

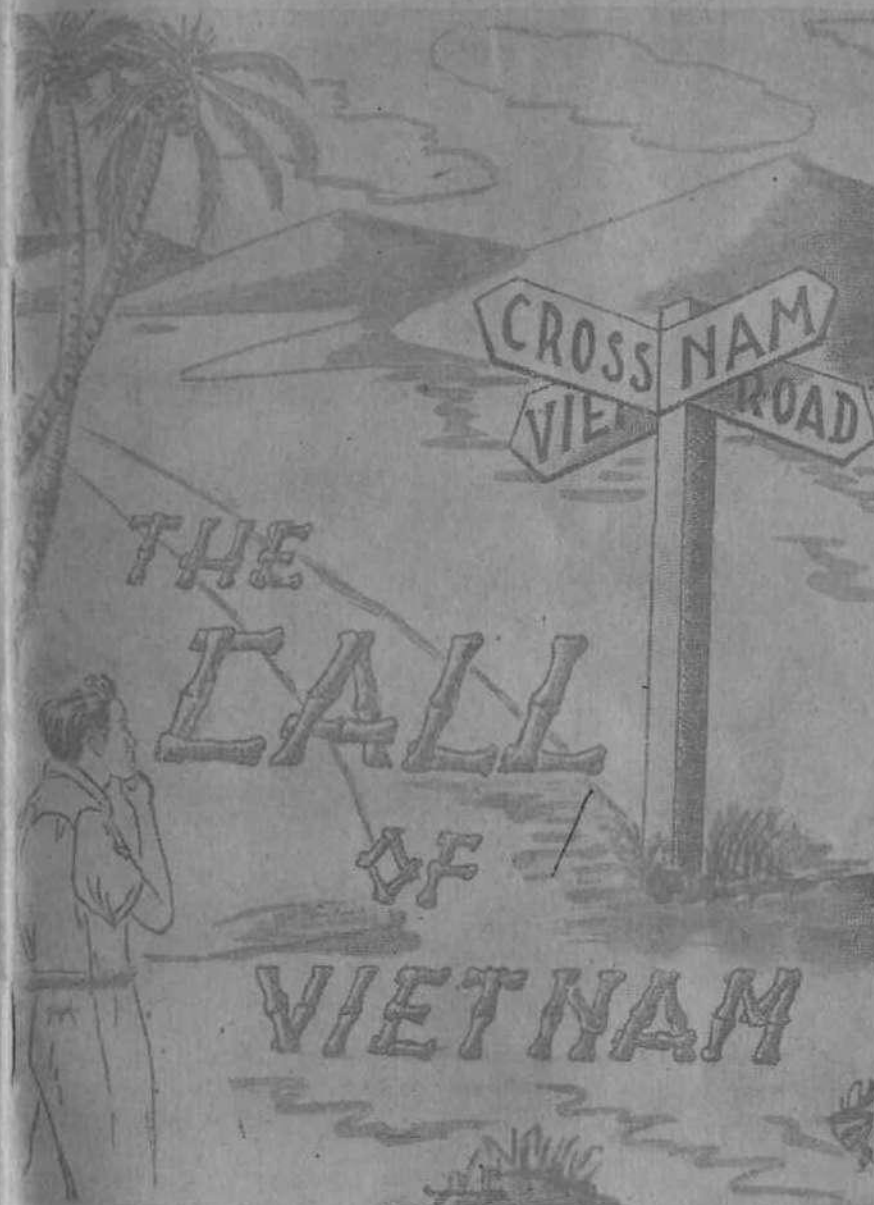
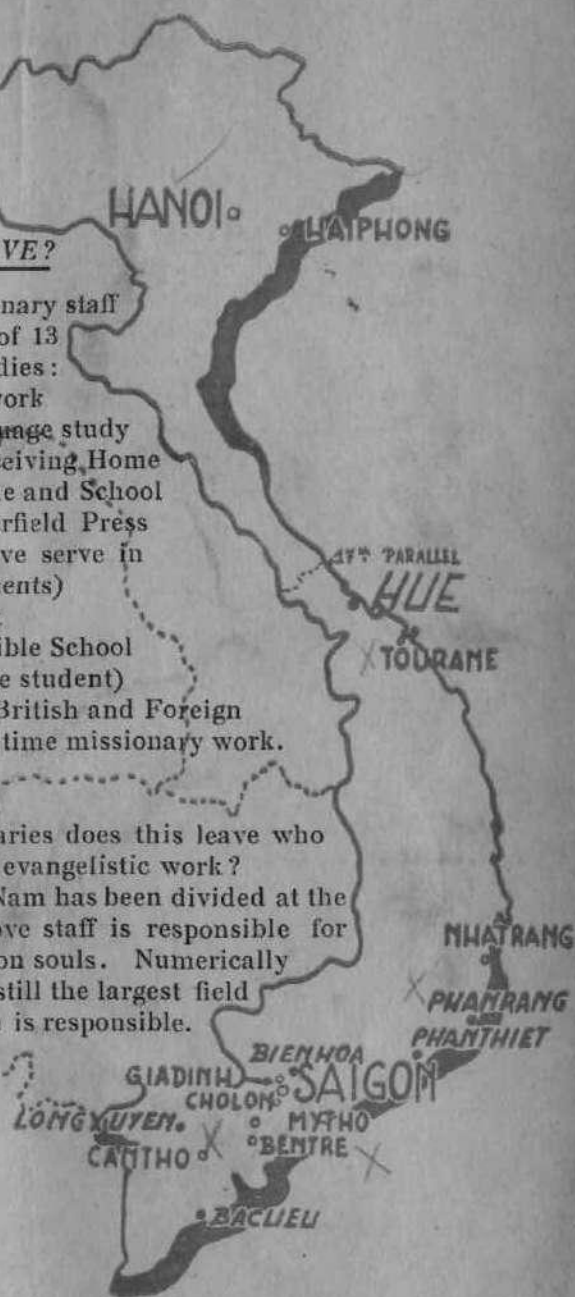
HOW DO THEY SERVE?

