

These are letters from E. Pearce Hayes to wife Lily Hayes in Cal. of his fact finding trip starting 1/12/55 to apparently mid April 1955 and a few letters to Board of Missions.

Areas covered - Karachi, Pakistan, Delhi, Ludhiana, Lucknow, Madras, Hyderabad, Rangoon, Burma, Bangkok, Medan Sumatra, Penang, Singapore, Malaya, Selangor. Kuala Lkumpur, Malacca, Sibu, Sarawak, British North Borneo, Manial, Honghong (what is future under Communists) Formosa, Okinawa, and a letter to him from Board of MIssions in Korea, but no letter from him from Korea so he must have gone home from there.

He notes it was too fast a pace set up for the itinerary, he was mentally exhausted by the end though physically OK..He wished he could have had more time to talk with the missionaries. The letters were mostly personal to Mother. Mail was heavily censored so few "remarks" There were many former China people in all the areas (especially from Fukien)as missionaries. He felt a lack of understanding and appreciation by the locals of the situation in China at that time. In India and other areas of British influence he noticed much government funding - with 90% Hindus what is future if and when British leave- future for Methodist church work.

Among reports - apparent lack of use of budgets, coordination of efforts among various church groups, no conference program, lack of local leadership. "Methodist System broken down in SoEast Asia Central Conference" All so different from his experience in China and wished he could have had more time in each area to explain.

He sent 8,000 letters & answers from Sibu 3/5/55

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Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo
The Methodist Church
March 7, 1955

ANOTHER REPORT FROM ASIA

SIBU - FIND IT ON YOUR MAP - IN SARAWAK, BORNEO. Never heard of it?
It is one of the important fields of the Methodist Church where something of a mass movement among the Dyaks, former head hunters, is taking place.

I HAVE SEEN PAKISTAN, INDIA, BURMA, THAILAND, SUMATRA, MALAYA. I have yet to see before returning home April 21st, Borneo, the Philippines, Hongkong, Formosa, Okinawa, Korea and Japan, all centers of today's turmoil and uncertainties.

ASIA - HALF THE WORLD - TEEMING MILLIONS - AWAKE. What do they seek? They demand freedom, a "place in the sun", treatment as equals no longer thought of as backward peoples; they want to be accepted as brothers, co-workers in making a new world.

PAKISTAN SURPRISES THE WORLD WITH HER NEW VIGOR. Prophets of doom predicted that Pakistan could not survive separated from India, but today she shows remarkable vitality, wanting to become a democracy at the same time that some are crying for a modern Ataturk to lead, as he did in making a new Turkey. Recent events in Egypt are not lost in this Muslim land. At any rate, Pakistan remains a sincere and loyal friend of the U. S. A.

INDIA IS ON THE MARCH - WE MUST MARCH WITH HER. Where is she going? No one dares answer. To the constantly put question, "Will India go Communist?" the answers were an emphatic yes or not depending upon the speaker. Certainly no land has been more drastic in treatment of Communists in her midst while at the same time she seems to be neutral or pro-red on international levels. This is explained as being the only realistic way to live near a grasping neighbor.

There may be increasing difficulties in our missionary program here but we must go on with deeper devotion to Christ and all that He means. Remember that there are more Methodist missionaries in India today than at any time in the last 30 years.

BURMA - "CHRISTIANITY HAS FAILED: LET US BUILD A NEW WORLD." This is what an awakened Buddhism is saying in its revival as evidenced in the new Buddhist University in Rangoon. Danger in Burma today lies in the common conviction that peace can be secured merely through acquiescence, through their religion.

THAILAND IS AMERICA'S FRIEND BUT WEAK. No land is more friendly; the government is heroically building up her defences against the threatening neighbor to the north but most admit insufficient strength to hold against any all-out attack. This is one of the few countries in Asia where Methodists are not at work.

SUMATRA - LAND OF BEAUTY AND OF VOILENT TURMOIL. Made independent without adequate training or leadership, Indonesia is trying to build a nation in a hurry. They have recognized Red China and are now finding how much that makes for division rather than unity. The Church carries on here with heroic devotion against heart-breaking odds, but I saw much for which to be deeply thankful and also very humble.

MALAYA - PEACE AND INSURRECTION. As one rides through jungles or along miles of rubber trees it is hard to sense that only by terrific costs has Great Britain held this land from collapse at the hands of Communist guerillas. Britain has fought hard here a battle for world democracy and we owe a deep debt to her.

Christian schools flourish under government aid but the Church lags behind; there is a new sense of urgency in building a self supporting, indigenous Church which can carry on if the worst should happen. If prayers and sympathetic understanding were ever needed, Malaya needs that from the Methodist Church as never before, -and we must not fail her.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE IN ASIA: THE TIDE IS TURNING. The total impression from Pakistan to Malaya is that the facts of Communism in China are becoming better known and there is a turning away on the part of the more intelligent people but that propaganda among the lower classes has been stepped up and is winning. Time is on our side, -that is, if we can have enough of it.

DON'T FORGET JAPAN I.C.U. - STILL HIGH IN CHURCH STRATEGY. I am still the representative in American Methodism for I.C.U. and part of my larger responsibility is to secure the Methodist share of the budget. Please stand by me on I.C.U.

IF YOU EVER INTENDED HELPING CHRIST IN ASIA, DO IT NOW. Never has a gift meant more than your gift will mean today. My task, in addition to I.C.U., will be to find support for "work in strategic areas of Asia". Please continue to send your gifts marked for "work of E. Pearce Hayes"; you may suggest I.C.U. or the land in Asia where you want it to go. I must find 100s of new donors, as well as large endowments and memorial gifts.

DARE THE CHURCH FALTER IN A DAY LIKE THIS? I Knew too well the heart of the Methodist Church to have such fears. If our people know the facts and feel the challenge, I have faith they will respond.

DYNAMITE IN ASIA - WE GAVE IT WHEN WE GAVE CHRIST. Let us never forget that the many-sided revolutions in Asia today, with a new evaluation of man and personality, a new sense of destiny, and world justice and brotherhood, all stem in their original motivation from the Person of Christ. Our task today is to share the deeper meanings of His Life which alone can build a new world.

Yours in the task of building a new world,



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Itinerary for Rev. E. Pearce Hayes

Wednesday - January 5th - 8:35 PM - Leave Los Angeles - AAL #608
 Thursday " 6th - 9:15 AM - Arrive New York (LaGuardia Airport)
 Friday " 7th - 3:30 PM - Leave New York (Idlewild Airport) - PAA #70-6 (T)
 Saturday " 8th - 8:00 AM - Arrive London, probably at Grosvenor Hotel,
 not Grosvenor House
 Sunday " 9th - 8:30 AM - Leave London - PAA #8 (T)
 Monday " 10th - 1:10 PM - Arrive Karachi
 Tuesday " 11th)
 through ") - In Karachi
 Sunday " 16th)
 Monday " 17th - 2:30 PM - Leave Karachi - PAA #8 (T)
 5:50 PM - Arrive Delhi. *2/0 Delhi*
 Daily - 8:00 AM - Leave Delhi - India Airlines #401
 12:45 PM - Arrive Calcutta
 Monday - February 7th - 9:40 AM - Leave Calcutta - BOAC #787 (T)
 3:20 PM - Arrive Rangoon
 Tuesday " 8th) -
 Wednesday " 9th) In Rangoon
 Thursday " 10th - 3:15 AM - Leave Rangoon - PAA #2 (T)
 5:15 AM - Arrive Bangkok at Oriental Hotel
 Friday " 11th - In Bangkok
 Saturday " 12th - 8:30 AM - Leave Bangkok - ~~TAKE~~ Malayan Airways #~~106~~ 305
 1:09 PM - Arrive Penang
 Mondays & ~~Thursdays~~ 14th 11:40 AM - Leave Penang - Malayan Airways #239
 11:50 AM - Arrive Medan
 Sundays, ~~Wednesdays~~ & Fridays 18 10:50 AM - Leave Medan - Garuda Airways, #233
 3:40 AM - Arrive Palembang
~~Wednesdays~~ & Saturdays 19th 1:00 PM - Leave Palembang - Malayan Airways #216
 3:30 PM - Arrive Singapore
~~MEMBER~~ February 28th - 6:30 AM - Leave Singapore - Malayan #408 (F)
 11:20 AM - Arrive Sibu
 March 1st)
 through ") - In Sibu
 Sunday " 6th)



Monday - March 7th - 11:40 AM - Leave Sibu - Malayan #408 (F)
1:55 PM - Arrive Labuan

Tuesday " 8th - 6:00 AM - Leave Labuan - Cathay Pacific #314 (F)
10:15 AM - Arrive Manila

Wednesday " 9th)
Monday " 14th) - In the Philippines - side trip to Davao via Cebu - saily service

Tuesday " 15th - 8:00 AM - Leave Manila - PAL #302
11:10 AM - Arrive Hongkong

Wednesday " 16th)
through " 20th) - In Hong Kong
Sunday

Monday " 21st - 8:00 AM - Leave Hong Kong - NWA #064 (T)
10:55 AM - Arrive Taipei

Tuesday " 22nd)
Wednesday " 23rd) - In Formosa
Thursday " 24th)

Friday " 25th - 11:00 PM - Leave Taipei - Civil Air Transport #108 (T)
Saturday " 26th - 1:30 AM - Arrive Okinawa

Sunday " 27th - In Okinawa

Monday " 28th - 3:15 PM - Leave Okinawa - NWA #864 (T)
7:50 PM - Arrive Tokyo

Tuesday " 29th)
through " 3rd) - In Japan
Sunday April

Monday " 4th - 8:00 AM - Leave Tokyo - NWA #871 (T)
12:10 Noon-Arrive Seoul

Tuesday " 5th) -
through " 13th) In Korea
Wednesday

Sat. 16th 3:50 PM Northwest Airlines #876
Thursday " 14th - ~~2:20 PM~~ Leave Seoul - Civil Air Transport #103 (T)
~~2:20 PM~~ Arrive Tokyo
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Friday " 15th)
through " 19th) - In Japan
Tuesday

Wednesday " 20th - 9:00 PM - Leave Tokyo - NWA #500 (T)
Cross International Date Line and gain a day
" " " 10:50 PM - Arrive Seattle

Thursday " 21st - 8:00 AM - Leave Seattle - WAL #731 (T)
3:44 PM - Arrive Los Angeles

Karachi, 1/12/55

Dearest Lily;-

I will be writing up my diary and impressions and mail on to you every few days. I find that I may have to be careful as to what I write in some countries, especially in India.

