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The cover picture, taken by Rev. Edward Paauwe, shows the Life Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore.

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Editorial

NEW BATTLEFIELD – THE SAME BATTLE

One fact every Christian should agree upon is that the battle for the faith never ends. It began in the Garden of Eden. It continues today. At times in the history of God's people, every outward sign indicated that the faith had been almost obliterated from the earth. But there have always been those who were willing to stand and fight for the faith, knowing that God commands it and will honor those who obey. There will always be changing battlefields, but the battle itself continues the same.

The present conflict began in 1923 with the signing of the Auburn Affirmation. This infamous document, signed by 1293 Presbyterian ministers, stated it was unnecessary to believe certain fundamentals of the faith in order to be a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbyterian Church in the USA. They included (1) the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures; (2) the virgin birth of Christ; (3) the substitutionary atonement of Christ; (4) the bodily resurrection and ascension of Christ; and (5) the supernatural miracles of Christ. Far from being disciplined and removed from their positions of leadership, many ministers were advanced to the highest positions in the Church, and some became well-known missionaries, especially in the Far East. One result of this conflict was the establishment of The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions in 1933, and Dr. J. Gresham Machen became its first president.

Writing about the necessity of maintaining the faith, Dr. Machen declared these great principles must be defended. *There are those who decry controversy, he said, and believe that the Church should return to its former policy of politely ignoring or taking for granted the central things of the Christian faith. But with such persons I, for my part, cannot possibly bring myself to agree.* Dr. Machen then raised this question: *What is it that the Church is in the world to do?*

Here is his answer: *God grant that question may never be silenced until it is answered aright! Let us not fear the opposition of men; every great movement in the Church from Paul down to modern times has been criticized on the ground that it promotes censoriousness and intolerance and disputing. Of course, the Gospel of Christ, in a world of sin and doubt, will cause disputing; and if it does not cause disputing and arouse bitter opposition, that is a fairly sure sign that it is not being faithfully proclaimed. As for me, I believe that a great opportunity has been opened to Christian people by the "controversy" that is so much decried. . . . It is becoming increasingly necessary for a man to choose whether he will stand with Christ or against Him. . . . Controversy of the right sort is good; for out of such controversy, as Church History and Scripture alike teach, there comes the salvation of souls.*

The position of The Independent Board, established by its first president, remains the same today. The Board, its members, and its missionaries are in the forefront of the world-wide battle for the faith. We call upon all Christians to stand with us and maintain and defend the Gospel of Christ until He comes again.

—LGG

SINGAPORE

Rev. Edward Paauwe

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1935, when Dr. John Sung visited Singapore with Revival, a young man by the name of Timothy Tow became a changed person by the new birth, and yielded himself to God. In March 1946, he heard God's call to abandon a legal career and study for the ministry. The same year he sailed with his family to China where he studied at Dr. Chia Yu Ming's school in Nanking. (Dr. Chia Yu Ming was one of the founders of the ICCC.) Mr. Tow transferred in the fall of 1947 to Faith Theological Seminary, USA, where he graduated with the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1950.

It happened then that the International Council of Christian Churches was going to hold its Second Plenary Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, in August. Timothy Tow, having finished Seminary training, went to Geneva to attend the ICCC Congress on his way back to Singapore. He was ordained in the city of John Calvin by the hands of the Philadelphia Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church. This was the first link forged between the embryonic Singapore Church and the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement of the ICCC.

The Lord used Rev. Timothy Tow to launch the Life Church English Service in Singapore on October 20, 1950. The new pastor presented his credentials to an eager congregation from the text, *Holding forth the Word of Life* (Philippians 2:16). The Lord blessed the new church, and in 1955 the Life Church English Service became the Life Bible Presbyterian

Church. In the same year the church voted to affiliate with the International Council of Christian Churches and with its Far Eastern Chapter, the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches. Although the formal affiliation did not come till 1955, since 1950 Rev. Timothy Tow has attended several ICCC Congresses and was also present at the founding of the FECCC in Manila, November 1951.

Further involvement with the ICCC came when Singapore hosted the Third General Assembly of the FECCC in 1956. During that assembly the Malaysia Council of Christian Churches (now the Singapore and Malaysia Council of Christian Churches) was founded.



Life Bible Presbyterian Church, Singapore

The Lord continued to bless and the work grew as new churches were established. The need for new workers

was realized and talk of establishing a Bible College began. In preparation for teaching at the Bible College Rev. Timothy Tow returned to Faith Theological Seminary and obtained the Master of Sacred Theology degree in May of 1959. No sooner had he returned to Singapore than he found himself involved in sending two young persons to Shelton College to prepare for full-time service – Swee Hwa Quek and Leahia Tow (now Mrs. Edward Paauwe), his own daughter. (Both of them are now serving the Lord at the Bible College.)



