



“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Tim. iv: 12.

At the recent Rally of the Young People's Society of the Christian and Missionary Alliance held in Jersey City on Election Day the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that every society make special mention in prayer at the last meeting of each month of every other society in the district, upholding their needs as far as known, thus bearing one another's burdens and fulfilling the law of Christ.

This resolution is given here that attention of those societies who were not represented at the aforementioned Rally may unite with all of us in this ministry of prayer.

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“The Young People's Hour.”

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In different eras of Church History, special emphasis has been placed upon particular phases of Christian work. At one time the work among women received much attention. Later, efforts to win the children were put forth. And recently the need of work for men by men has been made very prominent. All these efforts have been richly blessed of God and have borne much fruit for the kingdom of heaven. But during the last generation another movement has sprung into existence; it is work among young people. And here indeed, is a vital point at which the Church of Christ must strike if it is to move forward as God would have it in the great work of world-wide evangelisation. Here is the recruiting ground for laborers for the Foreign field, and here is the hope of the homework. In short, if the Christian Church can win the young people she will have gone far toward fulfilling her trust.

This marks the tenth year of organized work among the young people of the Alliance, and upon retrospection it is evident that the movement has received God's gracious blessing. In the first year societies were organized which assisted in promoting Foreign Missions, both by gifts and consecration of lives. Great aggressiveness in the service of God has been manifest by the young people. In many branches they have proved to be the most earnest workers. Weekly meetings have been conducted by them in the homes of the unsaved and God has given precious fruit. On a whole the work among the young people has been most encouraging, and if these results have so crowned the efforts made in their behalf, with what zeal should the Christian worker press forward as he beholds the vast field of enlarged opportunities before him?

In the late meetings held in Scranton, Pa., by Mr. Sunday, over eleven hundred High School girls and boys went to the altar seeking salvation. At the convention held at Old Orchard, by the Alliance last summer, the majority of persons present were young people and every night at the Young People's Meeting young souls crowded the altar desiring to find peace with God. These are but illustrations of what is occurring all over the land and this great awakening which is so manifest is a challenge to the Church of Christ to which she must hearken; she must avail herself of this golden opportunity and take possession and give direction to such zeal and energy for Christ

Christ through whom God is revealed.” Nothing is so powerful to draw a soul to Christ as such a life. Many young person is in the service of God today because some one lived the Christ life. Again, the life in Christ should be presented as a beautiful one. An impression has been made upon young people that it is a difficult and undesirable life and no doubt this idea has found lodgment in their minds because of those Christians who walked far from God and never experienced the joy of overcoming through Christ. Their words and actions do not indicate that the God whom they serve is one of love and mercy one who thrills the heart and changes the life of sin into one of purity and holiness. It is such a one that must be presented to young people.

Then again, by the distribution of good Christian literature young hearts can be reached. This method should be particularly emphasized; “a realization of the baneful influences resultant from worthless religious literature is being felt by godly men and women today” and if this is to be taken from the young people, it is essential that something better and more edifying be placed in their possession. Then the organization of societies is another means to be employed. Meetings, occurring at different times during the month, should be made intensely interesting and subjects which will stimulate the mind and appeal to the hearts of the young people should be discussed. Such methods pursued under the guidance and supervision of the Holy Spirit will attract and produce eternal results.

But the mind and heart having been aroused, a new problem arises. The awakened desires and interests demand satisfaction, and the question “What message shall be given the young people,” confronts the Christian worker. To this inquiry there is but one response, which is “Give them Christ.” Christ in His fourfold ministry as Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King, should be presented to them. Their lives apart from Him will be lived in vain. Raising the standard of social life and preaching right morals to them is not sufficient. The building of character will not suffice; Christ must dwell in the heart. By these ethical methods the heart cannot be satisfied. What, indeed, the young people require is a knowledge of the saving and keeping power of Christ, and this is the message that must be given them.

However, all this does not conclude our ministry to young people. Having presented to them the Lord Jesus Christ as an answer to the heart cry and drawn them into the Kingdom of God, they are now prepared to serve their Master whom they have chosen to follow. Before them lie great opportunities and their share in the Lord's service should be greatly emphasized. Many avenues of service are open to them: the street and tent meetings and cottage prayer services can be engaged in. Hospitals, jails and almshouses are opportune fields of labor, and to such work the efforts of young people should be directed.

