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## EDITORIAL

### OUR SACRED TRUST

**"We have been approved of God to be entrusted with the Gospel." 1 Thessalonians 2:4.**

Dr. Samuel Johnson well said, "People need to be reminded more than to be instructed." It is so easy and human to forget, to lose interest, to become cold or careless, to lose our perspective. This is especially true when applied to our religious life. How often did not the Lord have to scourge the straying and idolatrous Israelites in the time of the Kings to bring them back to the worship of Jehovah. Only a casual glance at Church History is needed to see how often men and churches and nations have forgotten and wandered away from God. Even at the present time many will know of religious leaders and organizations, who once were spiritual and alive and possessed a vigorous faith, but are now cold and dead and formal. If we look at our own spiritual lives, surely we can all distinguish periods of coldness and lifelessness, when spiritual vigor and life are at a low ebb. Because of this we must constantly be reminded of our privileges and responsibilities.

This is true of our missionary responsibility too. How easy it is to have our missionary enthusiasm dampened, to let the fires go out, to see the lights grow dim. May the Lord help us to persevere, to carry on, to faithfully and continually work and pray and give with undiminished vigor, until the task is completed.

Here the Apostle reminds us of the privilege which is ours to preach the Gospel, that God in His infinite grace and wisdom approved of men to be entrusted with the Gospel. Wonder of wonders, that God should deign to give us this high and holy privilege, this sacred and solemn trust! How flattered we feel when someone, and especially a superior, reposes enough confidence in us to give us a commission or a position of responsibility! And the importance we attach to such a commission is proportionate to the rank and position of the one for whom it is done. We know of a government official in New Guinea who whenever receiving a special charge from his superior to make a reconnoitering trip, or to do some other difficult task, regarded such a charge with almost religious devotion, and left

no stone unturned in discharging it to the letter, even though it involved considerable danger and hardship.

Yet to us a trust has been committed by no mere earthly official or potentate, but by the King of kings and Lord of lords! No wonder that the Apostle Paul says, "As we were approved of God to be put in trust with the Gospel even so we speak." He is trying to show the Thessalonian believers how seriously he and Silvanus took their charge to give the Gospel to them. He felt and knew, perhaps more deeply than any other of God's saints, what an inestimable privilege it is to be a bearer of the message of God's grace. Oh, may God in His mercy show us too, the blessedness of this privilege, the marvelous grace which allows us also to be approved of Him to be put in trust with the Gospel. This applies not merely to missionaries but to all who share in this great task, surely no less to you who pray and give, than to us who go. It is a common responsibility and a common privilege! May He help us to so give and pray that we shall never lose sight of our holy calling, but that with perseverance and determination we shall faithfully continue our task, until it has been completed.

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**NEW ARRIVALS!**

We are happy to announce that missionary reinforcements continue to come to us. Not only have a number of older missionaries returned, but it has been our joy to welcome many new ones. (See the items for thanksgiving on page 17). As we think of the challenge and opportunities that confront us, we praise God for every one of them! Just last week we had the privilege of welcoming the latest arrivals, Rev. and Mrs. H. Rankin and little Jonathan. We bespeak for our brother and sister a gracious ministry and time of blessing with us as we labor together for Him.

**THE JAFFRAY MEMORIAL FUND.**

Recently our Board in New York approved the following action which we desire to pass on to those many friends who followed the late Dr. R. A. Jaffray's work and vision. It is indeed fitting and proper that our brother's devotion and ministry should be remembered in this way.

The action taken was as follows:

The Board of Managers has approved the raising of \$ 50,000 as a memorial to the late Dr. R. A. Jaffray, who died during internment in a Japanese Camp. Dr. Jaffray's ministry as a missionary was outstanding in many fields, particularly in pioneer effort and editorial and publication work. The Bible Magazines which he edited in Chinese and Malay are again being published, and thus the message of Christ in His fulness is being proclaimed to many by the printed page. The minute of the Board of Managers reads as follows:

- a) That the goal of the Robert A. Jaffray Memorial Fund be \$ 50,000.00, to be raised by the end of 1950.
- b) That the objectives and allocation of the Fund be as follows:

Indonesia Publication Work	\$ 5,000 per year for 3 years —	\$ 15,000
China Publication Work	\$ 5,000 per year for 3 years —	\$ 15,000
Indo-China Press and Publication Work		\$ 14,000
Indonesia Pioneer Work in New Guinea	\$ 2,000 per year for 3 years —	\$ 6,000

Anyone wishing to have a share in this may send his gift to The Christian and Missionary Alliance, 260 West 44th Street, New York 18, New York, designating it to be applied to this Fund.