Far Eastern Bible College

The building program for the new church sanctuary and Bible College premises began in 1961. On September 17, 1962, the Far Eastern Bible College opened its doors, under its principal Rev. Timothy Tow, with three students.*

Both the Bible Presbyterian Churches and the Bible College continued to experience the blessings of God, as they remained faithful to the historic Christian faith. Today what

*The historical material has been derived from, *The History of Life Church in the Bible Presbyterian Church Movement in Singapore and Malaysia, 1950-1971*, by Dr. Timothy Tow.

began with a handful of worshippers in 1950 has grown to nearly thirty churches and mission stations, along with a number of Kindergartens and the Bible College. The FEBC has grown from three to over thirty full-time students. In addition a number of part-time and special students are enrolled.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

The college is an autonomous institution, governed by a Board of Directors, independent of ecclesiastical control. It looks solely to God for support through churches and friends who believe in its training program as vital for the survival and growth of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Far East.

Its emphasis is on national outreach with the Gospel without looking to foreign aid. Its stand on faith and doctrine is unequivocal and, with God's help, the college will continue to speak against every ideology and philosophy repugnant to the teaching of the Word of God.



Dr. Timothy Tow teaching at the FEBC

The college occupies the beautiful premises of the Life Bible Presbyterian Church at 9 A Gilstead Road. The church auditorium is used for daily chapel services, while the college itself is housed in the original L-shaped

building (dining room and men's dormitory), as well as in a three story addition, completed in 1969 (classrooms, office and women's dormitory).

The FEBC library now has about 2,800 volumes of Biblical exegesis, theology, missions, church history and related subjects. Current numbers of periodicals give up-to-date news and articles of interest on the Church, missions and theology, as well as in archaeology and Biblical studies. The library is constantly strengthened both by purchases and gifts from friends.



FEBC students using the library

The college makes every effort to advance the devotional life and practical Christian testimony of the students. During the week daily chapel services are held, consisting of the reading and preaching of the Word, prayer and singing. Services of praise and testimony are also held. Students gather regularly for prayer, and are encouraged to learn the blessings and power of real intercession.

Students are expected to manifest a satisfactory attitude toward the spiritual and academic standards of the college. The testimony of the college that Christians should hold themselves separate from sin and worldliness is constantly emphasized.

Throughout the year students have many opportunities for practical Chris-

tian work. Such work includes, among others, teaching of Sunday School classes, speaking at evangelistic services and Christian fellowships, personal evangelism and visitation.

The college offers three basic courses of study, leading towards the Bachelor of Theology Degree, a Diploma in Theology and a Certificate of Religious Knowledge.



FEBC 6th Graduation Service

MISSIONARIES' DAILY ACTIVITIES

The Independent Board began cooperating with the FEBC in 1964 and is committed to provide one missionary couple to help in the work. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Paauwe have been stationed there since 1970.

College work takes up most of the missionaries' time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Paauwe teach extensively. Mr. Paauwe teaches Bible related courses, such as Book studies, Biblical languages, Theology, Church History, Homiletics, Missions, etc. Mrs. Paauwe teaches Christian Education, English, Music and Piano; she is also in charge of supervising the musical training of all Bible College students. Mr. Paauwe, in addition to his teaching duties, is the college librarian and is also the secretary of the faculty.

The missionaries are frequently invited to speak to Christian students'

groups throughout Singapore. In addition, the youth fellowships of the various Bible Presbyterian Churches frequently call upon them to speak. Mr. Paauwe has regular preaching assignments as well, as he is the moderating pastor of two Bible Presbyterian Churches. This involves preaching regularly in these churches, conducting the sacraments, chairing session meetings, etc. Considering regular speaking opportunities, teaching Sunday School classes, etc, Mr. Paauwe speaks at least five times per week. Indeed, there are many opportunities for the Gospel to be preached.



Mrs. Edward Paauwe teaching English

The writing ministry is also an important part of missionary work. The Far Eastern Beacon is published monthly at the ICCC Far Eastern office by Rev. K. C. Quek. Mr. Paauwe writes regularly for this paper. In addition a number of weekly papers are published in which Mr. Paauwe has a helping hand.

During the school vacations, the missionaries are involved in Bible Camps and Daily Vacation Bible School. In December of 1973, Mr. and Mrs. Paauwe were able to help in two camps and one DVBS. Praise the Lord that altogether more than twenty young people made decisions for Christ. About half of these were decisions for salvation while the others yielded their lives fully to God. We pray that these young people will become the leaders and pillars of the Bible Presbyterian Church in the future.



