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**THE MANDARIN FIELD, KWEI LIN**

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## PREFACE

Believing that friends in our Southland might be glad to know a few facts and gleanings from your new and very needy station I attempt to give forth a few things that have been chosen while in the midst of the many and varied duties that fall to the lot of a foreign missionary. The aim of the one putting together these gleanings is not for literary accuracy but to try to bring these facts to the reader's mind and thus secure an intercessory missionary for this field. "Come over into Macedonia and help us" (Kwei Lin). "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." "Lift your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already unto harvest."

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## A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF KWEI LIN

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In the north-east corner of Kwang Si Province on one of the largest tributaries of the West River, the Fuh Hoh, lies our beautiful city of Kwei Lin, "Forest of Cassia."<sup>1</sup> In prehistoric times indeed, this whole section is said to have been covered by a Cinnamon Forest. This south country was not part of ancient China and all the people of the north knew about it was that frequently "barbarians from the south" rushed in upon them. In the Ch'in Dynasty, the "South Sea District" first came in contact with the civilization of the north. An official was sent by Ch'in, the second, to a certain place in the south and this man, taking all this section for his own government, assumed the title of Prince. For a time the south district remained an independent principality but afterward became subject to the northern government. In 900 A.D. this "South Sea District" was separated into "Broad East" and "Broad West" and ever since has been called Kwang Tung and Kwang Si.

Now in the Sui Dynasty, which began in 589 A.D., a temple was built in the open country, but when, under the Mongols about the year 1300, disorder reigned supreme, an official proposed building a strong wall enclosing the temple and much land around it. This was done and thus sprang up the city of Kwei Lin. In the Ming Dynasty Ming princes ruled here. An inner wall was built around the temple which was changed into a citadel for the reigning prince and the name Huang Ch'en (Imperial City) was given to it. At the present time, some three miles outside our city can still be seen some "Ming Tombs" with their guardian stone figures of lions, horses, elephants, dragons, huge men, etc., which all, more or less, show the ravages of time.

In 1649 Kwei Lin, after much hard fighting, was captured by the Manchus who had previously to this taken North China. Under the Manchus the Huang Ch'en was used for examinations which necessitated the building of old-time examination stalls there. A few years before China's Revolution these stalls were torn down and modern government buildings were erected there, Kwei Lin being the capital of Kwang Si. Shortly after China became a republic Lu Iung Ting, then governor of Kwang Si Province, decided for personal reasons to move the Provincial capital from Kwei Lin to Nanning. Now, Governor Lu, having strong armed forces at his disposal, wherewithal he might carry his point, succeeded in this project and so for the time being Nanning is the capital of Kwang Si. It is said that in Peking, Kwei Lin is still considered the capital and true it is that on the latest map of China we see Kwei Lin thus designated.

Though our city may be said to be hoary with age we are not living in the past, but in a remarkable way are keeping abreast of the times. Here too, in "remote Kwang Si" can be seen new China. Here may be found splendid government educational institutions including primary, middle, and normal schools with an entire enrollment of some two thousand students. There is a model prison in Kwei Lin said to be a copy of the American Willoughby Prison in the Philippines. Here the prisoners are taught all manner of occupations, such as carpentry, weaving, dyeing, sock-making, shoe-making, printing, working in rattan, etc., etc. Moreover the inmates of the prison are taught cleanliness. During a recent visit to the institution we really marvelled at the clean, airy cells. As we passed along a corridor, the one or two prisoners in each cell arose and stood at respectful attention as we went by. The people of Kwei Lin on the whole are polite, progressive, and patriotic.

Until comparatively recently the Province of Kwang Si was closed to European influence. About fifty years ago Dr. Graves, one of our pioneer Baptist Missionaries to South China, attempted a trip to Kwei Lin. The people of the city in one sense received him warmly! They burned his boat and without loss of time sent him back down the river on another. Dr. Graves and our other early Missionaries always seemed to have this section specially on their hearts and prayed often that Christ's messengers might be sent to this corner of the great field of China. The city was really closed to Christian influence until 1898 when the first foreign missionary came here to live. Now the "clarion call" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be heard in nearly all corners of the city.

Kwei Lin occupies a wonderfully strategic position for missionary work. Why, "all roads lead to Kwei Lin!" To the north-east lies Hunan Province, to the west, the great untouched region of Kwang Si, and to the north-west, the almost untouched Province of Kwei Cheo. The city itself has a population estimated at three hundred thousand, and along the roads leading out from Kwei Lin to the north, east, south, and west lie large-sized towns, markets, and villages practically all as yet untouched by the Gospel. A prospective railway will extend from Ch'ang Sha to Pao K'in and from Pao K'in to Kwei Lin, thence to Liu Cheo, and on down to the coast. It is predicted that then Kwei Lin will be the greatest commercial center between Hankow and Canton. What marvellous opportunities for the spread of the Gospel abound here! What a challenge to us as Baptists! Oh, Baptist sisters and brothers, we serve a mighty God. Let us "expect great things from Him and attempt great things for Him!" He is calling us to "go in and possess the land." Will



you not pray that in this section of China a great Baptist constituency may be established that shall, strong in the power of His might, and true to the principles and doctrines we hold dear, bring glory to His name?