The present missionary staff on the field consists of 13 couples and 3 single ladies:

- 2 couples, Chinese work
- 1 lady, Chinese language study
- 1 couple, Saigon Receiving Home
- 1 couple, Dalat Home and School
- 1 couple, Dalat Interfield Press (the 3 couples above serve in interfield appointments)
- 1 couple, radio work
- 1 couple, Tourane Bible School
- 1 secretary (language student)
- 1 couple on loan to British and Foreign Bible Society, part time missionary work.
- 4 language students
- 1 lady, literary work

How many missionaries does this leave who are free to do full-time evangelistic work?

Even though Viet-Nam has been divided at the 17th parallel, the above staff is responsible for approximately 12 million souls. Numerically speaking, Viet-Nam is still the largest field for which the Alliance is responsible.



THE COVER

For over 8 long years the land of Viet-Nam has been torn by war and strife. At last peace has come, but at what a price! Viet-Nam is now divided at the 17th parallel, with the northern section under the control of the Communists. Today this land is standing at the Crossroads. What next? What does the future hold? If ever there was a time when we must put everything into the struggle to win the souls of men, it is now. We depend upon your interest and prayers during this time of all-out effort to complete the Bride of Christ. While the opportunity presents itself, our task is to EVANGELIZE!!

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The SPEARHEAD OF EVANGELISM

What ministry has the printed page had in a land that until two months ago was torn and divided many-fold by war and political ideologies? What of the future?

Political barriers may shift geographically, but the printed page is still a missionary that can go into areas where no man is permitted to speak for Christ. Recently a French pastor captured at Dien Bien Phu was released. He showed us his Bible which had gone into internment with him. There he divided it to share with Catholic priests and fellow-countrymen who were prisoners with him. Conversation between them was not permitted, but the printed Word had its ministry. In Hanoi, a German Legionnaire recently received a copy of a tract in his language from Mrs. R. M. Jackson. That night in his room he read it through and decided for Christ. Immediately he wrote a letter of thanks to the author in America for the blessing the printed page had brought him. Wounded soldiers in the hospitals plead for more literature to read. Missionaries, trying to keep sufficient supply on hand to meet the need of the heart that extends the desirous hand, send orders for tens of thousands of tracts in one month.

In the past 6 months the printed page has helped in the decisions of well over 2000 Vietnamese for Christ as Saviour in the civilian and military prisons, military hospitals, and private homes of Viet-Nam. In the present struggle for men's minds and loyalties, the challenge of Christ must be made real to the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing from the North to South Viet-Nam. The squalor and sacrifice of these people trying to begin life anew requires the knowledge of the new birth to make them truly happy! Driving through five new refugee camps of canvas and

thatch, between Saigon and Dalat, we found that the people scrambled for the literature passed out to them along the highway. The danger of traffic was of little consequence. A few hundred pieces of literature were not sufficient for the many more who wanted a book.

During the four months from June 1 to October 1 over 200 thousand pieces of Gospel literature (tracts, magazines, and books) in 5 languages have been shipped from the Dalat Press to all parts of Viet-Nam, Tribes of Viet-Nam, and to the Vietnamese in Thailand.

The Bible Meditation League, during the past 7 years, has been cooperating very closely and effectively with the C. and M.A., still the sole evangelizing society here in Viet-Nam. The endeavors of the B.M.L. have helped make possible the present program of evangelical Christian literature in this part of Southeast Asia. In the six month period from May to September, 1954, the Dalat Press received \$2,035.67 U.S. from B. M. L. to help carry on our publication program.

Other societies have more recently joined in publication work for Viet-Nam, such as The World-wide Prayer and Missionary Union, and the Evangelical Literature Overseas, Inc. Scripture Gift Mission of London has recently increased its help of long standing to the literature-hungry people of Indo-China. To each and all of these groups the Viet-Nam Mission says a heartfelt "Thank you."

