

Apostles in heaven. Now is the time. The Mountain Province must be converted. It shall be converted, and that within a short time, if you, dear readers, do your part. Let more help come in and the missionaries in the Mountain Province shall be multiplied, their work too shall be multiplied thru more and better or-

ganization. It all depends on YOU, on YOUR apostleship.

Sure you will answer my appeal for a subscription to this little Review and for spreading it among your friends: for all this, rest assured, the Missionaries in the Mountain Province will not only thank you but they will pray for you.

## A Letter from Father Claerhoudt,

*Missionary in Bokod*

NOTE: Bokod is a small Igorote town in the northern part of Benguet. In former years it was visited now and then by the Missionary of Itogon (near Baguio). But the people of Bokod and surroundings seemed to be so well disposed towards Christianity, that a year ago it was decided to send a missionary there.

And the means to support him? I, the undersigned, promised to collect a fund sufficient to provide the Father at Bokod with one hundred pesos a month. In the meantime he should live on camotes, rice and what else Providence would send.

So Father Claerhoudt, old soldier of the world war, was sent to that promising place. If he mentions a wonder in his following letter, he forgets to say that he himself he has been a continuous wonder in his work. Poor in health, he has worked day and night and that without the necessary food he should have had. He can easily figure out how often he tasted meat at his mission. — Why? — Well, the fund was not ready and is not ready as yet.

To tell the truth, ₱ 10,000 more are required. But now that THE LITTLE APOSTLE OF THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE will make a little noise about the fund. I hope to complete it within a short time. May I be a true prophet! Any alms sent for this purpose will be announced in this review.—O. Vandewalle.

Here follows the letter of Father Claerhoudt.

Bokod, Feb. 11, 1924.

Dear Father Vandewalle.

I thank you a thousand times for the 50 yards of cloth you sent to cover the nakedness of the dear little Igorote angels of my mission. How they like to have a dress, but

they do not always have it: they are so poor!

Thanks be to God, there is progress at Bokod. It is true the old pagans of Bokod refuse still to be baptized, but those who are already baptized become more fervent. Several of them receive Holy Communion every day. You understand what a sacrifice it is for them to come to the chapel every morning. Very early they have to go to their fields and they return late in the evening to pound rice and do other heavy work, before they can take their well earned rest of the night. Now these fervent converts pray for their townmates. I am sure that, within a short time, Our dear Lord shall be loved and served here by all His children from Bokod and that with a pure heart.

Blessed Little Theresa of the Infant Jesus has cured here a young girl, a pagan as yet who, I hope, will later ask for baptism. It is not for nothing that the Blessed Little Theresa is the patroness of my mission. Yesterday I found a young boy, the

son of Andres Alvarez, I may say, dying. I said the prayers of the dying and put around the neck of the child a relic of the Blessed Little Theresa of Jesus. This morning the mother of the dying child came to the chapel, received Holy Communion and told me the boy was safe. She had received Holy Communion to thank the Lord, the author of all graces, and the Blessed Little Theresa of Jesus, such a powerful intercessor.

I have decided to take the Little Flower as patroness of Kabayan.

The pagans of Kabayan, humanly speaking, will not accept christianity. They are besieged by protestants and scientists. But I

will persevere visiting them. The Little Flower will help me and could I only convince the few catholics of Kabayan to receive the Sacraments more often, I am sure that, within a few years, the town will become Christian.

During the month of January, I distributed more than 200 Holy Communions. To-morrow I go to Adaway and Kabayan and hence to Daklan. From there to Libong and Bisale, and so I have continually to travel, and I thank the good Lord

He gives me good health: I am thin but strong. The climate of the mountains does me good. Later when the chapel shall be ready in Kabayan and another Father shall be here to help me: then we shall see great things!

Yesterday I baptized number 110. Herewith a picture of some adults I baptized. Thus I may say that at least a few will go to heaven who, without the grace of my vocation, would probably not have found their way there. Please send me some more relics of the Blessed Little



Father Claerhoudt and some of his new Christians.

Flower: they work wonders for both body and soul.

The chapel at Karaw paid by students of the Cathedral School Manila, is finished. I

am very poor but the Lord blesses me abundantly. *Facienti quod est in se, Deus non denegat gratiam.* Who does what he can is certainly blessed by God. All for the greater glory of God. The days of greater poverty and of the deeper sorrows and misery are the days of special blessings. There is no greater happiness of soul than that which I enjoy when I have suffered for the conversion of souls. There is not a more beautiful life than that of the mis-

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January 5th, 1924, in the Church of Our Lady of the Atonement. Six intentions only had come in. But 15 persons attended the novena daily, although a few others claimed they made the novena at home. This first novena did not seem a success if one regard either the intentions prayed for, or the number of the faithful who attended the exercises. Nevertheless as four of the six who had brought in their intentions came later to announce that the favors they asked for had been granted, we may call the first novena a great success. Does that not show Our Lady wishes to be honored at her shrine of Bagoio? Does that not prove that atonement offered for sins pleases her immensely?

The novena of the month of February was a novena not only of petition but also of thanksgiving for the above said favors granted. This time 27 petitions were found in the box at the foot of the statue of Our Lady of the Atonement and a good number of Her devotees followed daily the exercises. Each evening at 5:30 the rosary was said, followed by the Litany of O. L. of the Atonement and the exercises closed with the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On the 10th, how impressive it was to see many mothers present their babies to be blessed.

Thus every month the exercises are being more and more attended. They begin on the Saturday, following the first Friday of the month. Therefore intentions to be recommended should be sent in time. Those who obtain the request asked for, should, please, inform Father Carlu, and the Review will gladly publish the favor granted, for the greater glory of God and O. L. of the Atonement. Those who make the novena should, moreover, receive Holy Communion at least once during the nine days and, after the daily recitation of the rosary, should say the following prayer:

I salute thee, Holy Mary, Daughter of God the Father, and entreat thee to obtain for us a devotion like thine own to the most sweet Will of God.

I salute thee, Virgin Mother of God the Son, and entreat thee to obtain for us such union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus that our own hearts may burn with love of God and an ardent zeal for the salvation of souls. I salute thee, Immaculate Spouse of God the Holy Ghost and entreat thee to obtain for us such yielding of ourselves to the Blessed Spirit, that He may in all things direct and rule our hearts and that we may never grieve Him in thought, or word, or deed.

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I know already a little of the Igorote dialect, but the Igorotes know so well to turn the letters, to suppress and to add syllables, that they seem to me very handy to talk.

Thanking you again, dear Father,

and with best wishes I remain :

Yours in Jesus and Mary.

*Alphonse Claerhoudt.*

After such a consoling letter, expressing so much hope, showing such great poverty and activity, who would refuse some help to the Father of Bokod? The fund for his mission, the mission of the Blessed Little Flower of the Infant Jesus should swell to overflowing. Any help may be sent to Rev. O. Vandewalle, Her-ran 2020, Paco, Manila.