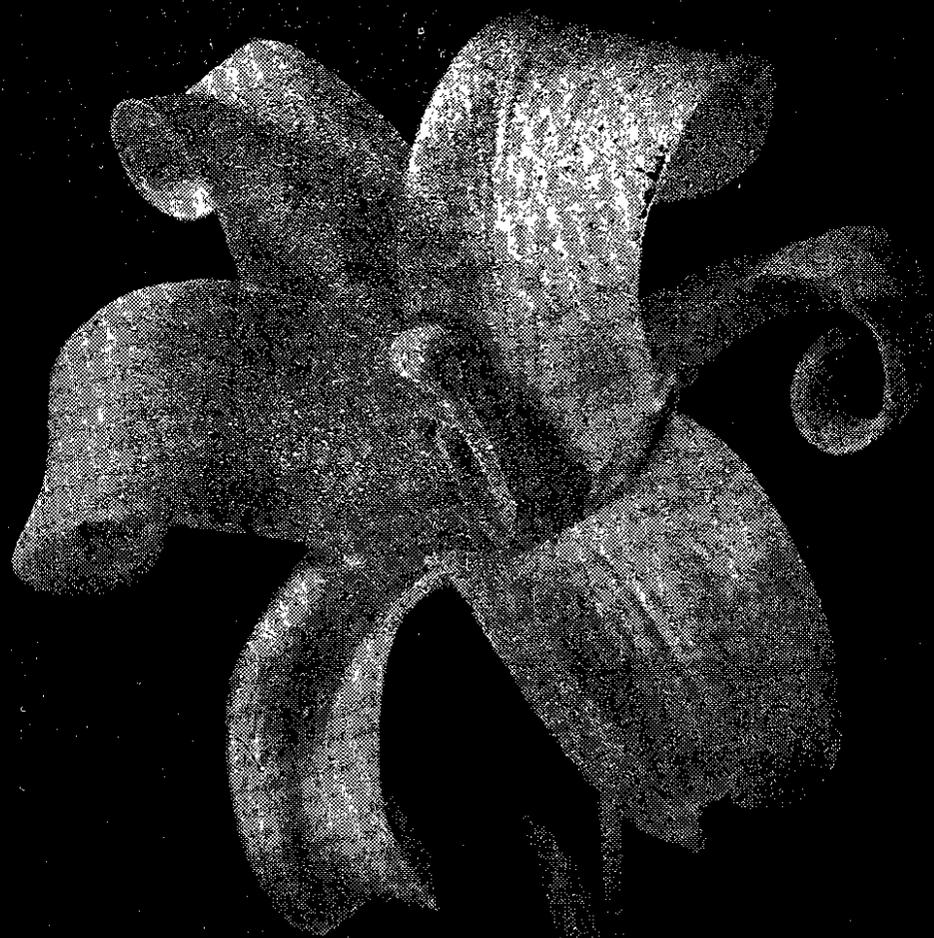


THE PIONEER

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He is Risen

He is risen! Earth awakes
And her prison house forsakes.
Hear the glad bird-voices sing:—
"Where, O death, is now thy sting?"
Winds their silver trumpets blow:—
"He hath conquered every foe."
Soft the murmuring waters say:—
"Lo, the stone is rolled away."
He is risen, He is risen,
Christ the Lord is risen today.

He is risen! Heart, rejoice!
Hear you not the angel's voice?
Though you wait beside the tomb,
There is light within its gloom:
Grave, where is thy victory?
He hath set thy captives free,
He hath robbed thee of thy prey,
He is risen, He is risen,
They with Him shall live alway.
Christ the Lord is risen today.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

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A guest editorial . . .

»The Increase«

. . . H. W. Post

No missionary can long remain on the field without soon becoming keenly conscious of his innate powerlessness. He enters the combat against unseen powers and joins battle with the cumulative effect of centuries of superstition and spiritual enslavement. He may have admitted it theoretically, but experience will shortly wring from him a profoundly anguishing cry of his own inherent helplessness in this holy war.

It is that awareness which makes him shake his head in suppressed horror and almost wince at some of the advertisements in current Christian journals. We think of those that promise conversions or spectacular results from the use of certain religious movies or from special type of meeting those hucksters of spiritual "wares" advertise. Say, there, Mr. Copy-writer, in this spiritual battle we are not tangling with mere human emotions. We are wrestling against Satanic hosts!

Therefore, how refreshing and reassuring to turn to the simple statement of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, "But God that giveth the increase". How startling in contrast that simple, though profound assertion to the feverish and patently psychological attempts to secure "results".

