

He went to the University in which he had been trained, and he got a position there to support himself. He got a house that had large rooms in which he could start a church. He struggled there to talk to students and to get them interested and to get a church going. He ~~was~~ spent years working on it, but gradually he built it up until he had too many people coming to have room in his house to take care of them. Then they were able to rent another church. I met many fine young people who had been led to the Lord by his work. There are very few who are working the sort of work he is working among college students.

People say, Oh, who is going to support me (in a college)? Eckelmann supported himself. He went like Paul. There are groups that will support a person for that type of work. The fields are white to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

In China there were missionaries up and down China. Then the communists took over. The missionary leaders were killed, or tortured, or put in prison. Recently some of them have come out of prison after 20, 30 years in prison. But all over China there have been little house churches that kept on despite the persecution. The number of Christians is probably small compared to the number that there were when the communists took over, but it is substantial. There is a longing there for copies of the Scripture.

In Russia it is very difficult to get a copy of the Scripture people copy it by hand and distribute it from hand to hand. Someone has said there are more Christians proportionate to the population in Russia than there are in the U.S., and more communists in America proportionate to the population than there are in Russia. I think that is probably true, because very few people who live under communism have much use for it. Each of us must face the judgment seat of Christ, and he will say, What did you accomplish for me? Did you do the studying that you enjoyed. Did you meet the folks you enjoyed? Did you get the reputation you enjoyed? ~~Alright~~ Alright in its place. But did you reach souls for Christ? Did you show Christians how to grow in the knowledge of Christ and how to feed upon His Word? Let us pray.

O God our Father we thank you that we can look forward with certainty to the judgment seat of Christ. If we have believed in Christ for salvation we need have no fear. All our sins past present and future were laid on Him and we praise you for it. But how we will feel if we appear empty handed before Him! Help us, our Father, to build on the foundation that was laid. Help us to build gold and silver, not wood, hay and stubble. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.