

Women's Bible School at Tourane

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In the fall of 1923 the urgent need of giving Annamese women Bible training brought Miss Ailshouse and myself from Hanoi to Tourane. This need is twofold. First, it is essential that we have trained Bible women; and second, it is necessary that the wives of our native preachers, though not employed as Bible women, should have Bible training so that they may be able to help in the work wherever their husbands may be stationed.

In Indo China the women frequently have more power than the men in the home and they cling more tenaciously to the religion of their ancestors. Often the old grandmother is almost like a monarch in her clan and is usually much opposed to the Gospel, thus hindering the members of the family from becoming Christians by her bitter antagonism. If the women are won for Christ it means not only their own soul's salvation but that much of the opposition is done away with. It is the women who must win the women, thus it is essential that as many women as possible know the Bible so that they can intelligently witness for Christ. Since most of the women are illiterate they have no chance by themselves of becoming familiar with the precious Word of Life.

When classes first started in October, 1923, there were four single women and four married women taking either all or part of the classes. To this number two were added at the beginning of this year and these ten women are shown in the above picture.

The problem of teaching these Annamese women is no small one. Few of them know how to read and they are not bright so it requires no little patience. It has meant going over every point very carefully and thoroughly often to find next day that they have either not understood or else have forgotten. And yet

we are often happily surprised at the readiness with which they grasp Spiritual truths. But they are willing and anxious to learn, often asking us to go over something just once more so that they may not forget.

Aside from teaching them the Bible we have taught them to read and write and have been much encouraged during the summer by receiving letters from

will give the women a vision of His Love and that He will meet all financial needs for the support of the women and for the running expenses of the school? Our sufficiency is of God.

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women who at the beginning of the year did not know a letter. They are so happy and grateful to us for teaching them to read so that they can read their Bibles.

At the end of the school year when we examined the women, how happy we were to see how well they remembered the things we had taught them. It was a joy to hear them repeat from memory many Scripture verses. Praise God that we have the privilege of teaching God's Word to these precious souls. These women are now on different stations either as Bible women or with their husbands where they have ample opportunity to witness for the Master.

This year we are expecting fourteen women and praise the Lord for a fine new building He has given for the Women's Bible School. We have ample room to take care of the women and two nice airy classrooms.

Will you help us pray that the Lord will give us wisdom in teaching, that He

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