## EVANGELISM ON THE KWEI LIN FIELD

REV. C. J. LOWE

KWEILIN

Like "all roads lead to Rome" so does all work in the Mandarin Field of South-west China center around the Evangelistic and the Church. Christ commanded us to "Go" "PREACH" "TEACH" and each was to have his leading from the Holy Spirit as to method used, yet it all should have in view the acceptance of the individual of Christ as Lord and King.

The direct Evangelistic work of the Kwei Lin Station is divided into Chapel, Personal, Sunday School, Book and Reading Room, News Paper and Mail.

We have preaching carried on every night in our street chapels. We try to make these meetings have something definite in view and not the proverbial street preaching plan. Special revival meetings are a great source of inspiration to our work. During one meeting of five weeks duration we had over one thousand to hold up their hands and go into the inquiry room. Eight hundred of these were different persons. They were dealt with personally, name and address taken, given our tract "Sword of the Spirit" and followed up in the best way we could. About twenty-six were baptized from these meetings. We always have brethren to act as ushers and special workers. The Boys' School furnishes the martial spirit for they are present with their drum corps. We have also an invitation committee who stands at the front door of our chapel to invite the passers-by in to hear the "Glad Tidings." After the service is dismissed the guests are invited to the Bookroom across the street. During this meeting we sold over 170 copies of the New Testament. Sheet tracts, some with Plan of Salvation, some Medical and some Patriotic, yet all with an invitation to visit the bookroom on them, are given out to those on the streets and coming to the meetings. We have a number of these meetings every year and find them beneficial in that they bring the Gospel to the masses and help the brethren to do something definite for their Master and their fellow-countrymen.

The Sunday School Work has taken on new life and energy since Bro. J. T. Williams of Canton was with us in our South-west China Baptist Sunday School Institute. We had an average attendance of one hundred and fifteen and gave out seventy-seven certificates. The Sunday School work has been a sort of

indefinable something, but now they have the definite aim in view of leading the scholars to Christ and giving them a better knowledge of God's Word.

Personal Evangelism. Personal work is one of the surest ways of winning those who are seeking "something" to satisfy the heart's craving. One can find out from the one being dealt with the personal difficulties and thus meet them with the Word. We try to stimulate our brethren to do this kind of man-to-man work that is so necessary. During our revival services many are led to hold up the hands because of someone coming in contact with them.

Book and Reading Room. If you take the Bookroom away from Kwei Lin the evangelistic work will not progress as it has in the past. A missionary from another mission passed our chapel when one of our special meetings was in progress and asked "How do you do it?" I replied, "Through Christian Literature." We have literally sown this City down with Gospel seed and they are bound to grow and bring forth fruit. We have three tables in our bookroom full of good pointed literature. We also take several News Papers and Christian Magazines to draw those who want daily news. We open at seven o'clock and close at nine or ten in the evening. The Bookroom manager is polite, courteous and very tactful. When a stranger comes in for the first time he will not give him a Bible, but will find out in a tactful way what he is interested in and let him have a tract or book along that line for him to read. If the tables are not crowded with readers he will start the phonograph thus calling many in to listen. His policy is not to let a man leave without buying a tract. During the day he visits the homes, schools, inns and yamen to sell Bibles, calendars and tracts. He has made many friends and started a number inquiring who would not have otherwise.

During the War we sent out Wilson's speeches in the name of the Bookroom with a Christian Tract. When the armistice was signed the Civil Governor was presented with a New Testament. Tens of thousands of tracts have gone out of the "True Light" Bookroom and thousands have heard the Gospel Message there. A number of colporteurs go out into the interior places to sow the Gospel seed too and a number have already been won to Christ this year.

One interesting feature has been the campaign against cigarettes. We put up posters and give out thousands of circulars condemning this dreadful curse that has come upon China and tends to weaken her as a nation. We posted up some of our posters in a large market-town near Kwei Lin. When the Cigarette agent went in to sell his wares the people would not buy them for they said the Fu Yin Tang had put up posters calling them "coffin tacks" so the agents had to leave without

selling any. Even though this is not direct evangelistic endeavor it has opened many doors of opportunity for us because it has shown to the people we want to get rid of the things that are injuring them as a nation.

We have a sign across the street from the Bookroom to the chapel. On one side is John 3:16, on the other, "Jesus said 'I am the Way, Truth and Life,'" and underneath is "Now is the day of Salvation." There are hands with the forefinger pointing to the Bookroom and Chapel with an invitation to enter. Two electric lights are inside of the sign and those passing by must needs pass under it while it shines out in bright and shining words every night the Good News of God's Saving Grace.

We have also pasted up hundreds of the large Blackstone posters and try to get a Christian calendar in each home in Kwei Lin. We put them up in inns, yamen and barber shops free.

News Paper. We publish a tri-monthly evangelistic paper that we send out free to the gentry, big merchants, professors in Government schools and officials. It is divided into three divisions, one for evangelistic, one for medical and the third miscellaneous. We use this paper to exhort the people to put in reforms and give them Plain Truths of the Bible. We also use the Daily News Paper. We bought half of the front page and put in weekly articles such as might interest the readers also school notices and direct Christian Messages. We have also bought one-fourth of the last page of the news paper which is the news item page. We change this message daily. We have printed "China's Need" "The Sword of the Spirit" "Baptist Beliefs" and many other Christian Tracts. We are now putting in "Malaria," "How to keep Consumption from Spreading," and "Flies," etc. No matter where we go if you say you are a Baptist the people know what you stand for. When they pass us on the street some of them try to hide their cigarettes. One man was out to a feast and drank too much wine until as he said he was about "eight parts drunk." He saw Dr. Mewshaw and myself standing in the bookroom and immediately came in to apologize to us. He promised he would never drink again. I went in a shop one evening and five of the clerks were reading the news paper. I asked them what they were reading and they replied "Baptist Beliefs."

