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# The Fort Wayne Bible Training School Fellowship Circle

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—THAT YE ALSO MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US  
AND TRULY OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER, AND  
WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.—1 JOHN 1:3.

FORT WAYNE, IND. *February 9,* 1921

Dear Members of the Fellowship Circle:

God's blessing upon the Fellowship Circle family and the B.T.S. since our last letter, has been manifested in so many ways that it would be impossible to tell you much of His gracious doings in this letter. And so with the Psalmist we would say, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us". May we answer this question as David did, "I will take the cup of salvation \*\*\*\* I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord".

Our family is steadily growing in numbers. There are at present 367 members. Not only is the Senior Circle growing but the Junior Circle as well. We must tell you of a few of the most recent additions to the latter Circle. A little girl, Ruth Eloise, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Albro of Groveland, Ill. on January 15; a second girl, Lavera Ruth, was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Amstutz of Wheatfield, Ind. on January 25; Adele Louise is the name of the girl that is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson of Arkville, New York, since Jan. 26.

While the Circle is growing its members are more and more scattering far and wide. There are today more members of the Circle representing our Lord Jesus in the distant lands of India, China, Africa, and South America than ever before. Within the past few months four of our number have gone to China. Of these Miss Ruby Lundgren was the first to go, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Roth and baby Blanchard were next, and Miss Amy Applegate '20, the last. The latter sailed with Miss Mary Boyer, from the western coast, Dec. 24, to labor in the Ebenezer Mission. Under date of January 14, while at Yokohama, Japan, she writes, "We are thanking our heavenly Father for bringing us thus far on our way to China. Though we have left all that is dear to us in this world, our hearts are filled with that joy that only He can give as we walk along with Him. Surely there is no other way but His way; no other place but His place for each of us".

By this time Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Roth who arrived on their field Dec. 21, and Miss Ruby Lundgren are engrossed in the study of the language. Mr. Roth writes under date of Dec. 1, while going up the Yangsti river: "I found a young fellow this P.M. who can talk and read a little English. I gave him my Testament and asking him to read Jno. 3:16, and for the first time in his life he read from the Bible. We went over the Nicodemus story and found he was very much interested. As best I could make him understand I told him the way of salvation. I then gave him a gospel of John but before we parted he gave me ten cents for it. I didn't ask or care for that but probably he'll appreciate it more because it cost him a little. It's a little thing but God has promised to honor His Word".

By spring (D.V.) there will be others going out. Mr. Thomas Miller who left school at the close of the first term to make further preparations for Africa, recently wrote that he has been fully accepted by the Board of the Soudan Interior Mission and will sail sometime in March. Miss Edna Amstutz while enroute to Brooklyn, New York, stopped in the city a couple of days and paid the School a friendly visit. She expects to go to the Congo in the near future.

Surely, all this calls for gratitude to God as well as for deep humility and earnest believing prayer for the continuance of His blessing upon the members of the Family, and especially upon those who go out to the regions beyond.

We pass on the Christian greetings sent to you by Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Smith of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Miss Eva Quaiffe of Nyack Institute, Miss Edith Beyerle of Kansu, China, John and Mary Schmidt of North China, Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Allen of Villarrica, Paraguay, South America, and Miss Marie Funk of Hillsboro, Kansas. Some of the above persons have sent very interesting letters to the Circle which will be read at our Annual Meeting May 19th.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Allen in their letter of Dec. 1, say, "All South America is horribly immoral; but Paraguay is the only place I know of outside of Bolshevik Russia where immorality is encouraged by law. The only place you find truthfulness is in the dictionary. Their homes are huts of squalor and filth, fitting shelters for their lives. And we of the Union are the only people there are to tell them of the Grace of God. \*\*\*\*\*"

"We have the prospectus of the new little School published at last. It is not a gorgeous affair, only two mimeographed sheets; but we trust it is the beginning of a real light for God in this land. The course is modeled as closely as circumstances permit after the Ft. Wayne curriculum; but there isn't much to say about the Faculty for so far it consists of only one person. \*\*\*\*\*"

"Everywhere the gospel is running faster than we are able to follow. Just now the trouble is not to find doors to enter, but to shepherd the flock of the Lord with the small number of workers we have at our disposal. Already in this district the line is over two hundred miles long, with only four missionaries to hold it, two men and two women. \*\*\*\*\* Do not forget to remember us before the throne, for 'Now we live if ye stand fast in the Lord'. We are representing you. Whatever is accomplished here is largely at least because folks at home pray. If you were here you would realize more clearly than ever that the opposition is really in the heavenlies, that the conflict is not with men but with the powers of the Pit.

