

Rockwood Cottage
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Dear friends in the homeland+

Three months, yes, soon four months will have passed since we arrived in the U.S.A. It has been a very busy and interesting time and we do love the good old U.S.A. We have watched with interest passing events in Vietnam and it appears that the Lord has His hand upon that great Mission Field. Things are changing and it is hard to imagine that over 200,000 refugees of North Vietnam have reached greater Saigon in South Vietnam, where already there are 2,000,000 Vietnamese and 500,000 Chinese. Soon Saigon will expand, tents are going up to house these refugees. What an opportunity to witness and plant another church!!

You may ask, are you and Mrs. Stebbins planning to go back? It's no secret that we hope next May to sail back. We love the work and as the Field Conference has invited our return, we certainly want to have at least one more opportunity. Our physical check ups indicate that we are able to undertake heavy deputational work in the U.S.A., at least Mr. Stebbins. Mrs. Stebbins has suffered two accidents, one when she sprained an ankle at Nyack; the other when she slipped on a throw rug and fractured her right arm. She returned home tired out but while attending Summit Grove Camp in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, Rev. Bosworth anointed and prayed for her and she had a definite touch from the Lord.

It has been a real privilege to speak at these two large summer Alliance Camps and both of us were blessed as we enjoyed the fine messages and observed these two rapidly growing, well attended Camps. For us to see the faithful pastors and labors of love in these Camps and then see souls at the altar and so many seeking victory and the deeper life, is truly inspiring. It encourages us to know how God is still blessing the C. & M.A. To attend a preacher's forum where discussions were conducted by our new President, Rev. H. L. Turner, and to know that in the minds of our leaders, plans are germinating for still greater efforts to carry our four-fold Gospel to the multitudes in the great cities of the U.S.A., is indeed the kind of encouragement we need. In view of the soon coming of the Lord, we need to be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might". It is still the call "to the Regions beyond I must go" for us all that are members of the body of Christ.

Living at Nyack has been so nice, where our three sons are, Bob, George and Tom. We promised the Lord we wouldn't go into debt and buy a car and one of our own cousins, who didn't know of our resolution, gave us a 1937 Buick 4-door sedan. That took us 3,000 miles this summer and we didn't get stuck on the road nor did we have tire trouble. As I was about to leave on a ten weeks convention tour, the car showed signs of trouble, but here I am in Maine, on tour, and Mrs. Stebbins writes that for the sum of \$16.00 the engine is repaired and ready for work.

Our son Tom, 21, was married to Donajean Stadskev on August 31st and for us it was an occasion for a reunion of all the family. Imagine our joy at having six of our children with us, including two sons-in-law - Ed Thompson and George Irwin, also two daughters-in-law, plus ten grandchildren. Betty and her husband are in the Philippines so couldn't be with us. Dave Moore, Anne's husband, couldn't be away from his church. Tom is taking two more years at M.T.I. and our son George, one more year. Please pray that they may soon be out in the work.

We feel confident that if we follow on in the fullness of God's will that He will guide, and that when May 1955 arrives, our outfit and outfit will all be provided. I will be ten weeks on this New England Missionary Convention Tour, returning home November 15th. It will be nice to see some of our friends in New England, our native country, since Mrs. Stebbins was from Massachusetts, and I from New Haven, Connecticut.

Please pray that the door for preaching the Gospel may be kept open in Vietnam. It seems clear to us that we are to return to Vietnam once more so will you ask the Lord to direct us in everything.

Yours for a great harvest of souls,

Reverend and Mrs. I. R. Stebbins

P.S. Please pray for those in the north who are now suffering under the "Reds".

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