Through the combined efforts of the Church of Jesus Christ, the right kind of literature in sufficient quantity can be made available for the people of Viet-Nam. This one medium of the Gospel may well make the difference between life and death for the waiting 12 millions of the Southern half of Viet-Nam. The future of this land, this work, the Kingdom of Christ, will depend largely on your prayers and labors of love in their behalf.

— B. R. HOUCK, *Interfield Press*

"God will not look you over for medals or diplomas but for scars." — *Selected*

THE CHURCH ENTERS A NEW ERA

August, 1954, marks the beginning of a new epoch in the history of Viet-Nam. The long years of fighting between the Viet-Minh and French forces have come to an end. Viet-Nam is divided into 2 zones, one north of the 17th parallel and the other south, each with a population of approximately 12 million. A great evacuation movement from North to South is in progress, involving the transfer of hundreds of thousands of refugees. The Church and the Mission are active in relief activities.

The Vietnamese Evangelical Church faces the future with vision and courage. Up in the northern zone a small group of pastors and Christians will continue to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. In the southern zone, a new effort is being made to establish all churches in spiritual power and self-support. A careful study is under way to put this program into operation. Because of the impoverished condition of the Vietnamese Christians during the war, the Church has been receiving a sizable subsidy for the past 8 years. Recently, a change in the financial situation has forced the Mission to cut off this subsidy to the National Church. Now an arrangement is being made to give temporary aid to some of the smaller churches which have a definite program towards self-support. The Church and the Mission are seeking to obey the Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature.

After the second World War, many parts of Viet-Nam were closed to missionary effort. Today as a result of cessation of hostilities, we have wide open doors and no travel restrictions. Missionary reinforcements are urgently needed.

A Vietnamese Gospel Team has begun to operate in South Viet-Nam. They have a jeep, but need a trailer. Their aim is to open up new districts and give help in smaller churches. A similar team is needed in Central Viet-Nam.

Yesterday a Vietnamese pastor came in from a district close to the Cambodian border — a long distance from Saigon. He and his church committee plan to purchase 100 ducks;

after the ducks begin to lay, they hope to sell 80 eggs a day at 1 piaster each. The revenue will be turned into the church for the support of the pastor. Each week a different deacon is responsible to look after the ducks. The church committee desires some financial help from the Mission for another 3 months; when the new rice harvest comes in they will go over to complete self-support. My heart was stirred by the infectious earnestness and the vision of this pastor and his committee.

Another man, who is seeking to build up a church in a crowded section of Saigon, came in this morning. His congregation includes groups of refugees and people who have little money. He is receiving no help from the Mission, but he does need funds to enlarge their tiny church building as they seek to establish a strong Gospel center. Another pastor up in the mountains is insisting that his church must be divided, thus providing support for another worker, because there are enough Christians to take care of two men and at the same time reach out into new territory.

The Vietnamese Evangelical Church is beginning a new era in its history. Please pray that God may make them workers in Christian faith and life, working for His Kingdom, rather than Christians who are praying and working for personal security.

— D. I. JEFFREY, *Chairman*

It is impossible to present a complete picture of the work of a missionary in just one issue of the Call. There are many phases of a missionary's work equally as important as these which are presented here. Lord willing, we will present articles on a few of these other phases of the work in the Spring issue. The articles here presented only scratch the surface of the varied work of a missionary, and even some of these articles are but sketches of what is really being done. We trust that through reading the Call you will get a rounded picture of the many ministries carried on by your missionaries, but more important still, that you will pray more for this needy land. — *Editor*

DELIVERANCE THROUGH PRAYER

"Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him."

— Acts 12 : 5

In the late afternoon of September 20, two tired young men arrived at the church in Nha-trang, thus ending another chapter of the long list of those who have suffered for the name of Christ.

It was in April of 1953 that our first pastor, Mr. Giao, was imprisoned by the Communists. In the following months, 3 more, Messrs. Trung, Khanh and Toan, were arrested and held (without trial) in the section allotted to the most dangerous prisoners. There was little hope of their being released even after the cease fire was signed, for they could be shipped to the Communist section in the North. But because of God's mercy, and the prayers of His children, the authorities released them on September 1, 1954.

The released prisoners gathered at the church at Quang-ngai to talk things over, for although they had been held in the same prison and had seen each other, they had not been permitted to converse. While at Quang-ngai they heard that pastor Dang at Duc-pho was holding evangelistic services. They decided to attend. Their arrival brought great joy to the 30 or 40 Christians who had come together, even as Peter's release brought great joy to the early Church. The special meetings were a great success, and many non-Christians came to listen for the first time in several years. Before this they would not have dared to be seen in a church or even talking to a preacher. The services had the impact of a great camp meeting on the Church which for 9 years had been so starved for Christian fellowship.

