

St. Paul, the greatest missionary, said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." I am happy to tell you that we have proved in French Indo-China that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Notice that it does not say education. Education is fine in its place, but that is not the power of God unto salvation. I praise God that we have seen, proven and known that the power of God unto salvation is the preaching of the Gospel.

Previous to 1911 there was not a missionary preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in French Indo-China. Praise God, there are now twenty-nine preaching the Gospel. Whereas in 1918 there were forty-five Christians, there are now about 1,000 who have been saved by the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I want to tell you about one young man in whose life the Gospel of Jesus Christ has had its right of way. In 1922 we opened an outstation near Saigon. In that village no one had heard the Gospel. One night, after service, a young man came up to the platform and told me he had heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time that night, that he believed it, and that he accepted it. Remember, he heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time, believed it, and accepted it. This young man decided to become a Christian there and then. But the devil was not going to let him go as easy as that. He returned to his home. His father had died. He had an old mother living and his wife and children. He said, "Mother, I am going to be a Christian." His mother said, "No, you are not." "Yes, I am." "You are not," she said. "I am" was his reply. She became very angry and accused him of unfilial piety, saying that he was simply casting away his ancestors in that he would not worship them any more. But he was determined to become a Christian, and he said, "Mother, if you are not satisfied to have me in the home as a Christian, I will be glad to turn the family over to you." The mother said, "All right, if you are so determined to become a Christian, but I am going to continue to worship ancestors." It was not long after he became a Christian that he brought his wife and oldest daughter, then his sister and brother-in-law; later, another sister and brother-in-law, and finally his old mother to the Lord Jesus Christ. I wish you could see the face of that old woman today. She is old and has hardly a tooth in her mouth, but her face is aglow with the love of Jesus. It is a benediction to go into that home. Every one in that family has become a Christian through that young man.

He was not satisfied to get his immediate family, but he went out and got his father-in-law. He could neither read nor write. His son-in-law sat down by his side and told him the story of Jesus and His love, precept upon precept, line upon line, until his father-in-law believed. Then his mother-in-law became a Christian, and later on he brought other friends

to the Lord Jesus Christ until, by the time I left, he had brought into the church no less than sixteen people. "The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

In French Indo-China there are thousands of

young men like that who are waiting. Waiting for what? Waiting for you to take this Gospel to them. Up in Tongking, Annam, Cambodia, Cochin China, Laos, there are 22,000,000 people waiting for you.

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*Account of the conversion of
a man in Lai-thue outstation*

*group conversion
- via family*