"We are living in an earnest age, and surely the Holy Ghost ought to produce earnest men today. God give to us this power for work that will multiply our lives until they measure up to the extraordinary opportunities, and to the marvelous intensities of these last days on which the ends of the world are come." — **A. B. Simpson.**

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REPORT FOR 1947  
of the  
INDONESIA FIELD

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„A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:9)

As we review the work of the past year we can say that though we have encountered many difficulties and obstacles so that some of our local districts have not yet fully recovered from the blows and setbacks received during the war, the Lord has given us many encouragements. On the one hand we have had hindrances, delays, problems, and discouragements, seemingly without number, yet on the other hand we are confronted with open doors, requests for teachers, hunger for the Word, and in some areas a receptivity to the Gospel never before experienced.

Political conditions are still unsatisfactory. At times things seem to be stabilizing and there is reason to hope for an improvement in the situation, but just as often a new faction arises, or there is a swing to the left indicating that all is not yet settled. The great issue as to whether Indonesia will become wholly independent in the near future, or whether it will remain within the sphere of the Netherlands Kingdom, or whether it will be part one and part the other, is still obscure. Though the Netherlands Government has gone ahead with the creation of the State of East Indonesia and hopes soon to complete the setting up of the State of Borneo, there is in both these states an influential group whose sympathies are with the Republic of Java. Negotiations have been going on in Java for a long time with seemingly little result, and until the political situation there is clarified, there is little hope for an improvement of economic conditions in general. How long things can continue this way is difficult to say, but we commend this matter to God's people for prayer.

We are grateful that the unsettled political conditions have not prevented the coming out of urgently needed reinforcements. In April it was our privilege to welcome the Brills, Schislars, Troutmans, and Van Patters. The Kims, Misses Marsh and Kemp and Rev.

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W. Konemann arrived in July, while Mrs. Meltzer and children, Mrs. Harry Post and children, and the Olenhouses joined us in August. Miss LeRoy and Mrs. Jackson got here in December. A large number of these are already out on their stations in Borneo and New Guinea.

In 1947 it was possible again to have a field conference, the first one since the war. Besides the 21 missionaries present, we were delighted to have with us our Foreign Secretary, Dr. A. C. Snead, whose fellowship, counsel, and spiritual ministry were a great blessing and encouragement to us all. The conference had a number of very important items on its agenda and made some far reaching decisions.

The present task facing our Mission in Indonesia is threefold. First, that of considering the work already begun, putting churches already organized on a sound footing and establishing them on an indigenous basis. With our fast growing work inadequately manned in the pre-war years, and following that the war period when for five years we could give the churches no supervision at all, this is no easy task. Both more missionaries and national workers are needed to do this. Praise God for the missionary reinforcements which have come and for the others on the way, so that we can soon get our East Borneo Bible School going in full swing and the School for West Borneo started, thus preparing more national workers for these fields. Good progress has also been made in organizing the indigenous church, when a deputation visited the Sesajap field of East Borneo and that district with its 26 churches has become fully self-supporting and now has its own district conference.

Corollary to this matter of building up the Christians is the question of providing more schools and teachers for them. There is not only a keen hunger for education, but we must recognize that until our Christians can read the Bible for themselves, we will never have a strong national church. This need is all the more urgent when we realize the problems which our church must face in this new era. We must do all that we can to help meet this need.

