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Sadec, October 3rd, 1923.

Dear Jeff:

Hello! old scout. Well suppose this letter will find you full swing into your work, whereas yours truly is nearly just this minute beginning a regular schedule of work. You of course know that I have been up to Battambang and was gone nine days. It is as far from Sadec to Battambang as from Saigon to Quinhon. This will give you a little idea of the distance and of the time we had to take to get to and from such a place. I am "en route" to write Irwin a report of my visit to this new place and you may read his letter which will give you all the information about our trip. Sufficient to say pioneer work puts a new punch into one's missionary vision and stirs one to their very depths. Praise God for what that trip has meant to me.

You will find enclosed a mandat postal for \$50.00 piastres which is money sent by one of our Christians "Anh Ban the young brother of Anh Niên to be handed over to Anh Niên. Anh Niên has written home and told his people the cost of living and that \$15.00 is not enough for his needs. Will you please investigate this matter with Thây Thua and get the native facts in the case. I have already paid you \$60.00 on this young man's account and he still lacks \$35.00 of the sum to cover his year's support. Will you kindly send for him and tell him you have this \$50.00 and ask that \$35.00 of it be turned over to you as a balance due on his year's support. Tell him his year's support is as follows:

9 months @ \$15.00	\$135.00
Amount already cared for	100.00
Balance due		\$ 35.00

I do not want to take this money by force as his brother gave it to me to be paid to him but Anh Niên told me while at Teurane that he would instruct his brother to make this final payment to me upon my return, so take it for granted when you meet him and tell him that in accordance with his agreement with Mr. Stebbins you are keeping the \$35.00 and paying him the \$15.00 with which he can do as he pleases. I would urge that you suggest to him that he leave this fifteen dollars with you and have two dollars extra a month or \$17.00 which is better than spending it all at once.

Thây Thong has arrived and has commenced his work which already proves to be very satisfactory. He is really a much better worker than you folks said and I have no fears as to his success.

Love in Him,

Thong Irving Stebbins