Although they may not be interested, and may not have time, I would like to have these diaries available to Ann, Bruce, and Don. Talk it over with Ann, see if they would want to scan them over and somehow mail them on to the others, and then back to you.

I am making an extra copy and may mail the second copy to you a week or two later, so as to be sure of your receiving at least one. I shall need them on return for reference, of course.

Mails seem to have been slow, due they say to the Christmas rush, my letters coming out here taking 10 days. I have not yet had anything from you and that probably explains. I sent you a cable on arrival here, feeling that you would be anxious to know about my getting that far safely.

Tonight I start out on the "Mail", second class, with an upper, leaving at 8 P.M. and getting to a town where we have a church, at 3;40 PM tomorrow. Keisler, the Lahore missionary will meet me there, and he will have with him the negro bishop and his wife, the Bowens, and we will go on together to Lahore.

From what I have seen so far, I could only wish that I had Lily Hayes to receive me as a guest, with all her care and special planning, in Futsing and Foochow. There are certainly differences.

Well, one of the weeks has gone by, and may the others speed along too. I meant to talk to you before I left, and forgot, - couldn't you get the lady at Hartzell to take you on again? I wish you would. Then I wish you could have guests in for a few days at time, to make the house a little more full of life. Be sure to get to PCC affairs, and Civis Auditorium; please take in some of the musical things that are on the schedule for Jan. and Feb.

Harold Brewster writes of a very unhappy situation in Sarawak among the missionary group; Frank had also written. Harold says he has written Frank and Gene Smith, urging me to hang around there awhile and try to straighten it out. That's not my job, and I am happy that I am committed to a schedule. Just too many small people in large jobs!

Time to go out to see more of the city. How I miss you and love you, Lily!

Yours always, *Beane*

Delhi, India, Jan. 18, 1955

Dearest Girl;-

I had a nice trip over from Lahore this morning on an Indian Airlines DC-3 plane, Indian pilot, etc., who made a perfect landing here. We were served tea or rather coffee and cakes en route, - really nice service.

A friend who was at Bishop Pickett's house came out to the airport to meet me and it was very nice to have someone there; their car had been sent for repairs and was back just after plane time.

I got through customs, etc. very quickly, with no trouble at all, and we were here in no time. But, to my dropping heart, in the pile of mail for me there was nothing from you. I had thought that at least a letter forwarded from Karachi would be here. They say mail comes usually now in 7-8-9 days, so one ought to be here soon. If I get nothing here before I head south, I will certainly have to phone you to find if everything is all right.

My guess is that all is all right or I would have heard but that Christmas season held up mails, and that letters are en route. Please let's agree that we will immediately inform the other if there is sickness or any difficulty at all. Won't you please do that, Lily? I must know.

I am staying here in the same room or suite where you and I stayed; Mrs. P. says it is a shame that you are not along, that she never forgot your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending things for her from Hongkong. She said that she hoped you received her letter concerning them, and I told her I thought you surely must have had it, but I do not recall. Did you receive her letter?

My first general impression is that India is very definitely on the up, and well being is in the air, - that is, as compared to 1951 when we were here. There is a something in the air that is different, that the people have found a pride, a sense that they are people on their own and making it work. That is a powerful thing of course.

Pakistan was very interesting, but it seemed so backward, so slow, the deadening influence of the women all veiled seems so much like centuries ago; it is depressing. Then the heavy dust everywhere I went is so overpowering that it seems to deaden everything. Coming into Delhi seems like coming into the promised land and Bishop Pickett says that is the impression of so many people.

The young man who came to meet me at the airport is the son of one of the cabinet members, who has just recently joined the church. That is interesting and certainly shows some strength in the present Church. He and his father, (commission of planning and reconstruction) were in the USA for 9 months. He is arranging a dinner at his home with a small group of officials, military men, and government people, to share their views of India of today. That is of course just what I want.

I am very anxious to know whether a letter came to Pasadena from Dennis and Pyke in Sumatra; if so, of course you have forwarded them. I had told them to write me here care of Bishop Pickett if there was no time to reach me before I left, but there is nothing here from them.

Henry and family live only 17 miles from here I am told, and I shall most certainly get a chance to see them; Bishop Pickett says Henry is doing a fine job in an approach to more earning capacity openings for our rural Christians, a much needed

advance, in which apparently they are experimenting with in their field.

I leave tomorrow night for the northwest, back toward the border of Pakistan, too far from the Lahore area, to Ludhianna; I shall leave by night train, and be back here on the morning of the 21st. The fine new medical college of the north, that is, Christian, is there and it is one of the projects I was urged to see. Dr. Tucker from Foochow is the Methodist representative there.

I have not yet had a chance to sit down with Bishop P. to work on schedule but we will do that tonight. There is a meeting of the all India Finance Committee and Executive Committee of the Methodist Church in Lucknow on Feb. 4-5, and I shall come back from South India to Lucknow, for those two days. It will give me a chance to meet all the leaders, and to sit in on meetings and hear what they are planning. Then I shall hurry on to Calcutta in time to get my plane out on the 7th for Rangoon.

Landing in India gave me a boost in spirits from another point of view. It means that I am heading home in a much more real fashion, as my journey heads east. What a wonderful concept HOME is, and what meaning it has for me, - with you there.

Mrs. Picket just drove down town a bit and I went with her. She drives all around here. How I wish you could have learned to drive and could make use of the car. I feel terrible to have you grounded as you are. I do hope you will have people in with you, get out a lot, play the organ, go to concerts, etc. (yes, we can afford it, I heard what you said) Please be sure that someone drives the car a bit each week if possible.

Same old story of love, with a prayer for that letter tomorrow. I hope my letters are getting to you in time.

Yours always.

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2/3/55

Dearest Lily:-
I arrived here this morning from Delhi; I have been on the move the past few days for sure and am happy to "settle" down here for awhile in the home of Dr. Ebright, a Methodist, loaned to India N.C.C. to head up their program; what I have seen and heard is very encouraging; they also have a weekly half-hour of Christian broadcast which is good.

Let me go back a bit. First big news on arrival last night at Picketts was your letter of 1/24; Lily, you will never realize how I love you for the letters that come. Without them, I would feel tempted to ditch everything and get home. I do appreciate them from the bottom of my heart.

I wrote you from Madras after return from Vellore Med. Col. I had a good sleep, but had to get up at 5 AM to shave, pack, and be off for airport at 5:50. Plane took off at 7 and we got into Delhi at 3 P.M. a long day, with two stops, at Hyderabad and Nagpur.

Bishop Mondol came down to the plane to meet me; I had originally been scheduled to stay with them, but Mrs. Mondol was not well, so I stayed at Stanley Girls' School. Suddenly on Sunday, she was completely bowled over by pain, and they rushed her to the hospital, called the top surgeon from Sunday afternoon bridge party, and he operated immediately. He reported that had they delayed several hours more, it would have been too late. It was adhesions from an appendix operation of several years ago, wrapped around her intestines. Bp. M. reported that she was still in danger, but doctors felt she would pull through; has wanted me to report here at the All India Ad-interim com. abd bishops' meeting.

He introduced me at Hyderabad to several men in the airline (Mondol's son was in a poll ranked #1 pilot last year) one of whom was going on our plane to Nagpur where they had had an accident early in the morning in which 4 crew and 6 passengers were killed, shortly after take-off; this man was going up to investigate. Strange, this is the 3rd such accident in Nagpur in 3 years, evidently sabotage; Indian Air has a very fine record for few accidents.

Henry Lacy and 2 youngster, 2 oldest boys, Doug and forget other name, met me at airport, and then I went out to Gaziabad to their home, and had a most enjoyable time, dinner with some folks in, and saw all his work, and Henry and Elizabeth brought me to Picketts about 10:30, and to bed about midnight; up at 5:45 this morning, caught plane and here.