The next day Messrs. Giao and Khanh left to return to their churches at Tuy-hoa and Thach-lang, about 180 miles to the south. As there were no means of transportation, they had to walk. Upon arriving at Tuy-hoa Mr. Giao immediately set about re-establishing the 2 churches.

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HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITATION

A Ministry That Pays

Have you ever enjoyed the thrill of house to house visitation? It is a ministry richly blessed of God in this land of Vietnamese and Chinese, in the cities teeming thousands, in the country villages and market places. It is a ministry that pays off in spiritual dividends. Many that rarely attend a Gospel service are reached in their homes. Down many an alley you find a little domain with strong barriers against the Gospel of Christ. Worship altars with incense burning before them are seen everywhere.

The visitation groups go armed with a happy smile of greeting, a cheery word to the little groups working busily inside every doorway, and tracts and Gospels for every home. Some appear frightened and others pleased at the "foreigners talking their words." We pass from home to home, alley to alley, speaking to receptive hearts and occasionally meeting an acquaintance.

This ministry is taking a new hold on the church, and many are rallying to the call of visitation work. Recently in Saigon, where there are over two million souls, we have newly organized groups for this work. With a detailed map of various sections of the city we send these groups out on outlined routes with the hope that in two years the entire city will have had at least one chance to hear this precious gospel. After a section has been covered that portion of the map is crayoned off so that the team will know where to begin the following day. Many show an interest in spiritual truths and want us to stay longer, but we can only point the way and invite them to come to the churches to hear more. Some have already heard and are just waiting to pray. In the Saigon area there are eight meeting places for the Christians. The Chinese have one main church and two street chapels. The Vietnamese have one main church, two self supporting churches, and two street chapels which have sprung up as a result of previous visitation work in those areas. We trust that this year will find several more street

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SERGEANT PHUONG'S TESTIMONY

"Praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness in saving our family from a life of superstition and unbelief. Truly the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes. On November 10th, 1952, I was called into military service from my home in Hai-duong, North Viet-Nam. One day in April, 1954, the jeep in which I was riding with other officers ran into an ambush. One of our group was killed outright and all were wounded except the chauffeur who managed to drive on through to the nearest fort 3 kilometers away.

My left foot had been badly shot up, but nothing could be done about it until late the next day when it was amputated above the ankle at the Hai-phong military hospital. Three days later in utter discouragement I tried to commit suicide by swallowing 13 sleeping tablets, but after 5 hours they were expelled undissolved. In the 2 months I was in Hai-phong my leg was operated on 3 times. Then on July 6th I was flown to the Go-vap hospital in Saigon for further surgery. Here, on July 25th, Mrs. D. I. Jeffrey came into our ward and for the first time I was told the Gospel story. My heart was deeply stirred by what I heard that day, and in simple faith I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour. Immediately all the weight of care, of sin, and of discouragement was gone, and a wonderful peace and joy that I can't describe filled my heart. Not only was I a new creature in Christ Jesus, but I was conscious of a definite touch in my body as well. All that was now left of my leg was a bit of a stump above the knee, but the pain and infection had stopped. I had an appetite for my food, and could sleep; my mind was clearer than ever before. I then began to pray for my family, for my wife and 2 boys who were still in North Viet-Nam. The Lord has wonderfully undertaken and brought them to me here in Saigon, too, and unitedly we are praying that God will work in and through us His perfect will."

"A Gospel without a cross will never lead to triumph"

— Selected

TRAINING SPIRITUAL RECRUITS

DIEN BIEN PHU! CRISIS IN INDO-CHINA! These shocking headlines had for various reasons focussed the attention of the whole world. What did they mean to you as you read them? To the missionaries here they posed the double question: Would there be a Vietnamese Bible School in 1954-55? If so, where, and under what condions?"

But with Paul we can always say, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." War, cold and hot, has been very close to us, and the mobilization law had already reached into our school and taken students in the middle of the term. Then the age bracket for compulsory military service was so broadened as to include practically all but the too young and the too old. What then? An all-girls school? Close down for a year? Every possibility was weighed and earnestly prayed over.

Rising living costs, coupled with unexpected financial complications, resulted in a subsidy lower than we had anticipated. Here was a fresh challenge to faith.

Next came the tragic fall of Dien Bien Phu and the Geneva Conference. How vitally all of these changes affected the Tourane Bible School! For now the question was not only where to recruit students but where to house and teach them. The bitter pill of the partitioning of Viet-Nam was finally being accepted. The big question now was: "At what parallel?" We prayed much about that.

Why not divide at the 16th parallel as was done at the end of the Japanese occupation of Indo-China? Such a division however satisfactory to a certain class, would have been disastrous from our standpoint, for it would have put Tourane in the Viet-Minh zone and closed our Bible School. Both psychologically and financially this would have been a severe blow to our work. To think of leaving the Tourane compound with its nine buildings and the church with all its blessed associations for more than a quarter of a century!

