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EDITORIAL

The two words VISION and PASSION are essentials for all Christian ministry. These qualities are exemplified in the life of the Apostle Paul, who apart from Jesus Christ, was the greatest missionary who ever lived. The effects of his life and ministry upon the entire world are beyond expression. Why? He had VISION; he had PASSION.

Each missionary today needs a sense of the divine call and commissioning no less clear and certain than that of Paul. Empty souls will never respond to His cry, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for me?"

He saw men as lost men; to the Corinthians he wrote: "If our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost." (Ch. 4:3) In Ephesians he states, "Without Christ, having no hope, and without God in the world." It was on this basis that Paul was filled with a sense of responsibility until he cried out, "I am debtor." We who are so careful not to incur debts - have we attempted to clear ourselves of this one? Paul did, he went everywhere witnessing and preaching Christ and His glorious Gospel of salvation. He didn't put his debt upon another nor did he ask to be released from it - its presence became a driving force within him and he had to go, the love of Christ constrained him.

He not only had a vision, but from his deep convictions there grew a missionary passion that poured itself out in sacrificial service. He said "I am ready to preach," even though he must suffer to do so. "Neither count I my life dear unto myself," spoke Paul. In a dirty dungeon or on a stormy sea he wished nothing better for himself. To the church at Corinth he writes, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls."

All through the years it has been men with passion who have stirred the hearts of men. Moses had it, "Lord forgive the sins of my people, if not, blot me, I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written." Henry Martyn had it; stepping ashore in India he said, "Now let me burn out for God."

Let missionary and layman alike in these last days of service be sure that we are not lacking in VISION and PASSION. L. A. K.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This Pioneer should actually have been a Conference number, but so many things have happened that it was well-nigh impossible to get it out before. The Conference which was held in April was a time of profit and blessing. God met us in the morning devotional sessions led by Rev. H. E. Nelson, our Home Secretary, and official deputation from the Board, and gave us a measure of reviving and blessing. Perhaps some think we are just using a mere platitude here and that missionaries do not need reviving. Allow me to say that there is no halo around any missionary's head. As one

missionary once expressed it, when he came to the field he thought he had a halo, but he later found out it was a pair of horns.

The problems before us were many. Much of the discussion was about self-support, the organizing of the church, and the framing of the Constitution. Praise God that this work has gone on until now most of our Districts are organized and we have made fine progress in self-support. It was in connection with these difficulties that Mr. Nelson's presence was so helpful. He gave us advice and instruction on many knotty points, drawing from his own mature and varied experience.

NOW OR NEVER

It is easy to give lip service or tacit approval to a doctrine or method without really knowing what it means or involves. Sometimes it seems that self-support comes into that category. Every missionary admits that that is the ideal to which we are striving, and it is frequently discussed, yet at times we are provokingly slow to do much about it. Here in Indonesia self-support is "spotty", well advanced in some areas but retarded in others.

Self-support does have its problems. A missionary's sense of pity toward a poor congregation, the desire of the National Worker to look to the Mission for support rather than the church and other things tend to keep us from pushing self-support as much as we should. So God has been gracious to us in creating a political situation which makes us feel that our ministry here may be limited, and that therefore we **must** push self-support so as to leave the church in such a condition that it can carry on alone if we should have to leave.

The National Workers feel it too and can now realize the necessity of self-support. So when other arguments fail, we say, "Supposing we have to leave next year, then what?" and we as well as the workers have an eloquent illustration from experience as to what happened when the last war came upon us. So with that experience behind us and uncertain political conditions ahead, this is a golden opportunity to push and realize self-support as never before - if we really want it. In thinking about it one day I was impressed with the thought - if under such favorable circumstances we cannot attain self-support, when can we? Surely it is now or never! May God help us to use the opportunity while we can.

THE SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN

Up until last April Southern Celebes was comparatively quiet and normal. But when Republican troops and guerrillas arrived from Java and a coup d'etat took place in Makassar, much confusion and unrest resulted which has not yet disappeared. At the present time Makassar is safe, but thousands of guerrillas (estimated at 20,000) are said to be roaming the countryside

throughout Southern Celebes. Because of this situation it was felt advisable to close our Missionaries' Children's School for the present. Though neither our School nor people had been molested, one might never know when some band of irresponsible guerrillas could come and cause trouble. Stories and rumors of attacks, kidnappings, robberings and thefts are constantly making the rounds, so that we felt it was taking too much of a risk to continue the school under such circumstances. All of the children have been sent back to their parents and the teachers, Mrs. E. Jackson and Miss P. Roseberry, have been transferred to our Long Bia Bible school where they will have an important an effective ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Kim have taken over the Bible School in Makassar.

THE PLANE

Our new plane should soon be here. It has been delayed but we will be exceedingly grateful when it comes. Recently I made a trip with Brother Lewis in our little single-motored Beechcraft into the heart of Borneo, and since making the trip, I can appreciate how necessary it is to have a twin-motored plane. Wonderful as it is to cover in one and one-half hours a distance which by ordinary travel takes from two to three months, yet when flying over that rugged mountain country, over ranges and peaks from 11,000 to 12,000 feet high, one can't help but think what would happen if for some reason that motor stopped. I agree with Mr. Lewis, who has now made 38 trips across those mountains, that were it not for the fact of doing it in the Lord's work I don't believe I would care to do it at all. Yet while we trust the Lord, and it is only His care and protection that has kept each of us, we dare not be presumptuous.