Thus our daily paper carries the Message of God's Love daily into eight hundred best homes, clubs, guilds, inns, yamen and schools. We figure that we give the Message to about eight thousand people daily. DOES IT PAY! Two years ago we baptized about sixty-five, last year we baptized one hundred and twenty, and this year we are pushing literature harder than ever and have thus far baptized nearly two hundred.

WE HAVE AN INVITATION ON EVERY TRACT THAT LEAVES THE BOOKROOM, ON EVERY POSTER POSTED, AND AT THE END OF EVERY NEWS PAPER ARTICLE. Jesus says to all "COME." We must pass on the invitation.

Mails. We also use the mails to send out much Christian Literature. Whenever we meet one who seems interested we send him a package of tracts through the mails.

To have an aggressive and healthy evangelistic work one must do all he can by work and prayer to create an evangelistic spirit among the workers and institutions. Our out-stations are not as aggressive as the work is here in Kwei Lin yet the preachers get some of the spirit when they come to Kwei Lin to our quarterly preachers' classes.

We crave the earnest and united Prayers of our Baptist Brotherhood for this great and needy field of Kwang-si, Southern Kwei Cheo, and Southern Hunan Provinces. Let us "as Baptists get-back to Christ's methods and "Go", "Preach" and "Teach" no matter whether in chapel, on boat or train, in inn, or by pen. May God richly bless and make us real leaders in leading men to Christ.

## SOME EXPERIENCES IN THE KWEI-LIN BAPTIST HOSPITAL DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS

R. E. L. MEWSHAW, M.D.

The Hospital at Kwei-lin is the "Baby" among our several Hospitals here in China, but we have given it the good name of "Kwei-lin Baptist Hospital" and are looking forward to it becoming, in a short time, a well developed Servant for the Master.

In fact the influence of the work done here and the messages of God's love that are daily given here have reached over a large tract of country even entering into the neighboring provinces.

The one great aim of the work is for the Salvation of the people with whom we come in contact thro this work, in fact we would not be here but for this. We are trying to reach this aim and are putting forth effort that is being blessed of God. Every day we have preaching at the Hospital at least twice, and some times oftener. In the morning, as we see the men who come for treatment, our preacher Mr. K'iu does the preaching and we have rejoiced to see quite a number of men find the Saviour thro these services, and quite a large number earnestly seeking to know the way. In the afternoon we see the women and children and here we have two of our Girls' School pupils to do the preaching. They do it in a fine manner, but as they only have one

hour a day to give us, they cannot do the necessary follow up work. In the afternoons while the women are hearing from the preacher inside, our man nurse often has an audience of chair coolies outside. While they wait for those whom they brought, to be healed, the Nurse takes great pleasure in telling them the wonderful story.

We find the people in this section of China to be seeking for peace and happiness. They are continually asking us if this Doctrine we preach will give them peace or happiness. Of course this is where we have the wonderful opportunity of telling them of the "Peace that passeth all understanding."

It is a great joy to us that we can thro this work get next to the people and learn to love them. We find human nature here very much like we find it elsewhere with the same weaknesses and the same trials to overcome. It has been with joy that we have found it to be untrue that the Chinese people do not love their girls. We have had several concrete examples to show this and will briefly mention two. One, an orphan girl about ten years of age, was very unsightly because of a bad case of Hare-lip. Her aunt, on whom she depended, brought her to us paid quite a nice fee for an operation and gave her very gentle attention all the time she was convalescent. Another, she happened to be without parents also and dependent on a distant relative for her rice. This relative, a man, paid us several dollars for medicine and left his work daily to bring her to us and this in the face of the fact that we could not give him any encouragement as to helping her.

God's power as a healer of disease has also been manifest on many occasions. We have had wonderful cures that were not in the power of human hands to bestow. These we find the Master is always ready to give if we but follow in His steps. One of these a little girl of ten years, the daughter of a soldier, was brought to us with Tuberculosis of the leg. The large bone in the lower part of the leg was affected and had been discharging pus for more than three years, and all this time she had not been able to walk. You can imagine how cross and petulant this child was and what a time we had with her, but after an operation in which we removed the bone of the leg from the knee to the ankle we were surprised to see her pick up and get in better health very quickly. But she could not walk and we were not able to buy her a brace so we prayed very definitely for the Lord to send us some money to get the necessary brace. We received the amount from two different sources, one half of one of the amounts from a woman who was not a follower of Our Master. These were very plainly answers to prayer, but better than either of them was the fact that the girl was restored, thro the grace of God, by the growth of a new bone. She now walks and was in to see us only a few days ago.

We have many more of these we could mention, but will refrain at this time.

We have from eight hundred to one thousand a month come to us for treatment and aside from giving them the spoken word of God we try to give each one a tract or small book while to the most interested ones we give a Bible. Thus we get the Word into the homes where other members of the family can read them. We also try to wrap with each package of medicine that goes from the Hospital a small tract with the Word on it.