But God, contrary to the fears of some, apparently means to keep the great Viet-Nam field open, and still has plans

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PRISON DOORS OPEN

Last week we held our first service in the Chi Hoa prison, the largest and most modern penitentiary in Indo-China. It was quite a pleasant surprise to find that the high Vietnamese official who had the power to grant or refuse my request for this prison work was none other than Mr. Lam, a former English student of Mrs. Stebbins. Needless to say the authorization was immediately forthcoming. I decided then and there that it pays to teach English!

The prison director, a Vietnamese, had told me quite frankly that I couldn't expect much of an attendance at our meetings as there were no Protestants among the two thousand six hundred inmates of this prison, and that naturally no one else would want to come. Last Friday at our first meeting only a handful of so-called Protestants showed up as no one else had been given a chance to come. The next day I took quantities of Gospel literature to the prison, including about three thousand copies of a special leaflet I had printed here in Saigon for the prison and hospital work. The head guard, a Frenchman, promised to distribute this literature in every cell the next morning (Sunday). The following Friday morning he would have his guards go from cell to cell and take down the names of all who wanted to follow Christ according to the Protestant faith. He must have kept his word for by three o'clock yesterday afternoon (Friday), the men started streaming into the auditorium until it was packed to capacity. We were told that as many more had asked to come but had been refused for lack of room. But at least three hundred sat throughout that second service, listening with rapt attention to the evangelist's burning message. When the invitation was given, they stood to their feet as one man, praying the penitent's prayer in unison. They told us that all who had come to the meeting had come because they had made a decision for Christ in their cells as a result of the tracts and Gospel portions they had read. Please pray for these prisoners, that Christ may truly be formed in them, and that hundreds of others may be saved as a result. Pray, too, for the near-

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IRON CURTAIN FALLS ON NORTH VIET-NAM

For fifty-five days last spring the eyes of the world were focused on a rather insignificant piece of real estate in North Viet-Nam, namely Dien Bien Phu. When on May 7th, the Red flag was hoisted over the smoking ruins and rubble, some breathed a sigh of relief. Others began to learn of loved ones dead, missing, or taken prisoner. It was a serious blow to the nations espousing freedom. It led to further retreat and the painful slicing of the land of Viet-Nam.

The missionary cause and the plans of God's servants have also been marred and hindered, North Viet-Nam is really a great and needy field of unreached people, many of them aboriginal mountain tribes. It is estimated that between 12 and 13 millions are to come under the control of the Viet-Minh. We had been endeavoring to reach some of these people, and had great plans for the future in widespread evangelism, but now we must retreat and leave these unreached souls to the cruel mercies of a godless regime.

In recent months we have used a rented public address system, and much literature, in cooperation with zealous co-laborers of the Vietnamese and Chinese Churches, spreading the Message of God's Way of Salvation to many thousands. Now this work must come to an end up here in the North. Will we have an opportunity to come back? We don't know!

The doors of the North are beginning to close, and the South is in a precarious position, but still affords us an opportunity to propagate the Message and strengthen the Church of the Living God. Buoy us up with your prayers and your keen interest. We still do not possess an efficient battery and electric P. A. system, but we trust the Lord to make it possible for us to have one shortly. We also need more good Christian literature in Chinese, Vietnamese, and Cambodian to flood the areas where we may chance to travel. We will press on, believing that you are behind us, so that there might be a great ingathering for the Heavenly Garner.

— A. G. KOWLES, Haiphong



A youth prays to the spirits
to heal a sick member of the family



A Tonkinese religious festival



The Hai-phong Chinese church gives a farwell party
to a Vietnamese pastor leaving for a new charge



Sargeant Phuong and family
read his testimony !



Floral tribute for Rachael Peatee
Her works do follow after



A group of new Christians in a
Saigon hospital



A group of children hear the Gospel



Colporters in My-tho Ben-tre area
The man on the left is now attending Bible School

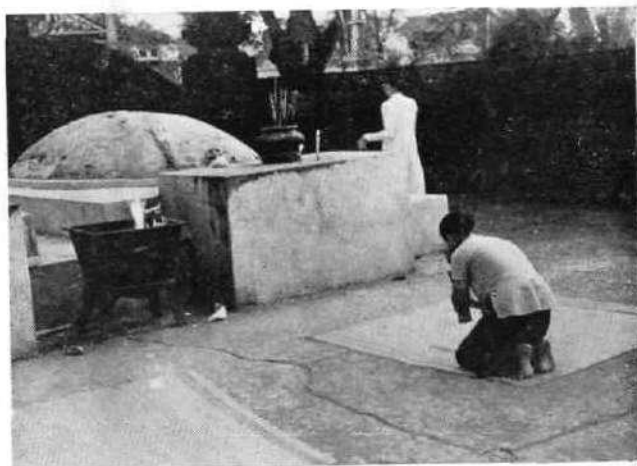


The Evangelistic Band
of South Viet-Nam

The remains of the
Chinese church
in Phnom Penh



A scene in
a village in
South Viêt-Nam



A woman prays
to her ancestors
at the tomb



A market scene
at Dalat

THE GOSPEL BY RADIO

Through the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Co. in Manila, we are privileged to broadcast the Gospel in message and song three times a day totaling one hour. Recently one of the transmitters was increased three-fold in power, and soon another transmitter will be likewise increased in power. This will give Indochina as good reception as stations in America. Previously the radio work in Viet-Nam was carried on by Rev. and Mrs. Travis of Can-tho. As they are returning to the States on furlough soon, a new committee has been appointed, consisting of 2 Vietnamese pastors, Mr. Hi and Mr. Ngan, and one missionary, Mr. J.S. Sawin. We are looking forward to an even greater ministry in radio since the power of the transmitters has been increased and as radios become more plentiful in Viet-Nam.

