

After meeting went to parson. & talked with several people. Out to supper, at Yu Laopan, house used as evan. center. epole crowded into house to stare at us. big front hall sometimes sed for evan. services. good dinner prepared by attractive dau-in-law. Ended day with group prayer. church in process of being enlarged, but had run out of money so Ling had told them to stop work. Very worn day, wore B.'s dress in a. m. but not in pl ml as it is hard for her to launder it. Mr. S. told about short course, not working out very well as two men not working out well. Miss Li's cough very distressin, seemed very tired. Chu's also tired but better than night before. A Dr. Sha came from Yen-shih to invite us there, bso changed plans being to outlying places first, & then last day in Tunshi.

10/25 Mon. Trip to Sui-ning. Got up early & started off about 6:30, crowded bus. Bertha went with us. Arrived about 9. Raining hard on bus & everyone got wet, espec. Ling. Went to house bought by local group during war when num. of refu. were there. Large Ch. house with large piece of land. Now oc by Dr. Feng, an army officer, his wife a midwife, had a case so dinner was cooked for us by a Mr. Wu mother xian. found bus returned at 12 so didn't have much time. Went to call on Miss Chen, a gradu. of Rulison, galso sch. of han work in Sha. later worked at Bethel. These conducted service on Sun. & twice a week p. m. ten to 20 usual attendance. Miss Chen lived in big old fashioned Ch. house, old family home here, but father a dentist had lived in Nanchang many years. returned here after war, used front court for a small primary school. Said about 57 people lived in house, children very quiet & well behaved. Later held a short service with children which three women from house attended, Li disturbed because she had no better opportunity with them. Felt the visit wasted because too shor. Ate dinner hastily & hurried to station, bus so crowd couldn't get on it, but were able to get a carmat a reasonable price. warmly welcome & urged to stay longer. On way back, got off & went by Methodist hill to former hosp. building where Bertha lived. She served us persimmons & tried to invite us to a meal. Talked over situation & decided because of rain better to start back at once. Chu went to station to get tickets. Ling suggested we go call on Mary Sha. Went to prim. sch. found she no longer principle, but on way back, met her. Didn't remember me much thinner & older. returned to house with us & stayed for supper.

Admitted her disappointment with non-Xian agencies. Li urged her to come back into closer relationship with church. Said Helen offered her money to to Am, but she wouldn't accept because she sidn't want to work for church.

10/26' Tues. got up at 5, ate cornflakes & milk. bus left about 7:30, only 4 passengers to Hwei-chow, picked up few more, arrived at chishi about 10. Got off to relieve self, slipped on bank & hurt wrist got coat dirty but washed off most of mud. About 12 30 as about to cross river, car stalled, couldn't get it started after two hours of tinkering, as it was on narrow road with front weheels in water, other trucks couldn't pass it, finally with help of passengers from other bus pulled it up bank to one side so othe bus could pass it. crowded into regular bus. Chu stood up, Li & I sat on some bagged but bounced & rolled around, finally Chu fixed some rope to ceiling so we had some "straps" to hand on. Hand swelled & got very sore. Arried at Ho-lishi about 5. Er sz-mu took us to buy dates & tea leaves. packed baggage before supper. After supper, group along with pastor tung out & talked with Dr. Yang until everyone very weary.

10/27. Wed. Still raining. Ate puffed rice for brft. in sweetened water. Found bus station still closed & finally determined that bus would leave abo 9. Went to a nearby rrest. & ate a meal. couldn't promise when "tuei-haw" bus would start so we got on regular bus. Seats all wet, passengers sat on baggage in center, , sat on bundle on wet seat & fairly comfortable, got to Hsuan-chen about noon, drizzly rain, man next to me gave seat to old farmer Hwan-shen not easy to buy so hostesses very apologetic. stores open for a short time each day as unwilling to sell. after dinner, washed feet, took na vent with Mrs. Chang to call on Shen. Thought he was in better spirits, but still unwilling to go to conf. or to Wuhu to see Dr.