Futhermore, the new plane, which is also an amphibian, will be able to service practically all of our fields, including New Guinea. We know you co-workers at home have been holding up that plane in prayer and we are grateful to God for His faithfulness in hearing and answering those prayers.

FURLOUGHS

Conference approved the furloughs of the following missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Meltzer with their three children, Jack, Jean and Donald; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Post with Mary Jean, Gordon and Constance; Mrs. Alice Mickelson and her two daughters, Jacqueline and Cynthia; and Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Mouw. In spite of the difficulties in carrying on missionary work in these days of political changes and upheaval, these brethren have labored hard and faithfully and are going home for a much needed and well-earned rest. Mrs. Mickelson, Mrs. Meltzer and the Mouws have not completed a full term, but have gone home early because of health reasons and in connection with their children's education. We trust that you friends will be praying for them all,

and that many of you will have an opportunity to get first-hand news of Indonesia from them.

Early this year Brother W. Konemann was critically ill and for several days had a fever of 106° and 107°, so that we thought we were going to lose him. He has a serious liver condition as a result of his internment. But God heard prayer and restored him so that by June he could resume his work as head of the Makassar Bible School. But soon his old trouble reappeared and the doctor ordered him home to Holland for a good rest. In late August the Konemann family arrived home. They need your prayers. Mrs. Konemann too is not well and we know they will appreciate your continued intercession for them.

Miss Anna LeRoy also was interned during the war and has had continued stomach trouble ever since. In June she had one of her kidneys removed and the operation was quite successful for which we praise the Lord. But our sister has also had to go home that she might be able to recuperate more fully and quickly in a cooler climate. We are having difficulty getting a U. S. visa for her and would ask you to remember this request in prayer.

NEW MISSIONARIES

We now have more missionaries on the field than ever before. Since the publication of our last Pioneer our staff has again been augmented by the coming of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon L. Neigenfind and son, Lyle, and Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Bliss and son, Bruce.

We heartily welcome these brethren and how we praise God that with their coming we have been able to enter some new fields as well as to consolidate the work considerably in places already occupied. Our first reaction to this increase in personnel was a feeling that for once we were really going to have a sufficient number of missionaries to man the field. But with the re-opening of Bali and the need of replacements for those going on furlough we are beginning to realize that we still are far short of our ambition to adequately man the field. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest".

Birth - To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Conley, a son, Stephen Douglas, June 11th at Makassar.

NEW NAMES IN INDONESIA

You are being introduced in this issue of the Pioneer to the new name for Borneo - **Kalimantan**, and for Celebes - **Sulawesi**. In this issue both names are being used.

GOOD SEED — BUT JUST SPROUTED

By C. C. Olenhouse

Years ago a missionary went up the Kayan River here in West Borneo. He found Dyaks bound by tribal customs, heathen worship, and hideous sin. He faithfully preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ but no heart seemed open to receive the message. Some openly opposed the entering of missionaries and the door seemed closed. No doubt the missionary felt discouraged; no doubt he spent much time in earnest prayer for those who hardened their hearts.

Over ten years have elapsed, and the writer, with Brother Marion Allen has just made a trip to that same area up the Kayan River. Arriving at a trading center called Nanga Mau we held two services using both the Chinese and Indonesian languages. Many Chinese came and in one service there were about thirty who were very much interested in salvation. A few Dyaks were there in the services, and the second day one came to us and said "I am one of you". I asked what he meant and again he said, "I am one of you; I have entered also." Then I knew he was trying to explain that he believed in Christ as his Saviour. He had forgotten most of the terms, but knew that he was clinging to the Name of Jesus for Salvation. Praise the Lord; how our hearts rejoiced! We asked how he had heard the story and it was then he told of the missionary who had come so many years before. He said that at the time he had believed the story but had not told anyone. He had been wanting to hear more ever since. Needless to say, we fairly jumped at his invitation to go home with him and speak in his village. During the conversation we learned that just recently he has become Chief over twelve villages, a total population of almost 2,000 souls. As we went up the Inger River he sat on the bow of our boat watching out for rocks and logs. We could not help noticing the expression of joy on his face. The good seed had been planted in his heart and it had begun to sprout, but through the years had not been cultivated so had not grown much, but that was to be our privilege and we could see he was ready and eager for it.

On the way to his village we stopped overnight at another village. Our friend was anxious for us to meet the Chief there who was also over several villages as he was. After meeting with him we began to treat the malaria, diarrhea, and sore eye patients, then after supper everyone came to hear the victrola and see the white men. When they had gathered close, we talked to them about the Lord who died for them. We feel sure that the seed must have fallen on good ground because the Chief begged us to tell the story in all the villages under him. The Chief himself testified that he believed the message to be true and he could understand that if God would send His own Son to die for us, then the sacrificing of chickens and pigs could not help.

The next morning we continued our journey and arrived at the mouth of a small river called the Telingan. There the Chief left us, taking a small canoe to go on to the village, and sent two big dug-out canoes to bring us with our baggage. There was plenty of excitement when we arrived. The women were pounding away at the rice, getting it husked early; the children were scooting around under the longhouse catching up the hens and chicks for the night; pigs were being fed hurriedly, wood was being chopped; everyone was in a hurry. Soon there were streams of them coming up from quick baths at the river, and the evening meal was away with in short order. We treated the sick ones according to their various pains and symptoms and by that time the crowd was gathering.