Second, that of meeting the needs of the natural expansion of the work in fields already occupied, particularly in Borneo and Sumbawa. In the Apo Kajan district of East Borneo a number of village heads decided that after their rice harvest they will en masse

accept Christianity, so that we conservatively estimate the number of inquirers here at 5,000, making a total of 9,512 inquirers for the whole field. Other places having many inquirers are the Sesajap district in East Borneo, the Melawi district in West Borneo, and in Sumbawa. It is no small matter to instruct these souls and gather in this waiting harvest. Pray that God will lead, giving wisdom and enabling for the task.

Third, is our responsibility in New Guinea, our latest wholly pioneer effort, and it is a big order. But it is an imperative order that cannot be gainsaid. Praise God that the first-fruits from among the Kapaukus have now been gathered in, 17 having been baptized this year. May many more be added to the Lord in the near future. But then there are the Monis, Danis, Uhundunis, and the vast and populous Baliem Valley, all of whom have never yet heard and who must also be reached with the Gospel. There are still many difficulties ahead,- primitive conditions, the language problem, the inaccessibility of these mountain tribes,- but these things need not deter us. May God help us in discharging our responsibility to the peoples of New Guinea.

### **SESAJAP DISTRICT, EAST BORNEO**

Though the late Rev. W. E. Presswood visited the mission station at Long Berang in the Sesajap district in January 1946, he was not permitted to go into the farther interior where the churches are located. Not until the Fall of 1947 was it possible to send anyone to this field, so that it was without missionary supervision for a period of five years. How has the church fared during this interval? "Very well," we are happy to say. During that time it has weathered some pretty severe storms and some of the Christians became somewhat unsettled as a result of outside influence but, praise God, the Lord has kept His own and the church came out on top. The instrument in the Lord's hands to hold this church together was Rev. A. Doemat, one of our ordained Indonesian workers, who faithfully and loyally stayed at his post. When Brother Willfinger left the district to surrender himself up to the Japanese in Tarakan he asked Brother Doemat to take charge.

The Sesajap churches are entering a new or second phase. The spirit of revival in which the church was born, when the Christians



gladly walked a whole day to go to a centrally located church, has now passed, and each village is now asking for its own church. The number of churches has therefore increased to twenty-six, even though the membership has decreased slightly because of much illness and a number of deaths during the last year.

So marked has been the progress of the Sesajap Christians in contrast to the backward, primitive ways of the heathen Dyaks around them, that there is an unusual openness and eagerness on the part of these heathen to the Gospel. They are simply begging us for teachers, offering even to partially support them from the start. It is both a remarkable testimony to the transforming power of the Gospel and a challenge to enter these open doors.

The Sesajap district has always been one of the most progressive and spiritual of all our Borneo fields. For a long time these churches partially supported their teachers so that when our Field Conference passed a resolution last July to establish district conferences in each of our various districts, and to urge upon them full self-support, it was felt that the Sesajap field was the logical place to begin. So immediately after Conference a deputation was sent there and met in a four-day conference with the pastors, elders and deacons of the 26 churches and the district — 153 representatives in all. On the second day the Conference proposal was presented. After giving a lengthy explanation of the matter, and then a period of discussion, the vote was 148 to 5 in favor of the proposal. A district committee, which will have the responsibility of governing the district, was also chosen, with Rev. A. Doemat as chairman. Though Rev. L. A. Kim who, with his family recently arrived on this field and is now located at Long Berang, will act only in an advisory capacity, he will have a hard and difficult task, leading and teaching these brethren to stand on their own feet.

### **BOELONGAN DISTRICT, EAST BORNEO**

The work in the Boelongan field during the past year can be summed up in the words: "opportunities and difficulties," or in two phrases: "open doors and many adversaries." Every attempt to go forward there seems to have met with stiff opposition. First, Brother Fisk, in trying to get to the Indies, was shipwrecked; then after he arrived on the field he took ill and was nigh unto death; and finally he had to return home because of trouble with his nerves. Brother

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and Mrs. Van Patter went to replace him and to take over the work in the Bible School at Long Bia. But it seems that the enemy has made this field the special target for his attacks.