Rev. Edward Paauwe conducting a Baptismal Service

The defense of the Faith is another important aspect of the missionaries' work. Mr. Paauwe is a member of the executive committee of the Singapore and Malaysia Council of Christian Churches and is vice-chairman of International Christian Youth, the youth arm of the ICCC. Mr. Paauwe has recently travelled to Indonesia, where the ICCC is now being firmly established. In August the Indonesian Council of Christian Churches will meet in Djakarta to organize more fully and to plan strategy in light of the WCC's meeting in Indonesia in 1975. The Lord willing Mr. Paauwe will attend the Djakarta meeting in August, as well as the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches meeting in Tokyo, Japan, in July.



Rev. Edward Paauwe speaking at Bible camp



Jesus Saves Mission in downtown Singapore

The harvest truly is great in the field of Singapore. But the laborers are few. Mr. and Mrs. Paauwe realize the responsibility they have in training workers for the harvest field. It is their earnest prayer that the graduates of the Far Eastern Bible College will continue the work of the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement in Singapore which Rev. Timothy Tow started in 1950. May there be many who will stand true for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

DEPARTURES



All of The Independent Board family will want to praise the Lord for the first of an anticipated series of farewell services for 1974. The inspiring meeting was for Gary and Pat Johnson and took place on January 14 in the afternoon at Fellowship House. The Johnsons gave their testimonies, as did Gary's parents, also. The challenge was presented by Dr. Malsbary, who affirmed the matchless work by the missionary; and various people in attendance gave the couple verses. After the singing of *To The Regions Beyond* and the dedicatory prayer by Dr. Gordon, everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments provided for the occasion and a good time of fellowship.

The Johnsons departed from Kennedy Airport on January 16 at 8 p.m., and flew to London for a stop over night. They continued on to the Holy Land and upon their arrival they encountered a snow storm that had paralyzed most of the transportation. After a week of visiting the mission in Bethlehem, they flew to Kenya and finally arrived in Mwingi, where they decided the Lord was calling them to continue their medical and evangelistic service.

We wish to request again that churches and individuals send boxes of stamps, clothes, bandages, literature, etc. *directly to the field*, rather than to the Board office. There are two reasons for this request: One is that there is no money in the shipping fund at present; the second is that it costs less in the way of customs for missionaries to receive boxes from donors rather than barrels sent from the Board office. (If you are planning to send more than a small package that would go by mail, then you should first contact the missionary, explaining the contents and request information as to how to proceed. The reason for this is that quite often the customs charges are far in excess of the value of the contents.) Please see the BPC Synodical MISSIONS HANDBOOK for more details.

PROJECT COMPASSION ON SAFARI

Miss Marilyn Faucette

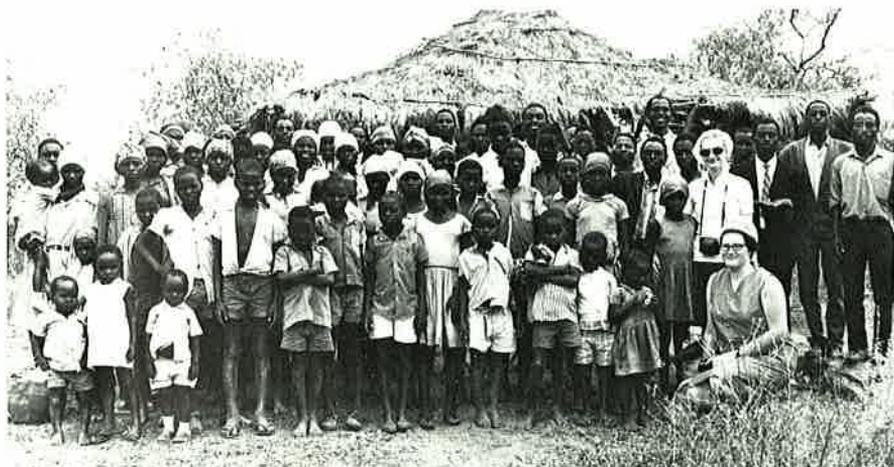
Early in the summer's program of activities I participated in a medical evangelistic safari 59 miles into the bush from Mwingi, at a place called Ngaani, with three Project Compassion Team Members. Brother Gene drove the mission Landrover and took several Bible School students -- some from that area who knew the way. Needless to say we were well loaded down with our drugs and medical equipment and each with his necessary belongings for the overnight stay. We started out on a Saturday afternoon and prayed all the way! Why did I say that? You were not there to see our spare tire -- stripped of tread on one side -- the result of a trip home from Nairobi a few days before!

We saw many patients that evening after fixing our supper on a one burner camping gas stove. We gave a number of immunization shots to prevent measles and whooping cough -- both deadly diseases out here, especially to the "under five" group of children. Others were treated for chest conditions, worms, malaria and anemia. God's Word was preached and Bible pictures shown on the screen attached to the side of the Landrover.

