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GOD'S MARTYRS By Lowell Holmgren

Words fail but the heart-beat of the Alliance constituency throbs as one as God's people gather for intercession. Upon hearing the agonizing news of our missionaries' plight in war-torn Viet Nam, pastors called



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their people to pray. Prayer was made for the uncertain future of those besieged and for the families for those who had been slain. District Superintendent, said, "God answered before we prayed and delivered the men, women, and children at Dalat. Praise the Lord."

Viet Nam has been a productive field for the Alliance. Thousands know Jesus Christ as Savior because of the concerned efforts of our missionaries. That some should die is certainly in His hands. But, we sorrow. We weep as a Society that has gone this way before, and is willing to go this way again. No man understands... yet no man questions the sovereign will of Almighty God in receiving six of His missionaries so suddenly into His presence.

May we be tutored in prayer that those who remain in Viet Nam to labor may depend upon the shoring up of intercession forces in the homeland. May we also search for the response in our own hearts that will see young people give themselves to stand in the gap caused by death. The Bible indicates that in the last days God will speak to His church through martyrs' blood. May the sequel to their dying bring a concerted thrust against the forces of darkness that keep needy people from the revelation of God's love. May sinners know that the Christian church is not detoured by the grave. May Christians know that it is the prerogative of Deity to do as He will with those who will serve Him without reservation.

The district family is deeply affected as many of the missionaries had friends and relatives in the area. May we faithfully pledge to uphold them in prayer, not just for today or tomorrow, but until Jesus comes.



Carolyn R. Griswold, of White Plains, New York. Miss Griswold died of wounds suffered during the Viet Cong onslaught.



Mr. and Mrs. N. Robert Ziemer, Beth, Robert, and Miriam. Mr. Ziemer was killed and Mrs. Ziemer seriously wounded.



Ruth M. Wilting, R. N. slain at the Banmethuot Leprosarium where she was a nurse.



Betty Olson, R. N. Miss Olson, the child of missionary parents to the Ivory Coast, is reported missing. Prayer by God's people is requested for her deliverance.



Rev. and Mrs. C. Edward Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson died at Banmethuot. They leave five children, Judy Anne, David, Dale, Laurel, and Thomas.