Another part of the work that is very interesting and enjoyable is making calls into the Chinese homes. We do a lot of this and encourage this line more than the other. It gives us an opportunity to leave the Tracts we carry and invite the people to come to our homes and to our different services.

On the whole we have been wonderfully blessed. We have seen the power of God manifest. We have seen souls born into the Kingdom. We have gotten real joy in serving. We have treated and relieved much suffering from the beggar who lives in the streets to the rich man who lives in his luxury; at the Hospital we find these on common ground.

We will soon begin the erection of a Hospital building where we can properly treat these who come to us. All the above and more has happened in a very old Chinese house where we labored at the greatest disadvantage, but the Board has been enabled to raise some money to meet the urgent demand for a building and we hope soon to have it.

Above all! remember to pray for us daily. We are the furthest inland in point of time, of all our stations and we meet with many obstacles that can only be overcome thro prayer, so again we beseech you, **PRAY FOR THE KWEI-LIN BAPTIST HOSPITAL.**

## EVANGELISM AMONG THE WOMEN IN THE KWEI-LIN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

DELL S. MEWSHAW

This Department of the work is boundless—in opportunities and possibilities.

Opportunities are coming every day and we are unable to grasp them, because of no trained women workers. Day after day, women of all classes come to the Hospital for treatment for themselves or with their loved ones. Suffering brings them to us and we are enabled to tell them of our Saviour, who can heal the sick soul as the sick body. Many come who have never heard of Jesus and His love, and many who have no other opportunity of hearing of God's Love because they cannot go to the Churches while they can come to the Hospital for treatment and thus hear.

How our hearts yearn for these women who are groping after the light in whose hearts there is yet no peace and no knowledge of a Saviour who loves them personally and longs to save them.

The work is very new and we have no trained nurses, no woman doctor and no Bible woman. And so to meet the immediate need, we asked three of our largest school girls to come to the Hospital each day, two to help in the treatment of the sick and one to talk the Gospel to the waiting women, and the in-patients. One of the foreign women goes each day to help in personal work. This plan of letting our girls help has been very successful in more ways than one. It has taught our girls how to treat the simpler diseases and some idea of cleanliness. It has given us the opportunity of finding those best suited to be trained workers, so that we may educate them for the work they are best suited to do, but greatest of all, it has given the girls the privilege of telling the Sweet Story of the Cross to so many of their own people, they thus have the joy that no one but those who have had this privilege can know. The telling of the Wonderful Story of Jesus to some one who is longing for peace and hope, but who has never had the chance of hearing of the Saviour. That one often touches many other lives and so God blesses the seed that is sown in the good ground.

One of our women who was reached thro the Hospital work is now studying the Bible at school each day so that she may be able to tell her loved ones and friends of her Saviour. And she is ever busy about her Master's business; getting her neighbors to send their girls to our Christian schools, inviting her friends to go to the church to hear the Gospel, finding places where the people wish to hear of Jesus so that the Bible Woman may visit them, and going to the villages to talk the Gospel herself.

Will you not join us in prayer for God's blessings upon this department of the work and that the hearts of these women may be opened to receive the Message as it comes to them.

## WORK AMONG WOMEN AND GIRLS AT KWEI LIN

MISS STALLINGS

The work among women and girls is so needed and so promising that no one dreads to enter into it. In fact, there is a longing to go into the by-ways and hedges telling the wonderful story of Jesus and His Love.

In Kwei Lin there are several ways planned to reach the women and girls. Two years ago only a few women attended the chapel services. Now there isn't enough room for them all. The natives as well as the foreigners are eager to help this part

of the work to be really worth while. After one is won for the Master every effort is put forth to help that one to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." What joy comes to this little group as they work and pray and grow together!

Although the numbers are small as yet, the vision is large. Seeds are being sown. And who can tell how much fruit is in one seed. Those who hear the Gospel every day are many and there is a promise that the work will not return unto Him void. Already the harvest time is at hand and the reaping has begun.

For several hundred miles around there is not another Baptist school for girls. The out-stations are begging for schools and helpers. But the workers are not trained yet. The work here is just beginning. Now Kwei Lin has two schools one for women and one for girls. The pupils of these two schools are being trained for service. But none are ready to be sent out.

The republican spirit is in the air and both men and women are breathing the same air. This creates a new demand among the women. Why not meet this demand with that message of God's love that is bound to have effect upon the hearts of those who are longing for such. The need is greater in the home than most anywhere else. In the home, the hospital, the school, and the church, Christian helpers are needed to talk of Jesus and His love.

It is this need that the schools must meet. So the schools are only "training-schools" after all. The pupils not only study but they do personal and practical work as well. They help in the hospital and chapel services as well as have the story hour and evangelistic services of their own.

The native Doctor teaches physiology and caring for the sick at school. Then every day two of these go to the hospital to help prepare for and treat the patients. At the same time another pupil talks the Gospel to those who are waiting. These who study thus take care of the sick ones at the schools.

Every Monday two girls conduct the story hour at the compound for the children living nearby. They tell Bible stories, using cards and parable pictures, as well as the children's songs both religious and kindergarten. Do you think these children will forget all they are learning?