Sunday morning we three girls (including a young newly graduated doctor) stepped out of our door, having spent a comfortable night on a bed of straw and tucked into our warm sleeping bags, to be informed we had a patient in labor awaiting our attention. We did as best an examination as we could in the privacy behind the house where we slept. This seemed to be normal procedure at this place. Since she was not ready to deliver we left word to call us at the church not far down the road where we held a clinic before church since word of our medical safari had not been received prior to our arrival.

After clinic we felt compelled to check on our patient before attending the church service. The three of us walked back to the village where we had been staying. We took with us our improvised delivery set. Fortunately we had decided we might need a suture set which was already sterile. We arrived to find that the baby had just been born but the mother still needed some attention. The baby was still unwrapped having had his first bath in cold water in the cool morning air -- a lovely way to give a baby

Ngaani Church members and team members



pneumonia! Immediately our new towel (a gift in the hospital supply drum) became the baby blanket to warm the baby as the family had not prepared anything. As soon as our ministrations were completed we had the privilege of seeing the mother, a sister of our host, return to the Lord. She realized she had turned her back on God and made confession of her sin. Also her mother believed for the first time as we gave the Gospel to her in a nutshell. She said that she did not realize that she as an old person could come to God and that He would accept her. She thought salvation was only for the younger educated generation.

After attending some patients after church service, we all piled into the Landrover to continue our journey another five miles — the place arranged for a converted wedding ceremony. Many people here are married in the heathen way and when they become Christians they want to take their marriage vows before God in the presence of witnesses. You can not possibly imagine what the road was like nor the steep narrow dry stream beds we had to cross. We had to get out to lighten the Landrover on numerous occasions. When we arrived, about one hour later, we ate our lunch. I cleaned up and repacked the back of the Landrover while the Team members investigated the Tana River



Treating a small child in the open air clinic

not far away and while Gene and the Elders had the private service.

On our homeward journey, at about 6 p.m., when we had reached the place where we had stayed, we were asked to treat a very ill baby whose parents had walked six miles to receive help. We soon discovered that the baby had meningitis and needed to return to Mwingi for complete care. Just before our host was asked to pray for our journey, I was able to point out to all that his mother had given her heart to Christ that morning. She made her first profession before the many witnesses who came to see us off. Like the Apostle Paul, after many difficulties the Lord brought us home much delayed, nevertheless, safely. What do you think happened when we stopped the car at the hospital to let off our passengers? The car was completely dead. We praised God once again that this did not happen on one of our many narrow steep riverbed crossings. Truly we serve a Mighty God who can help us in all our work for Him.

Dr. Jane Herron examining a little child



THE INDEPENDENT BOARD
FOR PRESBYTERIAN FOREIGN MISSIONS
THE TEN MOST URGENT PRAYER NEEDS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," James 5:16

PRAY:

1. That the balance of the legacies promised to the Board may be released and missionary salaries be brought up to date.
2. That thirteen new missionaries be appointed by the Board before the end of 1974.
3. For the selection of a new location for the Board office and for the sale of the present property.
4. For a replacement to teach at the Bible College and help in Nairobi as Dr. and Mrs. Hawks are on furlough.
5. For the needed increased electrical power supply of 250% for radiological equipment at the Baraka Sanatorium.
6. That student missionary teams may be organized to work on several of the mission fields of The Independent Board for the summer of 1974.
7. For a second medical doctor for the hospital in Kenya to comply with government regulations.
8. That the monthly pledged support may be fully provided for the missionaries who still lack and for the field projects.
9. For a couple to assume the responsibilities for The Independent Board work in the Cameroun, West Africa.
10. For full and speedy recovery of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Arriagada, and that no complications will develop.

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Please carry this in your Bible and pray regularly for these requests. As the Lord answers them, we will include others in their place. Also, we will tell how the Lord answers the various requests in BIBLICAL MISSIONS.

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GONE TO A HIGHER REWARD

the Rev. J. U. Selwyn Toms

Earle R. White, D.D.

The cause of foreign missions in general, and The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions in particular, lost a valuable supporter in the home going of the Rev. J. U. Selwyn Toms. The Rev. Mr. Toms went into the Lord's presence on November 14, 1973, in his sleep, at the age of 95. The Fortieth Anniversary issue of *Biblical Missions* had included him on the Roll of Honor of the Board Members, with residence on Earth, with 36 years of participation. Now he is in the Hall of Fame, sharing in the crown and wreath of his reward. *Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.* (Revelation 2:10)

Mr. Toms was born in Australia and was a graduate of Princeton Seminary. He was a member of the class of 1908 and a classmate and friend of the late Dr. J. Gordon Holdcroft. Upon graduation he was licensed by the West Jersey Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. He had a call to the foreign mission field and on October 27, 1908, he and his wife, the former Ella Sparks Burt, sailed from San Francisco for Korea. Mr. and Mrs. Toms served at the Taiku and Seoul stations in Korea for fifteen years as evangelists and Bible teachers. They had three children, Robert, Burton and Elaine. Burton Toms was born in Seoul, Korea, and is at present serving the Lord in that same city, under The Independent Board.

