Notes of Progress

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Brethren Werner and Detamore are having good success in Harvest Ingathering work, having collected \$153 in eleven hours. Receipts for the Singapore mission total \$500 at the time of writing.

The Youngberg family have moved to their new location on the Tatau River, if plans expressed in recent letters have been carried out. Their address is Bukit Nyala, Tatau River, via Bintulu, Saravak.

The Fox family expect to leave Singapore about November 5 for Kuala Lumpur, where they will labor in the Malay States mission.

H. I. Smith plans to sail for Manila on November 15. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Smith, and they will enjoy a holiday in Baguio until the time of the Division meeting to be held in that place December 16 to 23.

V. E. Hendershot and family left Singapore on October 30. After a month's holiday in Brastagi they will proceed to Penang for ovangelistic work

Notice the statistical reports.

SUCCESS IN SIAM

There is no need to be discouraged over the present conditions in the world, for truly God is using them to awaken men to the fact that something out of the ordinary is coming. And now is our day of opportunity to preach more fully the message that we as a people have been preaching for nearly a hundred years. Here in Sian we are of good courage and we know that God's Spirit is working on the hearts of men. Our greatest desire is that we may be ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit in all His fullness and necessarily, along with the Spirit, the fitting which we must have if we are to accomplish the "impossible" here.

During the middle of August we conducted a brief offort in Ayudhya. The little chapel was packed each night and many came during the day to study. We persuaded several of the men to buy Bibles for themselves that they may study more. But the thing that pleased us most was the interest in the meetings shown by the Siamese people. Brother Ku is following up the interest as best he can. We hope to ge back soon after our annual meeting and conduct a Siamese effort.

We are sorry to report the death of Brother Ku's youngest child on August 25, the death being due to pneumonia. We layed the little one to rest in the cremation grounds of a Buddhist temple.

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For several weeks we have been holding meetings three nights a week here in Bangkok. At first thought it seemed foolish to try such a thing right in the middle of the rainy season, and especially as we have had more than the usual amount of rain this year. But we printed some handbills and prepared to start on a Vednesday evening. It rained nearly all that afternoon so the boys had to distribute the announcements in the rain. But it stopped before the service so that we had the chapel full at 7:30. On Friday afternoon, after nearly sixteen hours of continuous rain, it stopped at one o'clock and we were thankful, feeling sure that there would be no more until late at night. But about five o'clock it started again, and prospects for a good attendance, if any at all, looked far from promising. But we prayed that the Lord's will might be done. A while later the rain stepped and we had a good attendance. So it has gone, and so far the people have not been inconvenienced either in coming or going because of rain. We are thankful for God's goodness and that we can be assured of His help and co-operation when we try to do His work. There are many who are interested and are a sking for studies. With our small force of workers we find more than we can do, but we are glad to be busy.

At last we have good prospects of acquiring a piece of land for a permanent place of worship. This is needed very badly. Often people tell us they have tried to find our chapel but in vain. Our present place surely is not very representative. Surely the time is here when we should have a place of worship which will give an impetus to the cause in Siam.

A. P. Ritz

This year our work is going on in a marked way. More than a dozen families have thrown away their idels and joined us in serving God. Thus far 14 souls have been baptized in Bangkok alone. Many more are awaiting baptism. We expect to reap a large harvest of souls in the coming year. Our need for the future is the double portion. of the Lord's Spirit.

Kon Vui Leong

BRITISH BORNEO GENERAL MELTING

Our attendance at the general meeting was good. The first year I was here, 1929, we had 75 present on Sabbath. In 1930 we had 134 present on the Sabbath, and this year 214 were present on the Sabbath. This shows a growing interest in the annual meeting and makes us rejoice. The brethren and sisters took a great interest and gave good attention. It was a sort of a Babylon with about four interpreters but the thing went over in pretty good shape.

Our special offering at the time of the meeting was \$72.10 in pledges and cash. That was the first time we have taken a special offering at the time of our annual meeting, and there was a good response.

J. W. Rowland

CLOSING DAYS AT THE SIMITNARY

September finishes up another school year at the Malayan Seminary. A very successful institute for colporteurs was held in August by J. H. Mchachern and A. J. Werner. The chapel expresses conducted by these brethern were appreciated by all. A goodly number of colporteurs will go into the field, and we believe they leave with a new vision of what is required of the colporteur-evangelist.

On Sunday afternoon, September 6, eleven souls were captized from the school in the sea at Ponggol. Fifteen candidates applied; three were advised to study further, while one was prevented by influenza from taking the step. This one will be baptized at the earliest possible moment. These young people have a good knowledge of the truth and have satisfied the church elders as to their preparedness for the ordinance. It was an inspiring scene to see these young people grouped together in the water at high tide, reverently awaiting their turn, while about 75 members from the various churches of Singapore sang. Most of these young people come from heathen homes. Some are enduring hardships for the gospel, and all are fully aware of the trials before God's people. Surely any school could be proud of such a clean, intelligent group of young people!

We are glad to report that the five months' work at the leper asylum in Yio Chu Kang Road, has not been without result. Miss MacGregor, an elderly inmate, is both blind and leprous, but her soul is rejoicing in the bright hope of a secon-coming Saviour. She is now observing the Sabbath, and we are confident that her baptism is not far off. Soveral others manifest interest in our message. We are looking forward to a hervest of souls from that place. F. L. Bunch and Laurence Fox hold weekly services for the men and ladies respectively. On an average 15 to 20 students assist.

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Our students are getting a taste of how glorious it is to be workers together with Him. As we close this, another year, we bow our heads in profound gratitude to the mighty risen Lord of Hosts.

V. E. Hondershot

Additional Data Regarding Church Membership

Third Quarter, 1931

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2. Malay States	227	20		
3. Siam	139	6		
4. Singapore	332	11	1	7
5. Cochin China	5	1		1
6. Sarawak	83			
Totals	1036	38	1	8

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