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LETTERS TO H.C.J.B. CONCERNING AUCA INCIDENT (note countries)

Dear Friend: 26 Wrighton Ave. Bar Beach, Newcastle N.S.W. Australia, Jan. 16th 1956. I am desolated to hear of the tragic loss of five of your fellow workers in such appalling conditions. Please accept my deepest sympathy to your mission, and the dependants of those five noble men. Having lost all my own nearest of kin in the war, I suffer with them through my own experiences. I worship God the almighty of the Old Testament. You worship Jesus Christ the Son, the man who gave His life that all should live and who said "Be as harmless as doves and as wise as serpents." And yet those five educated men who follow ~~the~~ the teachings of Jesus Christ the Son of God the Almighty did not follow that precept. They went defenceless to meet hordes of ignorant savages. Before God the flesh, blood, and bone of man may be equal, but to drop men of high education and sensitiveness to the level of a savage in a wild Jungle without defence! Please forgive me for butting in with this, I hope you take it in the spirit I give it. Sorrow for an unnecessary loss. Yours in the faith of God. Antonie Barton.

Dear Friends in the Lord: Holland, Michigan, Jan. 17, 1956

With all the Christian world we were shocked to the roots.... I was very much pleased to know that, according to Dr. Jones, the boys had taken "every reasonable precaution" to safeguard themselves. You know, the world is ready to cry 'fools' 'fools'; and unless we are careful we are apt to ask BUT WHY? But when I heard Dr. Jones say 'there has been and is real victory in Ecuador these days, "I felt again that we simply must stand, with both feet on Ro. 8:28.

Dear Nancy: Bluefields, Nicaragua, Central America Jan. 23, 1956

Our town was deeply moved by the awful heartbreaking tragedy that occurred to the five men in the Ecuadorian jungles. You can't imagine how sad I felt I did not miss a night's broadcast and here in little and faraway Bluefields we were praying for them.

W.S.Gordan 98 Church St. Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I. Jan. 15, 1956

This morning in Galilee Gospel Hall, almost every eye was wet with tears as the story of those missionaries was told in the assembly by one of our oversights. We are praying for the wives of those men that God would comfort them and give them grace to press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Cirril Watsen, Censhuist, Costa Rica, January 31, 1956

We are in great sympathy with those five volunteers who gave their lives for the cause of extending the message to those Indians who are still in darkness, and I pray that still there are other volunteers, who are preparing to continue that great task, and will not give up till the message reach each and every one of them.

Dear Preachers: Farm LPO Bocas del toro, Rep. de Panama

We express our sympathy to those missionarys who lost their lives for the cause of the Gospel also to their brave wives our hearts goes out deeply for them hoping that God will bless and keep them. Rosseta, Tatam.

Cristobal P.O. Canal Zone, Jan. 17, 1956

I will always remember the names of Peter Flemming, Nathaniel Saint, James Elliot, Edward McCully, and Roger Youderian... I earnestly hope that God will in the near future make those savage Auca Indians know about the true faith and accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. Mrs. Ruth Thompson.

Dave Schellenberg: Altona Manitoba, Canada January 13, 1956
 We remember the many times we showed in our slides, the picture of the loyal soldier of Christ, Mr. Saint. The other names are not so familiar to us. What a reward will have been theirs as they entered in! They will see the "King in His beauty." We pray very much for the bereaved families, that the God of all Comfort will comfort their and your hearts. "Sometime, some where we'll understand."

Dear Mr. Vander Puy: Lyall Parade Wellington E.3 New Zealand. Jan. 15, 1956
 While I feel certain that the American missionaries whose sad deaths are reported were brave and sincere I believe they anticipated doing a work that only the Lord Jesus Himself can and will do. Ps. 72:11. Prov. 2:26.27. When He returns to Israel and Gentile Christendom unaware of His identity, attack Him and are overcome at Armageddon. Joel 3, Zech. 14:1 3. Rev. 16:16. Then Christ, earth's future Master, will know exactly how to deal with the Auca's as He will with the Gospel refusing Americans, French, British, and Russians etc. We however, must become like Abraham of old, and find in his hope Acts 28:20 the true Gospel for our salvation. Ro. 4:13, Heb. 8:8 12.
 Frank Williment. New Testament Jew (Late Christian)

Dear Friends: Weisajo Lago Weg H.34, Curacao Netherland Antilles Feb. 1, 1956
 My sympathy to those 5 widows who Husband who has given their lives for Jesus
 We know they are with Him forever. Mrs. Ada Hennie.

My Dear Sirs: Bob Hardy, Route 5 F. Troup, Texas, Feb. 7, 1956
 Until a few days ago I didn't know that there was a savage tribe of Indians left on this planet. You see up Texas Way here we don't have anything except a few Cherokees and an occasional Apache or Comanche to tame to ride a gentle cow horse. So you can easily see how surprised I was to hear of the beastly massacre the Auca Indians pulled on those fine courageous missionaries. My curiosity is aroused and I would appreciate it plenty if ya'll send me some information on the Auca tribe. Respectfully yours, Bob.

To H.C.J.B. Golf Weg H25 San. Nichola, Aruba N.A.

I am very glad to write to you once again to send our deepest sympathy to the five missing missionaries and the great lost in Quito. We felt it very much in the Island of Aruba Bell. We are so glad to know that our lost here on earth is heaven gain. So we must have still more faith in God.