Every Thursday two others conduct the story hour at one of the chapels. At this place the children are so many that it is difficult to know what to do. But to be able to tell of a true and living God to these is more than a great opportunity; it is a wonderful privilege.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday there are evangelistic services for women. All the women are interested in these. Whoever is called upon to help in these does so. One



of these services is on the compound, one at the woman's school, and one at one of the chapels. After the services at the compound, one of the foreign women teaches the Bible to all who are willing to stay. All of the Christians stay and some who are not. At school twice a week the Christian women have this extra Bible lesson.

Once every month on Saturday the Woman's Missionary Society meets. This is proving a great blessing also. All are learning to take part and that every Christian may help spread the Gospel through all the earth. How one does love to watch the growth and changes in these lives.

Whoever learns enough to help another, must help. It may be making shoes, keeping house, making garments, caring for the sick, teaching, telling stories, or talking the Gospel. All have some part in the work. This changes from time to time as they develop. If several are interested in the salvation of a pupil or a friend, they get together and pray. Last year 19 pupils were baptized. Several have come to these schools just to study the Gospel. Thank God, they go away saved and ready to give the message to others. In fact some of them come to us asking us to go with them to their villages to tell their own people how wonderful it is to be saved. The peace that passeth all understanding gives a desire to win others.

If this work can be kept up a few years, not only souls will be saved but workers will be trained and sent out to these places that are crying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." But most of the pupils will go back to the homes. Can they forget all they have learned? Can they forget the love of God that gave them this new peace and joy? I say no. And many of them cannot keep from giving a reason for the faith that is in them. The foundation is being laid for a great structure which will not be built with hands and which will endure throughout eternity.

The Lord of the harvest is on His throne and many are praying Him to send laborers into this field which is already white. A great need here is consecrated native helpers. The two who are at the head of our schools are truly called of God and they are doing a noble work. May others hear God's call and give themselves to the greatest work that man can think of doing, that of being colaborers with Jesus Christ to help men and women to come unto the Father. Will some one who reads this ask the Father what He would have you do? Then arise to do it. He will bless your effort and glorify His name in the saving of souls.

## A TRIP TO KWEILIN, SOUTH CHINA.

J. T. WILLIAMS

Kweilin is about 550 miles in the interior from Canton, and from the point of time it takes to get there, it is the most interior station Southern Baptists have in China. It takes from fourteen to eighteen days to get there. The last of August it was the privilege of Mrs. Williams, James, and myself to make a trip to this the newest station in South China. Brother Lowe and family were returning to their home and we had the pleasure of going up with them.

The first 250 miles to Wuchow was made by river steamer, which took two days. The other 300 miles had to be made by native house-boat. Talking price with the boatman and getting our things on the boat and getting supplies for the trip consumed another day and a half. When all was ready we were off for the long journey, Brother Lowe and family in one boat and myself and family in another.

One might think it grand style to charter a whole boat, but when I tell you the size you will see that it was nothing to be proud about. Our boat was about 25 feet long. About eight feet in front was open and was used by the crew in navigating the boat. Behind this forward deck was our cabin, about nine feet long and five and a half feet wide and four feet high, except one little place in the middle, which was high enough to stand up straight if one would be careful about it. Behind us was the kitchen and cook's bedroom. Behind him a few feet used by the boatman and his family as their kitchen, bed and living room. In our room we ate, lived and slept for the ten days we were on the journey. The "fohkeis" (workmen) slept on top of the boat.

There were three methods of propelling this craft. They used oars when they could do no better. When the bank was smooth enough to walk they got out and pulled the boat by means of a long bamboo rope which was attached to the mast of our craft. When the bank was too rugged they used the oars if the water was deep, while if the water was shallow they propelled by means of bamboo poles, one end of which they put on the bottom and then pushed as they walked along the narrow decks on the side of the boat. But besides these methods, they had a sail which they hoisted if the wind happened to be in the right direction.

Because the water was not too high or too low, we made the trip in quick time, getting there in ten days. It is a very hard trip. The coolies yelling and screaming like mad wild cats as they go up the rapids, the screeching of the oars, the constant shaking of the boat, making you feel it will capsize, and sleeping on the floor, these together make a rather bad trip. But there

are many interesting things along the way. To say that the scenery is beautiful is putting it mildly. It is simply grand. There are many rolling hills covered with grass or small trees. Farther up the river are seen limestone mountains which shoot up almost perpendicular from the surrounding level. Some of them go up four or five hundred feet of solid stone from the water's edge and the tops of some of the points hang out over the river for fifteen or twenty feet. The crevices in the rocks of these hills have grown up with flowers, shrubbery and grass. Red lilies and crepe myrtle were the most conspicuous flowers as we went along. At times monkeys may be seen scampering up the rocks, but it seemed not to be a good time for monkeys as we went up the river. Dr. Love had several of the methods of travel in China, but I think he missed this method and has much to regret that he missed such an interesting trip as the one up the Foo river to Kweilin.

When we reached Kweilin we were not received with a brass band nor a firecracker parade, but with a welcome that we shall never forget. Dr. Mewshaw and family were looking for us and received us into their home for the time we were there. But after the Lowes got their house opened up they would have us spend half the time with them. During the whole stay they showed a hospitality like the world famous hospitality of the South. Indeed, it was that, for the Lowes are from Georgia and the Mewshaws and Miss Stallings from Texas. If any of the readers of these words meet with a lack of hospitality, let them go to Kweilin and see how it is there.