But their opportunities demand a world wide vision and their efforts should extend beyond the work in the homeland. The faithful laborers of Christ who have been on the field of action for many years, and whose time of service has nearly expired, are calling for recruits, and to this appeal young people must respond. The command of Christ, “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,” is still echoing in the ears of young

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men and women. Those who hear it and are convinced that God has called them to labor in His vineyard should be guided to a school where the Bible is upheld in all truth and sincerity: where higher criticism has not gained an entrance and where Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is exalted.

In view of all that has been said, what attitude shall we assume toward the great awakening which is so manifest among the young people? The Spirit of the living God has been working in young hearts and a field whitened unto harvest awaits the reapers. The golden opportunity which is ours today, may tomorrow be beyond recovery. Can we afford to lose these sheaves? Dare we neglect and disobey the commission of our Lord to look on the ripened fields? This is the time for action. This is the Young People's Hour.

(The original letter was written by hand beautifully, but being a photo copy, was not so clear. With God's help, I managed to figure out the unclear words!) (It was a source of joy to witness the growth that these Koko people have made, from what they were like from the very beginning!)

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Dear Pastor & Mrs. Trương Van TỐT, whom we love in the name of Jesus Christ. We are very happy to have received recently your letter, which came on the 17.11.89. When we received and read your letter, it moved our hearts so much! Because you, Rev. & Mrs. TỐt, are our spiritual father and mother, and we are also your spiritual children. Oh! you both are God's people.

First of all, we wish to send to you, along with your children, holy greetings along with hearts of love in the name of Jesus Christ, Who saved us. We trust in God Jehovah, with all our hearts. With thankfulness and praises, God, the three persons in One, for His power is always watching over us, helping us, and leading us, all the church children of God, together with His servants living in the last 14 years in God's love. (since the Tot's departure)

The Church, along with us, His servants, until now are standing solidly in our faith in Hăm. This is dependent upon tears flowing from our eyes, along with fervent prayer, praying for you, too, Rev. and Mrs. TỐt, plus all the servants of God, living everywhere, as always remembering the Church of God's KOHO children around their tribal relatives living upon the mountain slopes having regular prayer, Pslms 24:15,17,18, thank the Lord! Repeat again how many years ago is it that you dedicated your lives to serve God among us tribal people? (Rev. & Mrs. Tot) Truly, you have born up under hard pressures, going out to sow seed of God's Word, up in the mountains Highlands among the tribes people. Those seeds have been used by the Holy Spirit to bring a large harvest of souls. As for us who have remained on here, we have permission to work; must fertilize the earth, pour water, watch over the gardens carefully for the owner, faithfully believing and working until our Lord Jesus Christ returns to this world.

Oh! Rev. & Mrs. TỐt, we praise and thank God with all our hearts, because God has given us men and women, during the months of this past year until this present time, the privilege of serving Him. God leads us to go witnessing in every village in our district. While going into the villages, we see the power of the Holy Spirit doing His work in miraculous ways. Each place had something unusual happen, such as God's healing the sick, with the results that many unbelievers have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, too. Then, at such places, there were sorcerers who threw out their charms and stopped praying and sacrificing to the evil spirits of the mountains, and then repenting of their sins and accepting Christ. In other words, very many of the Cru tribe are accepting God. We thank God for wherever His work is spreading, but hindrances also spread as much. However, wherever

(~~where~~) there are many hindrances, that's where many souls are believing in and accepting Christ.

When going out witnessing, we meet severe testings, persecution, and hindrances and hear a lot of questions. Three times we've suffered captivity because of our witness. The first time we were caught was in Dám-Rong for thirty days imprisoned.

The second time we were caught was in the Dã-Gòus Dã-Oai district, where we were imprisoned 15 days in the Đong-Nai province.

The third time we were caught in the province of Đôn Dưỡng and were imprisoned along with Ha Kar and Rev. Hawan 27 days (Hawan worked with us Irwins also). Each time we were imprisoned, God always gave us ^{freedom +} peace in serving Him!

Thank God for His gift of the Holy Spirit in power (II Tim. 1:7). Jesus shed His blood to purchase us, resulting in our whole hearted consecration of our bodies to the glorifying of His Name (I Cor. 6:10). We are the letters of Christ to people in these last days (II Cor. 3:13). We anticipate the results of having a part in the sufferings of Christ. (Philpians 1:29).

