

Langson, Tonkin.  
French Indo China.  
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Dear Mrs. Rees:

It is such a long time ago since we have heard from you that it almost seems like ages. Possibly you are saying the same thing about us, so if you will forgive us we will forgive you! Really, we often thought of you, but just thoughts will never get any news over to Long Island. We have been so busy that all our dear friends are patiently waiting for an answer to their letters.

We have been away from Langson for nearly two months as we went to attend Native Conference in Hanoi and then on to Dalat for the Annual Missionary Conference.

First of all let me tell you a little about the Native Conference. The Hanoi Church was too small so they put up a large bamboo building next to the church that seated about five hundred. The meetings were well attended and at night just packed to the doors with several hundred standing out on the compound waiting for an opportunity to get in, but the getting in was impossible. To overcome this difficulty so everybody could hear the Gospel, we hooked up a loudspeaker and everybody heard. Many gave their hearts to the Lord during these meetings and the lives of the Christians were deepened.

The morning prayer meeting was supposed to start at six o'clock, but there were so many people gathered in the tabernacle at five thirty they started the meeting at that hour. Can you imagine starting a prayer meeting a half hour ahead of time. As a rule back home they start a half hour late because the people don't come. It would stir your hearts to hear them pray and many pleading with the Lord with tears flowing down their cheeks, asking the Lord to save this one or that. I say, they were blessed days and one of the best conferences we ever had. We believe God has even greater blessings in store for the work in Indo China.

From Hanoi we went to Dalat where again the Lord met us and poured His spirit down upon each one of us. They were days of heart searching and being drawn closer to the Lord. We did not have any special speaker this year, but the Lord did a lot of special speaking to each one of us.

It was hard for us to leave Dalat because we had to leave Esther there. The school for the children is there as you no doubt know and it was high time Esther started her studies. You can just about picture how we felt when we left and then come back home in Langson to an empty house. However, the Lord has made it up, nevertheless we miss her just the same. She is nearly 1200 miles from us. This is the sacrifice we make, but do it gladly for the salvation of lost souls.

Mrs. Van Hine's heart was saddened on the 25th of March when she received word from home that her Mother left to be with the Lord. It was so sudden that it was a shock to us. The Lord has comforted us with His presence and His blessed Word during the dark hour of bereavement.

Mr. & Mrs. Phien are still with us in Langson and doing noble work. They are a fine consecrated couple and we love them dearly.

Recently I made a trip in the bush to Binh Gia to open up that important Tho center. I went to install the first Tho evangelist with his wife and since I came back I received word that one tribesman has already accepted the Lord. Pray that many more will come to Jesus and find the peace that alone

can be found in Jesus.

My, what a surprise to receive so many cards from you. It was like a shower and reminded us of the package shower we received when farewelling from Brooklyn. May the Lord bless you for sending us so many cards as we always need so many in the children's work. We sure do appreciate them and cannot thank you enough.

We have'nt heard from Miss Birch lately as she always sent us a lot of news of the Tabernacle. Is she well?

The "Call" is being sent out today and we are sending you a few copies. Please give the Pastor his copy as we do not know his address. The last time we sent it the Post Office sent his copy back to us. The "Call" will give you a lot of frsh news direct from Indo China, so I will cut this letter short and try and get a few more off tonight.

Please remember us to all the dear friends of the Tabernacle. We could not start naming them as we would not know were to begin and where to stop because we love each and everyone of them. Tell them we are very sorry we have been silent so long, but due to the work and being away it was just impossible.

The erection of the new church is slowly in progress according to the funds we receive the work goes on. Pray that the full amount may be soon in to completely finish the building.

With kindest regards and Christian love we are,

Your representatives for Him in Indo China,

*Mr & Mrs J. Van Hise*