At first many of them stood off at a distance but later they all drew in closer in order to hear the old, old story more clearly. We watched the Chief as we talked and often noticed that he smiled and nodded his head as he heard again some familiar part of the message that had so impressed him years before. My, what hungry hearts we found! Before we left they begged us to return soon and teach them, even promising to build a house for a missionary or native pastor who would settle among them and tell them more. The Lord certainly worked a miracle to open that closed area. You must have been praying, Friends! Things like that do not just happen. Prayer changes things — still; so let's keep on. The Good Seed was planted before; it was watered with the missionary's prayers and your prayers; and now God giveth the increase.

Brother Allen has now gone back to Kayan to occupy that area, so continue in prayer and we believe that soon you will be hearing that the seed has grown up and started bearing fruit for the Lord of the harvest.

MAKASSAR BIBLE SCHOOL

November 14 will be graduation day for eight young men who are surrendered and ready to take their places among their people in the vineyard of Indonesia. They have spent many hours in class rooms and many hours in prayer. Several of the men have had a time of practical experience and have proven themselves as faithful workers.

We feel they have a good understanding of the fundamental doctrines as taught by our Society; they have zeal, which we believe will burn ever brighter in their hearts as they labor for Him; they can preach, for we have listened to their sermons which reveal an ability to explain the truths of the Word. They need as do you and I, a daily infilling of power, Holy Ghost power, that they will in the face of trials and tests win over the forces of darkness and evil.

Into the battle they go - your prayers will do much toward their success.

DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL WORKERS

In response to requests from praying friends at home who desire more detailed information about the work on this field, the Field Conference voted that a directory of the National Workers be included in this issue of the Pioneer.

Naturally some of these names will be strange to you and hard to pronounce, but you will have a better idea of the way the different fields are being cared for. For instance, notice that in the Apo Kayan six workers are serving 26 villages. In other districts where only a few villages are listed, there are many more waiting to hear, but no one to send. Pray also for the workers on furlough that nothing may hinder them from returning to their work. Just now some are being detained as a result of the political situation.

NAME OF DISTRICT AND VILLAGES	NAME OF WORKERS
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EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

APO KAJAN DISTRICT

Long Djelerai, Long Marong, Long Hitam, Long Kalang*	Rev. Baja Djalung (District Chairman)
Long Pait, Long Djelugut, Metutun, Long Heban, Punan Pedjannan	Rev. Aloj
Ma'lisan, Kelawet, Punan Iwan, Long Daha*	Rev. Markus Uwan
Data Dian	Mr. Udjang Ngau
Kajan Pura, Long Irun, Metun*	Mr. Salim
Long Nawang, Long Timunjet, Long Pajan, Long Ban, Long Uru, Long Sungai Barang, Leka Kidau, Long Matisai, Punan Aputun	Mr. Ungau

BULONGAN DISTRICT

Pudjungan	
Long Djelet	Mr. J. Asang
Long Ketaman	Mr. Imang Ndjau
Long Sa'an	Mr. Ladjang Adjang & Mr. Farren
Long Metep	Rev. S. Laeng
Long Pudjungan	Mr. Baja Usat

* All heathen village

Lower Kajan

Long Lian, Long Buang
Tandjongselor
Long Lasaon, Long Peso
Long Ledju, Long Pelban
Long Pajang
Lepa'Aru
Long Bia
Long Bia Preparatory School

Mr. Ph. Tito
Rev. A. M. Kansil
Bible School student
Rev. W. R. Rumengan
Mr. L. W. Oesat
Rev. M. Tampangangoi
Rev. P. N. Potu
Miss Konstance Ndun
Mr. J. Manahera

MAHAKAM DISTRICT

Galang
Dingin
Tabang, Ketanui, Long Djalui,
Belusen Ritan, Long Lalang,
Bilatalang
Long Putih, Suakong
Bigung
Empas
Long Le'es

Mr. Bunton
Mr. Ismail Ari

Mr. B. L. Leij
Mr. P. Lusi
Mr. J. Siraij
Mr. P. Parara
Rev. D. S. Settij

SESAJAP DISTRICT

Karayan

Belawit
Long Budung
Long Sepajang
Pa' Bawan
Nan Budud
Kurid
Long Laput

Mr. W. M. Mongan
(District Chairman)
Mr. J. B. Sangian
(Teacher of School)
Mr. Mutang Dawat
(Teacher of School)
Mr. Yakal Bangau
Mr. D. Tilo
Mr. Peter Sia
Miss Itam Sibal

Walaja'
Pa' Raje
Tadulan
Tang Paje
Long Paluan
Wai Ada
Long Beruang
Long Dango
Long Pukung
Arulingat
Pa Ibang
Tang Bada
Long Bawang
Binawang
Long Tebato
Pa Kalipal
Pa Upan
Long Butan
Wai Agung
Long Tepadan