At this time our family are serving God among the Cru people, in the village of M^Bố, 50 kil. from Sut thong. The believers who have been baptized, were 770+40. They are very poor, with many needs, lacking bodily nourishment. Their faith is very strong and they are zealous! Your letter was read and witnessed among the preachers causing them to be deeply moved, having come from you.

Rev. & Mrs. Ha Kar are now 75 years old and can't walk far anymore.

Rev. Ha Brong has a heart disease and is now confined to be unable to walk.

Rev. Ha Klás A now is limping on one side, and is very old.

Rev. Ha Tang is ill from constant coughing and weak.

Rev. K'Sác is old and blind, (our full time ko-worker for some 30 years,) (G.E.I)

You, Rev. & Mrs. Tót, have your name written as above, too; please mail us a last letter, and you are shedding tears because you are our brother and sister, and friends, having worked together in Christ Jesus. (The worker's names) Ha Kar, Wan, Cran + Leo + Truong + Troh + Huong + Ang + Ya Da + Duat + Doie + Poh A + Sieng A, request permission to greet your family (the Tots) together with the Nai DongHien. All are still healthy and serving God.

Our family just left our village and witnessed among the Jrai people + M^Hlar + M^Drong, and we went on to Bânmethuật, witnessing and visiting God's slaves, as follows: Mr. Y Nguê, Y-Soai, Y Ta, - Y Sick, Y Ky, along with those of Mr. & Mrs. Kung.

Mr. Y Nguê, now old and ill, limping at one side, now he can't move his feet. Servants of God, please pray with all your heart to God.

We wish to send greetings to Jimmy and Set and Miss Helen Evans and the ^{Rev & Mrs} P.V. Nams, wondering is they are still healthy or not?

If you (Rev. & Mrs. Tót) would like to help us with medicines we need, i.e. vitamins, malaria, plus other medicines, if you have them, Please mail according to the adress above here;

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105/2 Phu'dng
8 Da Kien Balat
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Chuyen Ha Hak

The Church along with the servants of the Lord are lacking . large supply of Bibles very much. We with all our heart, practice fasting and praying. "Please,30d,give us Bibles, Hymnals", in our own Kdho language.

Thus, Rev. & Mrs. Tot, will be able to resolve our main problem. If it is possible, let us know so that we can arrange.

"That's all" (we have to say). May the Three in One God, be with you and g to have more pity upon you,(Rev. & Mrsn Tot), along with your family. The Holy Church of our tribal people always pray to God for you.

Good bye,

Hak Sam

P.S. Please send us a family picture of yourselves.

Dec. 5, 1989

Dear Anne and Dave,

Just a few lines to let you know that Harriette translated the Koho letter copy forwarded by Rev. and Mrs. Tcft to share the news with us. We were both so happy to get a lot of news as contained in this letter, that we decided to translate it as well, and send a copy to you. As you will see, God is working in many miraculous ways over therein spite of the hardships that the Koho Christians suffer. I am hoping that you might show this to Rev. Irvin, who has written to ask us for news to put into the "Witness", but without any results from us as yet. Perhaps we will get some time after Christmas is over, and write up an article about both of our Churches' ministries. It all depends on the need for time. We do miss having the servants who took all the household jobs over in Dilinh, so that we weffe free to go and serve God in the mountains in all directions.

Perhaps you will receive another letter from us, neverthe less about our recent ministry in Zaragoza, and Valencia SPAIN from Nov. 19 - 18. It was a miracle that I went, having had a sudden strike upon my kneck, of severe pain that went over to my right should% and then on down my arm leaving it limp for three days. After I had that sudden pain, suffering intensely, George called our Dr. Ou (V.N. who does not ever charge us anything), he arrived one hour later, and gave me strong medication urging me not to do any work for an entire week. The Cambodians did not see me in the kitchen at work and Came upstairs to visit me. They began to massage my arm and kneck, and one single lady even shed tears, and the daughter of our Cambodian worker, Sividi, stayed with me and took care of me until late in the P.M. As a result of this experience, I saw how much these Cambodians loved me and the Vietnamese, encouraging! One lady told me that she was praying for me, her first time, and then sang in joy!