There are many interesting things in and around the city. During the Ming dynasty, Kweilin was the southern capital of the empire. One of the most interesting things they left behind is the tombs of about twenty of the Ming princes. A visit to these tombs was full of interest. Each of the graves is guarded by a double line of grotesque animals, hence they have lain there undisturbed for several centuries. Several old and interesting heathen temples were in our rounds. There are a large number of Mohammedans in Kweilin and we had the opportunity of seeing them in one of the temples worshipping with their faces toward Mecca.

There are many caves in the limestone mountains around Kweilin and in these caves there are many carvings of some noble deed of the past or a fancied likeness of some heathen god. Also large slabs covered with Chinese characters telling of noble things of the past. These stones speak in silence of ages gone.

One of the most interesting sights in Kweilin is the modern prison. It is built and operated along the best modern industrial lines. The men are taught to make cloth, bamboo baskets, furniture, painting, etc., so that when they get out they can find a

way to make an honest living. The buildings are kept clean and the grounds attractive. One is very much surprised to find such an institution so far in the interior of China. It would put to shame some of our American prisons.

But the most interesting part of Kweilin to us was our Baptist compound and the work they are doing there for the spread of the Gospel of our Lord. When Brother and Sister Lowe first went to Kweilin a little over six years ago, there were two Baptist Christians in the place. Now there are about 400 members of the Kweilin church. One speaker said in an address that there was twenty years' work accomplished in six years. A large number of the members live in the surrounding country, but at the communion while we were there 170 were present. In what we call the Mandarin field of South China, with Kweilin as the center, there are about 1,500 Christians members of Baptist churches. Brother and Sister Lowe believe in much prayer and with this and intensive work they have done much for the cause in Kwang Si province. Three years ago they were strongly reinforced by the coming of Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw and Miss Stallings.

Literature is being used very effectively in this field. The True Light bookroom is literally living up to its name by giving out the light of God's love in books and tracts in the city and the surrounding country. It is not only a place for selling literature, but a reading room where crowds are gathered in and seated around tables and given books to read and some one is always on hand to do personal work with them. They have a phonograph which they use to attract the crowds and then stand on the street and invite the passersby to come in. When Lowe and Mewshaw are on the job it is hard for a man to get by without coming in. One of the hopeful things about the bookroom is that it is reaching a large number of the students of the city with the Gospel. The book-room is known far and wide. Every piece of literature that goes out has stamped on it the name of the book-room with an invitation to visit it when in the city.

Kweilin is near the great untouched regions of Southwest China, and the missionaries there are sending out literature to these regions where no one has ever gone to preach the Gospel. Some literature got into a place to which no Christian had ever gone and it so moved them that not long ago they sent to Kweilin for a preacher to come and teach them the way, promising to give a place for a chapel. The call of this untouched region is tremendous, but it is a physical impossibility for our present force to work that vast territory. Though, while I am sitting at my desk writing, Brother Lowe and Dr. Mewshaw are out for a two weeks' trip preaching and distributing tracts where no one has ever gone before.

The medical work is winning its way into the hearts of the people of Kweilin and surrounding country. The house Dr. Mewshaw has for a hospital would make a fairly good cow shed and he has two boards laid on saw horses for an operating table. But even with this equipment he is doing business. While he was down at the coast this summer he bought a bone drill to add to his not too plentiful surgical outfit. The day he got home a soldier with a broken jaw was brought in. The whole side of his face was disfigured and gangrene had set in. It was a bad case, but with his bone drill, knife, wire and other things, with the help of the Lord, the man was healed. And not only was his body healed but there he heard of the life-giving stream that washes away all sin and accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized into the church. One day we were out with Dr. Mewshaw visiting a temple, and he got into conversation with some soldiers who were off duty, and upon being asked who he was, he told that he was the doctor at the Baptist hospital. "Oh, yes, you are the one who healed that soldier with a broken jaw." And thus the good work goes on.

The girls' school, with Miss Stallings in charge, is getting a splendid start and is destined to be a great force for the Gospel among the women and girls in that section of this dark country. They also have a boys' school that is making progress for the education of the boys.

It is but the beginning of what they hope to have in a large high school in the future. Brother Lowe has so much to do that he cannot give time to the school. They greatly need a man to look after this school. There is a great opportunity for a man to lead in this school and do some evangelistic work among the government school students of the city.

The purpose of our visit was to hold a Sunday school institute for the workers in the Mandarin field. It was a glorious occasion. There were 110 in attendance and 77 attended every service and received lecture course certificates. I have never seen a crowd of people take hold more enthusiastically of the material presented than these preachers and Sunday school workers did. It was a source of great encouragement and is but a glimpse of what can be done in China for the Sunday school work when we begin with it in earnest. After the meetings the Chinese gave us a feast and both Chinese and foreign workers showed us a hospitality that cannot be excelled. When all was over we went on our way rejoicing and had an uneventful trip back to Canton.

There is a great future before the Mandarin field of South China. The possibilities and opportunities in all lines of service are absolutely unlimited. The field needs more missionaries and more equipment. Thanks to the Foreign Mission Board and Southern Baptists, some equipment is in sight. Money has come

for a church building in Kweilin that will give great relief. At present, their Sunday school and church services are so large that they cannot care for them in the rented chapel. Money is also in hand for a hospital that will meet the needs for some years. The missionaries there are very thankful for these gifts and are planning to go to work soon on these much-needed buildings.

