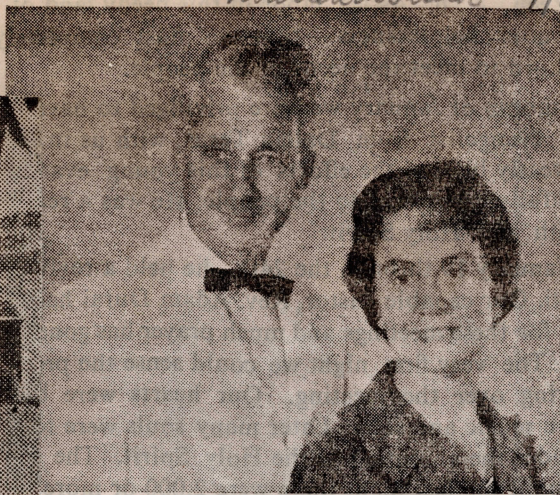
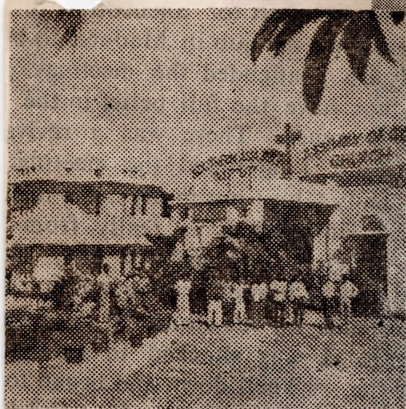


WE FOUND OUR PLACE

THE MCDEARMIDS

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There is always a fear of the unknown as well as the challenge of the new horizon. When we were assigned to come to Southern Asia Bible Institute we looked forward with mingled feelings toward the assignment. Since 1950 we had worked in the north of India in the Hindi area. Now we would be journeying more than a thousand miles south-ward. How would we react to the new customs and language round about us? Would we feel that deep sense of home-sickness for the north? The answer is 'Yes'. You always miss that which is familiar and especially the many friends and contacts that you have made over the years. However, as we came in the full assurance that we were in the centre of God's will, we have been happy.

Bro. Anderson left us a smoothly operating Bible school with 26 students from all parts of India. In the last year God has enabled us to carry to fruition many of the dreams that Bro. Anderson had for the school. A new library wing has been completed and equipped with books. We trust that God will help us to add to those we already have. One new out-station has been added to the four already in operation. We trust the Lord will enable us to open at least one a year for the next few years.

The student body has increased by 30%. We have 43 students this year and we intended to go to 50 next year. Yet we are not aiming for quantity only but quality in the type of young men that we train for God. For some years we have been unable to take in girl students because of dormitory facilities. This year God enabled us to purchase a new dormitory so that next year young ladies will again be able to train and take their place in the churches of India. We cannot doubt that we are in the centre of God's will for our lives.

Almost every student has a story to tell concerning his conversion. From the mountains of Nepal, from the jungles of Assam to the coconut plantations of Kerala, God has been faithful to call them into His ministry. What a privilege it is to have a share in shaping their lives. Pray for each one of them that they too may find their place in the vineyard of the Lord.