

1948- trip to Tun-shi

Oct. 13. Left Nanking on the arly train, got to station at 7 train left at 8, not crowded, worked on Chinese material all the way. Raining. Had to carry baggage a long way to get out of station when Youtsey's boy met me. Difficult to get ricksha and walked some distance. ~~after~~ Found Youtsey and Stocks both in bed but got up for dinner. Rested after dinner and then took boy and went to 2nd street. With Miss Tin's help managed to get organ and bring it to house.

Oct. 14. Got up at 5 and started for boat about 6, but had to wait for rickshas which went very slowly because of organ. Got o boat about 6:45 put o ggan on top of boat and we sat on it. Clear day but cool in the morn. Miss Chu Wei-chen and I sat on organ. Arrived in Hsuan-cheng about 6 p.m. Bread difficult to buy in Wuhu so added a few sandwiches to those left over from day before. Miss Chu had boiled eggs and peanuts for lunch. Got a little sunburned. Li Siu-ying there to meet us. Found them a little disturbed over Dr. Nutting and Miss Chen, her nurse, felt that the burden of entertainment too much. Had to do a lot of explaining back & forth. Evening meeting held there in woman's building but didn't attend. Met with three represenatives from church who as usual asked for money.

Miss Li said that if I was too tired, ~~they~~ they would let me rest a day, and then go direct to Ho-li-shi. Otherwise the group planned to visit another place enroute. I voted to go with the group to extra place. We decided to go by ricksha to avoid difficulty of getting on bus.

Oct. 15. Dr. Snutting and Miss Chen had to leave early on launch so everyone was awake about five. We left for Sun-chia-po about 8:30. Trip took two hours. Troubl'd w th const. and pain. Pastor Ling got there ahead of us and met us and took us to house of T'ung Lao-pan, whose house is used for chapel. A typical shop long narrow room, about 10x20 with a loft over the front. He had small ~~not~~ stock of medicines and some other small things, wife also cut out embroidery patterns for shoes. Before dinner, we walked the length of the long street, which was very busy, but a typical country town. At the far end came to the river and there saw a middle school, and talked to a group of students standing there. It was about noon. We asked if any of them "believed Jesus" but none did, but after a while another boy came up and they all said, "There he is." and called him over and said "He believes Jesus." Nice looking boy, a refugee in Fukien, studied in Episcopal school, only Christian in family.

Tung family apparently a very happyone, as they worked together in entertaining us, in preparing meals and managing the family business. Those there wer e the father and mother, a daughter in law with small baby, a teen age daughter and Samuel, about 7 years old. Samuel accompanied us on all our preaching trips, as did the baby and the daughter usually. Baby much preferred his gradnfather to anyone. They had a sign over the door "Fu-in-t'ang" and another sign to hang on on Sunday which said "Ching Er, li-pai" T'Ung's name was World Light. and his address was Hsuan Chen sunpchia-po fu-in-t'ang. I

In the afternoon, we walked up the street a short distance in the opposite direction. In the morning on return trip the two pastors had distributed tracts at all shops and invited people to an evening meeting. The afternoon meeting was after dinner which was prepared for us by the Tung family. Pastor Chu gave them \$10 to use to buy "tsai". Food quite good. Tung ate with us but women did not.

In the afteronoon, we climbed up the narrow ladder to the loft and rested a little while. Then walked a short distance to an open place and started to sing "Chiu chiu ie-su." Tried to make people sing. usully had some success with children. Both Chu and Li spoke to the crowd. In evening place crowded and meeting lasted until late. Then Chu & Ling

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went to sleep on the benches and Miss Li and I went upstairs. Place quite comfortable and clean and slept quite well. Worst difficulty was narrow ladder.

We found that the man in charge of bus station was raised on I-chi-shan compound, father some employee there, and knew both Chu and Li very well. He advised us to take the p. m. bus to Ho-li-shias morning one too crowded. Plan was for Miss Li and I to go ahead there and for Miss Li to hold Sunday services there while two pastors stayed in Sun-chiapo for another evening service and for Sunday service, after which they would visit two other places enroute to Ho-li-shi.

Oct. 16. Ate breakfast quite late, about 9:30 and again went out for a street meeting. Ate dinner with an old man named Bao, but had to hurry away to bus station. Got on Reserved seat bus, not very crowded. Road very rough & bad. Arrived at Ho-li-shi about 4, went to Dr. Yang's hospital. Pastor Ling told us to get in touch with Dr. Yang's brother's wife. She came over soon after we arrived and took us calling. A large stately lady, very earnest Christian, Hangchow women difficult to understand. Called first on a Mrs. Yeh, a new Christian whom Miss Li promised to teach to pray. Then to a Mr. & Mrs. Feng, also xians only about a year, and then to a Mrs. Wang, xian 6 years, because xian while under Er-sz-mu's care at time of birth of baby. Last to a photographer whose old mother was a xian. Sunday Oct. 17. After breakfast, worked on "Marks" while Miss Li talked to a young man living there. About 10 went over to chapel where Er Sz-mu lived, talked with some of the women met the day before and others. About 11 had church at which Dr. Yang presided, thirty some people, about 2/3 men. Miss Li preached on Mark 2. kinds of people in scene, house owner, people who blocked the doorway, the pharisees who criticized, the carriers and the paralyzed man. After church, we went into Er Sz-mu's apartment and ate "cha-teng," dates, sweetened milk, Kao. Mrs. Yeh came in with us. She (Er sz-mu) told her own story, separated from her husband during the war, he took another wife by whom he had five children. When she went to Shanghai he refused to return to her. However she was able to go through the whole experience without bitterness nor reproaching him, told him she loved God and loved him and would pray that God would show him his mistakes. A trained midwife, executive type of woman, managed local property and was able to live without help from him, but he paid for the education of her son & daughter. Returned to Dr. Yang's for dinner, and after resting, went for afternoon meeting, fewer people more outsiders. Mrs. Yeh brought a Mrs. Wu who asked about Christian attitude toward ancestor worship. Mrs. Wu seemed to be quite open to message, but when Miss Li talked to her she said, "I'm not a good person." Reason was that she had no children, and feared husband would take another wife. Had supper with Er sz-mu. She gave Miss Li a pair of cloth shoes and we talked with her until about 8. Had prayer and went home. Thought about "marks" in Miss Li, her openness and easy love for others, friendliness, urge to share christian message. Made friends with little Hwang boy, very naughty but very responsive to a little affection. Ho-li-shi an attractive place, not touched by war, never occupied, two-story substantial building, narrow streets paved with big slabs of stone. Beautiful bridge across a river, clear water, most houses well built, overhanging eaves, clean streets.

Oct. 18, Monday. Er sz-mu came after breakfast and after prayer started out to visit mountain property of family, about a half hours walk outside city. Enroute stopped at CIM where tenant named Chang invited us to dinner. We promised to return later and asked him to gather neighbors for meeting. Beautiful walk through hills to property of Yang family, occupied by a relative., who met us part way and accompanied us in. In farm house invited in neighbors for a meeting. Miss Li talked with one of them, a Miss Ching