In 1925, they were forced to return to the U.S.A. because of the ill health of Mrs. Toms. Upon their return, Mr. Toms became the pastor of the Thom-



Rev. J. U. Selwyn Toms

son Memorial Church in Philadelphia and after 4 years received a call from the Presbyterian Church of Woodstown, New Jersey.

Due to the conditions within the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and its un-Presbyterian actions, Mr. Toms felt it was necessary to withdraw from that body. On July 31, 1936, he wrote the West Jersey Presbytery requesting that his name be erased from its roll.

Mr. Toms was elected to the Board of The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions on May 31, 1937, and was very active in attending all the Board meetings, until 1966, when his health prevented his attendance. His wise and helpful counsel was appreciated by all the Board members. In 1962, Mr. Toms wrote regarding The Independent Board: *"With all our hearts we throw our strength into the great task of winning souls to Jesus Christ by the Gospel of the Grace of*

God." This, I believe, is the primary purpose of The Independent Board. This proclamation of "the faith of our fathers" is our part "in the great battle against modernism, compromise, indifference and worldliness."

Mr. Toms was very strong in his stand against ecclesiastical apostasy and was active in the continuing succession to the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church of America, and was elected stated clerk for the New Jersey Presbytery. When it was no longer possible to continue in fellowship with that body, he formed part of the Commission for a Bible Presbyterian Synod. The first Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church was held in Collingswood, New Jersey, September 6-8, 1938, and Mr. Toms was elected

the first moderator, because of the all-important missionary issues included in the conflict with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. For many years he served as the faithful statistician of the Bible Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Toms made their residence in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They lived with their son Robert, and Mr. Toms was a member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Presbytery. Mrs. Toms went to be with the Lord in December 1972, almost a year previous to her husband.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

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A NEW GOSPEL OUTREACH TO RIAU

Rev. Edward Paauwe

The Rev. Edward Paauwe works in cooperation with the Bible-Presbyterian Missions of Singapore and Malaysia. Recently he and Dr. Timothy Tow made a visit to Riau, to the south of Singapore.

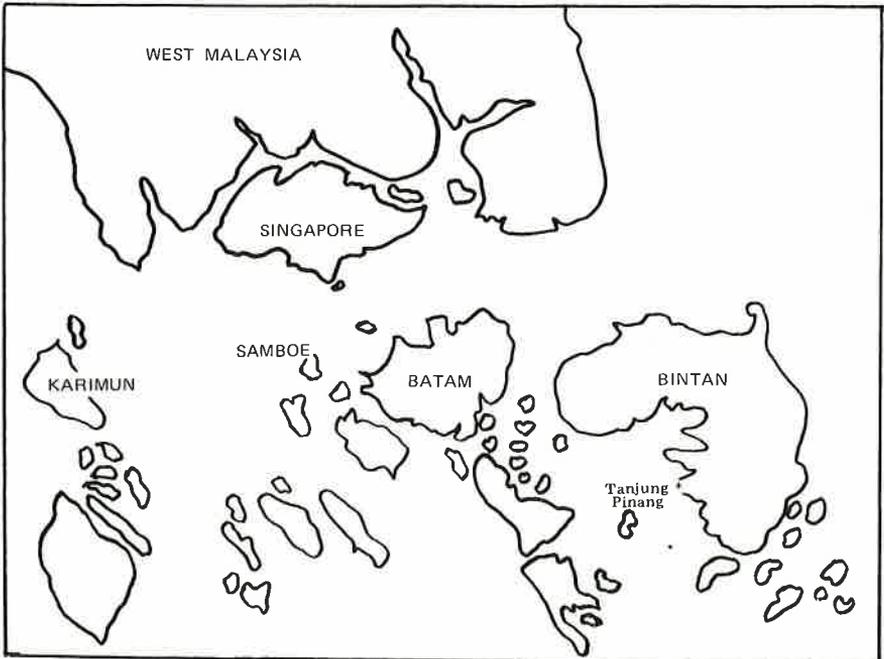
(The following article is taken from the FAR EASTERN BEACON, October 1973.)

It was drizzling lightly when we entered the Telok Ayer Basin to board the M.V. Kartika. The drizzly atmosphere changed abruptly, as soon as we boarded the ship and found ourselves among a number of laughing and talking Batak women. My blond hair drew the attention of some of the ladies, and soon we discovered ourselves talking Dutch together!

At least one of the Batak women had been to the Netherlands as a young girl. She remembered the language well, and asked if I recalled some of the old Dutch hymns. The result was that between Singapore and Indonesian territorial waters, praises

were sung to God in Dutch and English. (Dr. Timothy Tow sang in English and the Batak women and I in Dutch). After this they sang some of their hymns in the Batak language. What a better way for an ex-Dutchman to visit a former Dutch colony than by traveling with fellow Christians and singing praises to God in a variety of languages.