We can now understand this. The enemy knows that the Spirit of the Lord is working in Dyak hearts, preparing them for the Gospel. Just recently we received the following cable from the government official in the Apo Kajan section of the field, who incidentally is a Christian: "At a meeting of village heads it was decided that after the rice harvest the Dyaks will discard their superstitions and embrace the Christian faith thus increasing the number of Christians, therefore request your sending teachers and missionaries." We estimate conservatively that this will mean an increase of at least five thousand to the Christian church in that area.

The great need of this district is for more national workers and better missionary supervision, so that both churches and Christians will be established and grounded in the faith. The Christians need reviving and quickening, and the large number of inquirers in the Apo Kajan district must be led to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour. Praise God missionary reinforcements are on the way. The Whetzels, who have just departed for the Boelongan district and the Dixons, who have just arrived, have both been appointed to the Apo Kajan district.

To provide more equipped national workers for our East Borneo fields we have started a Bible School in this area at Long Bia, similar to our Makassar School. During the past year, because of limited personnel, only some 35 students were in attendance. With the coming of more missionaries to this area, we hope to be able to have a larger enrolment in 1948.

### **MAHAKAM DISTRICT, EAST BORNEO**

Geographically the Mahakam is the largest of our Borneo fields and the three districts where we have Christians are widely separated from each other. In one of these districts, the Tabang area, the work shows considerable promise, and again a goodly number have been baptized. In the Moeara Lawa area, where a number of Christians have backslidden, the going has been hard. Yet in one or two of the churches the attendance has increased a little, in spite of strong opposition from some of the backslidden Dyaks. Another factor which has hindered recovery is the occasional appearance of groups

of extremists in this area. At one time the teacher and his wife would have been killed had it not been for the intercession of a member of the group who happened to be a nominal Christian.

Pray for the Mahakam district and for Brother Harry Post and his good wife, who labor there, that God will restore the backslidden ones and that our brethren may be given strength and encouragement from the Lord.

### **BELITANG DISTRICT, WEST BORNEO**

The eight national teachers in this area have been carrying on but are anxiously awaiting the return of the missionary. Brother J. C. Meltzer visited this district in June and at that time many backsliders came back to the Lord. In October two representatives from here journeyed all the way to Brother Meltzer's station at Nanga Pinoh and told him that they had orders from their people not to return without him, so he and Brother Olenhouse made a second visit. When many others, who had become cold and indifferent, were restored and thirty were baptized. We are trusting that with the return of Brother Mouw, who is soon to arrive, everyone of the backsliders will be revived and the churches again be put on a self-supporting basis, as before the war.

There are two dangers which the work is facing here. First, there is the coming of other religious groups with erroneous teaching, some of whom have invaded West Borneo in large numbers and are located near this district. The second is the temptation provided by a Dyak, who originally came from British North Borneo, who has revived a headhunting dance among the Christians, causing many to forget the Lord. Please pray for these simple-hearted brethren.

### **MELAWI DISTRICT, WEST BORNEO**

Since the return of Rev. J. C. Meltzer, this district is making a good come-back but, here too, there is a deplorable lack of workers. This vast area with 1,500 church members is shepherded by only six national workers.

Even in the interior of Borneo there is a housing shortage so that the Meltzers were compelled to purchase a house and a second one must be built for Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Olenhouse, who have recently arrived on the field.

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In the Kuala Machur section of this field, the one thousand inquirers last reported has been increased so that now there is a total of 2,000 inquirers in the Melawi district. We are praying that the Lord will not only enable us to instruct these inquirers but also to secure good national workers who can lead and establish them in the faith. Plans are afoot for the establishing of a Bible training school in West Borneo similar to the one started in East Borneo and it is hoped we can begin it soon.

### MELIAU DISTRICT, WEST BORNEO

Rev. and Mrs. R. Williams, who as associate missionaries opened this district in 1941, returned as independent missionaries in 1947. Inasmuch as this work was begun by Mr. Williams, and we have no missionary to place there, the Executive Committee after prayer acceded to Brother William's urgent request that he be given permission to resume work in this field, and he has been given full responsibility for it. We pray that God will give our brother much blessing as he shepherds the 800 Christians in this area and seeks to lead others in this district to a saving knowledge of Christ.