Mr. Hi reports that many thousands have listened to the Gospel coming from Manila. There are listeners in all the large cities such as Saigon, Tourane, Haiphong, Hanoi, Dalat, Phnom Penh, and in many of the smaller cities as well. Pastors from these various areas write that several people have been converted through hearing the Gospel by means of radio. We are hoping to make radios available in many areas where there are none at present. Thirty-five dollars U.S., plus a small amount which we are requiring from each person receiving a radio, will purchase one of these sets. These people will establish listening centers in their areas and will report monthly on the effectiveness of the broadcasts, the number of listeners, and the number of converts.

Even though radio programs on tapes have been sent to Manila for 2 years, the work of preparing programs is still in its infancy. There are many difficulties that still must be ironed out. We must supply housing for the 2 Vietnamese workers and also build a studio to make recordings. The American community church in Saigon has already given sufficient funds to provide housing for one of these national workers. We are trusting the Lord for the necessary hous-

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DO MISSIONS PAY?

We recently received a letter from Mr. Thuan, a young man we led to the Lord in Nam-dinh a few years ago. For the past two years he has been studying at the University of New Mexico. I've prayed much for him, lest he fall by the wayside, as so many of the foreign students have done who come here. His letter removes all my fears and gives cause to praise God for the way He is keeping and using him in answer to prayer. He says that God has blessed him in such a way that he felt impelled to give his testimony all over New Mexico and in other places. He speaks to Youth groups in churches and also to Intervarsity groups. Some tell him they are the best sermons they have ever heard. One of his talks is based on the 23rd Psalm which I urged him to memorize. He illustrates each verse with stories from his own life and experience. This has met with such approval that he's been asked to give it over and over again. "So, you see," he says, "I am also a missionary to the American people as you are to mine. In fact, I no longer recognize any racial distinction. I love some of the American people more than I do my own people who are not Christians. God is blessing me so abundantly that I feel I must tell the young people about it." One of the miracles that God has worked in his behalf is that our own government has changed his status so that he is now permitted to seek practical employment along the lines of his study.

Mr. Thuan is majoring in economics and business administration. During his free hours he works on his thesis at home. He has only to complete this to get his degree. He says, "My steadfastness to God during the summer when I could hardly make ends meet has given me a reward in other wonderful things that I have not space to write about now." Praise God with me for this evidence of His working!

— MRS. R. M. JACKSON

"We have all eternity to tell of victories won for Christ but we have only a few hours before sunset in which to win them." — *Jonathan Goforth.*

ONE MORE CHANCE

Over 6000 political prisoners received Gospel literature before the exchange took place the end of August, and many were returned to Communist territory. The Lord has been speaking to me for some time about starting work among the prisoners of war, but I was told it would be impossible without a special military authorization. But no one, not even the French chaplains, could tell where to go for such an authorization. Finally, one day early in August after hours of searching through one military installation after another, Lieut-Colonel Remy graciously signed a written statement authorizing me to distribute our Gospel literature in all the political prisons in Viet-Nam under French control.

At the sound of his name prison doors have been thrown open to us as by magic. In one prison over 100 miles from Saigon, 1000 women listened intently one Sunday as I pled with them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Some were convinced Communists and refused to accept our literature while others received the Word with gladness. A number made a public confession of their desire to leave all and follow Christ. I have had a special leaflet printed in Saigon especially for the prison and hospital work. It is a clear presentation of the plan of salvation with a prayer of repentance, so that if we never again meet these who have received the printed page, they will be able to take the vital step that will cause them to pass from death to life.

As we travel the highways thousands of Gospel portions with tracts and this leaflet all tied up inside are passed out. Thus the message is reaching out into isolated hamlets and homes everywhere.

— MRS. RUTH G. JEFFREY, Saigon

"If you lose your interest in the conversion of the heathen, and do not delight to read and hear of the success of missions, you may know that you are backslidden in heart." — *Charles G. Finney.*

CHINESE REFUGEES

About 8000 Chinese are among the refugees who have come from North Viet-Nam. We were on hand to meet the first group of over 2000 Chinese brought by the U. S. S. Montrose. Welcoming committees had made every preparation: speeches, photographers, boy and girl scouts to assist the feeble and carry baggage, and trucks to convey the refugees to Chinese schools.

