

# RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: PETER Chapter 3

## We've Struggled In Many Storms Part II

By Jeannie Reynolds & Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

When the Nances were released from prison camp, everyone returned but Ancil. He chose to remain in Hong Kong to help.

Beth and the four children docked in San Francisco on the U.S.M.V. Yarmouth in 1945. After arriving in Portland, the doctor found the children in good health with the exception of them having worms. Beth received necessary dental work for herself.

The grandparents were anxiously awaiting to see their four grandchildren. There was Ancil's mother, Vina Duma Nance, recently widowed and still living in Vancouver beside the apple and hazelnut trees; there were Beth's parents, the Rev. Thomas Wilfred Kinnington and wife, Olive Dell, living on Southeast Woodward Street, in Portland.

Beth and the children first lived in McLoughlin Heights in Vancouver and then Beth, with the children, moved to Kirkland to attend two quarters at the University of Washington's Far Eastern Department. She studied very hard to prepare herself with background knowledge for serving in China.

Beth then decided to tackle a summer course in Wycliffe's School of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma while her oldest daughter Winifred played with other missionaries' children. The boys were with their grandparents and Eunice lived with the Williams, a childless couple on McLoughlin Heights. Linguistics gave Beth the foundation she needed for grappling with the Chinese language. After completing these studies, Beth returned to Portland and finished up her courses at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary. She later graduated with a Certificate in Theology and was ordained by the Dr. Angel of the First Baptist Church in Vancouver, Washington.

With four children added to the family, Beth and Ancil would need more support than the single congregation of Immanuel Temple could send. Beth's obligation to get more churches interested in missions on a regular basis and with regular giving, kept her trying. Three mission boards turned her down based on the absence of Ancil.

Ancil's behavior had never been easy to explain because he is such a unique person. It wasn't simple to convince the mission board that Ancil's absence represented his dedication to the Chinese.

This alone made him a very good candidate for their support.

Ancil was away from his family for a total of three years. For two years, Ancil worked for the British government putting the colony back in order. He represented the Department of Warehouses. He helped return property that was confiscated by the Japanese in wartime to their rightful owners.

In the third year, Ancil worked for

CNRRRA transferring relief supplies and equipment from the United States' ships onto Chinese vessels. These ships stopped at war-torn ports in inland China, bringing aid to the people. Ancil still distributes goods to the needy throughout the Portland community, such as: a rug, a wheelchair, cardboard to a man who collects it for many, toys. He has made toys and has repaired toys. He has generously given of himself throughout the world. He seeks no public recognition for his deeds. Only the smiles and the approval of the recipients. He will trim roses or hedges when the resident is away. He goes quietly about, from one chore to another, resembling Mahatma Gandhi in overalls, following an unwritten list of chores each day.

### BACK TO CHINA

In 1948, Beth and the children were pulling into the Hong Kong harbor when they saw a motor boat coming their way. Ancil was on the boat. He had gained some weight since prison camp days--when the rice offered them had so much rat dung in it to even bother picking it out, and when the soup du jour was nicknamed "green horror" by the other POW's for good reason, and when the fish served was so rotten even the spiciest of spices couldn't hide the fact that it wasn't even the "catch of the week!"

The Nances went into mainland China to a province called Yunnan, a city called Kunming, 7,000 feet high. Beth had a regular ministry at a deaf, dumb and blind school. She rode the bicycle, sometimes with Eunice on the fender, to and from the school. This ministry was in addition to the teaching and preaching Ancil and Beth did mainly with the high school children.

While the older children were at an American school, Eunice got her own education traveling through small alleys between mud houses on the back of her dad's bike. Ancil was welcomed and appreciated for his friendliness with the Chinese. He was also greatly appreciated for his efforts to communicate with them.

Communism gained momentum until the churches that were supporting them requested that for their safety they should pull out of China.

When they moved back to Hong Kong, it wasn't long before a letter was received from the United States advising them to come home before Communism control swept over Hong Kong. This was a disappointment that only Beth and Ancil would be able to fully share. All they knew was that it was wrong for them to leave the Chinese people to whom they had been called to minister to. If they had been independently wealthy, the story would have taken a different turn from here; but they came to America at the bidding of their supporters.

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Psalm 34:3

## A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Lord, as I look at the Kenya church, I try to see how it has changed over the years. Christian missionaries brought the story of the gospel to African tribes who had not heard the Good News at all.

You blessed their labors, Lord. Many people believed, and through the years the number of Christians multiplied, as nationals and missionaries worked together faithfully.

Lord, I see it clearly. The job of a missionary is to nurture the national leaders until they are ready to take over the leadership themselves.

I am so glad, Father, that that is just what is happening in Kenya. The church is theirs. It belongs to the Kenyans--the property, schools, hospitals, programs, stewardship, training of new workers--in all of it they have a sense of ownership.

Isn't that wonderful, Lord? It is right and proper that this should take place. They have accepted it and have grown in their discipleship.

Now it is time for them to pass the Word along to others. Help them, God, as the church matures there, to develop their own sense of outreach to others who have not yet heard.

Make their leaders to be wise, far-sighted, able, and thoroughly Christian in spirit as they look to the future in planning and carrying out your work.

by Dorothy Nicholson  
in Lord, It's Late But I Can't Sleep

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The Genevia Jones Gospel Concert was a smashing success praise the lord!! The beautiful and unforgettable voice of Mrs. Jones rang out in a melody of songs, her performance was outstanding with a rich deep south traditional style. Everyone in attendance enjoyed it by their spontaneous burst of applause and shouts of amen. The audience participation "oh how wonderful" "Pay Day" was a crowd pleaser. Mrs. Jones was excited by the intoxicating beauty of the Oregon Rhododendron and wanted to take several back to her home state. Mrs. Jones wishes to thank Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Mc Swain and members of the Philadelphia C.M. Baptist Church friends and supporters for extending her a warm and hearty welcome.

**A Gentle reminder .....**  
**Fathers' Day will be celebrated**  
**Sunday, June 18, 1989**