### BANGKA and BILLITON

The work in these two islands is largely carried on amongst the Chinese and is under the direction of an able and consecrated Chinese missionary, Rev. C. Y. Wong. Together with an Indonesian worker he is responsible for four organized churches with a total of 300 members in Billiton alone, who gave Guilders 4,509.00 during '47. Sixty were baptized. We praise God for the good and commendable work of these two brethren.

Brother Wong visited Bangka during the year and while there he not only baptized 25 converts but also set that struggling church on its feet. We are still looking for a man, however, to lead and shepherd these brethren, and are hoping to be able to arrange for the return of a former Chinese Foreign Missionary Union worker, Rev. T. H. Tsang, to take this responsibility.

### SUMATRA

Though we have been able to arrange the return of two of our Indonesian workers from Sumatra, because of political conditions it

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is not possible to replace them. These workers report, however, that throughout the war they were able to minister to the Kooboo Christians, who have made considerable progress having given up their wanderings and nomadic habits and are now making ricefields and living in permanent villages. They are eagerly awaiting the return of the missionary.

Because of the fact that prior to the war this work was in charge of the Open Bible Standard Missionary Society, and because of the present political situation prevailing there, the Conference passed a motion that this field is no longer to be considered our responsibility but that of the Open Bible Standard.

### MAKASSAR and CELEBES

With the return of a number of senior missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Brill, the Misses Marsh, Kemp and LeRoy, to reinforce our skeleton staff, the work in Makassar has gone forward, and it has been possible to give better attention to the national workers as well as to the many problems facing the Mission.

The Kemah Indjil (Gospel Tabernacle) continues to grow, not only in numbers but also in blessing and spiritual influence. Besides their regular services in the Tabernacle, they hold weekly meetings in four other preaching centers. Like many Alliance churches at home it has no fixed membership, but there are about 450 who worship regularly with us. Wholly self-supporting, it raised Guilders 10,181.77 in 1947 of which almost one-half comes from tithers. Two hundred and forty children attend the Sunday School and almost a hundred the Young People's Society. Twenty-eight were baptized during the year. We regret the going of Rev. A. Tering, a fine spiritual brother, who ministered as pastor, but are glad to say that the work has gone on under his successor, Rev. M. Titabeleuw, his former assistant.

Immediately upon his arrival, Brother Brill again took the responsibility of the Bible School, which was reopened in June. At the end of the year 71 students were enrolled, 44 men and 27 women, most of them former students who have been returned to graduate. We have a very fine faculty including Brothers Brill, Konemann, Pouw, Misses Marsh, Kemp, LeRoy, Mrs. Post and Mrs. Brill, also Brothers Tse, Titabeleuw and Saragih. In view of the fact that we

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have a Bible School in East Borneo and hope to begin another in West Borneo soon, we have very few Dyaks in our Makassar Bible School at present, and in the future it will not play the role that it did formerly. Political conditions, the high cost of transportation in bringing Dyaks to and from Makassar, and the acute need for a large increase of Dyak workers have led us to take this step.

The publishing of the "Kalam Hidoep" and the sale of books have been most encouraging. Under the capable management of Brother P. H. Pouw, who felt led of the Lord to resume his ministry with us, the publication of the "Kalam Hidoep" has been started again, the first number appearing in 1947. Already the number of paying subscribers has reached 1,100. The lack and need and hunger for good Malay literature are appalling, and this welcome reception given the "Kalam Hidoep" is an indication of the fact that we can have an increasingly effective ministry in this field. A total of 18,500 books, pamphlets and leaflets was sold, and the total sales, including the "Kalam Hidoep" subscriptions, which now costs Guilders 7.50 per year, came to Guilders 14,069.20. We are at present awaiting permission to reprint some of Mr. Jaffray's books and hope to publish new ones, including some of Dr. Simpson's works.

The four churches in South Celebes underwent a severe test when extremists came into their area and our teachers had to leave their flocks for about six months. They are now back at their stations and, though one church building was destroyed, the Christians for the most part have remained faithful. After the trouble subsided nine more came to the Lord and were baptized.