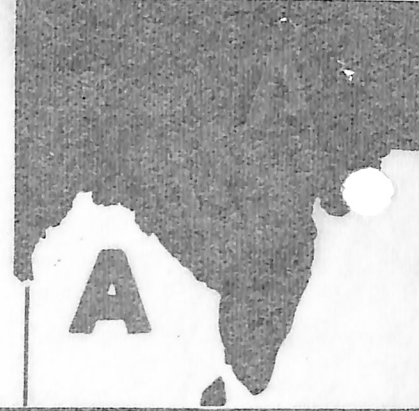
Henry is doing a bang-up job there; I had heard of the fine program ever since landing in India; it is really good. It is just the kind of thing you mentioned in your letter, not just carrying on old stereotyped missionary preaching program. They are doing some industrial work, carpentry, sewing, now have started a tanning factory with an expert tanner from Australia. All this for uplift of village life (working in 5-6 villages) many of them Christians, outcasts, with no livelihood. Henry found that all around his area they outcasts handled the preliminary work of hides, then all had to be shipped more than 300 miles to Campore, and back to Delhi. He discovered it could be all done right there; cheaper, and give livelihood to all these people; it

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It is being much appreciated by the government; then too there is a school, boys and girls, and also teacher training. Literacy teams out in villages for 3 months at a time, health, etc. in fact reaching out to the community in every conceivable way, all in a Christian service program, and they are also getting results for the Church. I was much impressed.

It is called the Ingraham Institute, money left by a retired D.S. of the Methodist Church, who caught a vision of this thing years ago. His widown lives at 10 Orange Grove, Pasadena, and Henry wants me to call on her and report.

I am wondering if you can read this double page letter; I'll try to write between lines and this make it legible.

Now to come to some of your letters; imagine it, 3 letters from you and not yet answered. I want comment on just reports of family doings, etc. I am deeply thankful for getting them; particularly happy that you and Ann have had time together and that you could help Dorothy. Thanks for payin- World Affairs dues.

On arrival here I have a letter from Zimmerman, YMCA man in Thailand and he also suggests the same place to stay as I reported to you, as suggested by Bp. Archer. Zimmerman is trying to get my Indonesian visa for me. So I am writing today to cancel Oriental Hotel; I'll check there, how- ever in case you have written me there.

Sorry for Benedicti Class, Hung. Park, worry; I just can't answer it from here; it probably was a long time being reported from N.Y. You can always truthfully tell such folks, that the money gets to work, even if reports to us do not come so fast.

Glad you are speaking at Woman's Club, Altadena, etc. Do all such you can, for you do have a story to tell and everybody likes you; you owe it to the cause we are giving our lives for to tell it when you can.

So glad you could have that time with Dorothea, and that the Concert and Preliminary Lecture were so good. Did you get any indication of her being interested in the man we saw her with that time?

Our board sends on to J.I.C.U. Foundation office in N.Y. any checks made out to them; but those in the name of the Board are probably deposited in Board Account and sent to ICU in one check. And

ICU also thanks the donors too. I had heard of the time you mentioned in your letter, not just yours or the 23rd again raises the question of my ally item/ I am truly sorry, it can be only

Delhi, I feel, interesting that before I left I did not know that my plans would be. As soon as Mrs. Pickett has been out in the itinerary in India I wrote you in detail, and you must have that how I am not putting such of individual mission projects in my notes as I am doing another writeup for that. I am with you in the fear that we err if we just carry on routine; it is a new day, and

an entirely new world we live in here. India of today is worlds moved on since we saw it in 1951

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You certainly have worked wonders in the garages, judging from description. Organization does the trick. I wonder if there is much of value in my old trunk. Glad you and the bird are progressing.

Clothes have worked out well so far; actually could get on with less, as I wash frequently. Interesting that my old standby, nylon thin shirt, is still the best, better than the dacron. The dacron wash and dry quickly, look better but seem to pick up dirt on the sleeves and collar almost immediately which is not true of the old nylon. I can't understand it.

Shoes, underwear, ties, etc. all working out as planned. Funny I carried rain things in my travel bag from LA to Delhi last night, never used them once; decided it was folly, so put them in suitcase. Result? Landed in rain in Lucknow but they gave us umbrellas so did not get wet. But now, near time for tea at Isabella Thorburn College, it is pouring buckets, rain due at Christmas. Will dig out my overshoes.

The extra pair of light tan pants I was "forced" into buy have been a good send as the others got so dirty. Am getting them dry-cleaned here, - 1 day service. Moral? Yes, it is wise to follow the wife, especially if she is one like I have. Plastic bags have worked out all right too and I believe it is the best arrangement. Electric razor too is OK except for the one day on train from Karachi.

Within an hour after arrival here, ran into Mrs. Blair who is here in Is. Thorburn with her sister, looks well and is very happy, teaching some and working in the library; she and her sister have bought one of the small cars and are having a good time. She now is hoping to stay on for another year.

When I left I urged you to get rid of the trees in the front; if what the man said is true, that they will keep on growing, someday we would have to do it. It will be more expensive as they get larger, and there is always danger of falling, when larger. It may make a "hole" for awhile but it seems wisest to me. You do what you think best, including taking out the fruit tree while you are at it, if you want to.

Your letter came, but not yet the one you mention from Frank. C. Evidently it is in reply to the one Harold Brewster wrote me he was sending. Since then I have mailed you Harold's letter so you will have background. I'll try to keep notes for Frank, but of course now it is Tracey Jones' problem.

Time to go with clothes and for tea. How I miss you. - only 76 days now, they are moving along, that is less than 11 weeks. Bad enough, but making progress. Almost a month has passed; they are making them with more than 4 weeks, it seems.

Yours always.

no time to re-read

Peace

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Lee Memorial, Calcutta, India.
Feb. 6, 1955

Dearest Girl;-

As I told you I will try to get off my writeups of India after I reach Rangoon, but I am not up to date; I find I just can not keep up the pace set for me, and I am not letting myself be forced too much. I am determining what I am to do.

I had a good time in Lucknow, saw Mrs. Blair in the library at Isabella Thoburn College; she is well and very happy; I noticed in the hallway, a fountain such as we have in the USA, with the water coming out as one presses the foot, electrically cooled. All the water is boiled and then taken up stairs to drain down. People have always here used ice and cold drinks and this seems wonderful. Above it, is a memorial to Dr. Frederic H. Blair.

At the tea for the guests at annual Board meeting of the Lucknow Christian College (I was invited and did sit in on it) I met a Mr. Hayes, Presbyterian at Allahabad, the first agricultural institute founded in India by Sam Higginbottom; he was from Pasadena; so three Pasadenans were together the same day.

Next day the plane to here was Southern California. Also were two Pasadenans, Dr. and Mrs. L. Paulus, the one American Nobel Peace prize winner, on his way back from receiving the prize, and invited to tour India; he of course is Cal Tech; we had several pleasant talks. Also on board were the team of Cinerama, led by Lowell Thomas (he was not along) a group of Hollywood producer, shooters, etc. We too had several talks, some fine attitudes, others only trouble makers for American prestige. I came on an earlier plane with some of them too. Then another man on board was a Methodist from near Gaithersburg, Md., who had lived down below Annapolis for years, knows Prince Frederick well. He is out here studying tea, and tobacco and spices. Last week, met another Meth., editor of a paper in Minneapolis, fine man but one who never had any conception of what the Church has done, in education, medicine, and in the whole gamut of releasing individual personalities; he goes home an entirely different man; was out here, by air for his month of vacation only.

Am staying here where I came just about 11 years ago when I jumped over the Hump. Calcutta does not seem to me to have changed much, same rush, and crowds, and it has not cleaned up much as far as I can see. It is now almost 6,000,000, the largest city in India. Lee Memorial has done a fine work here; the Griffiths are really remarkable people who have only 1 more term and the problem is where ever to find anyone to take their place.

I hope everything is in order to get off tomorrow; so many people seem to be held up in getting out, for things they were never told of, income tax receipts (that is, Ind. tax), and police clearance, etc. It seems that I am OK, but one can never tell. Plane leaves tomorrow morning at 9:40. Am anxious to get to Burma and see it.

Griffiths told me to take 2 of stamps in his box, so the enclosed are from him. I do not want to give any way, until I find whether I have duplicates, I mean other duplicates

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already in my collection, so you had better just hold these, please.

No letter here, I hardly expected any. I will expect one in Rangoon; possibly there are other letters in India trying to catch me; but they will catch me finally en route.

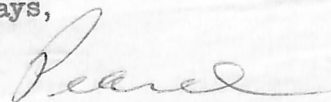
Can you believe it, that we are past the one month mark of the day of leaving you? It has travelled very slowly, but it is only 73 now, just a little over 10 weeks, and I am very definitely now heading east toward home.

Also met at Rotary in Lucknow the other night a Univ. of Wash. professor, head of the International Relations department, who is taking a year to tour the world, on his sabbatical leave; he has been in Lucknow previously, and is now spending three months there. He is Dr. Charles E. Martin. You might mention it to Don; I told him of Don. It is indeed a small world.

Had tea, bread, banana at 6 this morning, then to English service, communion at the historic old Thoburn Church (I preached there when last here) at 9 AM and "breakfast" at 10;30; tiffin will be in a few minutes at 3; and dinner at 7;30 or 8 tonight. Every Sunday evening, all the Methodists eat together here so I'll have a chance to meet them all.