In that declaration of the apostle we are brought to three clear conclusions. First, all that has been accomplished for God anywhere finds its origin in "God gave the increase". Second, unless God is in our labors there simply will be no increase. Third, we are beckoned by the fathomless potential in further "planting and watering" to provide new areas for the operation of God's power.

The first conclusion ascribes to God His pre-eminence in the expansion of His kingdom. Who, but a mighty sovereign God could successfully chal-

lenge Satan's power and wrest from him his one-time control over those who now own Christ as Saviour? What else but the union of Divine grace and love and redemptive power could have effected their release from heathenism as well as their progress in the faith? Yea, a thousand times let it be proclaimed in the record of any truly Christian effort, "God gave the increase". It is the cornerstone of our confidence as we press the fight.

The second conclusion alerts us to the fact that God is supremely indispensable in the missionary task. There may be an apparent increase and blessing, but if it is not of God, it will soon prove spurious. It seems trite even to call attention to it, but for that very reason constant and continuous emphasis is demanded. Therefore, we must keep prostrate before God, lest we drift into the perilous waters of self-sufficiency. Failure and frustration are the only rewards in prospect for missionary effort operated *minus* His power, though carried on in God's Name.

The third conclusion argues for pioneering. We have seen the increase God has given,— let us keep advancing to other places that there too it may be recorded, "God gave the increase". God can give the increase only where there has been the "planting and watering". If that is so, our cry is, "Oh God, send more planters send more water carriers".

We are tragically short of missionaries,— the "planters and the water-carriers", and there are those words, "but God that giveth the increase". What vast potential is wrapped up in them! That potential will be set free only as we obey Divine orders.

New Recruits

On Monday, February 9, we had the joy of welcoming to Makassar Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Chapman and sons, Richard and Kenneth. The Chapmans had the unenviable experience of coming through a typhoon en route to the field. Although the ship was seriously damaged and the passengers were in great danger, the Lord graciously protected them. We ask your prayers for them as they begin language study here.

At last

Back to Bali

. . . . M. E. Bliss

Yes, God has answered the prayers of you faithful ones as He has promised, and there is a missionary couple in Bali again. We feel favored, fortunate, and truly blessed of God to be that couple to re-enter Bali. How we need your prayers that the doors will remain open and that other missionary couples will be able to come and work among the two million souls of this island.

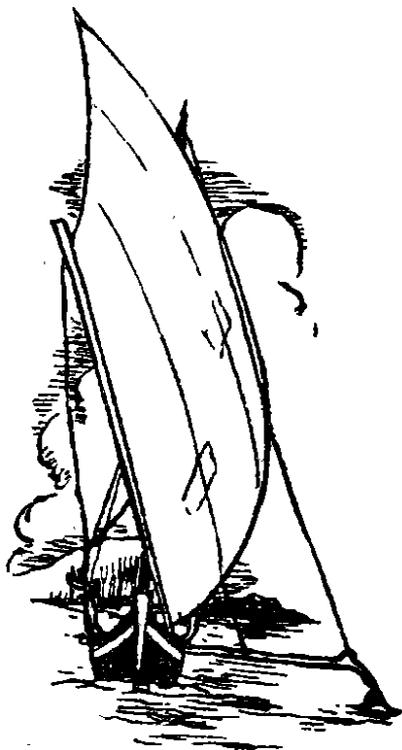
We have been here for less than a month as this is being written, but even so the need is so apparent that we are almost overwhelmed at the responsibility that has fallen upon our shoulders.

Bali is everything that the travel books say. It is beautiful. But as Paul at Athens, our spirits are stirred within us as we see the whole island wholly given to idolatry. Every house and almost every large tree, spring, river, field, and mountain has its altar. As we enter the villages we see at least one temple, and often more than one. Temples are found out in the open fields. They are beautifully yet hideously carved from wood and stone. Idols that represent gods and giants are before the gates. Oh the darkness that has gripped these people! Of these 2,000,000 souls, fewer than 2,000 call themselves Christians. How many of these have truly met the Saviour only the books of Heaven can reveal. If all who profess are saved through the shed blood of the Son of God, it is still less than one tenth of one percent of the population of Bali.

At the present time we have three national workers here. Won't you pray "the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest"? Praise God, there are in the Bible School at Makassar six young people studying for His service.

Every time that we travel, we see flower and rice offerings strewn along the way. Sometimes it is a special day; then there are tall bamboo poles decorated and there is a huge feast. Oh, how our hearts go out to these people!

