

Dear friends;

Good news comes from Borneo each week by mail, to encourage our hearts and yours as our furlough flies by. With this comes our 'Thankyou' to you all for the much prayer and help both before and since we arrived in August. We trust you too will be constrained to trust the Lord more and pray continually for the harvest in Dayakland.

In spite of the seeming 'closing' of the field due to a partial evacuation a year ago, the Lord permitted us to stay on till the end of June when we witnessed the graduation of 13 who had finished the 3-year course in our Berea Bible School. These had chosen as their motto 'ENDUED WITH POWER' as THEY launched their frail barques headed back to the darkness of the towns and villages of the jungles of Borneo. How thankful we are that each one of these was again willing to return to his own to tell of what God had done for him. Even the girls were snatched up to minister as Bible Women.

Letters come almost weekly from evangelists, teachers, students, and the handful of hard-pressed missionaries attesting to God's wondrous power. Quote:

"Our country is being freed from the hands of Communists, and freedom of religion is ours again. Next week seven more will be baptized. Hallelujah!"

"All Christian teachers were invited to Ngabang for a refresher course. At the closing reception we were asked to sing hymns as gov't and school officials listened. On Sunday we held services in the dormitory here (there is no church in this town) and 80 - 90 attended."

"Since you left several villages have opened to the gospel. Many who have been so long uninterested are now coming to Sunday School and church."

"When I was asked to come to the capital and teach, my heart was heavy. How could I do this? But God is helping me as I teach Bible to 300 school children daily, often preach on Sundays and teach Sunday School classes. I hold women's meetings and lead prayer meetings!" -- (from a Chinese girl who graduated in June)

Our fellow workers confirm these reports of expanded gospel witness since the retarding of Communist power in October. But Indonesia is struggling to get back on its feet and avert the economic crisis. Don't cease to pray that the door will remain open and indeed open wider; new visas are unobtainable, and there are some missionaries waiting to come in and help us.

Chilliwack, our usual furlough home, is bringing us precious contacts with many who have been so faithful in prayer and support. Now on the second lap of our time here we are facing a new challenge to prove God all-sufficient. Our three oldest children must remain here for schooling when we return the end of June. We share this and other requests with you, that you will pray the more.

In a month or two we will again have to ship our outfit and prepare to go back for our fourth term. Pray that our needs of outfit and passage will be met in time. The Bible School, under the direction of Mr. Bud Merritt during our absence, needs our support and prayer. The forty students in attendance this year are hard-pressed for means. New buildings will have to be built.

We will be strengthened and encouraged as we hear from you that you will stand with us as we go forth again. DO WRITE.

Your Missionaries,

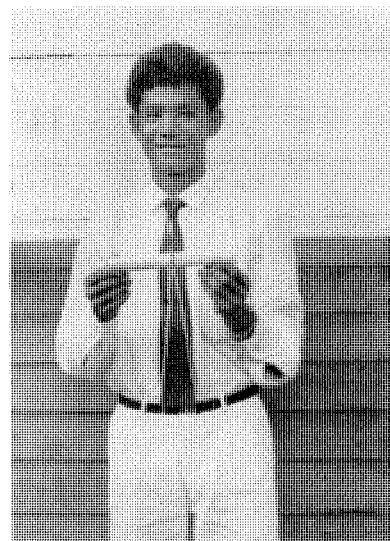
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BEREA BIBLE SCHOOL

Darit, Ngabang, Kalimantan Barat, Indonesia.



Bible School Graduates
now in full time
service.



1965 graduate now on
Bible School staff.



Graduate now a
pastor's wife.



Easter Conference of
Full time workers.