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10/22. Friday. Had quite a good night, Li & I sleeping head to foot on sin bed, but Chu reported very little sleep because of bugs. Bugs not bite us. Pastor Ling arrived about 9 just as we were getting ready to start out. Went with him to Mr. Y. Talked with him for a while & inquired about Mr. F. the other xiang. Mr. Y. advised us to wait until 12 when he came home from work. We asked him about a meeting in his house in pm to which he could invited his friends & he agreed somewhat reluctant. Went to F.'s house where we found Mrs. Y. & her baby. Started to sing hymns until Mr. F. arrived. Miss Li sp
me home for dinner, rested. Ling said he had decided to start on ahead so he could help his wife prepare for us & for Sunday. Li & Chu a little dissatisfied with plan, but had to agree. Very hot, looked like rain, so afraid we might get stuck there. Rested until about 3, held two street meetings, people very unresponsive, few willing to ask for tracts, but those who did also ask for gospels. Decided that people were a little afraid of me. About 4:30 we to Y's house, found no one there. I suggest that we spend the time with them alone, so when Mr. F. arrived, we sang three hymns. They sang quite well, "What a friend" Happy day. Then read John 15. Chu asked them to say whatever they wanted in regard to questions or testimony. Mr. Y. told how he had become a Xian through the influence of an old lady with same name, who could only with difficulty. He admitted some difficulties especially on matter of smoking, so Li & Chu advised him. As it grew dark, the group drew closer together. Chu gave them advice on how to pray, admonished them of their responsibility as only xians there. In the group prayer at end, Mr. F. also took part as he had not in the first. Felt the yhour was very profitably spent. On Nearly dark when we left there, hurried through the streets lest the city gate be shut. Outside the gate a very lonely road, lined with poplars, memorial arches of great age. As we walked, Chu said "This is Gethsamene" and began to sing, "Tis Midnight & on Olive's brow" we joined in, they in Chinese, I in English.

10/23 Sat. Didn't sleep well, disturbed by dogs barking & snores. after brft. packed things, then rested on bare boards. About 9:30 went to street, walked length of cross street, visited a prim. school, finally held meeting. Better response than formerly, had no difficulty getting rid of tracts. Li & Chu quite encouraged. God resered seats on bus, arrived at Tun-shi about 3. Met by Shubert. Bus now crowded. Long ricksha ride from bus station. Washed clothes & took bath. Bertha Reichers there at house, stayed for supper. offered me a dress as weather unseasonably warm and clothes too heavy. Road better than at other end altho scenery not so pretty as near Ho-li-shi. Parsonage built high above river, nice two story house with terrace overlook river in on direction, old arched bridge of stone, in other brach of river & mt. Shubert here holding meetings staying at Bible School

10/24 Sunday. Chu called us to hurry to get up because "chu-jen-chi" after breakfast looked at church, asked Mrs. Ling if had SS & she was rather apologetic about not having one. About 9 heard singing so went to church, found it full of people. Spent most of time until 10, singing, sang lustily & well, some scripture verses and choruses, at 10 regular church, Chu preached, sang from hymnal also quite good. Noticed hymnals enough. About 2/3 women, about 200. One old man, apparently not all there, always prayed after anyone else did. Bertha & Shubert also present. After ch. many came into parsonage to talk. A layman presided at church. Taled to a Mr. Feng, gradu. of Cen. U. tea che in technical middle school - chem. engin. & weaving. ~~man~~ Xian only 4 yrs. sick tith tb. & Ling prayed for him & his health much improved. A Mrs. Ming with twin sons, walked some distance every Sun. Seemed to stay all day, only left late in pm when found out no hope of evening service. Also a Mr. Wu Nanchang man, Xian two years, because of healing. Went at 12:30 to Mr. Chi for sinner, very good meal, other guests- Chao & Tung from Institute, Bether Shubert, In pla. Li preacher, subject abundant life, used as illustration 3 miracles in N.T. of being raised from dead. At end of service after final prayer, woman with child in arms asked for prayer for child, so group prayed aloud, then 3 women came forward, then some other stood up & asked for pry by that time Ling warmed up & began to think of some letters from absent members etc.