In Boeton and Moena there has been a steady growth and the two Indonesian teachers have done commendable work. The Boeton church has 142 members and the Moena group numbers 300, of which five are attending the Bible School in Makassar.

The education of the children of missionaries has always been a knotty problem, particularly in this field. To meet this need we have gone ahead with plans for the building and conducting of a special school for them at Benteng Tinggi, our mountain rest home near Makassar. The Schislors, who have been temporarily appointed to oversee this undertaking, are doing a fine work, and are also having some spiritual ministry among the Makassar people in this vicinity. Mrs. Jackson is in charge of the school and will be assisted by Miss P. Roseberry, who is a registered nurse.

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### L O M B O K

Though the Lombok churches suffered much during the war, we are happy to say that our Brother Konemann's visit to the two remaining churches has been a great blessing and encouragement. One of these is made up of Sasak Christians and the other a mixture of Balinese, Sasaks, and Chinese. While there, Brother Konemann organized a national Church Council for Lombok, an important step towards establishing these churches on an indigenous basis. Though they are not yet self-supporting, these two churches gave Guilders 457.63 during 1947 toward their running expenses.

### S U M B A W A

Because of a shortage of workers and the fact that our efforts in the Mohammedan centers on the coast of Sumbawa have yielded such meagre results, we felt led to concentrate our efforts on the more receptive Donggo people of the mountains, who are pagans. It appears that this has been a good move. We have had more baptisms here in 1947 than in any other of our fields in Indonesia, so that the total number of believers now exceeds 800. The work here is in charge of a capable and consecrated national worker, Rev. B. J. Taka. During Brother Konemann's recent visit to this field, these Christians decided to build a church building. The native officials are also very sympathetic and helpful, urging us to start a grammar school among the people. One Mohammedan official even asked for a Bible.

### N E W G U I N E A

We have good news from New Guinea. When Brother Mickelson and the four national brethren were flown to the Wissel Lakes in October 1946 the natives in the vicinity appeared friendly but others looked upon the return of the white man with suspicion, thinking that perhaps he would again be followed by the Japanese, whom the Kapaukus had learned from experience to dislike. Because of this the small missionary party, while busy with house building, found itself in serious danger on several occasions. The situation was particularly tense in January 1947. While visiting a pig feast at one time,

some friendly Kapaukus told the workers to hurry home as a plot was afoot to kill them immediately following the feast. But God over-ruled and nothing materialized. The worker writes: "At present we are frequently threatened so that we are in almost constant danger but, praise God, we are standing on His promise in Psalm 112:7,8, which always comforts us."

Towards the latter part of 1947 our good brother, Rev. K. E. Troutman, and his wife and family, joined Brother Mickelson at the Wissel Lakes. Since the end of the year we have been happy to welcome Mrs. Mickelson, also the Misses McIlrath and Doble, both of whom have been appointed to New Guinea. Miss Doble has had special training for language and translation work.

A large unreached area in the interior of New Guinea is the Baliem River Valley, with a population estimated at 150,000. It appears that God is also placing the responsibility for their evangelization upon our Society. Perhaps these are the last ones to be reached before the Lord's soon return. As unrest and hatred and wars increase, indicating the approaching end of the age and the nearness of Christ's return, may we faithfully proclaim His salvation to those long neglected races, in obedience to His command.

Brethren, this is a great work, - this business of missions, so let us not grow weary of it. The Apostle says, "As we have received mercy we faint not." (II Corinthians 4:1)

It is human weakness to faint, to become weary. We can work at something only so long, and then we require a rest or a change. A vacation or holiday is not so much a cessation from activity, as it is a change of activity. So, too, we Christians are liable to faint, not only in our Christian life, but also in our missionary vision and work. Like the colored preacher, who described the man sick of the palsy as having had palsy so bad and so long, he was sick of it, so we are in danger of becoming sick of hearing again and again about missions.