Much more I could tell, but not now. With this goes the same old story of love, and anxiety about you, your health, your filling of the time, etc. I'll be satisfied and at ease when I get home. Have you started organ again? You have not mentioned it. PLEASE do it.

Yours always,



Bangkok, 2/10/55

Dearest Lily;-

Another glorious and happy surprise to go into the Oriental Hotel today and find a letter from you, written on the 1st, received here on the 8th.

I almost missed my plane out of Rangoon; when we got to the airfield at 2 AM, which was the latest time they said we could get there, I found all about ready to close up at the customs, and immigration, etc., as the plane was to take off in a few minutes. I have never been through customs in such hurry, bags not even weighed, passport hurriedly scanned to write down numbers and I was shoved off.

It seems that fog was reported coming in and they got off 1 1/4 hours early to escape it. Nice trip, I slept all the way. Got through customs, etc. here easily, in fact, the nicest handling of any to date. Thailand has not demanded a visa of US for years.

Zimmerman, Y secretary called me from town and said to come in to the Urocadero Hotel, end of the line of the airport bus, and he met me there, and brought me to the Presbyterian Guest House, run by a Miss Irvin, Pres. missionary, formerly in N. China. It is a very nice place and I am comfortably fixed, except for the heat and prickly heat as I expected, even in this "winter" weather.

A letter from Ann was also there; tell her I got it, and will try to reply some time soon. It was good of her and I appreciated it.

Zimmerman took me to Rotary and it is an interesting group. You know Bangkok is the Asia sub-office of U.N. and the place is full of every nationality. At Rotary was 4 princes of the royal family, addressed as His Highness, but actually typical mixers as much as any other Rotarian. Indian Ambassador to Thailand were there, also Aust. Ambassador, the chief advisor to the Thai King, and also his foreign minister, so it was quite a group to meet.

Of course there is always a Pasadenan around, a Presbyterian doctor here, who lives on N. Garfield, sat opposite me.

Tomorrow the Pres. head man, Mr. Ryburn, is taking me around to see some of the city and church work.

Zimmerman took me to see the Indo-nesian Ambassador, another His Highness, also very democratic, good English, and he very quickly got my visa OK-ed. I was a little worried about that.

Possibly more later, must stop now. Yours as ever.

2/11/55. It was hot last night, at least to me. But I survived and will continue to do so, I expect. My passage on Malayan Airline to Penang on the 13th is not yet confirmed, as a large party, Pakistan Hockey team is en route, but I am still hoping and will work on it this morning. If I can not get to Penang, my trip to Sumatra will have to be shifted somehow, I can't figure it myself; Pan Am will have to help me.

You ask about the "strategic value" of that dusty spot in Pakistan; it is a natural question but it has also shown to the country at large, for the project is well known, what a dedicated group of Christian farmers can do, and often in gov t. resettlement plans where the going is hard, they ~~they~~ remark that people must show the kind of missionary spirit shown at Stuntzabad.

Mosquitoes are bad here, worse this year than usual they say, house is well screened, however, and they are not troubled with malaria, just a few isolated cases from elsewhere they say.

Yours,

Pearce

Enclosed are street car checks in Bangkok, Pam and Renee might be interested; also stickers of Malayan Airline possibly of interest. Two days ago wrote to 3 children and to Beth & Ed.

Sunday 2/13/55

Penang

Dearest Girl:-

You are truly a great one; on landing here and getting into the car, Mr. Runyon handed me a letter from you. What a thrill it gives me and how much comfort and joy.

I am sorry that you have been perplexed as to where and how to catch me but there was simply no way by which I could tell you of my itinerary. In fact, what I thought was finally set up has just been changed by Bishop Archer.

Schedules of course out here have to change with circumstances and I find that since there are now no missionaries in Palembang, that I will go to Medan, Sumatra, and stay 3 days and then fly back here and on to Ipoh for the night, and work down the peninsula and end up in Singapore.

Here is schedule but it is too late for you to write anywhere and I'll of course hear from you when I reach Singapore. You have proven a wonderfully fine comrade with all the letters to date.

2/17 Leave Medan , arrive Penang and on to Ipoh by 4 P.M. Harry Haines from West China is there.

- 18 by car visit Taiping and Sitiawan (where Evelyn Mercer is stationed)
19 by car to Teluk Anson, where Wesley Day (remember them, from W.China, and Balto.) is
" " to Kuala Lumpur for night
20th in Kuala Lumpur
21 to Raub and Bentong, by car, back to K.B. for night
22 to Kuantan (on east coast) by air, spend night
23 back to K. L. and in afternoon visit Klang and Port Swettenham
24 by car to Seremban (Where Jernigans are) and Malacca
25 day in Malacca and plane at 6:10 to Singapore (and letters from)
26-7 in Singapore
28, 6:30 AM to Sibul, Malaya Airways. (These are all British planes and Brit pilots.)

Do you recall that happy little episode here in Penang, that night before our ship took off, when we walked down the streets to see the sights and then rode back to the ship in the cool of the evening in the front seated rickshaw? That has always stuck in my memory. As soon as I saw them today, how I wished for another ride with you.

But time is moving, and it won't be too long now.

The new battery is mo-huak, just have to get one. I would not buy the most expensive because we intend to sell the car and any battery will work for a year or so. By all means, get a battery; a car is not safe to be kept unable to get out in an emergency. I doubt if we could collect insurance in case of trouble if it had no battery.

Hope you have good time at WWCS meeting with Mrs. Artz. Certainly Carroll Alcott ought to know better and ought to be corrected. Write him and tell him; he would appreciate it. You can find in the paper the Radio station where he reports each night and write him in care of that station.

Going out with the Runyons with a Hindu young man, member of the church here for a simple vegetarian dinner. I'd rather stay home but one has to go at such times. Wish you were along.

Yours always, and with lots of love.

Renee

not
down
in 1976

at Ipoh, Marion Cole at
Singapore.

Medan, Sumatra, 2/16/55

Dearest Girl:-

This is written in Sumatra, but will be mailed in Penang or Ipoh, possibly in Ipoh, and thus you will know that I have made the trip to Sumatra and back to the mainland safely.

I leave Medan about 12:30 P.M. and arrive at Penang in 1 hour and 10 minutes, have a wait over for connection with another plane in, and off in about an hour for Ipoh which is not too far away, arriving there about 4 P.M., I believe.

I believe Ipoh is where Marion Cole is, and I believe some one else from Foochow; Ellen Suffern and Florence Smith are down in Singapore, Gusta reports, so I will see lots of Fukien people.

The work here is divided into strong Chinese work and also work among the former cannibal Bataks, among whom now there is a very strong church movement. In fact, about 90% of the Methodist membership here is among the Bataks.

I visited yesterday one of their villages, walking back from the small dirt auto road for half an hour to a clearing in the jungle, with papaya, bananas, coconuts and pineapples all around. We had to cross small rushing streams on the rounded trunks of felled coconut trees. No sides on them, it was just a matter of balance, as the bridges swayed back and forth.

But the visit was worth it. Within 10 minutes, the crudely constructed, thatched roof, open air church was packed, over 250, and we were invited to "say a few words", which I was happy to do.

They are planning to build a new church, out of wood, concrete floor and corrugated iron roof; this is the regular construction pattern here. They have already cut the wood, fine, hard woods, and carried it in; it will cost \$27,000 in local money and they have already raised \$7,000. The remainder, \$20,000 is about US\$650. They have 48 families as members; they follow our Futsing custom of taking in, not individuals, but families, so as not to have a divided family, with one a Muslim and one a Christian, etc.; very wise.

Clothes, razor, etc. all working OK to date. It means more washing out of clothes as we get down here in this hotter country. I brought over here only one suitcase, leaving the other with Runyon who will bring it, most of my US bills, and my overcoat, to the airport where I will pick it up for my trip down the peninsula.

I'll just look over your last letter, the one that surprised me in Penang which I acknowledged but did not answer. The comment by Carroll Alcott is surley strange; I hope you have dropped him a line. I see I did answer it, urging you to get a car battery, as you probably have already done long before this. Glad Bishop Valencia is expecting me. I knew him at Drew; he is a good chap. My guess is that it will be as hot there as anywhere on my trip.

By the time you receive this, more than half of my trip will be over, but as it is, I am definitely heading home with every day's moves, and believe me, HOME looks sweet to me. The same old story, Lily.

As ever,

Peace

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Ipoh, Malaya, 2/17, 1955

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Nice trip from Medan to Penang, clear weather, beautiful sea; met at airport by Runyon and his wife, with my extra suitcase and overcoat.

Had only 30 minute stop, through customs, etc., and off again for the 45 minute hop^e to here, Ipoh, city of 100,000, center of tin mines and rubber plantations, also hotbed around in the mountains of red activity.

Everyone says that only the presence of the British makes it possible to live here.

Leave tomorrow morning at 8:30 for a round of cities, spend the night at Sitiawan, where the solid Foochow population lives, Evelyn Mercer there. Then back here by car and off in the afternoon for Kuala Lumpur.


Marion seems well, but the climate is tiring, temperature is 90-95 all the time, but cool at nights they say, I haven't felt it yet.