There were several Christian families, and soon they were quartered in the Chinese Church Sunday School room. Later we visited some of the schools to see how the others fared. They have a place to cook and sleep and a daily dole of food or money, but they face a grim future. As we distributed the Word of God in tracts and booklets, we discovered several who were originally from places in China where we had lived. This was their second move in recent years.

How inadequate were our words, but how mighty is the Word of God to meet their needs! Pray that many will find peace through trusting Christ, and have His help in securing work to do and a place to live.

— W. H. HOLTON, *Cholon — Saigon*

WITH THE LORD

Miss Rachel Peatee's sudden home-going came as a great shock to all of us. She was ill for only a week with symptoms that the French doctor diagnosed as a form of dengue fever. She passed away early on Tuesday morning, August 17th, at the Dalat Home and School for Missionaries Children, where she had been assistant matron for only 4 weeks. Rachel's life was poured out in untiring service to others.

"The missionary life is a walk with God, a service with Jesus Christ, and a communion and fellowship with the Holy Spirit." — *Selected*

FIRE DESTROYS PHNOM PENH CHINESE CHURCH

Sunday, September 5, while the Christians were in their morning service, a fire broke out in the neighborhood of the Chinese Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Bible woman, Anna Lau, was preaching, and Miriam Hoh was teaching a hundred Sunday School children. In the confusion, they prayed for guidance, and got the children away from the scene. A change of wind gave hope that the church might be spared, but another shift brought the fire raging toward the church. The Christians helped move Bibles, hymnbooks, the pulpit, the piano, and what they could get of Pastor Hui's things, to safety; soon the church, together with 345 homes, was destroyed. No lives were lost among the Christians, thank the Lord.

The next Sunday, the Christians met in a school and a message from the Book of Haggai brought encouragement to the group. They organized a building committee of 24, and plan to give and work together until they have another place of worship. They realize that it is a tremendous test of faith. One deacon prayed, "Lord, no matter how small the new church may have to be, let it be free from strife and filled with Thy Spirit."

— W. H. HOLTON

Training Spiritual Recruits (Cont'd from p. 8)

for the training of workers. The 17th parallel, finally decided upon, is far to the north of us, so we are going ahead with the complete assurance that God is in this undertaking.

How we thank Him that hostilities have ceased and that we are now able to communicate with the 17 churches that for 8 years have been behind the iron curtain! Out of the many young people from that section who wanted to attend Bible School if funds permitted, we have accepted 4, bringing the enrollment up to 29, an increase of 30% over last year.

Is not this cause for encouragement and rejoicing? Praise God with us, Christian friend, and pray with us that these spiritual recruits shall become strong, experienced soldiers in our continuing battle against Satan and his hosts.

— MRS. RUTH CARLSON, *Tourane*

The Gospel By Radio (Cont'd from p. 15)

ing for the second national worker. The Gia-dinh church in metropolitan Saigon is offering space in the church to build this recording studio, and space on the property to build the 2 residences for Mr. Hi and Mr. Ngan.

At our last missionary conference at Dalat (May, 1954) the missionaries started a fund to construct a recording studio in memory of the late Rev. J. D. Olsen, who met with a fatal accident in Gia-dinh. Funds are still insufficient, but we have enough to begin and are trusting the Lord to lay it on the hearts of friends to help with this project. Recording equipment must also be provided, including 2 recorders with which to make "packaged programs", an automatic voltage regulator, an amplifier, 2 microphones, 2 loud speakers, and a small air conditioner to provide ventilation in the sound-proofed studio.

One of the urgencies of the recording work is the possibility that this country may be closed to the Gospel within 2 years. All the sermons that can be recorded and the hymns that can be put on tape will become a permanent library of Gospel truth safely stored in Manila. If and when Viet Nam is placed behind the bamboo curtain, the Gospel can still be heard by air. Even now in Tonkin the Christians, who are still there, can receive spiritual help and encouragement by radio.

REV. TRAN-XUAN-HI; REV. NGUYEN-KIM-NGAN;
REV. J. S. SAWIN

Prison Doors Open (Cont'd from p. 9)

ly two thousand who have taken a stand for Christ in the military hospitals. We praise God for fresh opportunities each afternoon of reaching precious souls with the Gospel of Christ.

— MRS. RUTH G. JEFFREY, Saigon

◆ Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Irwin. Baby Margaret Marie was welcomed into their home at Nha-trang on Tuesday morning the 12th of October.

A NEW LANGUAGE COURSE

The 1954 Conference approved a new course for missionaries studying the Vietnamese language. This course, prepared by Rev. Wm. Smalley, makes use of tapes and a manual, together with a national teacher. It should greatly facilitate the mastering of this difficult language.

House To House Visitation (Cont'd from p. 6)

chapels opened so that hungry hearts far from these gospel centers will also have a chance to hear the gospel.