Revival is the greatest need here. If the churches were on fire for God, then there would be a great ingathering of souls. Pray that God will rekindle the fire of compassion for lost souls in our hearts first of all, then in the hearts of the workers, and also in the hearts of the national Church. We need Revival. Join with us in praying that God "will open (unto us) the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."



No change

In a Changing World

. . . . A. J. Lewis
J. W. Brill

It's a changing world, so they say. With today's tremendous machinery and man's genius, mountains are moved, river courses are changed or dammed up, providing irrigation to change the desert to a garden, cities mushroom up almost overnight. But come with me to a part of the world where there is **NO CHANGE**. In Kalimantan (Borneo), the mountains have not changed; the rivers have not changed. There are torrential rains and resulting floods. The rapids and the accompanying dangers have not changed, but demand their toll of lives each year. Time has not changed. It still takes from six to nine weeks for your missionaries to reach the Apo Kajan in East Kalimantan. The need has not changed; men are still in need of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are still dying in their sins. And, O hallelujah!..... the love of God for them has not changed. Nor has the missionary's love for the Dyaks changed. He is still willing to brave the tropical sun, challenge the angry rapids, and travel slow-motion by **prau** into the heart of Borneo to tell them of the love of Jesus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rudes spent only six weeks in their field from January to November, 1952, because of the lack of a plane in Indonesia. It cost about \$800 U.S. for them to return by prau to the Apo Kajan, besides the great waste of weeks on a river full of rapids. Even some of their fellow-missionaries with soft words suggested that they stay down at the coast. But Bud wrote, "I can actually say that never once have I felt the least inclined to hearken. Only I pray that the Lord will help stop the loss of precious time and dollars for His glory." With travel costs rising daily, what will the end be? Moreover, there is much Satanic opposition against the use of a mission plane, for the enemy knows that it is the best answer to our transportation problem. Without mission plane service in Indonesia our work is pushed back **ten to fifteen years!** We wonder whether we have that much time left to work. "Night cometh, when no man can work."

The Board of Managers in New York has ordered a new plane, which is to be based in Irian (New Guinea). The conference on the field and the conference of missionaries at home have requested a plane for Indonesia. Nevertheless, we are hoping that it can be used in Indonesia as well as in Irian. This is an urgent call for prayer that such permission may be obtained from the Indonesian government.

It is now certain that a plane can service the most of the Sesajap field as well as the other fields of East and West Kalimantan. Even the small, single-engined plane carried over 500 passengers and 250,000 pounds of supplies into the five East Kalimantan fields. Over 100 sick people were flown to the hospital; some of these would have died if we had not had the plane. It would have taken 100 men with 10 praus two years and two months to do that work. To do the same amount of work by prau would have cost three times as much as it did with the plane. Of the 1300 baptized in our Indonesian work in the past two years, 800 were in the Apo Kajan, the field most served by our last plane. The accomplishment of so much proves that God's blessing has been on the plane.

For the present, at least, a backward step has been forced upon us, and we have had to return to the use of expensive, dangerous, slow praus. **WILL THERE BE NO CHANGE IN THAT?** "According to your faith be it unto you", and according to your praying. **WILL THERE BE A CHANGE?**

In Dyakland . . .

A Missionary Rally

. . . H. W. Post

A little more than twenty years ago missionaries first came to this section of East Borneo. Just the other evening we had the second annual "missionary rally" conducted by the Dyak students in the Long Bia Bible School. It was not a "foreign missionary rally", but its objective was the same,—that of the furtherance of the gospel. This rally was held with a view to giving impetus and support to the entrance of the gospel among Dyaks not yet reached.

The meeting had been the subject of a special announcement for some weeks, and anticipation had mounted as the "Zero" hour approached. At the appointed time, the Bible School chapel was already filled. The platform and wall back of it were decorated. Spanning the wall were huge letters, which interpreted meant, "Proclaim the gospel". The word "gospel" was in the center, while on either side it was flanked by the word "proclaim". In the Indonesian language it is written: "KABARKAN INDJIL".

Directly under the word "gospel" was a large drawing of an open Bible. Below this and the imposing succession of letters was an impressive array of large maps — five of them. Each depicted a section of East Borneo. At the top of each map was placed a drawing of a foot, designed, of course, to convey the idea of "going with the gospel".

Five speakers dealt with the history of the progress of the gospel in the respective areas they represented. With great earnestness and fervor they emphasized also the unfinished part of the task. From each of the brief addresses the assembled students and visiting friends got a picture of the work waiting to be done.