The cook here is a Futsing man, and he has enjoyed talking, and so have I.

I think the enclosed writeup of the Sumatra trip may be of interest to the children. It was a beautiful spot indeed, and would be lovely but for the ever increasing power of the Reds.

Am anxious to reach Singapore and a letter or two from you. But time is moving on. When I get to Singapore, I will feel that the battle is more than $\frac{1}{2}$ over.

Yours always, with lots of love.



PS A group just coming in for dinner; must go.

Robert F. Lundy

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, 2/20/55

Dearest Lily;-

Here I am heading for Singapore, - and letters from you, - but will not get there until this coming Friday night, and this is Sunday.

I have not had time to write my days up to date but I am sending on these few pages because you will be interested in some of it, I am sure. This is the first time I have been through the Malay Peninsula and I am much impressed with what the British have done, - in a physical way.

I arrived here last night by plane from Ipoh just 55 minutes ride, and am at our mission residence with this young couple, 2 boys and a girl, - a nice family, the parents from the South.

I preached at Wesley Church this morning, about 450 present, and the young people were strongly in evidence, and they are fine singers. Last night, about 35 at the M.Y.F. where I spoke, were also a fine group.

Then went to the WDCCS house for dinner and just returned, to this letter. One lady is formerly from Kiukiang, Miss Schielman, I believe it is, and another WDCCS lady and a single girl, Malay - 3, Miss Way, from Texas. They teach in the Girls' School, of about 2,000 students.

In about 30 minutes we are going out to see some of Kuala Lumpur which is the largest city next to Singapore, quite modern and very attractive built on hill sides.

(English friend of mine, in track!)
I am going to see Ethel Izzard who lives just 4-5 miles from here; tried to get her by phone but could not, hope she is home.

Tomorrow morning early we leave and I am to spend the day in the west end of the large Pahang State, a whole new development, something like the "wild west" in its pioneer days, I am told. Then I am brought back early the next morning to here, which they all call K.L., to get the plane for the ride to Kuantan, the capital of this new Pahang State, which is way over on the formerly undeveloped east coast.

I'll spend the night there, and fly back, then off to Al Jernigan's station Seremban, and then on to another station and end up in the old city of Malacca for the night with Waldo Reinohl, of Southern California, then on to Singapore for Friday night.

The visits here so far have shown an abysmal lack of appreciation of the situation in China. The other disturbing element to me has been the great overpowering influence of the Christian schools, - fine, doing a great work, but largely financed by British Government and often by non-Christian gifts, to the overlooking of the building of a strong indigenous Church. With 90% of the voting populace Malay, who are all Hindus, when the British some day get out and turn over to the local people, where will Christian schools stand under a Muslim controlled government?? Some have faith. I imagine if they schools which have not been government aided may be able to survive, but here even missionary teachers are paid by the British government.

Am still well and hope the mosquitoes will not cause me trouble; there is very little malaria here, I am told. I try to protect myself as best I can. I surely hope you keep well. Just imagine tomorrow means just exactly two months left before I am back with you, and one is a short month. just 59 more days, that is, only little over 8 weeks. Lots of love, Lily, As always, Yours, *Rever*

Kuantan, Pahang, Malaya
2/22/55

Dearest Lily:-

Closer every day to Singapore, and those letters. Am I anxious for Friday night to come? This is only Tuesday noon.

Let me go back to yesterday morning for I have covered much ground since then, as I wrote you on Sunday afternoon.

Early Monday morning I left with the Lundy family, who were driving the 150 miles to Penang where he is speaking for a week's meetings. About 50 miles from Kuala Lumpur, I was met by Miss Mitchell's car, and the Lundy's went on north.

The driver was a Hinghwa man, so we got along fairly well; he had never been there but knew enough Foochow to get by. Isn't it interesting how the Hinghwa people are drivers in so many places? You remember in Foochow, etc., most of them were Hinghwa men.

We drove for 3 hours over the mountain range, almost 3,500 feet, through solid jungle, a beautiful trip, across the range that runs north and south; we crossed it at what you may find on the map as Fraser's Hill; it is the summer resort. Then on down into Raub where Miss Mitchell lives.

This place, Raub, is in Pahang, the largest state, the capital of which is where I am now, Kuantan; it is the critical pioneer state on the east coast. Raub is an old town, center of the Australian Gold Mine Co. one of the largest in the world.

Ancient history here indicates that King Solomon knew of the mine, and local history also goes way back concerning it. There are 27 Australians there and 2 more en route (why send missionaries? We have 1 single lady in this area) We went through some of it.

That region was the center of Gist activity and their training grounds; everywhere we saw abandoned villages, rubber plantation etc. where people had been moved out, to the "new villages". What a loss with all those rubber trees just not being used. Curfew has been at 6, and all en route we saw signs indicating that no one was allowed off the road; anyone found beyond the sign would be shot without questioning, and frequent armed lorries were passed on the mountains.

After tiffin with teachers and pastor, etc., Miss Mitchell drove me over to Bentone, farther east where a single man, Ted Miles lives in a very attractive house set on the hillside, above his school. Paul and Blanche honeymooned at Fraser Hill and Paul designed the house, and it is really very practical and attractive; After it was built they visited and spent a night there.

Early this morning, 6:30 we started a long drive back to Kuala Lumpur where I got the plane for an hour ride to here, more of it later, going to lunch in a few minutes. Love as always,

Peace

Klang, Selangor, Malaya
2/23/55

Dearest Girl:-

Well, here I am again, at another place. I left Kuantan this morning on the plane at 11 A.M. and reached Kuala Lumpur by noon after a flight over the high mountains. Today was clearer than yesterday so I could see much better; what jungles there were down there.

Rev. Ponniah, the Tamil pastor in K.L. met me and was taking me back to Lundy's to pick up my belongings when the Tamil pastor from Klang drove in and brought me out here.

I am now in the home of the new couple here, Zimmermans, both of whom are very musical; he graduating from the Westminster Choir School at Princeton; both she too I do not yet know. They have a grand piano here. They seem very fine people. They arrived just a few months ago.

I was entertained at dinner by the Tamil superintendent of the large Boys' school here, about 1800 students (the Methodist Girls' School is also over a 1,000) Mrs. Zimmerman was there too, a very fine meal. The Tamils have been here for many years. the present principal is son of a Methodist pastor here for 30 years.

It is afternoon, I have about 45 minutes to write and clean up and wash some clothes, then have to visit Port Swettenham, a city 5 miles away, on the sea where we have a large school and church work too. Then I am back to a tea here at the Girls School, and I understand a dinner of a large group tonight.

Then tomorrow morning, we start out to see a large camp site for the whole Malaya conference projects, Port Dickson, and from there to Jemigans for lunch and from there on to Malacca, the old port city, for the night.

I must stop this now and clean up. But I do want to get off a short note to you with this airmail letter. Will try to write up things later tonight, before I go to bed.

Is this 23rd or 24th? 23rd I guess. - that means just 8 weeks from today; It is speeding up a bit now, thank goodness. In a day or two we can figure, that my trip is half over.

Goodbye for awhile. Lots of love

As ever,

Peace

Keep all stamps for me, unless it is clear that I have several duplicates. Also please save these plane stickers.

He mto a great stamp collection (40)

Songapore

Feb. 26. 1955

Dearest Lily;-

Well, here I am safe and sound but not so sure that I am of sound mind, as things have piled up so fast that it is hard to keep straight what I have seen.

I got in last night from Malacca and at Berckman's house by 7 PM; Hoadley met me at the airport. It will be a welcome relief and rest to spend 3 nights in one bed, two full days here at one house.

What a marvelous thing it was, Lily, to find 5 letters from you; you are a wonderful woman and how I do appreciate it. It just seems too good to be true.

I am riting this down at the office in between going to air office, etc., so do not have the letters here for comments, but I thought I would get this off immediately to let you know I am here and OK.

About Formosa, I actually doubt if there is going to be any trouble there; people here, and en route feel the same way, I mean our leaders w ho should know. If when I get to Hongkong, there is indication of danger, I'll cut it out, but if there is any danger, everything in Asia is involved.

That's what makes it seem likely not to happen for the US is determined to fight back and Russia now knows it; if Russia is ready for world war III, then China might attack Formosa, but otherwise, I doubt it.

China has a perfect face saving device; she can say that Formosa must come to her, that she does not give up claim, but that since she is so peace³loving she feels compelled to yield to the pressure of the U.N. not to go to war. She could make a big thing out of that with her people and save face international³ ally.

Out of the blue as I arrive I am told that I am to preach in Foochow, at the large Foochow Church tomorrow morning. I'll try. Then I am to speak tomorrow evening, at the Wesley Church, the English service, and off at 6 on Monday for Sibiu.

Have you heard that John Pilley is here in the hospital, came yesterday, with two attacks of cononary; apparently he is getting along all right and will be able to go on after a rest and learning some new techniques. They say he has gotten so terribly fat.

Just had delivered here at the office a Valentine from Renee, which Ann mailed out by air; I shall try to write Renne some time but I wish myuould phone here and tell her I have received it, this morning and greatly appreciate having her think of me.