After a couple of hours we saw on our left Bintan, an island two-and-a-half times the size of Singapore. Bintan is one of about 3,000 islands in the Riau Archipelago; about one thousand of these islands are inhabited. Five hours after leaving Singapore, we ar-





Singapore skyline from the water front

rived at Tanjung Pinang, the capital of Bintan and the Riau Archipelago.

Clearing customs did not take long, and soon we were walking down the long wooden pier towards town. Along the way several young men came up to us and asked, "Taxi, Sir?" But since Dr. Tow had been in Tanjung Pinang before, we decided to walk the fifteen minutes to the Geredja Presbeterian di Indonesia.

The church school, Sekolah Dasar Kristen Sion, was in session when we arrived at about 5:30 p.m. In Tanjung Pinang, just like in Singapore, the school and the church share facilities. The school has 300 students, half of which attend the morning session, while the other half studies in the afternoon. Before concluding the day's lessons, all students gathered together in the large meeting hall, where they prayed together the Lord's prayer! Certainly, this is a reminder to all of us, that even in so-called secular education there must be a strong emphasis on the spiritual. How can we teach our children to live like Christians unless we teach them the precepts of the Word of God?

The evening was taken up with discussions with Rev. Tan Peng Kun of the Geredja Presbeterian regarding the work in Riau in general and Bintan Island in particular. As reported by Dr. Tow in the "Bible-Presbyterian Weekly" of 13th October 1973, "we all agreed that the present work on the big Bintan Island should be further consolidated before reaching out elsewhere. To do this a station wagon that can quickly and more cheaply reach

out to Kidjang and Geseh . . . would be a great boom. We prayed about this decision and thanked the Lord for His confirming joy in our hearts."

That night we slept well, even as we could feel the refreshing sea breeze through our mosquito net. As we laid there, thinking back on the events of the day, our hearts rejoiced in what God had done.

We woke early the next morning, but even so the school children had already started to gather. It was a pleasure to see them running around and enjoying themselves. Before going to class the children all lined up for a group picture. As we saw this large assembly of children, we were reminded of the words of our Saviour, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). But our hearts were heavy, seeing that "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37).

After school was in session, I had the opportunity to walk through Tanjung Pinang. The Dutch influence was evident everywhere. Many of the buildings showed an unmistakable Dutch architecture while the signboards in front of offices showed traces of the Dutch language. In addition there were a few remnants of the Japanese occupation. I found, however, many of the children looking at my rare blond hair! Some of them practised their English on me—"Hello Sir." They were very pleased when I greeted them back—also in English.

As our stay in Tanjung Pinang came to a close, the need for workers became more evident than ever. There is only one Chinese-speaking church in all of the Riau Archipelago. There is only one Chinese-speaking church for one thousand inhabited islands! Who will go? Who will give? Who will pray? May God provide the necessary workers and finances to advance the work of Jesus Christ throughout the Riau Archipelago.

MISSIONARY CHRONICLES

News from around the world

KOREA —

Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm St. C. Frehn

Our Institute students are born in a Buddhist, SHAMAN and Confucian environment. The simple Gospel of Christ has delivered them from this combination and now they are in our school learning how to meet the need of their parents and the people of their villages.

My Institute Registrar has been telling how his wife had to endure periodic beatings and the pulling of her hair by her mother after she became a Christian. The girl stuck it out and refused to go back to the SHAMAN paganism of her village. A number of our students have had to endure ostracism and being cast out

of their families. A deacon, his wife and three children were thrown out of the family home last October. My tithe money kept them alive for a time until he could get a room in a neighbor's home in which to live. In the case of the registrar's wife, her mother became a Christian. The deacon's parents are still against their son.

This Chinese family system in many ways is an enemy of Christianity. One of our young pastors and his wife are right this minute undergoing a bitter trial. They both are graduates of the Institute. The old mother is a real battle-axe and insists he throws his young wife out and gets another one because she has not conceived and born a son.

Faculty members and student body of Faith Bible Institute, Too Chon, Korea, Fall 1973



THE MERCY OF GOD

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

On February 11th we had a very serious automobile accident on our mission station in Kenya. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Arriagada, their daughter, Marcela, and Jonathan Faucette were traveling by landrover from Mwingi to Nairobi. About four miles prior to arriving at the Bible College in Nairobi, while they were still on the four-lane divided highway, Dr. Arriagada endeavored to pass a car which was weaving from side to side. When he thought he had an opportunity to pass, he started around; but the car driver swerved toward him. Dr. Arriagada hit his brakes, which made the car spin around and flipped it over. The driver of the other car continued, and nobody knows who he was. Dr. Arriagada was thrown out of the car onto the pavement; Mrs. Arriagada was thrown out of the car and pinned underneath the car; Marcela, age three, was thrown out, part of her clothing torn off of her, but was unhurt. Jonathan was thrown out, and a spare tire fell on him, causing possible internal injuries.

