

THE WORK THAT CENTURIES MIGHT HAVE DONE
MUST CROWD THE HOURS OF SETTING SUN.

Dearest friends,

For years we have talked of holding special Bible Conferences for the elders and pastors of our churches. We have always realized the need and talked about it, but not until just a few weeks ago did this ever come to fruition. Now that we have felt the value of it and are seeing the blessings from it, we will do our best to have it as often as possible.

Bible School was on vacation for the Easter week, and so this was the most opportune time to call all the Christian workers - - pastors, school teachers, and anyone helping actively in the work of the churches - - to a week of special meetings right here at the Bible School site. Invitations were sent, and preparations were made to house all who would come. We promised to provide board and room and pay the fare both ways to all those who were invited. Of the 29 invited, 24 came and stayed right through the six days of meetings. The morning and evening sessions were divided into Bible study and lectures on the duties and work of a servant of the Lord. Time was allowed for question and answer periods and practical points were given and teaching and preaching. Our Chinese Bible School teacher took the daily morning devotions and one of our group taught singing. Between sessions we had time to chat and pray with the various pastors and teachers and hear first hand of the victories won, souls saved, and of hardships suffered in their ministry. All agreed that it was a most profitable time and that such conferences must be held every year.

It was our privilege to hand each national worker present a bundle of clothes for himself and for his family as he went by the office on his way home after the conference. These clothes had been left by other missionaries or were too small for our children. This practical help was also much appreciated as most of these servants of the Lord get only enough wages to buy half their rice needed, to say nothing of clothes, etc.

We plan to leave for furlough the beginning of July. The upkeep of the Bible School demands more time than Elmer can afford, and so much that should have been done in repairing and painting must be crowded into the remaining two short months.

Our 'five' have had so many interruptions throughout their school year that they will not be ready to leave for home unless we crowd the remaining studies into the time left. This can only be done with the help of the Lord. We ask your special prayers for us that the Lord will give the enabling for this task. Hardly a day goes by but Ruth is called away to attend to some "also important" task and so has to leave the "school room" and leave the children to shift for themselves for that time.

And last, but not least, there is the daily need of the Bible School. Only eight weeks remain before graduation - - June 20-21. All the teachers are counting the remaining school hours to see if they can crowd in the lessons which are still to be taught. You see, during the Christmas - New Year vacation we lost much time when it appeared that all missionary personnel would have to vacate their stations. Now we are trying to make up for lost time. For some months we were handicapped with a shortage of teachers, but we thank God that He has again supplied that need and now we are again fully staffed.

Mr. Merritt, Miss C. Lima, Miss I. Stippa, Mr. Djong Nam Fu and I are at present teaching and working out on weekends and as time permits to all the stations that have been vacated. We thank God for this privilege of teaching 52 precious young people in Bible School.

Pray for the 35 graduates - - most of them in the work of the Lord.

Pray for the 14 who will graduate in June.

Pray for us that God will meet our needs as we plan to leave for furlough.

We'll tell you more when we see you face to face. Until then, we carry on as

Your Missionaries,

Elmer and Ruth Warkentin