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Oct. 18, con't. the mother of ~~thems~~ two sons and a daughter, whose husband had formerly been in business in Ho-li-shi. She also said, "I'm a sinner." when Miss Li congratulated her on her family, because she had children which she was not able to support adequately. Her husband a gambler who had lost his property and ~~women~~ his wife obviously much discouraged. Miss Li urged her to begin by getting her own life right and then leading her husband to believe when all these matters would straighten themselves out. She told several stories of similar situations. Really touching to see hope come again into the woman's face. Promised to come into town to the meeting. Went from there to another group of houses a short ~~time~~ distance away where there were three former cim members. One had studied in a mission school but the other two were old and illiterate, admitted they did not go to church and when they boasted that they had been church members for 30 years, Miss Li asked them to say what difference it made to them. One of them mumbled that it saved money, didn't have to burn incense or burn paper. Miss Li inquired if they prayed of what they did. The younger woman was able to make a fairly intelligent statement of what it meant but she too admitted that she was not practicing. Miss Li took her two little girls and taught them a song and urged the mother to take responsibility for teaching them. Mother not so cocky about being a second generation xian was obviously much moved by the conversation. (Mrs. Chiu).

Returned to CIM house for dinner. Mr. Chang and little boy whom I thought was his but turned out to be a neighbor's came to meet us. I walked ahead and talked with little boy. Family's daughter returned home, a bride of a few months, married to a univ. grad. in mass wedding in Shanghai. After dinner, Yang ss-mu returned home. Gathered neighbors for meeting. Miss Li taught song with Chinese tune, "Shih-gai o, pu chang-chang o sen-ming ru suei liu, ie-su giao o kwai hwei-lai, ie-su chiao o kweai whei t'ou." Kwai hui-t'ou, ken chu cho, sui chiu chu, shui deh chiu, Hwa li teng kwo cheng shih iu, ss ai ten fu po o sho.

While singing, chu and Ling came in so Miss Li called on chu to take charge. He taught them another song and preached at some length. Afterwards, chang invited all four of us to stay for supper, so we did. Miss Li settled itinerary with Ling, so that we could go to Tsai-shih for Sunday Oct. 31. Decided to have meeting next p. m. so on way home called on several people inviting them. Got home after dark.
Tues. Oct. 19. Rainy day, so all plans changed. Did not go calling as planned but held two meetings, one in a. m. and one in p. m. Chu preached on prayer 有幸不應，不幸有應 有幸必應

crowd kept growing as more and more regular members came. I spoke on "Peace in heart" Miss Li also spoke. P. M. crowd larger. Went to supper at H wang's, home of little boy. Ling led in several songs and then a time of group prayer. Planned to go to Nin-kwo-hsien if not raining. Another meeting announced for p. m. planning to start on south following day.
Wednesday. Oct. 20. Started out early for Nin-kwo-shien, visiting several xians enroute. Heavy fog when started but gradually cleared. First place a country farm house a young man & wife with small baby, named Chen. After talking with them and singing chu ti en ten do, ch di en-ten do, chu ie-su ai o, chu ie-su chiu o, wei o tin shih cia. (our theme song for day.) Asked Chen-lao-pan to accompany us to "chuan-tao." Went with us all day, treated everywhere the same as we. The next place, some distance away, a family named wang, father now dead a christian but son not, but relatives in Hsuan-cheng and Wuhu christians. At first he seemed indifferent but warmed up after a while and when left asked to have our names written down for him. His wife said, "he doesn't worship idols or burn incense."

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Oct. 20. (Cont.) When we left, we felt that we had made an impression. The third place had to cross river, after walk along river bank, and across sandy plain mostly planted to sweet potatoes. Also named Wang. Father a xian, a former student of Hwa-nan academy but not at home. Wife not xian and a little unfriendly with hard face, very dirty & ragged when we came but fixed up a little afterward. By this time it was past 11 and we were tired & hungry and she prepared some fresh peanuts for us which greatly refreshed us. We put them in our pockets and ate them as we walked. While waiting for peanuts, again sang songs and talked to family and neighbors. Returned to river and again were ferried across. Miss Li left her sweater at Wang's so Chen ss-fu returned to get it. Got to Ning-kwo-shien about noon. Mr. & Mrs. Chi, connected with the Hsieh gov't living in house. Decided to have a meeting before dinner because already late. Found chapel full of children and people who listened quietly while we all three spoke. Returned to parsonage where there were several other guests, apparently small officials. (In crossing river second time, saw very beautiful view, a bend in river brought mountain into view, opposite bank wooded with buildings in trees. Pastor Chu asked me if I wanted to live there.) Lot of little boys followed us into parsonage and stayed for service. We hurried off to get to afternoon meeting, pastors to make more calls. Miss Li went on ahead as only one ricksha, but found too late as people had already gone. Fr ss-mu and Dr. Yang had held meeting with them. Mrs. Ching from Mt. & some other non-christians whom we contacted had come. Miss Li very tired. At supper at Fr ss-mu about 4:30 as she had baby case coming on. Sent me home on ahead so I took bath and packed things. When Miss Li came said they had decided we were to go to Chi-shi and leave out other place Hu-lo.

Oct. 21. Thurs. Got up early, had two poached eggs for breakfast, left house about 6, bus crowded, sat on baggage in middle. Not too bad. Scenery very beautiful but got only glimpses of it. After a while got a seat on side where could look out. About 2/3 of way there, bus broke down and we waited about half hour in a lonely place while they repaired it. Fellow passengers said this place dangerous. When got started again, and after going a short distance, found bus going in opposite direction waiting to find out what was the reason for our delay. At next stop took on about fifteen soldiers which made bus even worse as their baggage piled in on top regardless. Arrived at Chi-shi about 12:30. Went to inn. Chu & Li not very enthusiastic as prospect as they knew of only 1 Xian, a Mo-tau-iu working in hsien gov't. Li fussed a lot about the bedding which was badly infested with bed bugs. About 3 we went into village, a very well built place, many two story houses, well built. People paid little attention to us. City in beautiful valley surrounded by high mts. walked the length of a long street & then began to inquire after Mr. Y. The first man we asked knew him & directed us to his house. He was glad to see us. In the public room a group of men & women were playing ma-jong so it was difficult to talk with him. After being married for 15 years without children had wife last year had become pregnant but before baby was born she was taken ill with fever. Dr. said she was likely to have a difficult time, but he prayed for her & the baby was born without trouble. Attractive young man, became a Xian through a group of refugees there during war, all of whom now gone, invited us to supper but we promised to return the next day when Ling arrived on his bicycle. He said there was another Xian in the town, a secretary in gov't. Planned to call on him next day. Visited a former temple now used as a reading room & library. Afterwards on street held another meeting. People now very responsive. about 5:30 return to inn. Fixed bed, put up mosquito net.