Mr. Lalong Ating
Mr. Balang Fengeran
Mr. Selutan Balang
Mr. Rikan Siran
Mr. Tei Balang
Mr. Teringan Busak
Mr. Ganang Sangit
Mr. Basar Faru
Mr. Pasa' Serujung
Mr. Rining Tebari
Mr. Tuked Riang,
Mr. Agan Menuran
Miss Maria Sawe
Mr. Lis Ufai
Mr. Jahja Tai
Mr. Pilipus Balang
Mr. Fedan Lot
Mr. Ratja Fadan
Mr. Tai Legku
Mr. Nataniel Aba

Mentarang
Long Pala
Long Matuel
Nan Sarang
Pa Sinapat
Long Bisai
Rufe Nara
Long Kabinau
Bang Biau
Long Piri
Long Kaman
Long Katung

Mr. Rening Laban
Mr. Tomisi Malomo
Mr. Matius Abai
Mr. Gala Tebari
Mr. Tuvung Balang
Miss Kasing Baru
Mr. Balang Sakai
Mr. Basar Kafung
Mr. Jokong Sakai
Mr. Bawang Rering
Mr. Lawa Kafung

Long Pangatudon
Pa Alo
Pa Kasupon
Long Kepanas
Long Liku

Mr. Samuil Sia
Mr. Sinau Liok
Mr. Zakius Selutan
Mr. Semali Samajung
Mr. Tui Atjang

WEST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

BELITANG DISTRICT

Silo (Mualang Ilir)
Siloam " "
Bait-Ani " "
Immanuel (Mualang Ulu)
Maranatha " "

Eben Haizer " "
Bethel " "
Pintu Elok (Air Tabun)

Mr. T. Adam
Mr. Djapit
Rev. L. Santi
Rev. Z. Dawan
Mr. L. Frans

Mr. Sepanya
Rev. Surah
Rev. M. Lombok

MELAWI DISTRICT

Nanga Pinoh

Mr. Musa Asi

ISLAND OF LOMBOK

Selong
Mataram (Ampenan)

Rev. E. Lambanaung
Rev. M. P. T. Kandou
Miss A. Kandou

ISLAND OF SUMBAWA

Sengari
O' o Dompu
Mbawa

Rev. M. Bulean
Mr. M. Laij
Mr. J. W. Nunuhitu

ISLAND OF BUTON

Kologana (Bau-Bau)
Untjume " "

Mr. B. Bana
Rev. S. Daij

ISLAND OF SULAWESI

Kemah Indjil, Makassar

Makassar Bible School

Lembaja (Malakadji)

Rev. M. Titaheluw

(District Chairman)

Rev. M. Saragih

Rev. Sergius Udis

(Also Office work)

Rev. A. B. Tering

(Also Publication Work)

Mr. D. Rundu

NEW GUINEA

WISSELMEREN

Bible School, also Geko and Beko

Enarotali

Kebu

Okaitadi

KEMANDORA

Kumopa

Homoyo

Rev. Ch. Paksoal

Mr. Karel Gobai

Rev. P. Wattimurij

Mr. Zaccheus Pakari

Mr. A. Unggu

Mr. R. Tetelepta

Mr. R. Lesnusa

Mr. Frans Titaheluw

ISLAND OF BALI

Untul-Untul

Gianjar

Mr. Wajan Pendak

Workers on Furlough

Miss L. Bessij

Miss J. Pattij

Mr. Ph. Dolonseda

Mr. J. Bella

Rev. B. J. Taka

Rev. A. Dumat

Mr. P. Bofe

AN ITEM FOR PRAISE AND ONE FOR PRAYER

By Marion Doble

I bring you an item for praise and an item for prayer. Praise the Lord that the Kapauku language analysis has proceeded to the point where translation of the Word has begun. The Gospel of Mark is in the first draft, each verse on a 3x5 slip of paper, so that as any data bearing on a particular verse is found it may be noted on the slip having that verse. Then all the data on a given verse, or better renderings which are found may help in a better draft a few months hence. A selection of New Testament stories are in the second draft and have been mimeographed. This is the first translated material to be mimeographed. But there are only about 25 people, or less, in the tribe who can read it. That is the matter for prayer.

These 25 young people left their villages and gardens and came to school to learn to read. The shortest time in which any of them has learned to read is three months, spending the entire morning in school. Some of them have been going to school for nearly a year, and still can't read these few fifteen letters of their alphabet. Now everybody can't leave his village and garden and come to Enarotali to spend months in school to learn to read. In tribes in Africa, India, South America, everywhere, illiterate adults have learned to read their own language in a matter of hours or days, or at the most a few weeks. We have tried to develop and use similar methods and materials, but so far they haven't worked. Portions of the Word may be translated, mimeographed, and printed, but these people will still be without it unless we can teach them to read it. Pray that the Lord will enlighten us and help us to find the right methods, and that He will enlighten them, enabling them to recognize and read ka, ke, ki, ko, ku when they find these simple syllables mixed among the other simple two and three letter syllables of this language.

THE CHAIRMAN TRAVELS

Since the last Conference our Chairman and editor of this paper, Rev. W. M. Post, has spent a great portion of his time visiting the field.

He has been working under the burden of organizing all the districts of the Indonesia field. We make no apologies for believing that this step is an immediate necessity because of the times in which we live. Our policy is to see that the churches are fully self-governing and self-supporting so that in case we are forced to withdraw from here the pattern will have been set.

At present Mr. Post is in West Kalimantan visiting the three districts, one of which is already self-supporting. Travel is not easy for river boats and dugouts are used and many hours are spent traveling by foot. Changing menus and sleeping in a new bed every night adds up to real physical strain. Pray that God will keep him and use him mightily in this important task.

