



## Mr Leonard Cornwell – 1929 (Edition 1)

Mr Leonard Cornwell was born in Malaya and as a young man came to New Zealand to live. He worked on Bible carriages prior to being commended to missionary service by assemblies in Nelson and Palmerston North. He went out to Malaya in September 1929 and helped in the work at Ipoh for some time before going to Hong Kong for a year's study. He then returned to Ipoh where he married Miss Mabel Wilson, the daughter of Mr and Mrs George Wilson, on April 7th, 1931. He shared in visitation with his father-in-law and was particularly interested in work amongst young people. In 1932 he used a car converted to a Bible van to distribute Scriptures. He preached at Raub, Kuala Lipis, Bentong, Menglembu, Seramban and Silibin.

Throughout the 1920's they continued in literature distribution and selling Scriptures, visiting from house to house and holding open air meetings with the help of the young people. For two years they lived at Seramban and helped forward the work there. Then for some time Ipoh was their centre of operations and later Menglembu. At that latter centre they obtained a "shop-hall" and a small assembly was established. Mr Cornwall at one time placed large texts in the two local newspapers so that all could read them, believing in the practical application "by all means save some".

In 1940 it was necessary to set up home for Mrs Cornwell in Perth Australia because of her recurring ill health and Mr Cornwell continued in Ipoh till the end of the year when he joined his wife and engaged in Christian service for some time. Owing to the war, he took up secular employment and later accepted a Baptist Church pastorate.

Mr Cornwell, his wife and some members of their family returned to Singapore after the war and he worked as an independent missionary for some years. Later he engaged in secular work and went to England where he died early in 1974.

[Source entry includes a photo captioned "Mr and Mrs L. Cornwell and family in 1936." Photo on reverse of p. 242 of source has caption "About 1935. Back row, from left: Miss Prouse, Miss Parkinson, Mr Hardwidge, Miss Gibson, Mr Donaldson. MR BLICK, MR LEN CORNWALL, MR GEO. WILSON, MISS WILLIAMS (died 1936), Mr Adams, Mr Tipson, Mr Tom Angus, MISS TREWICK. Seated: Mrs Donaldson, MISS SARAH SHIRTLIFF, MRS BLACK [sic], MRS LEN CORNWALL, MRS GEO. WILSON, Mrs Adams (with baby), Miss Gregg. Seated in Front: Miss Martin, Miss Faulkner, MISS PHILLYS [sic] WILSON. (N.Z. Missionaries names in capitals)"]