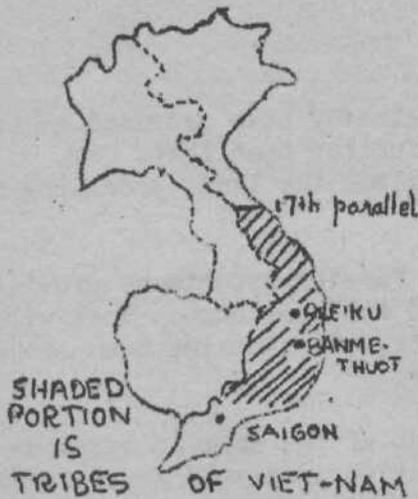


Bannethuot, Viet Nam,
August, 1955.

Our Dear Friends,

Once again it is time to greet all of you who have so faithfully supported our work among the Tribespeople of South Viet Nam by your prayers and your offerings of love. We thank God for each one of you, and pray that His blessing may be your portion in abundant measure. Truly we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."
--Psalm 126:3.



It has been at least three months since all of you have heard directly from us here in Bannethuot, and no doubt you are wondering if the work is continuing since it became necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith to depart for America. We rejoice to report that the evangelistic work, the Bible School, translation and printing are continually being pressed forward with many encouraging signs. Just at present we are experiencing somewhat of a financial crisis, but this is often the case during the summer months, and we look to the Lord to see us through as He has always done in the past, through the offerings of His faithful servants.

So that your minds may be refreshed concerning the extent of the work here, we shall repeat a few statistics. We have as our immediate responsibility the support of three Vietnamese missionary families, 50 tribal preachers of which 47 are married, and 6 single women. These national workers are ministering the Word of God in at least 46 different centers among the Ralay, Mngong, Stieng, Bih, Mdhur, and Cil Tribes. Each month brings its share of reports causing reason for thanksgiving, as well as calls for earnest prayer to be offered for the establishment of the true Church in each one of these centers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mangham just last week brought back the heart-stirring report of a recent visit made into the vast, untouched Jeraf and Bahnar tribal areas in the vicinity of Cheo Reo and Ankhe. These areas are now wide open for the Gospel and could be occupied, except for the lack of workers. During their trip they distributed tracts along the road whenever they encountered people. Then on the return journey after all the tracts had been given out, people continued to clamour for more literature. They recognized the car from a distance and came running across the rice fields at the sight of it requesting more tracts.

Several days later two Vietnamese strangers from one of these distant areas, arrived at Pleiku to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sang, the Vietnamese missionaries there. They said they had received a tract, had gathered their relatives and neighbors together to read it and were convinced that it must tell about the true religion. So they decided they must know more of this message. Mr. Sang explained the Gospel to them, which resulted in their praying and then returning to their home after having been given more literature and Scripture portions. Let us pray that it will not be long until laborers may be stationed in Cheo Reo and Ankhe to gather in the harvest that is most apparent.

Throughout July our Bible School has been in session here in Bannethuot. Encouraging progress is being made as classes are being taught in Daniel, Doctrine, Corinthians, Matthew, Life of Christ, Parables, Old Testament, Vietnamese Language, and Music. Pray that each one of the students may profit richly as he gives himself to the study of the Word, and that we who teach may each day be able to teach with the unction of the Holy One upon us. Two of the students are completely self-supporting. This is a new venture and needs our prayer help that they will not be discouraged.

We are launching out in faith for the erection of a second dormitory to house eight more families. Our living quarters for the School are really very meagre and

we urgently need this new dormitory. The framework has already been provided as well as most of the roofing, but no money is available to go further than that. Mr. Powell is at present using the Leprosarium bulldozer to clear the land, providing a place for the erection of the new structure.

We want to praise God for a grant of money from the Foreign Department provided for the completion of the third missionary residence here at Banmethuot. Work will be proceeding on this house very shortly, the Lord willing, after having been stopped for a period of nine months. This is an answer to prayer.

Will you continue to pray with us for the advancement of the work in every department. Let us hear from you, and as God places the burden upon your heart, send your gifts to our Treasurer, The Christian & Missionary Alliance,
260 West 44th Street,
New York 36, New York.

And mark them for "Native Worker Support," "General Tribeswork," "Bible School," or "Dormitory" in care of N. R. Ziemer.

May His rich blessing be your portion as we continue to labor together in the fellowship of the Gospel.

Faithfully in His love,

Rev. and Mrs. N. Robert Ziemer

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