L. A. K.

WEST BORNEO BIBLE SCHOOL AND BELITANG DISTRICT

One of the most pressing needs of the West Borneo field has been met this year by the opening of a Dyak Bible School. Under the direction of Mr. J. R. Schisler the school was opened, temporarily located on a rubber plantation in Serandjin. Later that property was sold and the Bible School was moved to Balai Sepuak in the Belitang Area. Mr. Schisler has the able assistance of Miss Margaret Kemp and Miss Lilian Marsh as teachers in the school.

At present there are 32 students enrolled. What a wonderful beginning for this exceedingly important work! Let us stand with these workers that God will pour out His Spirit upon the students and staff alike, fully equipping them for the future evangelization program as well as for the teaching and preaching ministry in West Borneo. A tremendous task awaits these future workers in this great district.

Dyak workers in this area have caught the missionary vision and of their own volition are now sending witnesses to the lost tribes in hitherto unreached areas. In this district we have a vivid example of our ultimate aim for the national church, that it may be self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating; fully prepared to stand by its own strength. There are now 11 well organized self-supporting churches in this area embracing 4,200 baptized believers. The church is progressing spiritually and materially under the consecrated leadership of capable national workers, reaching out with the Gospel to the approximate 46,000 Dyaks still sitting in darkness.

Mr. Mouw, who has faithfully labored in this field for many years, reports 238 baptisms during the past year and 308 new believers awaiting this rite. He writes the following, "No doubt the high light of the year in this area was when two Dyak native pastors became burdened for the Dyaks to the north. Of their own volition they traveled in this section for many days witnessing faithfully. Sometimes they did not have enough food to eat, but like their Lord had meat to eat that others knew not of. In the six weeks they were gone some accepted the Lord and on subsequent visits more turned to Christ until today there is a fine believing body of a little over 150 believers."

Remarkable progress has been made in this district in teaching the Dyaks to read and write. There are now 8 Primary Schools operating with an enrollment of 250 students. The Dyaks are pleading for Bibles and Scripture portions and the continuous supply is being quickly exhausted as soon as new materials arrive. Dyaks are now reading their own Bibles in this area, and reading for their relatives and fellow villagers.

Mr. Mouw writes, "God has blessed in the past year and we are grateful to Him. Our greatest need is a mighty baptism of love, which by the Holy Spirit will break down the barriers of lukewarmness and usher in a revival that will truly revive and solve the many problems." May we all unite in prayer with our workers that this end may be accomplished.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENT letters from several sections of the field tell of the physical needs of several of our missionaries. Our pilot, Mr. A. J. Lewis, who for lack of help has had to also service the Mission plane, has experienced physical weakness as a result of heat prostration. Miss Roseberry is also in need of a divine touch for her body. Miss Doble has recently flown to Biak for medical attention and expects to have an operation for appendicitis the latter part of October.

Mrs. F. R. Whetzel has recently had an attack of acute bronchitis. Also word has just been received that Rev. Jerry Rose is again suffering in body and has been advised by doctors in Hollandia, New Guinea, to return home for an immediate operation.

It is urgent and necessary that you our home friends pray much for the physical well being of all the missionaries and their children.

Pray that these His servants will feel His divine touch.

GOD'S STANDING CHALLENGE

"If we want to see mighty wonders of divine grace and power wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole Church answer God's standing challenge: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not".

J. Hudson Taylor

A SCENE IN SULAWESI

Along a trail



MAHAKAM DISTRICT, EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

From this area, one of the most vast fields of the Alliance in Borneo, comes a fine report from Mr. Conley. During the past Conference year much time has been spent in itineration work up and down the muddy rivers, visiting outstations, ever striving to open new villages to the Gospel. A remarkable response was found in one hitherto unreached area. With great joy the missionary discovered a group of spirit-prepared hearts eagerly awaiting the Good News. In this village fifteen Dyaks clearly acknowledged their desire to accept Christ. The village chief and the witch doctor were among them.

A desperate need for workers is the heart-cry of this field. There are 25,000 Dyaks with only one missionary couple and 8 national workers to feed them the Bread of Life. A group of Christians in one village had not been visited by a missionary or a native worker in over four years. Upon a recent visit the missionary found this group still remaining faithful to the little light they had received, patiently waiting for someone to come and teach them more about the Gospel. With what joy they gathered to worship and how radiantly their wrinkled faces shone as they once again sang the songs of the redeemed. In response to their heart-rending plea for someone to come and minister to them, the missionary could only promise to do his best and solicit their prayers and faith to that end. Several villages farther upstream, which before the war had professing Christians living in them, have not been reached yet. They still wait for someone to come and feed their hungry hearts.

In spite of the desperate shortage of workers, encouraging reports come from the missionary. Some of the churches have begun partial support of their pastors in spite of dire poverty; Christians are learning to read their own Bibles; individual believers are testifying more boldly in the face of hostile Moslems; and increasing interest in the Gospel seems apparent in new sections.

During the past year 131 Dyaks were baptized in the Mahakam bringing the number of baptized believers up to 700. Let us bear the prayer burden of this large Moslem-influenced section, trusting that God will add to the number of workers and continue to bless the faithful sowing of the Word.