Dear Radio Brothers: Teofilo Hernandez Casa No. 24 La Romana. Rep. Dom. Feb 25 '56
 ...it is hard to think over but the five lives that was lost for the Gospel of our beloved Saviour, we or not surprise ~~about~~ of this act for it is known that God gave His only begotten Son to save us from our sin, and I am sure that the 5 son of the true words is resting in Christ today, this hole family is sharing in prayers we kept on praying and listening to the tape record news by Cctones, we will like you all to listen to 4VEH Radio Station at Cape Haiti at the Republic of Haiti West Indies on that day this family will be dedicating 2 secrets song to those 5 wives and their children and to the staff of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship Inc. (HCJB)....
 (After grief, joy cometh from Christ Jesus)

Dear Rev. Van Der Puy. St. John's St. John's, Antigua, British W. Indies
 ...Again on Friday 13 I listened as I heard the sad news that all Five missionaries lost their lives earthly but not heavenly which was all in the hands of Almighty....I remain, Bernard B. Josiah. Jan. 18, 1956

Dear Brethren: Liverpool, Costa Rica, Jan. 20, 1956
 Breathes there a Christian who would with soul so dead that would not be moved with the news which almost rented the air on the dear lives of the five Missionaries taken so untimely, however, we are buoyed up with the consolation that their sacrifices are not in vain: they died for a righteous cause. Paul writing to the Corinthians stated: "For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounded by Christ." In the words of this sacred Apostle I say: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. In this darkest hour in the lives of the surviving widows of the missionaries, I would heal their wounded heart if I had the power; this is beyond human effort, but with sincere heart I adopt this medium of Condolence to them, and with the assurance that He in whose name their husbands have been killed will comfort and support them to bear their irreparable loss. They are gone by the shining way, that ever to the faithful open lies, Lord train thy servants now in rest, we pray, till Thou shalt bid their bodies to arise. Permit me to submit as my hymn of Consolation "On the Resurrection Morning...Soul and body meet again; no more sorrow, no more weeping..no more pain." Alivira Williams.

Utila Island, Rep. de Hond. Central America. Jan. 16, 1956

...I am a widow of 28 years, and can sympathize! There's nothing harder in life than the earthly loss of a good husband, or wife. But, when our dear companion has been a servant of the dear Lord, and master the comfort is so great, that we can triumph over everything; and look beyond this veil of evil and tears, and know with assurance that they have only gone before, to enjoy the bliss of Heaven; and especially for these martyrs. Mrs. C. McNab.

32 Weslake Aven, Half Way Tree P.O. Ja. B.W.I. Jan. 15, 1956

...I accepted the Lord Jesus a year ago when I became a member of St. Stevens Congregational Church but I never knew the full meaning of the Joy it is to live for Christ until last Tuesday night when I turned in and heard the tragic news of those Wonderful Courageous Christian men. I was completely mystified. I went down on my knees right during the service and gave my life anew to Jesus and now I feel new and can face any battle on earth "I Said Lord send a revival in my soul, let me be Good Courageous Fearless and trusting as those true Sons of yours who gave their lives back for Christ. What joy divine, what peace fell in my soul right then only you over there can understand. It also warmed my heart to hear the cable of one of the wives sent to her mother, "Perfect Peace" For they are without fault before the Throne of God. Isn't that wonderful to know.....Mrs. Joan Junius.

2a Potters View, Brown's Town, Kingston Ja. B.W.I. Jan. 17, 1956

....I must confess that the death of our beloved brethren who died for the cause of Christ has brought me to realize my shortcoming. This brings real sadness to my heart and a challenge as well. What have I done for my Master? This is the question that comes to my heart. How ashamed I am to know that the Lord has called me to a much easier task and I have no obeyed. But my heart rejoice to know that they died, "in the front of the battle." Mr. Allan Wilson.

Miss Esther Bauer 229 Macalester, St. Paul 5, Minn. Jan. 15, 1956

....Our Sunday school class has begun a scrap book of all articles and reports they can find concerning the death of the five missionaries last week in Ecuador. Some of us heard the radio report as was given directly from your station and wish we could have a copy of it....by use of a map the class is making, we hope to present the story to the entire Sunday School. We are now studying the Acts of the Apostles and their hardships. We want the children to realize that today also some are giving their lives in the service of the master.....

Bill Smith, Dir. of Young People, 1431/2 Madison St. Cortland New York. Just a note to tell you that the Senior Young People of the Bible Baptist Church of Cortland, has voted to "adopt" the Auca Indians of Ecuador as our personal prayer responsibility. We are accepting Ps. 2:8 as God's promise to us....In the King of Kings, Bill. (P.S. This was written on a piece of notebook paper no doubt by the looks of it, cute!)

Mission Evangelica Tartagal Salta Arg. (The First Missionary with Paul's Gospel to Chaco Indians. Alfred Mark Ethereton) January 21, 1956

....but on reading of this unfortunate loss of 5 brilliant consecrated workers I feel very depressed, I will tell you why, when Dr. Billy Graham began his mission great prayer united prayer had to be asked. Now in this case no one knew of the proposals dangerous venture proposed by these zealous heroic workers. Only when the sad news filters thro are the minds and hearts of Gods' people the world over informed of the tragedy. I cannot see that their was sufficient foresight wisdom in this venture was it not based to a certain extent on the idea "that kindness will win savage hearts, this just isn't true it isn't Bible either is it?? This tribe was known to be given to rapine and murder, God warns us as he warned Paul from a venture that could only under those circumstances lead to a fracaso. None of the details to this moment reveal that wisdom was played by these godly young martyrs..... What has been gained? Nothing worthy of the sacrifice, these Indians have simply been put under a Terrific Curse that they were free from before perhaps Prov. 17, 13. And it will be more difficult now to contact a Tribe that has everything to fear, although that example of the carefree fearlessness encountered by the 5 men should have warned them of the class of Indians they were dealing with.....

The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, January 19, 1956

At first the People felt extremely sad, but with that sadness has also come the feeling of urgency in getting the gospel message out.....

Al Sanders