

DEMON EXPERIENCES

in Many Lands

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CHAPTER TWENTY-SEVEN

EXPERIENCES IN HAITI

Demon activity abounds here in Haiti. I think there is much more of it than even we missionaries recognize.

Here are a few specific examples from our experiences:

During our first term, my husband was called to visit a sick woman and to pray for her. According to custom, the little hut was crowded with relatives and neighbors, and the sick woman lay on a mat on the floor. He read a passage of Scripture before praying, and at every mention of the name of Jesus, she would have such a violent muscular reaction that three strong men were needed to hold her down.

He could not speak to her about her spiritual condition, as she was in a semiconscious state, but he prayed for her and promised to return later. (In a few days he was called back and was able to lead her to the Lord). Before leaving, he promised to send medicine for malaria also. She seemed to be sleeping, and apparently the demon left her at that time.

About a year ago, a little girl of eight or ten was visiting one of our house girls. She became ill and they put her on their bed. She talked very strangely, and mentioned that a thousand demons were "riding" her. Her body jerked convulsively from time to time.

The girls took turns reading Scripture to her, and again at the mention of Jesus, it became most difficult to restrain her. After prayer she became calm, and a short time later she was out in the yard helping to wash the clothes.

I wish I could document this. The victim could only say he didn't remember what happened, but witnesses told a strange story.

I was called upon to put dressing on his "feet" a month after the accident (?) occurred. He had just been released from the hospital, and I was told he had cut his feet.

Arriving at the home, I found he had no feet. Both had been cut off well above the ankle.

This was the story. He had been ill, and was advised to visit a witch doctor back in the hills. During the consultation, he was possessed by a demon who forced him to pick up a machete and hack off both his own feet. Bystanders were unable to restrain him. Fortunately, relatives were able to bring him the thirty miles to the hospital in time to save him from bleeding to death. But at twenty years of age, he was reduced to the fate of a street beggar because of his handicap.

There is no real tangible evidence, but we believe satanic forces are constantly at work to hinder missionary work.

Accidents — illness — interruptions that would destroy the vital quiet time with the Lord; nervous breakdown — the cold resistance that can be sensed during the preaching of the Word. Are these not the works of Satan's armies, bent on destroying all that is of Christ?

In a land where demons are worshiped and invited to possess their followers, can we expect to be free from their subtle attacks?

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