LONG BIA BIBLE SCHOOL, BULONGAN DISTRICT, EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

A report of glowing victories of faith comes from this Dyak training center. During the past Conference year 142 Dyaks received teaching, either Bible or preparatory work, at Long Bia. The future of our Dyak Church in East Borneo rests largely upon the shoulders of these students. Under the direction of Mr. John Van Patter the school has grown in spirit, enrollment, and self-support. Miss Margaret Jaffray, Miss Anne Le Roy, and Mrs. Van Patter have also had a teaching ministry in the school.

Student labor has been very effective in the development of a farm project, designed to aid in the school self support. 600 new banana trees, and an abundance of tapioca plants, sweet potatoes, corn, and peanuts assist in enlarging the school income. During the past year student rice fields produced approximately 4 tons of rice padi and the school fields yielded 1 ton. A coffee grove with 225 producing trees has augmented the school funds considerably. Products from the school farm are loaded into dugouts and taken a day's journey downstream to the market.

The Long Bia school may be called the training ground for all future work in East Borneo. In the light of uncertain political conditions how great is our responsibility to these students who may soon be carrying the burden of the work alone. Oh that every student may personally experience the mighty working of the Holy Spirit in his heart, mind, and life, equipping each one for future service.

REPORT ON THE MISSION PLANE IN EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

Winging its way through the unpredictable Borneo skies, over rugged mountainous terrain, the Gospel Messenger has proven to be of inestimable value to our work in East Borneo. Twenty-four round trips were made into the Apo Kajan section, each round trip requiring 3 hours of flying time. What a contrast to the 3 or 4 months traveling time required for one native dugout to make the trip upstream alone. It may be safely said that it would be almost impossible to operate a mission station in the Apo Kajan without the use of a plane.

Twenty-five thousand pounds of freight were carried to Long Bia, facilitating the erection of mission buildings both at that point and in the Pudjungan area. Rice for the Bible School students was carried from the Apo Kajan down to Long Bia as well as many other important supply flights from Tandjongselor to Long Bia.

During the past Conference year the Gospel Messenger has carried 186 passengers, including missionaries, native workers, the sick, etc. Mr. Lewis, our capable pilot, has faithfully flown under all manner of conditions and spared no effort in expediting the preaching of the Gospel.

BERAU RIVER DISTRICT, EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

A survey trip was made by Mr. Whetzel with a view to opening this unreachd area to the Gospel. This district lies between the Bulongan to the north, and the Mahakam to the south. The 4,000 Dyaks in this area have never yet been reached with the Gospel message, though for many years they have been subjected to strong Mohammedan influences from the 15,000 Malays.

Mr. Whetzel traveled in the company of a national worker, traversing the

rivers for some miles into the enemy's stronghold, visiting the villages and using every opportunity to witness and preach. They arrived at one village just at the time of the celebration of a heathen ceremony. Hardly knowing what to expect they climbed up the log ladder to meet the chief of the village. They were well received and told they could preach if they did not leave on that same day. Mr. Whetzel writes, "Naturally we were quite an attraction, being the first ever to visit their village to preach the Gospel. Friendly faces pressed around, eager to hear what we had to say. That night, as the night before, the young people chanted and danced the traditional Dyak dance, not stopping until sunrise."

Stiff opposition, however, was felt in many sectors, particularly from Malay Mohammedans. The Devil certainly is going to tenaciously grip his followers in this long uncontested domain. A tremendous opportunity exists here for the Dyak church of the Bulongan or Apo Kajan to become a missionary church. Unfortunately at the present time there is no one ready to send but we trust in the not too distant future that national workers can go into this area.

SESAJAP DISTRICT, EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

The outstanding prayer challenge of this area, our most northern district in East Borneo, is for the establishment of the self-supporting strides gained in recent years. In the practical outworking of this principle is realized the ultimate goal for the Indonesian Church. Much prayer and untiring effort is being expended in order to build a self-supporting, self-propagating work which shall endure the storm of opposition and testing which future years may bring. This aim is being increasingly accomplished in the Sesajap area where all of the native workers are supported by the 53 established churches. The Conference Reports of the two resident missionary couples, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Post and Rev. and Mrs. H. Rankin, reveal definite spiritual progress in the churches as well as a fervent hunger for the word throughout the district.

From Long Berang, the center of many converging travelways, the missionaries arduously trek over the difficult trails preaching to the churches and reaching out to the lost. Thrilling news comes from one report concerning a jungle conference with over 1,000 Dyaks in attendance. The tired aching feet, exhausted limbs, as well as the countless leech bites were soon forgotten by the missionary in the joy of fellowship with the fervent blood-washed throng. Eagerly the Dyaks flocked to three services daily as well as an early morning prayer meeting.

One young woman came asking to be baptized. She had been so ardent in her zeal to win others to the Lord that she had been tramping the jungle trails alone, urging people to come and hear the Gospel. When finding no dugout in which to cross the river, she often plunged in and swam across the

swift waters to reach some soul for Christ. What a worthy candidate for baptism!

Several short term Bible Schools were held at Long Berang under the direction of the missionary. A total of 43 national workers and helpers attended the sessions, receiving great inspiration as well as helpful instruction in the Word. What a golden opportunity it was to give further training to these men upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of the future work of Christ in the Sesajap.