Dr. Arriagada suffered a fractured skull in two places, a broken neck, a broken collarbone, a fractured pelvis, and a smashed kneecap. He was knocked unconscious but seemed conscious when they got him to the hospital. Mrs. Arriagada suffered a fractured pelvis. They placed all the patients in the Nairobi Hospital, and Dr. Arriagada was put under intensive care.

On Wednesday 13th, just prior to going to press, we received our latest report. Both Dr. and Mrs. Arriagada were in a great deal of pain, but not so much as they had been. He has two fractures of the skull but no brain damage. His neck is in soft support; his knee was to be operated that same day. He vomits a lot, but both are in good spirits. Mrs. Arriagada is in fair condition. As she was in her sixth month of pregnancy, this, of course, was one of our great concerns. However, the latest report is that the baby's heartbeat is good and strong. When the car overturned, one of the tires fell on her stomach. When the people came, they had to lift the car so that she could be released, and it does not appear that the baby has been hurt.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Arriagada will be in the hospital for four or five weeks. Apparently, there will be no permanent crippling or damage. They are both very thankful to God that Marcela was not hurt. Mrs. Arriagada stated that she considers the prayers of everyone really saved her baby. Dr. Arriagada said he did not want to just lie around when he had so much work to do. Jonathan went home from the hospital today and did not have to have the exploratory operation that they feared might have to take place.

Mrs. Eugene Faucette came along in her Volkswagen about twenty minutes later and came across the car while it was still overturned and the windshield wiper was turning, and the ignition switch was on in the car, but nobody was around. Blood was all over the highway. You can imagine her shock to see this empty car in that condition. But very quickly, of course, she learned that passing motorists had aided the victims and had taken them to the hospital.

I am sure everyone in Kenya would appreciate the prayers of all Christians everywhere. I sent Dr. Arriagada the following cablegram: *Christians from all the world praying swift and full recovery. Jeremiah 33:3 Isaiah 41:10. -LGG*

PRAISE AND PRAYER

MARCH 1974

1. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD – Pray for the members of the Board in their responsibility of guiding the work of The Independent Board.
2. STAFF – Pray that the Lord will guide in the sale of the property and that He will abundantly supply the new home for the Board office.
3. ARABIA – Praise the Lord that a gift was received to make it possible to complete the building construction, including the missionary apartments.
4. HOLY LAND – Dr. Proctor has been in the States for two weeks because of the serious illness of his mother. Pray for her recovery. Pray that the electrical power might soon be available for the X-Ray equipment.
5. HOLY LAND – Pray for the new program of evangelism to the nearby villages. Praise the Lord that Mr. Carlson is able to teach his Bible class in Arabic. Remember Mrs. Carlson as she teaches the children and Mrs. Lambie and her responsibility as hostess of the guest home.
6. KENYA – Pray for Mr. Faucette as the new semester continues with an enrollment of 40 students. Repairs are necessary on his Landrover so that it will be possible to continue the medical and evangelistic safaris back in the bush country.
7. KENYA – Praise the Lord that the Arriagada's lives were spared in their recent automobile accident. (See page 16 for details.) Pray that they will have a speedy and complete recovery.
8. KENYA – Praise the Lord for the results of the medical safari in January in spite of the "unbelievable" roads, causing breakdowns and loss of time. About 60 patients were treated and there were 32 decisions. Pray for strength for the Misses Fairey, Faucette and Finney in their nursing duties.
9. KENYA – Pray for another missionary to help the Carlsons and Miss Collins in the teaching ministry of the Bible College. Pray that the Lord will provide for the financial needs of the two Africans who are presently teaching in the College. Remember the Hawks in their deputation trips during the year.
10. SINGAPORE – The Paaues request prayer that the graduates of the Far Eastern Bible College will continue the work of the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement in Singapore. Pray for Daniel as he studies in the British School in Singapore.
11. KOREA – Pray for Dr. Frehn as he often has opportunity to witness to his Buddhist friends. Pray for the Bible Institute as it prepares to reopen after the winter vacation.
12. GUATEMALA – Pray for the Rickers as they continue their witness through the Bookstore, the radio and news bulletin. Also pray for the church and Sunday School ministry.
13. LATIN AMERICA – Praise the Lord that a new issue of the Spanish Beacon is ready to go to press. Pray that Dr. Steele will recover completely from his recent illness.