I have been filthy; never stopping long enough anywhere to get clothes cleaned. That pair of extra pants you insisted on my getting have been my salvation, as they do not show dirt quite as much. But fortunately I have just been to the cleaner here and he is making a special, special, for my clothes to be cleaned today, Saturday, so I will have something to speak in and can start out for Sibiu in clean things.

My how China missionaries are fought here in this land, people, just do not like being told what happened in China, can't believe the propaganda. But even the most outspoken are beginning to sense that we may be right.

Lily, how I miss you and want you and need you. I am so thankful that days are moving on; I can't get home too soon. With the same old story of love.

Yours always,

Renee

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At Berckman's, Singapore
2/27/55.

Dearest Girl;-

Interesting to hear of your various meetings. I hope they are not taking too many years off your life; you must save plenty of them for me.

I must tell you of two people I have met. John Pilley, did I report, is in the hospital here with 2 coronary attacks; I visited him yesterday and he is getting on all right, but must rest, hopes to go back to Borneo soon. I hear that his father died the same way and that probably has them worried.

The other person is Dang Ding-ong who was at the Foochow Methodist Church where I spoke this morning, with Mrs. Dang. He looks fine, has gained much weight, and all agree that he is in good health; he certainly looks fine. Mrs. D said he is fine. He was so apologetic in not being able to have me to dinner, they both sent their love to you.

Would like to have heard Sen. Fullbright; he is an able man, I believe. Bruce had told me of the possibility of the promotion, at least one of them, but since it was not certain, I said nothing on it. I am so glad, and hope it really means something for him.

I did reply earlier to your word about not going to Formosa; I promise you after arriving in Hongkong, if there is any strong government urging, I will not go. But there does not seem to be any real tension here on the matter.

Thanks for helping out ICU by those letters per Brumbaugh's letter. You are certainly helping me carry the load and I appreciate it more than I can tell.

It means so much to get all the details of your meetings you, etc. It makes the distance away from you not so bad. I am surprised to learn that the house next door is still unsold.

Churchville, Md. is probably one of the charges on the Belair at Harford Circuit, on East Baltimore District. In the Balto. minutes, you will find several pages of appointments, and in it lists the names of the charges under a circuit. I do not know this name very definitely. No large gifts.

Had a fine time at the Foochow Church today, a large crowd, in a fine church building, they have completed and paid for themselves. Pastor is Mr. Go, son of the former Haitang D.S. Go Seuk-His wife, Mrs. Go is still living, had her 70th birthday the day. The son of the present pastor is in theological college - that makes 3 generations in the Methodist ministry.

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Everyone here says the same thing about letters from there, that all report conditions good, that they have to work hard and that foods are hard to get, but that they are well. Beyond they say almost nothing. Haitang now has electric light, they are able to hold church there in the hsien center at least.

All here had heard that Guang-bing had died and were much surprised when I told of later letters that he was making ~~axi~~ living selling ~~milk~~ milk. They had heard of the bombing of Foochow, and I saw a picture published in Singapore paper, which was clearly at the head of the big bridge, that is, the north end.

Ruby Sia died in Shanghai a few months ago, they report. Also that they can send in each month Singapore \$45. (US\$15) to relatives, but no more. The government there seems happy to have that much come, but is suspicious of too much going to any individual.

Possibly will add a word tonight after the service at Wesley Church where I preach. If not, I'll mail this here before I get off at 7 tomorrow A.M. for Sib. Yours as always. More than half way home.

Yours,

Paul

Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo
March 3, 1955

Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Burny;-

Well, it seems to be the same sotry in Malaya as in Burma and Sumatra as far as buggeting, pooling, etc. of designated gifts. The picture in Malaya is not quite as hopeless as in those other two countries.

It is still "each man for himself" but Berckman who has been fighting the system has accomplished this much at least, which he looks upon as a major victory, - namely, that he has been able to get from each man an audited statement as to how he has spent his designated gift money.

Strange as it may seem, apparently such had not even been done in the past. Berckman has been able to work out a fine system of audits by which all accounts are now sent in to his office and a full time worker audits them there and then mails them back.

Wherever I have gone I find no one likes the suggestion that they be held to a budget as estimated a year previous which would involve your holding in New York any gifts over and above the amount in the estimate. I say no one likes it, but I also believe no one can well oppose it, as they all agree that it is the business like way of doing things.

Going along as is, seems easy, but I believe if you put the plan in effect, it will receive more or less general approval; there will be a few howls but even the howlers will sense the fairness and wisdom of it.

One big problem in Malaya, and I guess elsewhere too, is that gifts are received direct by nationals who have visited the US and are used as they wish without reference to any budget or even an audit. This seems inevitable as we increase the number of nationals visiting the US, and as more and more nationals take over. There just does not seem to be anything we can do about it.

I'll report on Borneo later but so far, it seems this is the most "free-for all" spot I have found; I have my meeting with the money-raisers tomorrow. The budget which each missionary hopes to raise is approved by the Field Committee, so that in a sense the money for which the money is used has had prior approval. But that holds only if the gifts received do not exceed the approved requests in the Field Committee.

The Lord certainly is gracious and magnanimous for one sees on all hands evidences of His presente and works, - in spite of the frailties of us humans. This is a very fruitful field in Borneo in spite of strong missionary clashes. They need someone from the outside, just to sit here with them for a long enough period to ease off some of the tensions.

Sincerely yours,

PS. I am mailing a letter to 8,300 on my list from Sibu, think it good publicity. But it costs money. Can you and TT. deposit from my gifts, US\$500 in E.P. Hayes Special Account, Madison, N.J.? Thanks. EPH

E. Pearce Hayes

3/6/55, Sibü

Dearest Girl:-

I am writing this letter today, intending to mail it tomorrow afternoon in Labuan; I will have no time to write there, I fear.

Your letter of the 22nd addressed to Berckman's was forwarded here, then came yours of the 24th so I have been blessed here with 2 letters. In between came one from Ann in which she told of the Benson visit.

Tours of the 24th certainly gave lots of news; I was thrilled to have your description of the Tuesday musicale program. As always you worry about such things, and then come across with a hit.

As you outlined it, it sounds very interesting, wish I could have been there, Sounds and Songs was challenging as a title; and your explanation of the rhythm music to accompany laborious tasks, pagaoda, etc. brought it home in a real way. Then the boat songs and the rapids, the "ngai deng", etc., and best of all the call of the bowl and spoon. You must have been working that brain of yours overtime; it all sounds so fine. And closing with the call of the shepherd boys, and tying it up to David and his songs was fine. I am sure the program will live with them, and will give them a new and deeper understanding of the work of the missionary.

Now I am anxious to get to Manila to hear of the Altadena meeting, etc. It all makes you seem so much closer, and heaven knows, I want that.

The plan you and Bruce worked out for the Bensons was fine, and apparently, it went off on schedule. I am so glad they could be in our home, and how glad I am that we have such a home, such as it is, that we can share with friends and relatives. Glad to hear that Bruce's house had made progress. I know he was proud of it, as well as proud of Dorothy and Bobby.

I had a wonderful trip up the river to Tom Harris's place, sorry they were away, but he and Jennie have done an exceptionally fine bit of work; if Tom can carry on, he will leave his name in this land as a benefactor. He is doing a very practical work. Then I went yesterday morning down river, with Louis, to visit several places where we have such growing work, and reached Sereiki, where John and Muriel live.

Muriel was so glad to see me, to have someone whom she felt knew her rather intimately and could understand. From all I hear, they have grown in their attitudes and service; Muriel still is in danger of letting emotions run away with her, but on the whole they have done fine work. The whole situation they are in now is a pathetic one, where local people had promised that if they came, and lived there, they would share in building a school. The promise was made in good faith, I believe, but unfortunately just as they arrived, the price of pepper, which is their main export, dropped from \$400. to \$180, and promises went out.

I believe it will all work out in the end, it is a key city; Muriel was overjoyed to be able to talk it over and get some things out of her system. John had telegraphed he is due back tomorrow (lands on plane on which I will go north on, so I will see him for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour). Children have grown tremendously, Robin is as tall as Muriel, fine boy, Gale is almost as tall, very pretty, plays piano well (wanted you to know that for they are conscious of the good start you gave her). The older two are going to the Philippines this summer term of school, as that is so much nearer here, and possibly cheaper, and also in a much more stable country.

Spent night there and early this morning came up river to the largest of the Dyak groups where a church is being built, and I spoke there in their longhouse, to a very attentive orderly group, have never seen a quieter audience in spite of the children, and how they sang. In a short time, will speak here at the English service, and then I am officially finished in my work here, leaving tomorrow at noon for Labuan.

How I miss you, but now only 45 days.
As always, *Peace*

Labuan, British North Borneo
March 7, 1955

Dearest Girl;-

I am writing this here, and will hope to mail it tomorrow on arrival in Manila. I am spending the night here at the Airport Hotel, a very nice place, and for which one can be grateful as there seems to be little attractive in the town. I leave here at 6 A.M. in the morning on the Pacific Cathay Airlines, a British company with British pilots.

The letter I wrote last night in Sibuan before leaving this morning, I mailed here on arrival, only to learn that it can not go on the plane with me to Manila, as there is no US airmail agreement in effect here; it will have to go by air back to Sibuan, to Singapore and catch the P.A.A. out of there.