The talks were interspersed with musical selections by some of the classes. The songs naturally emphasized the theme of witnessing. It so happened that an unusually disconcerting thunderstorm "called" shortly after the service started. As with some guests, it persisted much longer than was desired. The roof of the chapel consists of aluminum sheeting. Now when you get a fullfledged tropical downpour striking a roof like that, it is like chaos hovering above one, to say nothing of the collective reverberation of pelting rain. The Indonesian pastor tried to compete with it, but I don't think

he won. Mrs. Post led a choral group in one selection, during which the lightning flashed and thunder crashed, reaching the peak of its concerted exhibition. Fortunately, the storm abated after the first hour.

The climax of the meeting was perhaps observed in the "march offering". One by one the rows of students and friends filed out of their seats to proceed to the front where they deposited their offering. Fathers and mothers with sleeping babes strapped to their backs, little children — all ages were part of the procession, while the stirring missionary hymn "Send the Light" was sung.

That the Dyaks come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Redeemer is the great joy of the missionary. But perhaps an even deeper joy is received when the missionary sees his vision and burden for the gospel advance duplicated in the heart and life of the Dyak believer. For in the Dyak Christian lies the answer to the more detailed penetration of the Word of God into Borneo's vast hinterland.

Extra Budget Specials

The following is a list of things needed in the Indonesian Mission; these have been approved by the Board of Managers in New York.

Boat for West Kalimantan	\$ 2000.00 U.S.
Outboard motor parts for present motors	1000.00
Medical supplies for Long Bia	150.00
Outboard motor with parts, Tabang, Mahakam	500.00

Money toward any of the above mentioned items may be sent to The Christian and Missionary Alliance, 280 W. 44th St., New York, N.Y., U.S.A., and marked as a "Special Gift" for any one of the above needs.

A New Missionary!

We are happy to announce the birth of Paul Rodger to Rev. and Mrs. Ivan E. Lay on Monday, January 26, 1952, at Labuang Badji Hospital, Makassar. Pray much for the Lays and their two children as they leave for their station in the Sesajap District in April or May.



A testimony of . . .

Victory in Djohan

. . . Wm. Bouw

After having been educated in a Roman Catholic institution at Tering on the Mahakam, Guru Nangking was appointed to teach in the new Catholic school at Djohan. He was told that in educating the Dyak children his ultimate objective was to win converts to the Roman Catholic faith. All went well for some months as teacher and pupils labored daily to master the three R's. Then providentially Guru Nangking heard a Christian testify of salvation with a fervency of spirit and the joy of the Lord until the message became irresistible. His soul began to hunger and thirst for the new and living faith in Christ. He attended the services in the nearby villages of Melapeh and Bigung and shortly was born again in Christ Jesus.

Guru Nangking immediately informed his Dutch Catholic superiors of his marvelous experience which was received suspiciously. It was thought that his years of Catholic education would be a dominant factor overshadowing his new experience. It was decided to retain him as guru in Djohan.

Now in addition to the three R's, Guru Nangking taught religion with great fervor. However it was the religion that exalted Christ at the Son of God who was crucified, buried, and risen again to redeem sinful men. The guru's testimony of redemption kindled conviction and faith in the hearts of his pupils and friends until in a short time sixteen souls were ready to follow the Lord in baptism.

Abuse became severe for both guru and pupils. The teacher was vilified and discharged, and the pupils were ordered to renounce this "heretical religion that was founded by the renegade Martin Luther." Praise God, although a new Catholic Guru (Dyak) replaced Guru Nangking and a Dutch pastor is teaching religion, not one of the converts backslid. After a cooling-

off period Guru Nanking was approached and told that if he would repent of his "heretical" faith and embrace Catholicism he would be reinstated as a teacher. This he informed the Catholic pastor he would not do under any circumstances. The Lord has rewarded his perseverance with a fine position as a government school teacher in Gemuruh, a village that is predominantly Christian.

In the course of time we were able to place Guru Dodo in Djohan to pastor the flock. In the eight months that he has ministered there, he has been persecuted by the Catholic teacher and pastor who have used subtle means to incense the village chief (Petinggi) against the Christians. Praise God, in spite of the opposition there has been a wonderful harvest. Just this last November 24th it was my privilege to baptize twenty-one new believers who indicated their desire to follow the Lord in newness of life. Ironically enough the Dutch pastor asked permission to witness the baptismal service. Although he was chagrined to see his pupils defy him and his religion, he admitted that this baptismal service was valid and authoritative.