This applies particularly to missionary-minded Alliance people, who have heard about missions so often and so much they are apt to become weary and faint. The words "challenge, call, need, opportunity, responsibility" and others have been used so much, they seem like mere platitudes. In vain do we rack our minds and peruse the dictionary to find new words and phrases with which to quicken and maintain missionary interest. But the Apostle says, "As we have



received mercy we faint not." It is only God's grace that can keep us from fainting and help us in the carrying out of the commission of Christ, to persevere and continue in it, to occupy and faithfully carry on, until He come. Only His grace can keep our vision from growing dim and our love from becoming cold. The time is short, the night is far spent, the day is at hand. This is no time to become faint and weary. On the contrary, we must exert ourselves as never before, like the runner getting ready for the last sprint, or the footballer with only a few more minutes to play. But it must not be fleshly energy or effort, it must be His strength and mercy and enabling. May God give us all mercy, that like Paul we can say, "As we have received mercy we faint not."

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### OUR PLANE IS COMING!

What a joy was ours when Mr. Snead informed us that a suitable plane for our work in Indonesia has been secured. After much searching and inquiring and experimenting another Beechcraft has again been purchased. This is the same type of plane we had before the war. The new pilot, Mr. A. Lewis of Hamilton, Canada, is now flying it at home, getting sufficiently accustomed with it before coming out to the field. The plane will be shipped in June, arriving in the Indies in July, and we trust that it will be ready for use by mid-August, D. V. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will be coming with the plane and we are looking to the Lord to give them a precious ministry with us.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray concerning the political situation that it may not hinder the progress of the Gospel.
2. Pray concerning the difficulty in chartering a plane to take our missionaries to the Wissel Lakes, New Guinea. Pray that God will soon supply the Mission with a suitable plane for New Guinea. The exorbitant costs of chartering a plane make it urgent that we have our own plane.
3. Pray for Christian Dyak builders for New Guinea; also for cowrie shells which are used in bartering in this part of the field.
4. Pray for the East Borneo Bible School, that God will lead us to whether it should remain at Long Bia or be located elsewhere; also that difficulties in connection with the School be surmounted.
5. Pray for the West Borneo Bible School that the Lord will guide us to its location.
6. Pray concerning the work in the Apo Kajan district of East Borneo that God will supply Spirit-filled workers, and give wisdom and patience in leading the many inquirers there to Christ.
7. Pray for the 26 churches in the Sesajap district of East Borneo, that have just become self-supporting, that they may meet their financial obligations. Pray for the new District Committee and Chairman of this committee, Rev. A. Doemat.
8. Pray that we may be able to secure a limited number of native Christian school teachers for Borneo, Sumbawa, and New Guinea.
9. Pray for a spiritual quickening of our whole work.
10. Pray for Mr. Konemann who has been sick for several weeks, his illness being an after effect of his internment by the extremists in 1946.
11. Pray for the Publication Work. Permission has just been received to reprint several books and tracts and we are looking to the Lord to provide the needed funds for this.
12. Pray for the coming Missionary Conference.

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PRAISE the Lord for the work of healing that He has begun in little Connie Schisler. Please continue to pray that a complete work of healing may be done in this little one, that the Name of the Lord may be glorified.

PRAISE the Lord for the arrival on the field of new missionaries: Mrs. F. C. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Conley, Misses Doble, McIlrath and Roseberry. We are thankful indeed for these reinforcements and believe that the Lord has a fruitful ministry for them in this field.

PRAISE the Lord for the return to the field of Mrs. Meltzer, Mrs. Harry Post, Miss Anna LeRoy, Mrs. W. Konemann, Mrs. E. H. Mickelson, Mr. and Mrs. Mouw, Mr. and Mrs. Whetzel, and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon. We covet your prayers for them as they enter into their work again, that the Lord's richest blessing may rest upon them.


PRAISE the Lord for those who have recently graduated from the Makassar Bible School. Remember them in prayer as they go forth into the work of the Lord, especially in Borneo and New Guinea, that they may be used to bring in a rich harvest of souls. Pray also for the opening of another year in the Makassar Bible School, that men and women of the Lord's own choice may attend, and be prepared of Him for His service.