I was happy to get a lot of Borneo stamps on the letter; envelopes like this one from here, I wish you would try to save intact, I mean cut open the end away from the stamps with scissors or knife, and save the whole envelope.

This is a rather dead sleepy community; it is chiefly Chinese, mostly from Hainan Island, and is a trade center, where goods from all around come here for transshipment to all the world.

Direct east of us is the coast of Borneo and the land directly opposite is the state of Brunei, under a Sultan with the British as protectorate control. It is a very rich state as they have large oil wells there. Coming up on the plane, it was clear from the air how large an area is in oil.

When we think of missionaries going to the far ends of the earth, we often forget how many men and women of all races go in even more remote places for their business.

I sent off recently from Sibuan an airmail letter or rather envelope without any message in it; I am sorry, for I had not so intended it. But the map enclosed gives practically all the places in Sumatra, Malaya, and here that I have visited. It gives a good picture of the Malayan Airlines extent.

I am now heading north and getting away from the tropics, but it will still be hot in Manila, then on to cooler weather. I have been agreeably surprised at Sarawak, it has not been too hot, cool nights, and fairly pleasant; it is strange, almost on the equator.

I just stopped and went out to see the sunset, as also a full moon; why aren't you here? The tropics, the palms and coconut trees, the pineapples, heavy bouganvilleas, a calmness that is fascinating, and a sea breeze that makes the heat of the day be forgotten. If you were here, I would enjoy it all. But it won't be too long now; days are beginning to fly as I head north and back toward the USA; to leave the equator and head for Japan seems progress indeed.

Have just been handed the many blanks to be filled out for the P.I.; they are the worst yet, 7 altogether beside one filled out in the USA which has to be presented, that makes 8 blanks. They certainly are keeping people busy with paper work.

I have no idea where I will be in Manila, except the general post office box number you have. I have not heard from any of them how they are mapping out my schedule. Frankly I would be perfectly happy to sit and rest awhile, and not have to see so many people or answer so many questions.

I am stopping now to go into dinner here; doubt if I have to dress up; I'll peep around the corner first to see what's what. People here in the tropics seem to be very sensible about dress for hot weather.

I preached in Sibu last night at the English service, and had to wear a coat, however; Doug presided, and he had on a coat as well as his collar backward.

I am still well, so far escaping any bowel trouble or malaria, can't brag of course, but I am trying to be careful. I hope you keep well.

With lots of love, as ever, Yours,

Pearce
Beautiful trip - Labuan - Jesselton
Manila, over 100 of small green
islands - with multi-colored
sea - perfect sky

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Manila, March 13, 1955

Dr. Eugene L. Smith

150 Fifth Ave.

New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Gene:-

Thanks to you and Burny I have received many honors on my trip, having been introduced as a member of the Board, Board Secretary, Bishop, but the most appropriate I found in a carefully printed invitation in Hyderabad, "to meet Dr. Hase". That fits the picture perfectly.

Although it is none of my business and I hope none will misunderstand, I feel compelled to share some convictions that have sunk deep into my thinking on this trip so far. These observations naturally do not apply to all fields, and are made by a "traveling missionary" with whom folks seemed to be very frank.

1. In so many places I could find no conference program, no evidence of any strategic thinking but merely carrying on as in the past, "rut-thinking" as one called it. It seems tragic when a conference has not sat down and counted their resources, seen their problems and launched out in faith with a message and a program behind which all can and do unite.

2. This same lack of knowing where they are going seemed even more apparent in the missionary circle; each individual was certain about his own program and was working hard at it, but no overall strategy to which all could commit themselves was evident.

3. This same situation narrows down not merely to the lack of cooperation between WDGS and DWN workers but to a lack of any united attack in the name of Methodism by the two divisions. This seemed to me to be more evident now than at any time in the past.

The nationals time and again pointed out #2 and #3 and they resent it, but they were not so conscious of their share in the failures of #1. I am personally inclined to believe that #1, a conference program, will not eventuate until the two divisions work as a team on the field and also until the missionaries consider themselves merely as a part of a larger, more important, whole.

4. The missionaries in too many places are woefully slow, possibly in some lands too slow, in pushing nationals into places of leadership. "We do not have the leaders" may be true but we shall never have leaders until we give them a chance and then back them 100% in the faith that God will take over.

5. In every land it was evident that the missionaries feel their term of service is too long, and I am convinced, have been for a long time, that they are correct. For years I have advocated where terms are 6-7 years, a short mid-term trip to the States by air. I do not believe it would cost as much as do the present number of health breaks, mental quakes, and parental worries over children in college. It would give a higher morale; it would mean that "money-raisers" would no longer have those "cold contacts" which are inevitable in the last two to three years of a long term on the field.

Certainly the experience of the U.S. Government in sending home many of their people after two years, and similar policies of business concerns after two or three years of service should not be overlooked by our Board. I believe all would agree that missionary service entails much more giving of self and strength than is true of the average business representative abroad.

March 13, 1955

Have you heard the story going the rounds here as to how to tell when a missionary should go on furlough? If you have, skip this. They say you can tell a missionary is new when he picks ants out of his food; an oldtimer is obvious when he just eats it all. You can readily tell that furlough is due when you find a missionary out hunting ants to put into his food.

6. I have also found uncertainty and some confusion as to the seeming disparity in what additional help is given missionaries by the Missionary Miscellaneous Fund, differences even in the same conference. This kind of thing does not work for the highest efficiency.

7. I have always been an enthusiastic advocate of our Methodist system and still am, but it seems to me to have broken down in the Southeast Asia Central Conference.

To my mind, Burma needs someone with authority to sit down with the varying groups there, get all of their cards on the table, and then stick by them until they together can hammer out a policy and get a united commitment to that policy.

The bishop should be in a position to spend three to four months there. The same is as true in Sumatra and Sarawak. Obviously no one bishop could do that; unless something of the kind is done, however, our work stands in danger of serious disintegration.

Of course the ideal procedure would be what we do not have in Methodism, an assistant to the bishop, some one who can handle much of the work for him but who has sufficient delegated authority actually to represent him.

I can see only two possibilities. One is to set up some new provision by which the Associate Board Secretary can spend at frequent intervals a year on the field hammering out these policy commitments.

The other would be the election of two bishops for that area; they now have five annual or provisional annual conferences; in China we had four bishops for ten conferences. In this area there are such widely divergent elements as the Chinese (more or less demanding autonomy, - for themselves, not for others), Malays, Burmese, Dyaks, Bataks, and others. No one bishop can ever unify such a conglomerate mass; I doubt if two can do it.

This might be a problem worth putting before the Commission on Structure of Methodist Overseas for their consideration and study.

I hope I haven't taken too much of your time on matters that I know are already in your thinking. It is merely passing on the impressions of another observer. I am taking the liberty of sharing this with those listed below. Please share with others if you wish.

Cordially,

c.c. :- H.B. Kirkland

F.T. Cartwright

T.K. Jones

E. Pearce Hayes

Holt's, Manila, 3/13/55

Dearest Lily;-

I'll try to get off a letter tomorrow morning; it is my last day here and it is already scheduled very full; then to Honkong early on Tuesday.

Your letter of Feb. 26th came in a day or so ago, much later than any earlier letter; in it was the enclosure, a letter, from Renee, please thank her for me.

Glad the pictures reached you, am anxious to see them, thanks for the suggestions on others. I am not a photographer, I know that, I am getting off another roll tomorrow morning; Sometimes they get lost, so am glad one roll has reached you.

Glad to hear how one of your big days turned out and that it was over and you are still alive.

Conditions in Sumatra are bad, but there is a hopefulness in the Church and I believe that the program of training more Batak pastors locally as Alm is doing in Kisarin, and more Chinese pastors in Medan as is being done now, will in a year or two mean a big move upward. Scale of living in Hongkong and Singapore, etc. is so much higher, so that none want to go to Sumatra, and Sumatra can't support them at higher salaries. Then too, not many want to go to Sumatra because of fear of what may happen. Local training, slow it is true, seems to be the only hope. Of course they are trying all the time for a few from the mainland. Bishop Archer has just transferred the Wesley Day family to Palimbang and another Malaya family, Shoemaker, now on the sea returning from furlough, to Medan; that will help immensely.

Re the yellow slips, I have asked most friends to send their gifts in my name, not for ICU along, as sometimes Japan general is more needy, sometimes ICU. That accounts for the figures you mention 97 and 9. Yes, many of those slips coming from N.Y. I have already answered, that is, if the gift came through my hands, but I do not see that you can do anything about it, as you could not find such a record. You might mention in the general letter that possibly I have answered it directly before I left, but to be sure, you are thanking them. No one would object to that.

No you had not mentioned the 2 checks from Ed Benson; that is fine. I was so glad we had the house and could have our relatives in it. Now if you can only have a husband in it some day soon.

I am naturally anxious to get to Hongkong and try to size up the situation; letters from Ralph have not said much about it. In fact, the big alarms seem to be not out here but in the American despatches printed here. It does look as if they are massing men and supplies in Foochow; how I pity our friends there.