Recently in the Bentre area six people prayed in two days. Many hearts burned in their desire to know more of the gospel. It is a real joy to explain the way of salvation to them. Mr. Taylor writes: "One day we asked the Lord to lead us to some souls that were hungry for spiritual things. God strangely led us up a road we had no intention of traveling, and in the very first home we met a man of 72 years who, with his wife, accepted the Lord. Someone had travelled that way several months earlier leaving gospel tracts which had prepared the way."

How true it is that one sows and another reaps, but both are done in dependence upon God. Pray for this visitation work. Many of our missionaries are actively engaged in this ministry and need the unction and power of the Holy Spirit upon them as they go.

— MRS. HOLTON, Cholon; MR. TAYLOR, Bentre;
MRS. SAWIN, Saigon

Deliverance Through Prayer (Cont'd from p. 5)

Mr. Khanh has since left Nha-trang for Bible School, which leaves Mr. Giao the only preacher in the entire province of Phu-yen which has a population of approximately 100,000 people. Please pray for him and the Lord's work in this province.

— FRANKLIN IRWIN, Nha-trang

PRAYER REQUESTS

The effectiveness of the missionary program can be measured in proportion to the amount of prayer offered up in its behalf. The Church of God in Viet-Nam will advance only as you pray; we are workers together with God.

"Be careful (anxious) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

PRAY YE THEREFORE:

— For the Vietnamese pastors and Christians remaining in the North, that they will remain true and be staunch witnesses for Christ.

— That God will bless the Churches in Viet-Nam as they are now stepping out in full self-support.

— For the Vietnamese Evangelistic Band as it ministers in the south.

— That God will make our national brethren to be workers in Christian faith and life, working for His kingdom, rather than Christians who are working for personal security.

— That there will be many saved from among the thousands of refugees now in camps in Central and South Viet-Nam.

— For the more than 2000 who have taken a stand for Christ in the military hospitals and prisons, that God will keep them in the hollow of His hand.

— For the new radio committee composed of the Reverends Hi, Ngan, and Sawin. That funds will be forthcoming for the recording studio to be constructed as a memorial for Rev. J. D. Olsen, and also for the other house for the Vietnamese pastor who will help in the preparing of radio programs.

— For Mrs. Sau, a faithful Bible woman in the South, who has led many souls to the Lord through her life and ministry.

— For the 4 childrens meetings held weekly in Ben-tre, and the more than 40 classes in Saigon. Also for the numer-

ous other children's meetings being carried on in other areas.

— For the intensive visitation program being carried on, that the missionaries and national workers will have the unction and power of the Holy Spirit upon them as they go from house to house.

— For Mr. Thuan, a Vietnamese student, studying at the University of New Mexico, that he may continue to have a glowing testimony as he speaks to Youth and Inter-varsity groups.

— For the 29 students enrolled in the Tourane Bible School that they may become strong and effective workers for the Lord.

— For the Cham men and women who in recent months have accepted the Lord as their Saviour.

— For the Kowles family, soon to take up work among the Chinese in Cambodia.

— For the pastors and Christians who will be witnessing in the North during these last few months before Communism takes full control.

— For the restored health of pastor Jonathan Kaan in Haiphong.

— For pastor Giao, recently released by the Communists, the only preacher in the entire province of Phu Yen with a population of approximately 100,000.

— That God will continue to send in the necessary funds for the Dalat Interfield Press, so that the effective distribution of literature can continue to spearhead the advance of evangelism in this land. The Press must depend on special gifts for over 50% of its operating budget.

— For each portion of literature as it goes out that God's Word may not return unto Him void.

We recognize the fact that our ministry in this land may soon come to an end. It is imperative, therefore, that a strong indigenous church be established to carry on God's program for this land, without the aid of the mission or the missionaries. Pray that the Lord's will may be realized, both in the missionaries and the national church, during this crucial time.

— Mrs. B. R. Houck, Dalat

EVANGELIZE !

"Go! Go ye into all the world"—
 Was this the Master's parting word?
 And shall the gospel flag be furled
 While millions yet have never heard?

Dare we the sacred trust forget?
 The great commission nullify?
 Deny the Man of Olivet
 While Christless thousands daily die?

Nay! echoing through the circling years,
 Resounding round the arching skies,
 The heavenly thunder smites our ears—
 Evangelize! evangelize!

Neglected, bleaching harvests waste;
 Must they through our neglect be lost?
 Lord, stir us! Give us prayerful haste
 To tell the world—whate'er the cost.

— Selected.

DOES VIET-NAM NEED MISSIONARIES ?

Since the cessation of hostilities in Viet-Nam there are wide open doors to the gospel. Missionaries should be placed immediately in Huê and Phan-thiet in Central Viet-Nam, and in Bac-lieu, Long-xuyen and Bien-hoa in the South. Our hearts are especially burdened for Bien-hoa and the 10 refugee camps which are strung along the road just outside of Bien-hoa. Here within an area of 20 miles there are well over 100,000 souls. Unless we act quickly they perish!

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