As we look into the future we can see a great Baptist host among the Mandarin-speaking people of Southwest China. Let all who read these lines lend their prayers, their money and some their lives for this great field.

## GLEANED FROM ANNUAL REPORT OF 1920

It is again with Praise and Thanksgiving that we put on record God's loving faithfulness and goodness for another year of service in China. This year has been filled with emotions of many kinds and with opportunities that were limitless. His Grace has been sufficient for the many trials, disappointments and successes.

*Evangelistic Work.* The Evangelistic work has gone forward this year with new zeal and energy. We have opened one new branch chapel in Kwei Lin City and had several to accept Christ in it. Have also opened two new out-stations and in one have baptized seventeen and many more are inquiring the Gospel message. This chapel is situated in a strategic center for reaching the Iao Tribes. We have had several revival services in Kwei Lin that were the source of creating a new spirit among the brethren and gave many the opportunity of hearing the Message of Salvation. During one of these meetings that lasted over five weeks more than one thousand held up their hands thus showing their interest and they were dealt with in the inquiry room and given a Tract with Plan of Salvation made plain on it. Many of these were students in the Government schools and some professors. We are now having special meetings and over five hundred and seventeen have signed cards and been dealt with personally by the personal workers. The spirit of inquiry has never been greater than at the present time.

Several trips have been taken into the country. The opportunities seem the same. The people are waiting to have someone to come to them. One trip was taken for thirteen days and over one thousand Li and two Christians were found. The places passed have never had the Gospel message. We also found many of the aboriginal tribes that live up in the mountains. It is estimated that Kwangsi has over two millions of these simple mountain folk and no one has given them the chance to hear about Jesus. We plan to try to reach out into these mountain places and thus give them an opportunity to hear about Jesus. On this trip over 24,000 books and tracts were sold and given out, preached in inns, on the street and in gambling dens. In one place the officials had the Goddess of Mercy theater platform cleaned off and sent soldiers to protect us and sent lights so we could preach there. The harvest is truly ripe and we *DO pray* the Lord of the HARVEST to send out reapers into this great harvest field. We have tried to impress upon our workers the importance of Personal Evangelism or in other words Personal Work. In our Kwei Lin Chapel we have baptized seventy-seven and in the whole field we have baptized 222.

*Literature.* We have used the daily paper for the printed page. We rent one fourth of the news sheet and one half of the front page. A daily message and a weekly message are printed on the front page. It is remarkable how this has broken down prejudice and given us a hearing among those who would not listen otherwise. We are using the daily news paper to carry the Message into homes and places where we could never enter. We have also put up posters on the street and in many ways have given the Word of God to the people.

*Bookroom and Colportage.* This work has grown much larger and is proving a wonderful help in leading many to accept Christ. We have carried on Bible Classes in the Bookroom and classes to teach the new Chinese Characters. We have also made the Bookroom a center for many activities so as to get the people and students to feel free and at home in it. The visible results has been that forty-five have been received into the church. We have sent colporteurs out into the interior places to carry the Word of Life into those places where we cannot send a preacher. We have used the mails to send out Bibles and portions to those in high positions. We have sent the Governors of our Province New Testaments and Tracts as well as most of the Officials in our field. We have put on a campaign against the terrible curse of smoking cigarettes and make the Bookroom headquarters. The big business men have given us their sympathy in it. Many come into the Bookroom reading room daily to read the daily news paper and gradually they read the Christian tracts that are always on the table before them. Truly you in the homeland should pray that the Holy Spirit should convict these who read of their need of a Saviour for many have the Word in their possession if they will only read it. The sales through the Bookroom and colporters have been truly wonderful this year and we plead for your earnest prayers.

The sales have been as follows:

- New Testaments 1606 copies.
- Bibles 68 copies.
- Sheet tracts and picture tracts 25,100 copies.
- Small Gospel Arrow Tracts 56,170 copies.
- Gospel portions 16,311 copies.
- Bookroom Christian Calendars 27,410 sheets.
- Song Books 354 copies.
- Small Evangelistic Song Books 806 copies, fifteen songs each.
- Posters posted large and small 2326
- Tracts in booklet form and books 52,168 copies.
- Personally dealt with by bookroom man about 5430 persons.
- Visible results in being received into Church 45 persons.



It is impossible to tabulate total results and total sales but this is as near as we can make it. Of course many of these were given away to those who held up hands in special revival meetings and given out by those working in the hospital and by Bible women. The sales of tracts by colporteurs is given to them for their expenses.

*Sunday School.* We are trying to develop this phase of the church work because so much depends on the development of the young in China. We were fortunate in being able to have Bro. J. T. Williams of Canton with us who stirred the hearts of the delegates up, so that our Sunday School work has taken on new life. We had an institute here with an average attendance of hundred and ten delegates. Seventy-seven received diplomas or rather certificates to keep until they attend three such classes and then they will receive a diploma showing they are regular Sunday School teachers. Our Kwei Lin Sunday School has outgrown our building. We have sixteen classes and over two hundred and thirty or fifty in regular attendance. Some of the out-stations also report that their schools have taken on new life since the Institute.

*Encouragements.* We accept and thank the Board for their interest in sending out the funds for the Kwei Lin Church building. We also feel encouraged because of the manifested interest of the Chinese in the Lord's work and the spirit of inquiry and broken down prejudice among the students and better classes.