The missionaries write of the great need for a Spirit-borne revival among the workers inspiring them to seek for a mighty baptism of Holy Ghost power. There is a pressing need for the printed Word in this area. Dyaks have been known to travel many days in order to intercept the missionary and obtain a scripture portion, only to receive the answer, "I have no more." With deep disappointment they turn homeward, deprived of the Bread of Life because of the acute shortage of the printed Word. May the desperate claims of this area be placed upon our hearts by the Spirit and borne in prayer before the throne of Grace daily. During the past Conference year 414 Dyaks received baptism. The total number of baptized Christians is now 5,000.

PUDJUNGAN AND LOWER KAJAN DISTRICTS, (BULONGAN), EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

Local and district conferences under the direction of the missionaries have proven to be a great blessing and stabilizing force in this area during the past year. This vital contact of the missionaries with the national workers has served as a means to bring spiritual refreshing to the workers as well as introducing and establishing self-support and self-government in many of the churches. We rejoice in the splendid reports of these conferences which were held in various parts of the field. Following in the wake of blessing has come a wave of cleansing in the individual churches. In one village over three-fourths of the people have taken a stand against betel nut chewing and tobacco. In another village a miraculous work has been done in the straightening out of many divorce and re-marriage problems. Thus the Church of Christ is being cleansed and refreshed, and is building upon a firm foundation of holy Christian living.

Mr. Whetzel, the resident missionary, spent most of his year traveling up and down the rivers by dugout, visiting all of the villages in the Lower Kajan as well as making several trips into the Pudjungan area where a missionary residence was built during the year. On one of his trips into the Pudjungan the normal 8 day trip was stretched into 19 long days because of repeated floods. Mr. Whetzel praises the untiring labors of the Dyak Christians who were paddling for him. He writes, "....."with their food nearly finished, they continued to pole and paddle uncomplainingly on two scanty meals a

day. Upon our arrival in Pudjungan these men refused to take wages, saying they counted it a privilege to do something for the Lord, and that they felt themselves amply repaid by the hearing of the Word."

National workers in this area are diligently working on reading campaigns and village schools, striving to stamp out the prevailing illiteracy so that each Dyak can read the Bible for himself. There are now over 300 Dyaks enrolled in these village schools. Plans have been made for short term Bible Schools in which all pastors in both areas will participate.

During the past Conference year 117 Dyaks have been baptized, the total number of baptized believers now reaching 2,619 in the two districts. May God continue in His marvelous way to build His Church in this section.

APO KAJAN DISTRICT, (BULONGAN), EAST KALIMANTAN (BORNEO)

This past year inaugurated the permanent residence of a missionary couple in this area, our most remote field in Borneo. This project necessitated numerous trips being made by the mission plane far into the heart of the jungle to the village of Data Dian. From this point goods were transported by dugout for three days before arriving at Long Nawang, the central village from which the work radiates.

Arriving at this distant outpost Mr. and Mrs. Dixon found the prospects distressingly gloomy in the natural. Ninety percent of the heathen had entered into the new and malicious Bongon Malang religion which maintains a deadly grip on its followers. Valiantly laboring in this vast sea of opposition and heathenism were five national workers, each one responsible for from three to eight widely scattered churches. Three-fourths of the congregations were without a Bible or song book and there was very little evidence of any hunger for the Word of God. The majority of professing Christians showed no proof of the New Birth and were slaves to betel nut and tobacco. In the midst of a rice famine the population was starving and ragged, sick and dying without any doctor and very little medicine. What a tremendous task lay before the missionary!

Taking up residence in a tiny dilapidated government rest house the missionaries laid out their plan of attack for the year. Gospel portions and tracts were disbursed, Sunday Schools were organized, weekly Bible Classes were opened in all of the government schools reaching an enrollment of 1000 children, many being converted during the year. Short term Bible Schools were opened by the national workers and many Dyaks received valuable instruction in the Word.

Considerable translation work was done both in the Indonesian language and the Dyak dialect. Self-support was introduced and notable gains made in spite of malicious tales carried by the unbelievers that the Christians were being taxed for their religion.

In spite of stiff heathen opposition, political upheaval, devastating floods,

and complete isolation for some months when all communications with the outside world were severed, God hath wrought miracles in the Apo Kajar this past Conference year. A total of 900 were baptized, bringing the number of baptized Christians up to 2,214. A surge of spiritual hunger is being manifested in heathen hearts. God is working in this citadel of heathenism.

