

Rev Leslie Alfred Brame 1914 to 2009
Stowupland to New Zealand via China

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BRAME, Rev Leslie (Les) Alfred B.A. Hons; M.A. Hons; M.A. (Cantab)
b 26.10.1914 at Stowupland, East Suffolk, England
w Elizabeth (Judy) Gladys Worthington b. 6.11.1910 m. 7.6.1941 d.21.11.2001
Educated at local Elementary School and Stowmarket Secondary School.
Accepted for Ministry training in 1934 and studied at Fitzwilliam Hall,
Cambridge University and Cheshunt College under the Congregational
Union of England, Wales and Scotland.
Accepted by the London Missionary Society for Missionary service in China
Ordained and Commissioned for Mission service in China at Congregational
Church in Stowmarket 21 June 1939.
Undertook studies in Chinese language and culture at School of Oriental and
African Studies at Cambridge till Dec 1939.
Travelled to Peking (now Beijing) China via Suez under strict war conditions early
1940.
Married Judy Worthington of the 'Society for the Propagation of the Gospel'
(Anglican)
in Beijing Cathedral June 1941.
Due to advance of Japanese Military Forces, sought refuge at Jiading in Szechwan
Province reached by a long circuitous trip via Shanghai, Gulangsu, boat to Hong
Kong,
Singapore and Rangoon, then overland through Burma to Kunming in China, then taken
by a Friends Ambulance Unit by truck to Chengdu and lastly by bus to Jiading.
Remained at Jiading (Leshan) for five years, being the United Church of Canada
Missions
Board Station.
Assisted with district Evangelistic work then with the Mission Hospital
administration work.
Became involved with Evangelistic and relief work among students at Wuhan
University
which had relocated to Jiading.
Due again to advancing Japanese forces into Szechwan Province, travelled to India
, being
taken to the LMS Misison Headquarters at Calcutta, remaining there for 7 months.
Left for England from Bombay via Suez, arriving at Plymouth the night before V-J
Day,
15 August 1945.
Carried out deputation work for the LMS, took on a teaching position at a private
School
and worked in the Selly Oak Missions Library in Birmingham.
Appointed as District Missionaries in Western Samoa, including Educational work at
Leulumoega Fou Boys' High School.
Left England for Western Samoa Aug 1946, travelling via NZ.
After two years appointed by the Samoan Church as Director of Education and given
the
the added responsibility of oversight for Teacher Training and all Village and
District Schools.
Spent regular furloughs in New Zealand, and arrived permanently 3rd August 1959.
Involved in establishing a Congregational Church at Papatoetoe and lectured in Old
Testament Prophets at the Congregational Theological College of New Zealand, and
appointed as acting Principal during 1969 until the College closed.
Inducted to Mt Eden View Road Congregational Church Auckland 15 August 1960.
Involved in the Committee for Church Union, the formation of the Inter-Church
Counselling
Service, the Joint Chaplaincy to Auckland University, the Inter-Church Committee
on
Theological Training and the Charismatic Renewal Movement.
Congregational Church - Entered PCNZ with the Congregational Church at the General

Assembly in 1969
Associate Minister St James Auckland AP 1969 - retired 31.3.1975
Died April 2009, aged 94 years.