We All Must Do Our Part!

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As a pioneer missionary in China, James O. Fraser admirably did his part to carry the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to Lisuland. Today there are known to be hundreds of thousands of Lisu believers in China and they have reached out to many other ethnic groups around them. Numbers of the Lisu believers have stood true to God though forced to go through periods of persecution and suffering.

Of the Lisu people and their neighbors it can be said, *"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined"* (Isa. 9:1). And who can put into words the depths and breadth of the eternal riches it brought into the lives of those who believed and walked in that light? One day these simple, humble folk will gather around the throne to voice with countless numbers of others, *"Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever"* (Rev. 5:13).

Mr. Fraser was keenly aware that though he was the "point man" so to speak, leading the work on the field, he was only part of a team. He valued the people of faith and prayer at home praying with him as worth more than gold. He was intruding where powerful forces of darkness had long held sway, forces that could only be overcome by God's almighty power. And that power must be obtained through prayer! Though we do not fully understand prayer and we know that God is able to do anything on His own, He has made clear in His Word that we are to pray and exercise faith as our part to get His work done on earth.

Mr. Fraser's chief prayer partner, his mother, set in motion the formation of prayer groups in the homeland with whom he kept closely in touch and for whom he set a passionate example. "Work on your knees!" he urged as he strenuously labored and prayed in the field. "You must do your part!" he earnestly pressed upon them. As years passed, and he saw sovereign movings of the Spirit of God among the Lisu, with hearts prepared to receive Christ, and with converts soon visiting other villages to preach the Gospel, he attributed it to God's working in response to the praying groups at home.

Today many Christians are sensing that time is short before our Lord's coming again. It is high time to awaken and serve Jesus if we are simply resting on couches of ease. (See John 12:25-26.) Let us waste no time in going to our knees in prayer. Whatever, whomever God places as a burden on our hearts let us faithfully bear before Him in prayer. Might our blessed Savior be *"satisfied"* to see *"a glorious church…holy and without blemish"* and multitudes more saved and entering His kingdom through the prayers of His dedicated people

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