

## MISSION ÉVANGÉLIQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE FRANÇAISE



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COCHINCHINE

Dear Ivory,

Thanks for yours of the 5th. In reference to the four men from Caolanh (Nghiep, Nhuong, Loi and Cung). If they are unable to pay their fare up to school, does that cancel their application? The reason I ask is that in one or two cases, you are allowing them to go up if they have \$70. I think these fellows from Caolanh would make good where the others might not.

I fully agree with you that the two Chau's and Ut should be rejected. For future reference, does it mean that anyone having two wives, even though they have given up one, cannot be accepted?

I think you are mighty easy on Suu. I have already written you telling you that he owes Thây Niện money, but he said on his questionnaire that he had no debts. This and other things make me rather doubtful of him.

Yesterday we received a letter from Mr. Cadman <sup>(See last paragraph p. 2 + top p. 3)</sup> telling us about the various rumors, and this afternoon we had a young chap from Saigon, who is supposed to live here, call in to enquire about the Gospel. He was quite willing to pray, and Thây Liêu was quite overjoyed to think that such a nice, promising fellow was anxious to become a Christian, but ~~when~~ I started questioning him as to his motives I told him that he had better wait a while before he prayed. He has quit school in Saigon and wants to go to Tourane, but claims he has no sin and does not need a Saviour, nevertheless, he wants to preach the Dao Tin Lenh. Unfortunately, one of our colporteurs, (Thây Châu) has gone off on a wild tangent and is playing right into the hands of our friends. He had just gone out a couple of days with a new lot of books, when Herbert found him, but did not take away his books because he has been pulled up by two other missionaries for even informing them of the misconduct of their men. This sure is unfortunate, as Châu can do us more harm than the press. I cannot dare say in a letter what he is doing. Please pray for him and the work. He tells everybody that his doctrine is the one we teach in Sadee. I am beginning to wonder if he has not been bought over by our friends to help along their work.

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Last week I had to go to Saigon and quite accidentally met Mr. Grupe on his way home. It certainly was a surprise for we had not heard a word from anyone, and the chaps in Saigon were just as surprised as I was. Mrs. Grupe looks rather poorly but they were blissfully happy to be leaving this country, and in the natural I don't blame them.

As soon as Frank comes down here, we want to leave and go up to Tourane, if we can. I will be mighty glad for a change, not to say anything about Sheila. Thi Hai has been sick for almost three weeks and we are beginning to wonder if she is coming back at all. Her brother undertook to help out for a while but Bobbie did not take to him and he had a pretty rough time of it and finally said he couldn't chiu it any longer. Chung and Hy are our old standbys, and they have both been sick for several days but will not let Sheila do anything. Bobbie is a real rough one.

It is certainly important that Frank gets south as soon as possible, as there are several things that must be attended to at once. The Cao Lanh affair is causing trouble and they are doing everything possible to cause trouble.

I am registering the balance of the applications for school. I have one chap who wants to go next year but he cannot write Quoc Ngu yet. He knows and can write character quite well, but said he would not fill out an application till next year.

Best regards to all,

Yours in Him,

*Curwen*

*P.S.*

I have mailed an order for dress matt. to Korea, & asked them to mail it to Rev. P. J. Jeffrey à Tourane. Will you kindly put it thru Customs & hold it for me until I come up. Everything swiped here.