



Mr G. Junck - 1934 (Edition 1)

Mr Gordon Junck was commended by the assemblies in Napier and Tory Street, Wellington and left for India in June 1934. He attended an eight-weeks medical course at Sydney on his way. Kumbanadu, with Mr and Mrs Noel, was his first area for service prior to going with Mr Gordon Fountain to Kurianoor. He continued there, after Mr and Mrs Fountain moved to Alleppey being very interested in consecutive teaching of the Scriptures in a resident Bible School. At that time there was a move in India to open their temples to lower-caste people and political currents and cross-currents were sweeping the land.

On July 7th, 1937, at Bethesda Hall, Colombo, he was married to Miss Norah Ardrey who had been commended by Tory Street, Wellington to the work in India. They continued at Kurianoor for several years helping in Bible School ministry there and at Kollegal. In 1941 they moved to Calicut the largest city in Malabar with an area three times the size of New Zealand to minister in. The following year they made Kotagiri their home in order to establish an assembly there while helping out at Calicut.

After assisting Mr Wm. C. Irvine with the editing of the "Indian Christian" in 1943 Mr Junck assumed editorship with the passing on of Mr Irvine in 1946. He continued this valuable work for many years while becoming involved in an increasingly effective preaching and teaching ministry in various parts of the country and making their home at Kotagiri. Areas visited included Tamilnad, Kerala and Mysore with special efforts at Madras, Trivandrum and Bangalore.

In 1956 Mr Junck returned to India alone after furlough, having had to make the decision that Mrs Junck would stay to make a home for the children. Those were effective years of itinerant evangelism and teaching with many being helped.

In 1959 Mr Junck turned his attention to the very needy area of North India where the assemblies were much fewer and missionary endeavour had been much less. He majored in a Bible teaching ministry in Bible Schools and in particular helped in the setting up of the Delhi Bible Bhavan (Institute) which was sponsored by brethren from U.K. In 1960 he visited Britain and the U.S.A. in connection with the Bible Institute as he was returning to New Zealand. That Bible School was built to provide accommodation for a regular training programme for young men in North India.

Mr Junck was editor of the "Treasury" Magazine in New Zealand from 1961 for several years and continued in ministry to assemblies in New Zealand while engaged in secular employment.

[Source entry includes an uncaptioned photo of Mr and Mrs Junck. Photo on p. 224 is captioned 'Montauban Group 1935. Back row: A. AIKEN, D. BURT, G. JUNCK, T. BROWN, Second row: Misses TREWEEK, F. Patient, Bates, MRS A. NOBLE, Miss Patient, Dr Vine, Messrs G. FOUNTAIN, W.T. NOBLE. Third row: MISS WALLACE, MR LYNN, Misses Peebles, SUNDGREN, Conway, Whaxton, Mrs Patient, Misses NICOLL,

Adams, Mr Hill, Miss DYASON, Mr and Mrs Smele. Seated: Mr and Mrs IRVINE, Misses Morgan, Thompson, Messrs Thomson, Patient, Misses Clarke, Lynn, Mrs WALTER REDWOOD, Mrs Hill, Miss MOSLEY, A[...] and N[...] Redwood. (N.Z. Missionaries names in capitals.)]