The village chief was extremely angry because his thirteen year-old son was baptized. The boy's mother threatened to commit suicide, but compromised by kicking her son about the house. Let me quote the testimony of one who witnessed the episode: "Ibau was crying but he was still brave. He got up off the floor and told his parents quietly that even if they disowned him or killed him he would never turn away from Christ. He was determined to follow Jesus as long as he lived." Please pray for Ibau that the Lord will bless him and use him as a witness to glorify His name. Remember to pray also for Ibau's mother and father that they might be saved.

Special Notice

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we announce the death of our long-time colleague and friend, Rev. P. H. Pouw, on January 12, 1953. Almost from the very beginning of this work Brother Pouw was associated with Dr. R. A. Jaffray. He was editor of the **Kalam Hidup**, our Indonesian Bible Magazine, until his death. He was pastor of the **Kemah Indjil** (Gospel Tabernacle) here in Makassar for about ten years. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Pouw and the family. May God comfort them and raise up another to take Brother Pouw's place as editor of the **Kalam Hidup**.

FOR THANKSGIVING

*„Praise waiteth for Thee, O God ...” Psalm 65:1
Let us rejoice together*

..... because of the good hope that the new plane can be used in Indonesia as well as in Irian. This encouraging word has come as a result of a recent trip to Djakarta by Mr. Brill, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Ulrich.

..... because the Lord has once again brought the Brills to our headquarters in Makassar.

..... because God has graciously assisted in the obtaining of visas for new and returning missionaries.

..... because of the good news concerning the improvement in Mrs. Dixon's health.

..... because of the re-opening of the island of Bali, and because of the arrival of the Maurice Blisses in that island.

..... because of the word from Rev. and Mrs. Rudes in the Apo Kajan that they are being kept well and in good victory.

..... because Bible school graduates are continuing to go out into the Lord's service.

..... because of the blessing of God in the establishment of the indigenous church and in the upbuilding of His kingdom in Indonesia.

..... because of the hunger of the Indonesian people for reading material, and because of the vast opportunity that we now have along this line.

FOR SUPPLICATION

"Lord, teach us to pray" Luke 11:1

Let us pray together

..... that God will hasten the delivery of the new Sealand, and that the remaining difficulties may be overcome, in order that the plane may be able to service our missionaries in Indonesia as well as in Irian.

..... that the Lord's blessing may rest upon the Brills, as they assume their responsibilities at headquarters.

..... that God will hasten the coming of missionaries soon to sail from the States.

..... that the Lord will be gracious to those missionaries still in need of His healing touch.

..... that God will undertake for the Blisses in Bali, and that He will bring to nought the terrific Satanic opposition there.

..... that the Lord will bring revival to villages in the Apo Kajan where some of the Christians have gone back into heathenism.

..... that the Lord will heal two Makassar Bible School students, who are seriously afflicted.

..... that God will give full victory over the trouble in the Makassar church, and that the threatened split may be settled in accordance with the will of God.

..... that the final work on the doctrine book, song book, and other books may soon be accomplished and that they soon may be printed.

Greetings

. . . J. W. Brill

Greetings from Indonesia! It is with much praise to God that we are privileged to return again to the work here. After being away for two years one sees a number of changes. I am happy to say there are changes for the better. There are economic improvements. Certainly the people are better dressed and have more. There are thousands of little motor-bikes; this is indicative of a forward step. But most of all, there is a better spirit on the part of the majority of the people.

With the greetings, however, there are farewells. Six of our missionaries are to be transferred to Irian (New Guinea) in the near future. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Post have long been members of the Indonesian mission. They have labored untiringly, in the Sesajap district, in the Makassar Bible School, in New Guinea and lastly as chairman of the field. We are grateful to God for what He has done through them and for the blessing they have been to the whole field. We will miss them indeed, and will feel the loss keenly. Our loss will be Irian's (New Guinea's) gain. We wish them a most fruitful ministry there, and much blessing from the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis are also being transferred to Irian. The new plane is to be based at Biak, where they will take up residence. We trust that God will make it possible for them to make trips over here with the new plane to do the necessary work of carrying in supplies and bringing missionaries into and out from their interior stations. Few people realize the great value of the plane in the past and the tremendous amount of hard labor that the Lewises have put into that work. Truly, blood, sweat, and tears have been gladly given for the welfare of the other missionaries, as well as for the speeding of the Gospel to the heart of Kalimantan. May God give them an equally rich ministry in their new station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich will be transferred to Irian later. Word concerning them will be given in the next issue of the *Pioneer*. We wish for you, our colleagues leaving us, many precious souls to lay at Jesus' feet. Our loss will be Irian's gain.

