

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT
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Viet Nam Field

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At the Viet Nam Field Conference in June 1965, an Evangelism ^{FILE} Committee was appointed to serve throughout the Conference year. This committee was requested to report on already-existing evangelism in Viet Nam and to submit recommendations for developing a more intensive evangelistic effort. The committee composed of Messrs. G. M. Cathey, E. A. Cline, D. S. Herendeen, G. W. Hunt, D. F. Irwin, C. E. Long, J. H. Revelle, and T. H. Stebbins met four times during the year.

Reports describing and evaluating evangelism in each area of Viet Nam were presented by various members of the committee. Mr. E. A. Cline presented a report on Evangelism-in-Depth. Mr. D. S. Herendeen presented a paper on New Testament evangelism. Mr. Vernon Betsch and Mr. Gregorio Tingson were invited to speak to the committee about the Asian Evangelists' Commission and their ministry in the Singapore Crusade.

After discussing these reports at great length, it was unanimously agreed that the critical need of the hour in this land is a new and fresh outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church and Mission which will lead to a spontaneous outreach in evangelism. Thus it was recommended to the Executive Committee that a Spiritual Life Retreat with emphasis on the Holy Spirit be held at Dalat for all national pastors and men missionaries. At the request of the Executive Committee, the Evangelism Committee planned and hosted the retreat in early March. Approximately 400 delegates gathered for four days of rich blessing under the Spirit-anointed ministries of Dr. W. C. Newburn of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Hongkong and Dr. J. O. Sanders, Director of The Overseas Missionary Fellowship, living in Singapore. The results of this retreat far surpassed all expectations as God visited and revived many hearts and sent all the delegates back to their homes with new life, fresh power, and enlarged vision.

The Evangelism Committee also shared to some degree in the Saigon Evangelistic Crusade, the results with which we are now all quite familiar.

The Committee would again earnestly call upon each pastor and missionary to give an increased emphasis in his ministry to the Holy Spirit, His Person, and His Ministry, for we feel that only when the Church and Mission are revived by God's Spirit will we fully realize our evangelistic goals.

We submit to Conference the following recommendations:

1. That the Evangelism Committee be continued on a permanent basis and that the members be elected yearly by Conference.
2. That the Evangelism Committee in cooperation with the National Church conduct key-city evangelistic crusades.
3. That the monies budgeted for evangelism be used to implement programs proposed by the Evangelism Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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