slow in getting it to them. Thousands in Cambodia are still waiting! Will you not pray that soon they might share the joy of Christmas with you, knowing their sins forgiven and receiving eternal life through God's Christmas gift to the world, His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ ?

Lavinia McCart

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

There was no other good enough

To pay the price of sin —

He only could unlock the gates

Of heav'n and let us in.