Farewell

. . . Mrs. W. M. Post

Farewells and separations are an unpleasant part of missionary life. Not only are they necessary when the first break is made with home ties, but again and again as furlough time arrives, when children go to school, or when spiritual children and fellow-Christians of one's adopted land are left behind.

Missionaries first come to the mission field because they have consecrated their all to the Lord Jesus Christ and followed His call. That consecration means an eternal "yes" to the will of God, not merely in the beginning but repeatedly as we face decisions, changes and separations in our lives.

Mr. Post and I are now setting our faces toward New Guinea, where we served the Lord for three years before the war. A week's trip by ship will take us to Biak, from where we shall fly to the Wissel Lakes. It is very difficult these days to return to these parts, which makes us feel that we are really going to another country. Since September, 1945, it has been our privilege to work for Him at the Indonesia field headquarters in Makassar where the burdens of all parts of this field have been much upon our hearts. We cannot forget them and the people and work we love here. But though we leave for another field, we are glad we can continue to share the work by prayer. We realize that the need is very great in New Guinea, as multitudes in that vast island still remain in heathen darkness and without a knowledge of salvation from sin and superstition. We cannot disregard the call to "come over and help us".

A verse of which we have often been reminded of late are the words of Paul to the Ephesian Christians in Acts 20:24 (R.V.), "I do not account my life of any value as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God". May the Lord give to us who labor on the mission field, as well as to you who pray and give at home, the strength and grace to follow this example, that we may be faithful in the ministry which He has given us — until He comes.

Joys and trials of . . .

Language Study

. . . Bernadine Lay

We arrived in Makassar seven months ago with a deep realization of our inadequacy and utter helplessness among a strange people in a strange land, namely because of the language barrier that separated us. So immediately we were conscious of our first task on the mission field — the learning of a new language. And oh, we thought, what a big task faces us; what a big mountain to cross before we can actually enter into missionary work! But our Nyack class verse continually brings encouragement in our study of the language. It is found in II Cor. 3:4,5: "And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."

The Indonesian language is one of the easiest languages to learn because it has no declensions, no conjugations, and almost no fixed grammatical rules. It has been said that "at the end of ten weeks you feel that you know all that there is to be known, and at the end of ten years, you know that you never will." Needless to say, no matter how easy a language is, it still takes a lot of hard study and continual practice to master it.

Our first contact with the Indonesian language began when we were enroute to Makassar on a Dutch freighter with Javanese cabin boys and waiters. One morning at breakfast we learned that a fried egg, sunnyside up, was called "mata sapi", which literally means "cow's eye". This slight exposure to the language on the ship made us realize that we were soon to study a very interesting and expressive language.

We had not been in Makassar a week, before we were busily engaged in language study, with two hours of classes a day under the instruction of an Indonesian teacher. It was his first experience at teaching his language to adult foreigners, and of course, our first to study a new language under an instructor who could not speak any English. This seemed a bit hard at first, but we took new courage when our senior missionaries told us we would get the language better without the help of English from our teacher. At first we were in a constant fog of bewilderment, but after these past months of study and contact with the natives, our ears are gradually becoming accustomed to the language, and it does not seem as strange as it did.

Our teacher is a Christian native who has taught in the grade-schools here in the city for several years, so has had a lot of experience in

teaching. However, his methods are quite different from ours. Because we are adults he thinks we can assimilate and comprehend advanced material readily without first laying a foundation by gradually working from the simple to the more advanced. He has informed us that we are not little children, so do not need to learn simple Malay first! However, we are thankful for his punctuality and faithfulness, which is quite unusual among native teachers. It is very amusing to observe his gestures and facial expressions in endeavoring to convey the meaning of a word or an idea over to us. For several weeks we have had another teacher for the second hour. He is a young native Christian who graduated from the Makassar Bible School and does translation work for the mission. He is proving to be an excellent teacher.

Our course of study includes the translation of the Gospel of John during the first year, and this has been a real blessing and inspiration to us. In this way we are gradually adding Biblical terms to our vocabulary.

Our hearts are yearning to get to our station and begin the work to which the Lord has called us, but we know we cannot be effective witnesses until we have a working knowledge of the language of the people. Your prayers will be appreciated for the language students of this field, that the Lord will give unusual aptness and wisdom to grasp the language, and that competent teachers will be available for new missionaries. As these months of study have made the language more familiar to us, even so do we desire to make Christ familiar and known to these people, some of whom have never yet heard the wonderful Gospel story.



