

Langson, Tonkin,
French Indo China.
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Dear Friends in the homeland,

When we look back upon this past year, so full of sorrow and trials, we can but thank God for "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". The greater the need the keener we felt His love and presence.

Since July when my last circular letter was written, we have been greatly tested in body. A severe malaria fever attack had affected my heart, stomach and liver and when I was well again my husband had serious eye trouble. At first we could not understand why we were not healed immediately when previously the Lord had so miraculously delivered but God was able to speak to our hearts in a way it might have been impossible for Him to do had we been in full activity. Praise God we are now altogether well and enjoying our work.

Esther returned from school at Dalat in the beginning of October. What a glad day that was for us! You can imagine our joy at being together again. She has changed a great deal for she is now a big girl in every way. Two days after her return home, she began to have fever and was once more delirious with a high temperature for five days. Our hearts ached to see the little darling so worn and lifeless but thank God she is restored to full health again. By the time you receive this letter she will be getting ready to go back to school. Pray for us, the separation will be so hard again.

"The Call of Indo China" gives you a picture of our new chapel in Langson and some details concerning it. The small room on the side is a reading and prayer room and on the other side of the chapel which is not seen on the picture, is the room where the Annamese Evangelist lives. Since having this proper place of worship, the better class people have attended meetings and officials send their children. The highest mandarin of the province came to visit us with his wife asking if he too could send his children to study God's Word. Now they come regularly, sing with all their heart of Jesus and His love and always remember their verse and the lesson well. Pray that through these dear little ones the hearts of the parents be touched.

Now before closing let me thank you most heartily for all the postal cards and Sunday School cards which you sent me. As I have over 120 children a week, in Langson alone, I need a great many cards and will always appreciate it when you can send me some. In this way you can have a share in our children's work, which has been most encouraging, and help spreading the Gospel among the Annamese and tribes people.

"May He whose gracious presence
That home in Nazareth blest,
Be in your home at Christmas
And always be a Guest:
And may His gracious presence,
No matter where you roam,
In every season make it
A cherished "home, sweet home"!"

Your's in His loving care.

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