We have also organized our Southwest China Baptist Association. The brethren have shown an interest in a practical way because each preacher contributed one month's salary towards the opening and maintaining of an out-station for our Home Board.

We also feel encouraged because of home constituency are putting on a great Baptist Program that we trust will reach out to us even up in the interior of China.

*Discouragements.* The only discouraging feature of the work this year has been the fact of not receiving new workers to help carry the great burden that is about to crush some of us. We plead for **HELP HELP.**

God has been good to us and kept us all in fairly good health. The children have grown some and have proved themselves true missionaries at heart and have taught the older ones many lessons by their simple faith in Jesus. God is great and we expect great things from Him. We ask for your prayers and sympathy.

*Self-support.* One of the things we are trying to encourage among the Chinese is self-support. We may not be attaining it as fast as some others yet we feel we are making progress. We have one out-station with a boys' school that is supported by the

Christians Preaching Band Between thirty and forty were baptized here this year. The Home Board here also is supporting one out-station. They have bought and paid for the building in which the Gospel is preached. All the preachers contributed one month's salary in order to put the work in its beginning on a good financial basis. Most of the incidental fees or expenses are paid by the chapels where there are ten or more Christians. We help the expenses in the new stations where there are no Christians. Our field is so needy and the work is in maiden soil that it will be a long time yet before the Christians can take full charge of the work. They will need the help and advice of the foreign missionary for a long time yet.

We have nine chapels where the mission does not pay any rent. These chapels with the exception of one was bought by Chinese money and this one partly by Chinese and foreign contributions. We crave that kind of self-support for the Love of Christ instead of eliminating the foreigner because he is a foreigner. Christ wants us to give because the "Love of Christ Constraineth us."

#### FACTS WORTH KNOWING

- Kwei Lin City population about 300,000.
- Present field 276,866 Sq. Li (Chinese Miles).
- Three Cities governing 26 Towns, 271 Market towns, and 14,766 Villages.
- Main station opened 1912.
- Total number of Baptist Christians about 1200.
- Number stations and out-stations 18.
- Hospital being built.
- Land for church bought and church will be built soon.
- Good compound with one residence on it.
- Girls' school has fifty or more students.
- Woman's school has ten or more women.
- Boys' school has forty or more students.
- Kwangsi Province last Province entered by resident missionaries.
- Two Provinces north and west are untouched as far as Baptists are concerned.
- Many doors wide open but workers so few that cannot enter.
- Total number of workers 40.
- Five Year Program Estimates.

Seven new missionaries.

Buying and Equipping Bookroom for City \$4000.00.

Bible Training School \$3000.00.

Chapel Building Fund \$5000.00.

Kwei Lin Branch Chapel \$3000.00.

Kwei Lin Church Additional \$10000.00.

Opening 15 New Out-stations \$6000.00.

Boys' Additional School Fund \$5000.00.

Girls' School Building \$10000.00.

Woman's School Building \$5000.00.

High-School Building \$6000.00.

Fifteen Boys' Day Schools \$1500.00.

Kwei Lin Hospital \$20000.00.

Three Dispensaries \$1500.00.

Buying Land and Grading Compound \$5000.00.

Sewerage and Water Supply \$5000.00.

Four Residences \$12000.00.

Number of Missionaries in Kwei Lin C. J. Lowe and Family, Dr. Mewshaw and Family, Miss Hattie Stallings.

Field takes in more territory than any other Baptist Mission Field.

Missionaries doing their best but force entirely too small to reach the unnumbered multitude, who have never heard the Gospel.

Pray unceasingly for this field and workers.

## OUR REQUEST

The DAILY PRAYERS of our Southern Baptist hosts. Please keep the mission fires burning by your continued intercessory prayers.

Pray for:

The Chinese workers that they may be faithful and hot-hearted in doing His work.

Those who are Baptist that they may stand True to the NEW TESTAMENT in all things.

The Missionaries that they may be found True to Jesus and that their capacity for work may be increased and that we all may stand as one putting forth a solid front to the enemy.

The New Missionaries to be appointed to our field this year that they may come with a holy zeal and not get discouraged during the trying two years of adjustment to eastern conditions.

The books sold and distributed that His Spirit may convict men and those reading of their need of Jesus. Also that a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit may come upon our and your work.

The clarion call of the great section of Kwangsi Province where the Mandarin speaking people live and die still stands unheeded. Brethren in the Homeland, for the sake of those our veterans who have gone home, for the sake of the few doing their best with what strength they have, for the sake of these whom Christ loves and gave Himself to save, for the sake of these who are dying without a knowledge of Him, and for the sake of the cause we represent and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master let us not permit this vast and needy field to remain untouched by His healing hand. The simple mountain folk have never heard. Numbers of towns, cities and villages have never heard His name spoken. Christ has ordered us to go and preach to all and can we or those at home go unless you send them, can they hear without a preacher?

Our God is a Great God and He wants us to expect great things from Him so brethren or reader pray for us and for new workers and a wonderful blessing from our God.

NOTE: Those wishing to know more of this vast field are requested to write to the missionaries in Kwei Lin.

Evangelistic Work C. J. Lowe and Mrs. Lowe.

Medical Work Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw and Mrs. Mewshaw.

Girls School Work Miss Hattie Stallings.

Kwei Lin, Kwangsi, China.