



## **Mr and Mrs G. L. Blair – 1947 (Edition 1)**

Mr and Mrs Gordon L. Blair were commended by assemblies in Auckland and they went to Singapore in January 1947 to work amongst English speaking servicemen. Mr Blair had had considerable experience in the Everyman's Huts in New Zealand during the war years and was very highly respected by the men in "the forces". A similar ministry in Singapore proved very effective in a Serviceman's Centre in their own home. He was able to visit the military and civil prisons to bring messages and literature to the inmates. In 1949 he extended his work by conducting evangelistic campaigns in all major towns throughout Malaysia including Penang, Taiping, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

He transferred his base of operations to Hong Kong in 1950 and worked there amongst servicemen. He was accorded wide acceptance in 1951 amongst troops in Korea and Hong Kong. In six months he was able to have 6,000 copies of the "Reason Why" distributed. The following two years he ranged through the East making use of films in reaching troops of several nationalities in Korea, Hong Kong and Japan, maintaining this work while the political tension occasioned a build up of forces in the East.

Following a visit to New Zealand in 1954, the Blairs made their home in Australia firstly working amongst military forces there and then latterly in the Emmaus Bible School in Australia. He was responsible for the establishing of a permanent Bible College in Sydney and gave sacrificial service in promoting Bible Study. He also grasped the opportunity of buying time on the commercial radio stations to conduct bible studies, being responsible for having "The Voice of Melody" and "Bible School of the Air" featured on 21 stations.

He died suddenly after a very brief illness on August 10th 1958. Mrs Blair and the young family continued in Sydney having been true workers together with Mr Blair in his life of service.

[Source entry includes uncaptioned photos of Mr and Mrs Blair.]