'Away in foreign lands they wondered how  
Their simple words had power  
At home, believers two or three, in faith  
Had met to pray an hour'.

"Pray not vaguely, but definitely" for the work.

A call for prayer comes from Mrs. Annie Lea Gibbs of Dresden, Tenn. Some of you will remember her as a student in the winter of 1906. Last March her husband died leaving her without any income except that which her little twelve year old son, J. Douglass, earns. The little boy has sent in one-tenth of his earnings to be given to the first student who goes out to the field. This will naturally fall to Thomas Millar. Should not this incident spur us on to do more for our Lord.

Many of you will be interested in learning of the marriages of Eli G. Steiner of Woodburn, Ind. to Miss Emma Yaggy, also of Woodburn, Ind. on Jan. 29; and Henry Shaneback of Woodburn, Ind. to Miss Rosa Zook of Flanagan, Ill. on Feb. 2d. We extend to these our heartest congratulations

Most of you will be interested in hearing something about the B.T.S. We are now well started in the second term of the School. Six new students joined our ranks at the beginning of the term.

The School has been privileged to have a goodly number of missionaries and other workers visit it. Among the number we would mention: "Lucky" Baldwin, chaplain to the prisoners of the Bridewell and Cook Co. Jails, Rev. F. A. Steven of the China Inland Mission, Dr. Pettingill of the Philadelphia School of Bible, Dr. R. H. Glover of New York City, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Eicher of Akola, Berar, India, Mrs. D. C. Rupp of the Soudan and Rev. John Pankratz of India.

The Students' Mission Band has chosen Stanley Dodgson as its president. The motto for the term is "That in all things He might have the preeminence". The financial goal has been set at \$300. This may seem like an enormous sum for the Band to raise in one term. But the Lord did the "exceeding abundantly" the first term, for instead of \$225., He sent in \$297.55. This, indeed, was a real encouragement to believe the Lord for greater things in this term. Truly we can say: "O, how great is Thy goodness which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee" not merely in the fact that the gifts for the term ending Jan. 19th were larger than any previous term, but an analysis of these gifts shows how rich in resources is our God.

Quite a number of you have been inquiring whom the Circle has been supporting. Two years ago Weldon Klopfenstein, of Minneola, Kansas received full support. Last year he received but half support. The balance of the money above the expenses of the Circle was distributed to the Misses Agnes Thiess, Emma Richert, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Glock, and Sylvan Hausser. At the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fellowship Circle it will be decided to whom the money is to be given this year. Thus far the money has not been coming in so freely; we are yet far from our goal of \$200. The treasurer, Rev. B. F. Leightner, Archbold, Ohio will be glad to accept any contribution that the Lord may lay upon your hearts to give.

Our fund for the gospel truck is continuing to grow slowly. Our hearts are encouraged to trust Him for the full amount needed to purchase such a truck, which would be a valuable asset in street meetings. Some very fine meetings were held on the street corners this fall. One Sunday evening nine hands were raised for prayer; most of those who requested prayer were men. For several weeks now the students have not been able to hold meetings because of inclement weather; but as soon as the weather moderates the work will be resumed. Pray for these prospective meetings. We must not fail to mention the good service the folding organ which was purchased this fall by the Mission Band has been giving. Indeed, we could not get along without it.

Beginning next Sunday, Feb. 13, Rev. Christian Eicher, returned missionary of India, will conduct a series of meetings in the chapel of the Bible Training School. The students will have an active part in these meetings. We shall be glad to be backed up by your prayers for a mighty outpouring of God's power upon the School, Church and surrounding community.

We extend to all a cordial invitation to attend the closing exercises of this school year on May 19th.

Write freely to the Corresponding Secretary, giving information concerning yourself, or others, and change of address.

You will find attached a ballot containing the names of those nominated for the offices of President and Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year. If it is not possible for you to be present, mark the ballot and mail it to the Corresponding Secretary, so as to reach her before the date of the Annual Meeting.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,

*Salome Schug*  
Cor. Sec'y.

We would be glad to have anyone send us names and addresses of former students, who do not belong to the Fellowship Circle, that we might encourage them to join us in Fellowship. Let us, as a Fellowship Circle, stand with each other in prayer and be true representatives of the School. Also encourage new students to attend. Our Superintendent will always be glad to furnish catalogues to any prospective student.

The Treasurer will be glad to accept any contribution that the Lord may lay upon your hearts to give. Any surplus money, above expenses of the Circle, will be distributed among worthy students, who are not able to pay their way through school.

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