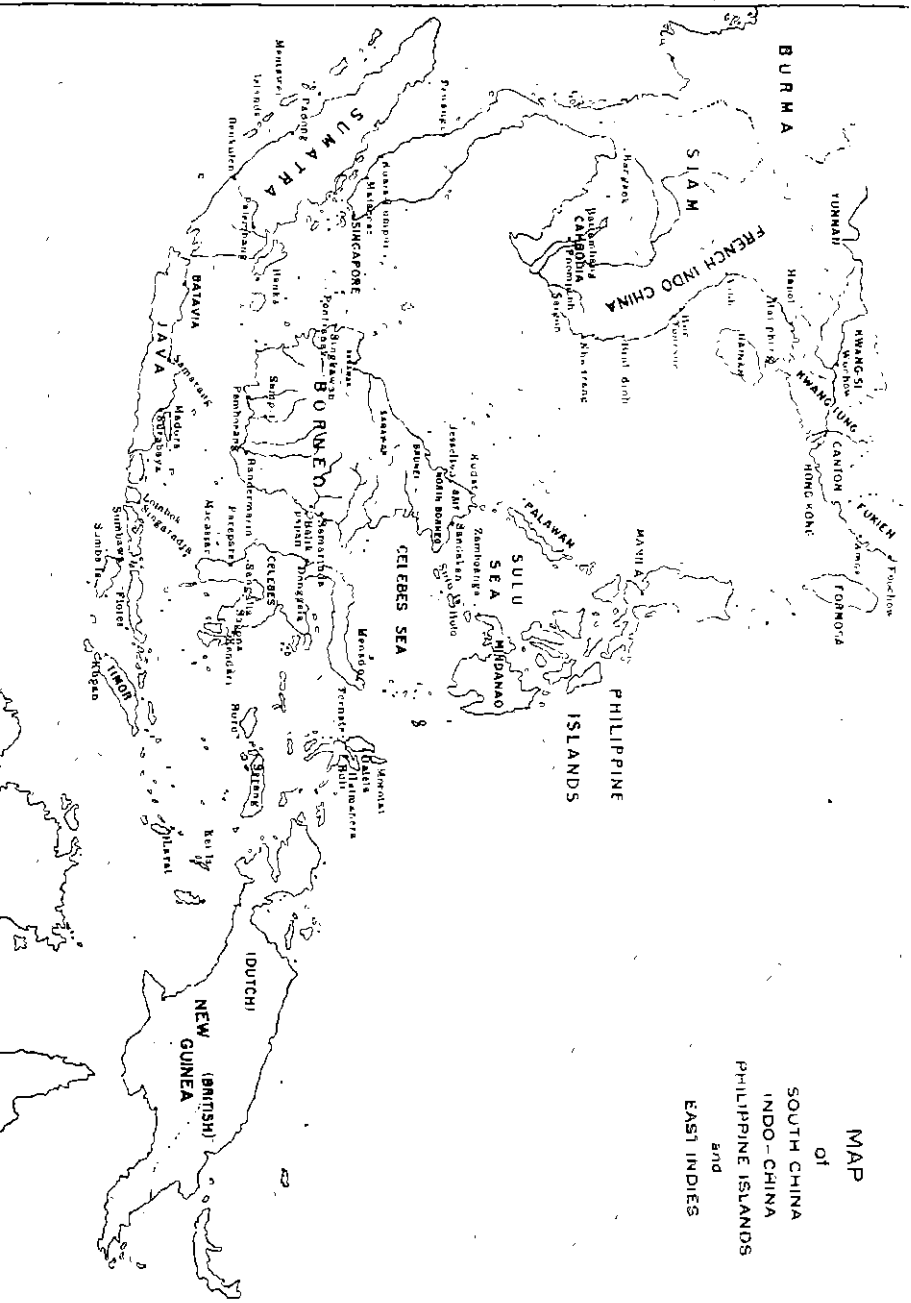
PRAISE the Lord for the many open doors and opportunities for service. But, the laborers are few! "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."



**N E E D E D !**

We are in great need of Bible picture cards and rolls for our work here in Indonesia. The large picture rolls are especially useful and we shall be very grateful for your help. If you have any to spare, please wrap them up well, and send them by mail to Rev. W. M. Post, Ladjangiroeweg 81, Makassar, Celebes, Indonesia.





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