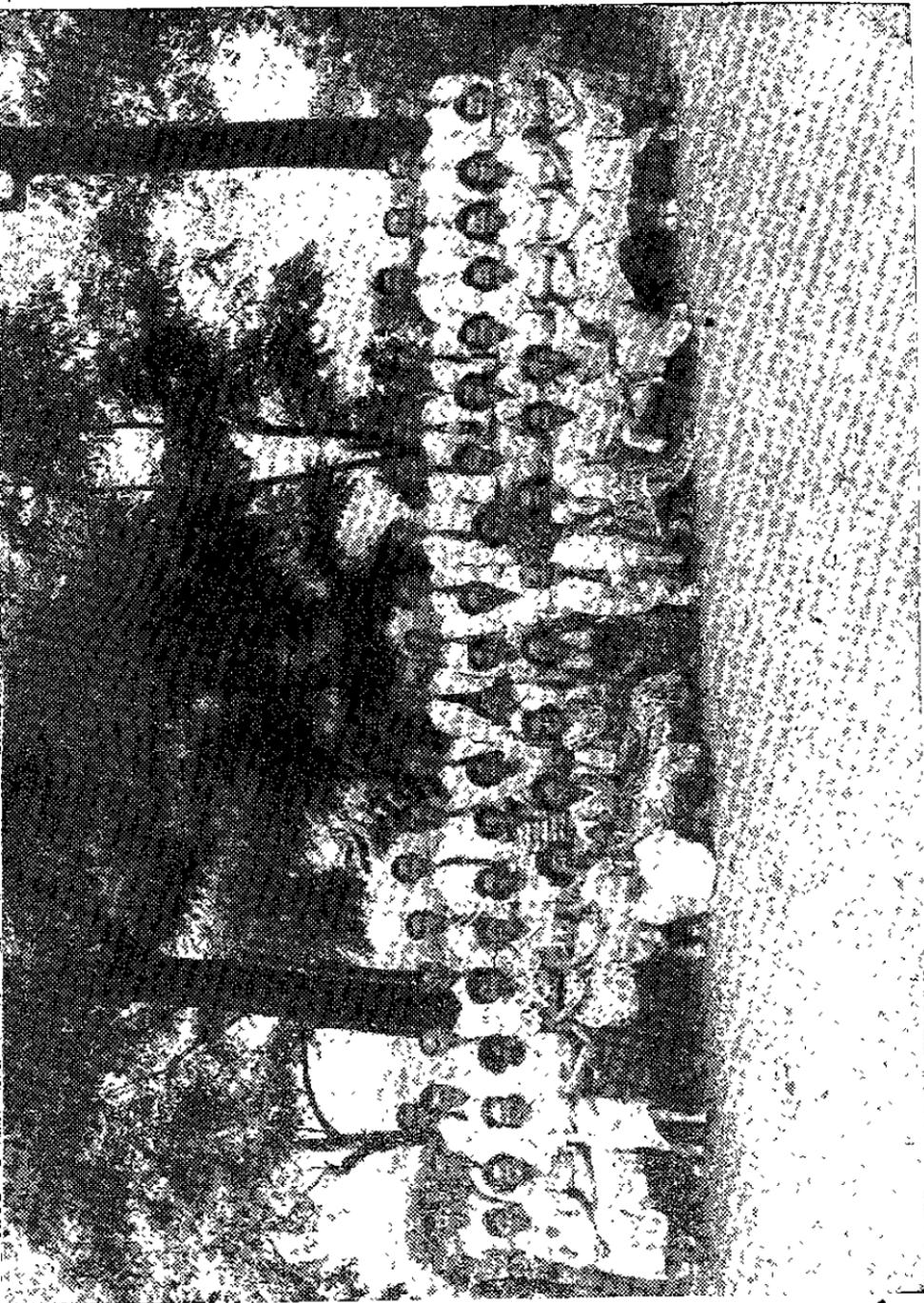
Yet the prayer burden remains great for more missionaries and national workers, Bible and Scripture portions, increased desire for self-support, cleansing in the lives of the believers, and the dying cries of thousands of blinded heathen still waiting for the Light of Truth.

DEGAMATT'S DREAM

By Mary McIlrath

One of our promising Christian women was being attacked physically in various ways. Her children were afflicted with sores all over their bodies. She suffered from boils and a swelling of the knee which made it very difficult for her to walk. Later, she got the flu and was confined to her little dark hut for two weeks. It seemed no sooner had she recovered from one ailment when another one afflicted her already weakened body. One day she came and sat on our porch and never lifted her head to look at us when we spoke to her. She felt so weak, and I was sure she was having a battle in her mind over something. She was so low in spirit and very sick. I don't know how she ever made it up the hill to our house. We gave her an old coat to keep her warm at night and sent her home reassuring her of our prayers on her behalf. Later in the week, I went down to see her and took some medicine. I found her quite discouraged and seemingly getting bitter. She said, "I've prayed and prayed and prayed and God does not heal me." She told me some of her friends wanted to practice witchcraft for her but she refused it. She was weighing the matter in her mind however, and I felt her faith was being severely tested. Standing on His promises, I prayed with her again and told her Jesus would make her better. I exhorted her to keep praying and reminded her that we would do the same. That was hard for this babe in Christ to do when there were no visible results from the previous prayers. For a week or more we sent her hot soup and prayed earnestly that the Lord would heal her and forbid that the enemy be victorious in her defeat.

Finally, after two weeks of confinement, she came up to see us feeling much better and looking her happy self again. She related to us a dream which she had the night before. She dreamed she was in heaven and saw God. Everything was beautiful and wonderful! She was beaming all over as she mentioned the names of other Christian women who were there too, and said they were having a wonderful time dancing around the Lord and singing songs. They were having the most wonderful time there with the Lord when she awakened from the dream. "It was a good dream", she said. Her faith had been strengthened! I believe the Lord gave her the dream for the exact



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reason of strengthening her faith in Him. The enemy is still afflicting her but her faith is stronger now and she is better able to endure the testing. Pray for these "Babes in Christ."

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„And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for
a witness unto all nations ; and then shall the end come.”

Matt. 24:14

„Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth la-
bourers into his harvest.”

Matt. 9:38.