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ADI Sponsored Student Assistant for PhD Project

In 2010 Asian Dynamics Initiative sponsored the hiring of a student assistant to help me with archival photo work. The stipend (10,000 DKr) was a great help in accomplishing my goal with the image side of my research.

The assistant, Line Rose Lenskjold, helped me collect, scan, and register photos from the Danmission Photo Archive as well as from published journals: This allowed us to construct an image database, which was – and still is – crucial to my research. As planned, I have used the images both as sources and as illustrations in my dissertation, which is entitled “Bringing Children Into the Fold, Danish Missionaries in Colonial South India, 1864-1918 (defended in 2012). I have also used the collected images in interviews to the public media. As I move on to publish my dissertation as a monograph, I plan to do even more work with the images.

Recently, a group working to digitalize the Danmission Photo Archive have approached me for help in making the archive available to students and scholars. Since I have happily agreed to do this, the work begun with the help of the ADI stipend will eventually be of benefit to a larger group of historians.

With much gratitude,

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