Dyak woman and children

E. Jackson

Bible school's . . .

Graduation Day

M. Shaneman

On November 13, 1952, seven more graduates were added to the scores of young people that have gone out from the Makassar Bible School into the harvest field of Indonesia. Of the graduates, two were from Sangir, the northern part of Sulawesi, one from Tobelo, Halmahera, one from Bima—our first graduate from the mountain people of Sumbawa, one from Menado, another from Buton, and still another from Sumatra. It is a real testimony to the power of the gospel for these various races to be together in one school without a great deal of racial feeling and fighting. The government officials marvel how such a thing is possible.

This graduation and the graduates have a special significance to me. They started in school the same year that I started teaching. These students were my first pupils and together we have weathered the storms for four years. Now they have finished four years of schooling and I have finished four consecutive years of teaching in the Bible School. Teaching has been a joy and I thank the Lord for this privilege which He has given to me.

Would you like to visit our graduation exercises?

To the strains of "Cross of Christ Lead Onward", the seven graduates solemnly marched down the center aisle of the Kemah Indjil to take their places of honor on the platform.

The back and sides of the platform were banked with foliage and flowers.

The service was opened in prayer by one of the Indonesian teachers, Rev. Daniel Rundu. After prayer the congregation, led by one of the graduates, sang "O Zion Haste". Rev. S.M. Udis, one of the leaders in the school, gave a few words of explanation about the school. The graduate from Bima then led in prayer.

The graduate with the highest average gave a short message on Christ as a Servant, telling of Christ's first coming. The graduates then sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". Another graduate brought a message on Christ as a King, telling of Christ's second coming. The graduates then sang "Hope of the Ages". (This has recently been translated for the new song-book). Rev. P. Wattimurij, another Indonesian leader in the school, brought a message from Mark 16:15. The graduates sang "Take My Life", the great consecration hymn by Frances Havergal. Their eyes were wet with tears as they sang.

After singing, the graduates then received their diplomas. As each one received his diploma he was given an appropriate verse of Scripture. Rev. S.M. Udis offered the prayer of dedication for the graduates. Rev W.M. Post, our chairman, pronounced the benediction.

The Makassar Bible School is a self-supporting school and all the school administration is in the hands of the Indonesians. Much earnest prayer is requested for the new senior class as two of our most promising students have been stricken in body with fatal diseases.

Just A Reminder

The **Pioneer** comes to you as a gift from the missionary whose name appears on the wrapper. The cost of publication and mailing is borne by the same missionary. If you wish to help share in this expense, send your gift to the missionary of your choice at 260 W. 44th Street, New York 36, New York. Mark it: "Special — for the **Pioneer**."

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A Missionary's Equipment

By Hudson Taylor

A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.

A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place.

Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances.

Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.

Love for Communion with God and for the study of His Word.

Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home.

A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

The Children Come Home

Marian Schisler

As a Bible School "father and mother", it is natural to expect that one of our greatest joys would be in the progress of our Bible School "children". It was a real joy to welcome back to our midst for four days of the recent West Kalimantan Conference those of the gurus and our third year class who have been out in service the past months. The marks of growing maturity and seasoning in the weathering they have experienced working in the harvest field and having to meet the hard knocks of the enemy were a delight to us who have prayed almost daily for these "children" in the Lord. One couple and a single student in faraway Amballau could not get here for the rich spiritual food they should have received to quicken their faith. In the new field of their working they have had trials along financial lines and other testings that might be expected in a pioneer area. (This is the only area that hasn't taken on full support of the guru. They are still supported by the churches of the Belitang area).

Denis, a young man working alone at his post in upper Pinoh Landen, made connections even at having to travel a number of days via prau to reach Nanga Pinoh where the Gospel boat, **Kabar Indjil**, picked him up. But he had a double incentive in that he had a prospective bride awaiting him too, which wedding took place shortly after Conference. Pray for Denis and Katarina.

Lewis and Augustinus arrived on time after a long hike from the Ketungau area north of us where they have been face to face with a real onslaught of the enemy. This has taken form in a new false religion by which many of the people in that area have been deceived, causing them to oppose the Gospel and the workers. But God has answered prayer and already the enemy's work is being defeated. Praise His Name! These two young workers have been encouraged by the good support of about 50 believers who are preparing to build a church.