14. BRAZIL – Pray for Dr. Le Roy as he recovers from an attack of the stomach flu. Pray for the literature ministry.
15. RETIRED MISSIONARIES – Pray that the Lord will bless the lives and provide for those who have faithfully served Him in days gone by.
16. HEADQUARTERS – Our income continues to be less than sufficient for our daily needs. We ask your regular prayers for God's provision.
17. STAFF – Pray especially for good health for missionaries and home staff; a number have been ill and hampered in their work.
18. EUROPE – Mrs. Mazierski writes that she is suffering from a duodenal ulcer and is on a strict diet with much rest needed. Please pray that she will have the strength for her many responsibilities.
19. HOLY LAND – Pray that the hospital might soon be opened and for the necessary medical and other staff for the hospital. Remember the Creamers as they labor and witness in that country.
20. WEST AFRICA – Pray for the health of Mrs. Moore as the fifteen hundred packages of the remaining New Testaments are sent out to the Cameroun.
21. KENYA – Pray for Miss Roberts and Mr. Morrow as they teach in the Bible School. Pray for the witness of the students.
22. KENYA – Pray for the Gross family as they adjust to living in a new country, and for the dental and evangelistic ministry they are beginning.
23. KENYA – The Gary Johnsons have arrived in Bethlehem on their way to Kenya. Pray that the Lord will bless them as they begin a new term of service in that needy land. Pray for Miss McNeil as she recovers from recent minor surgery.
24. INDIA – Pray for the Cunninghams as they visit the mission station in Kannauj. Remember Mr. Eapen's ministry there.
25. FREE CHINA – Praise the Lord that the former church kindergarten teacher, Miss Su, recently married a fine Christian dentist. Pray for Timothy Tu, a dedicated young man, as he prepares for the Lord's service at Sheng-Te Christian College.
26. KOREA – Pray for the Malsbarys as they plan to return to Korea in the spring. Pray that the Lord will guide the Toms in their plans for future service.
27. CHILE – Remember Miss Hanlin in the women and children's work. Pray for reinforcements for the needy work in Chile.
28. BRAZIL – Pray that Mr. Leaman might soon have fluency in the Portuguese language. Remember the daily needs of the orphanage.
29. BRAZIL – Pray for the Michels as they make plans to move to Rondonia in West Brazil to open a new work, and that the financial needs will be provided.
30. NEW MISSIONARIES – The great need of The Independent Board is for new missionaries. Pray that the Lord will lead those He is calling to apply soon.
31. MISSIONARY CHILDREN – Pray for the missionary children who are in the States studying and separated from their families.

FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE

Robert E. Martin, Sr., *Business Manager*

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it . . . Exodus 35:4-5

The Lord's people were instructed to give of a *willing heart*, and so it has always been. The apostle Paul said that the Christian was to give *not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.* (II Corinthians 9:7) Such a giver is one who will receive the full blessings of the Lord. It can also be noted that as Israel gave in such a manner (see Exodus 35:21), that there was *much more than enough for the service of the work . . . Exodus 36:5*

Our great Commander has given His commission: Matthew 28:18-20. He has laid down the principles of warfare: Ephesians 6:10-18, and He determined that the material supplies to keep the army on the move are to come from all those Christian soldiers who are likewise engaged in that warfare. It has been said that those who are the best soldiers are those who can go into battle with a song in their hearts. These are the warriors who are in full agreement with the purpose of the warfare. May all of God's people be so happily engaged in the struggles of today! As we give, pray and go, may it be *more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.*

Listed below are various methods of giving.

A GIFT ANNUITY – A gift annuity is a legal agreement by which you make a delayed gift to The Independent Board and receive in return an interest check regularly as long as you live. You can also arrange for two people to receive an income as long as either party lives. An interest of up to 8% will be paid to the donor depending upon the annuitant's age. There are also tax advantages to be gained. An annuity provides you with a regular assured income as well as an opportunity to contribute to the Lord's work.

A GIFT OF AN INSURANCE POLICY – You can increase your estate manyfold by taking out an insurance policy and naming The Independent Board as the beneficiary. A substantial boost to the Lord's work can be given in this way from a relatively small investment. Tax advantages can be acquired from the payment of the premiums.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL – Have you remembered this Board in your Will? You can leave a financial heritage that will be serving Christ on this earth when you are in His presence.

CASH GIFTS – Cash gifts are of the greatest advantage to missionary work because the funds can be used immediately with the least amount of effort to the business office. You may designate your contribution for the support of a missionary, a particular work or project, or the general fund.

“Some have gone forth far from loved ones and home,
Leaving their all for His service alone;
Counting the gain of this world only dross,
Seeking no glory save that of His cross.

Some have gone forth into darkness so dense,
Darkness that crushes, a darkness intense;
There in far lands where their Lord is not known;
Gladly to work for His glory alone.

Some have gone forth, but so many remain
Safely at home—other honors to gain;
Millions of lost ones who never have heard,
Few—oh, so few—to go forth with His Word!”

Grace Troy