*Peter and
his family*

Peter, honest, rugged Peter, much like Peter of old, has been having a hard time in the midst of a back-slidden, indifferent church group at Siloam. Of course that kind church doesn't support well. Then, too, the Catholics are much too close for comfort. But Peter plugs patiently on asking only for prayer help, relying on the Lord to give the needed strength and the cleansing sorely needed for the church.

Zephanja, student worker at Bethany church, some distance away, stood out as usual in the conference gathering, his face beaming more brightly than ever, it seemed, in spite of the burdens which he whole-heartedly bears for his people and the unsaved. God is blessing his faithful labor of love.

Boaz and his wife, working in a far-away new area, arrived looking a bit thin and worn. New works mean hard work, discouragements, and often a deficiency in the rice diet. But they were uncomplaining and accepted the joy and blessing of conference time as fresh strength to take up their task again.

It was a disappointment to see that the young couple, Nicolas and An-bun, have not yet grown up and do not yet feel their responsibility in the work appointed to them.

But time and prayer can bring about the desired change which will mean the salvation of precious souls from destruction. You'll pray for them, won't you?

One of our happiest moments was meeting with one of our graduated gurus and his wife who were recently moved to a new post at Batu Buil in the Melawi. Japet has known a lot of defeat in his life and ministry through the weakness and sins of his wife. But God has done a new work in their hearts and being in charge of a new work brought them to us with an

entirely new life and spirit which was an inspiration to behold. It was a personal delight after seeing pretty, weak-willed little Martha as an unpromising student in my women's class of last year, eagerly telling of ministering to 40 to 50 women on Friday of each week; many of these women are unsaved and come from a distance. In addition, she has a children's meeting once a week besides doing visitation work and helping in Sunday School. We can only say, "Behold, what God hath wrought!"

Our 3 Dyak and Chinese women workers were here eagerly attending every session and drinking in fresh blessing to their souls to carry them on in giving the Gospel story from village to village, near and far.

Dear prayer-helpers, time does not permit to tell you of others of the 21 workers and wives serving the 12 churches of the Belitang area and 7 stations in surrounding area. But in the face of what God has already done in answer to prayer, we trust you will pray even more faithfully and fervently for these dear native brethren — the 5 graduated native pastors and the 16 third-year students in their "proving" year of service, that each will be daily filled with the Holy Spirit and power to the upbuilding of the church and the salvation of many precious souls in West Kalimantan before Christ's soon coming.

Can you believe it?

Today there are about 25,000 missionaries in the world — 10,000 less than there were some years ago. Do we realize that this is just a few more persons than it takes to make up one division of soldiers in most armies?

What about money? Just the price of one day's fighting in World War II would pay for six years of continuous missionary work.

So fantastically much for destruction! So pitifully little for redemption!

Paul S. Rees

New missionaries' . . .

New Duties

. . . Ed. Ulrich

I have often wondered what a new missionary did when he first arrived on the field. Since we arrived here in May, 1952, I have learned at least a part of the answer. Although the learning of the language is the primary objective of the new missionary, language study is often interrupted by other pressing duties. Such duties may include taking care of incoming supplies, getting them through customs, and arranging for their safe storage. If the chairman of the field is away, the new missionary may have to spend hours day after day, checking on visas for new and returning missionaries. And did you know that a new missionary unpacks, packs, and repacks almost constantly? Then, too, helping to publish a *Pioneer* takes some time, believe it or not!

Seriously, though, the Lord has been good to us. He has blessed us with good health. He has enabled us from time to time to preach His word in the English services, which are held every Sunday. Last, but by no means least, He has helped us to complete the first six months' language work on time and to take the long, difficult examination. For this we praise His Name.

During the past few weeks, the Lord has given us definite leading toward our place of service for Him. We are to join the A. J. Lewises in Irian (New Guinea) in a few months. We thank the Lord that a new plane has been provided, and we trust that within a few months we will be winging to areas both in Irian and in Indonesia. Brother Lewis and I plan to go to Belfast, Ireland, when the plane is ready for delivery. From there we shall fly it out to the field. We shall soon know whether we shall be able to service both fields with the plane. Do pray much concerning this, that the Lord's will may be done.

Being transferred to Irian will not let me say good-bye to those in Indonesia. These months here in Indonesia have carved upon my heart a great love for the Indonesian people. Join with us in prayer for the accomplishment of God's will in all phases of missionary flying in these fields. We request, also, your prayers for us personally, as we leave Makassar in late May or early June.

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