Martha Graf saw Dr. Wehle in HK, he reports most of our friends are alive, but having a very hard time, food is very scarce, long lines for rationing of rice, oils, fats, etc. Says that the regimentation in youth groups is today being resented; they are tired of such a tight grip on them. He says James is still in the office building, and control of the Church goes through him; his salary is about US\$20, the same as the coolie; he says James and Emily are having a very hard time, and are kept alive because Lucy earns much more and shares. Her work is menial but she earns a university teacher's salary which is fairly good.

Today I visited up in Cabanatuan, where Roxy headed up the Philippine Wesleyan College. Thursday I flew to Mindanao, was met at Cotabato on the west coast of Mindanao by Spottswood, the only Meth. missionary there, and flown in his Piper 4 seater over a large area of virgin lands, then to his home. Yesterday morning, we flew to Davao and I flew back here on P.I. Air lines. Got in in time to clean up (it is hot and sticky here, 90 degrees) and then to a dinner farewell for 4 missionaries.

Love as usual, Yours always

Peace

Manila, March 14, 1955

Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland

150 Fifth Ave.

New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Burny:-

You know enough about the situation in Sarawak so that I do not need to go into details. I found that most resentment, on part of both missionaries and Chinese, is directed against one missionary.

Personally it seems to me that Mr. Dennis is trying to get some order out of the chaos and is trying to implement procedures according to the Manual. This is a provisional annual conference, is only three years old and no one seems anxious to work under conference procedures, but rather under methods of the last few decades. It will take some time for the conference to become of age.

But that does not excuse angles to personality that rub the wrong way; he does not seem able to get across the right way of doing things with creating lots of friction. I would hesitate to judge but it would seem from a short visit that lack of tact, lack of complete frankness, and no "putting all the cards on the table" are at the root of their trouble.

Now as to the plan for the budget and pooling, I think it can be done in Sarawak and to the advantage of all. I had two talks with the missionary groups together, and also many individual talks. All recognize that they are off on the wrong foot.

Fortunately a week before I arrived the lid blew off; a S-3 girl led prayer meeting, telling of her near adoration for missionaries and of her terrible led-down on arrival to find such bickering and cross-fires. As a result all agreed they must get together on better relations and they have set a date in April for a missionary retreat and they have invited Hoadley Berckman, whom all highly respect, to come over and lead them. Hoadley told me that he would gladly go if the Bishop agrees.

I believe it will mean a lot to the work there and of course I have done all I can in pointing out conditions that the retreat should change. I have taken the position that now we take no action on this budget and pooling matter but that when all are together in a devotional spirit in April, they face it and make the decisions all privately agree must be made.

I am sure we can count on going ahead with your new program but the dates you have set for inaugurating the plan seem too close for realization. Possibly it could start at any later date mutually agreed upon.

There is one large area of difficulty here over which all expressed concern, namely a bit of jealousy on the part of the Chinese that our money from the USA is going not to them but chiefly to the Dyaks. Fear is expressed that if funds for evangelistic work are thrown into the budget and the Field Committee, almost nothing will go for the Dyak work and most of it would go to Chinese pastors' salaries.

Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland

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March 13, 1955

The problem is real but I have faith that it can be worked out; we can never build the indigenous Church without taking risks. We certainly do not want to have funds from the USA going into pastors' salaries as that would be a step backward since they are now self supporting.

Some of the preachers do have a real peeve, however, in that they insist that it is not fair to force cuts in their salaries in order to open "new" churches. They have been pooling the giving of all churches locally and then paying the total salary bill from that fund. When additional churches are opened, it means less for all. I am with the poorly paid men there; I believe that we at home must help with new work for some time to come.

To sum up, Sarawak will go along with the new program you suggest, possibly not able to get started on the original date suggested. Their actions will take place at their April retreat. I really feel that my living with old friends for a week and sharing what in the nature of a Christian advance is needed, will bear fruit.

I'll report on the Philippines from Hongkong.

Cordially,

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copy to Dr. Cartwright

E. Pearce Hayes

Fortunately, a week before I arrived the lid blew off; a very real and serious problem, telling of her near abortion for miscarriages and of her terrible led-down on arrival to find such bleeding and cross-fires. As a result all agreed they must get together on better relations and they have set a date in April for a missionary retreat and they have invited Hoshley Berdman, whom all highly respect, to come over and lead them. Hoshley told me that he would gladly go if the Bishop agrees.

I believe it will mean a lot to the work there and of course I have done all I can in pointing out conditions that the retreat should change. I have taken the position that now we take no action on this budget and pooling matter but that when all are together in a devotional spirit in April, they face it and make the decisions all privately agree must be made.

I am sure we can count on going ahead with your new program but the dates you have set for inaugurating the plan seem too close for realization. Possibly it could start at any later date mutually agreed upon.

There is one large area of difficulty here over which all expressed concern, namely a bit of jealousy on the part of the Chinese that our money from the USA is going not to them but chiefly to the Dyaks. There is expressed that if funds for evangelistic work are thrown into the budget and the Field Committee, almost nothing will go for the Dyak work and most of it would go to Chinese pastors' salaries.

Hongkong, 3/16/55

Dearest Girl;-

I am using Myrtle's typewriter, waiting for Sid Anderson to finish some work then go to lunch, then to Bishop Wards's, up on the Peak, for a talk.

I got in OK yesterday and was met by Katherine, went to Rotary with Ralph, heard a very fine factual report by a British newsman, on Quemoy and Formosa. I'll try to enclose or send later the news account of it in today's paper.

You came across again, with two letters here for me, and as usual, I am always so thrilled to hear from you. I am sorry not to have them here with me to talk over.

Re Mrs. Soong, it seems perfectly all right; here is the ~~stanz~~ story. M.C.O.R. is working with the US government in getting into the States people who have been upset or dispossessed by war. Miss Elzaebth Lee, whom you remember as the very short, WDCS secretary for Latin America (since she retired, she has been with MCOR), is in charge of this program.

Miss Lee finds sponsors for these people in America, those who will try to find work and housing, and support for them. What Mrs. Soong had in mind was merely to list you and me (and also Zela) as references, some one who knows her. I do not believe it involves anything else, so Ralph also says.

On the bus last night, going over to Myrtles, whom should we meet but Mrs. Soong, in fact she sat in the seat by me (out of 2,500,000 people). If she or the MCOR asks you for reference, tell ~~her~~ them that she is highly regarded here, and her husband as well. She is a sister of one of our leaders on Formosa, Mrs. David Hung (one of the Hung boys you taught music in AOC) I forget which one, Hung Sieu, Hung Hok, etc., William Hung, prof. in Harvard is oldest brother. David, is one of the most important engineers in Formosa. Both he and his wife are very active workers.

I understand that ~~atkins~~ Irene Wei is also applying for MCOR help in getting there, and she may ask us to act as references. Phoebe may also try it later. Bradley Chen seems to be getting no where specially, is now trying to get to Singapore, where his wife's family is in government; if he can get there, she can teach. They have a child now, a boy named Norman.

This place is the calmest spot I have struck since reaching Asia. It is not all just whistling in the dark. 70% of the food of HK comes from China, and the Communists are anxious for that money. Warehouses here are full of goods, non-strategic according to democracies' definitions in which US agrees which will take years, they say, to clear out. Everything seems to indicate the Communists do not want to take it. It is the source of so much of their foreign exchange. But the attitude against them is almost overwhelming now. Last Oct. 1 and 10 they say was almost complete rout for Communist position.

Sid is calling, so must go. I'll write again soon. I am well and thrilled to get this far as it means heading for home soon.

I'll try to answer your questions and comments in the last two letters tonight or tomorrow.

I go with Ralph to Formosa on Friday, moving up schedule by 3 days, so as to give more time over there, can see and get the picture here in no time. Will go to Okinawa from Formosa on date as originally set.

I now have my pass to enter Okinawa and also military permit for Korea, and got my Korea government visa in Manila, as the Ambassador is a member of our Central Church, so Mosebrook introduced me and I got it in a hurry.

Same old story of love for you. As always, Yours,

Not re-read *Peace*

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Hongkong, 3/18/55

Dearest Lily;-

We have finished breakfast, Olive and Sid have gone, he to the office, and Olive to an early class at Chung-chi College. I leave here at 11 for the ferry and over to Peninsula Hotel to check in for the plane leaving at 1:30.

So I am using the time to write some of the many letters I owe, but most important, another note to you before I leave.

Ed Knettler, who is our leader on Taiwan, is here for a 3 week vacation, and we have roomed together. He has been going at a heavy pace for this whole time and they finally got him over here for vacation. He is a hard worker and able, believes in receiving no one into the church until they are well trained and he is convinced they mean it; I take my hat off to him.

I asked him for the low-down on Bob Hammonds and he reluctantly gave it. He frankly does not trust him at all. The man who was his helper here is a Mr. Keen, whom I met last time in Taiwan, a Pasadenan. In fact, I spoke at the chapel service in his "theological" school for him. Ralph thinks well of Keen. So does Ed.

Keen says that he has considerable evidence to show that Hammond has made large sums of money on his transactions, in relief goods, etc., makes many unnecessary trips by air (Ed said 12 trans-pacific in a year). Now Hammond has brought court action in Taipei against Keen for his alleged irregularities and also to recover his property.

Ed says Hammond is a self advertiser of the nth degree; that he starts a project, gets it theoretically under way, takes pictures of it, and advertises it as acutally a going concern when possibly it may never see light of day, except for the original set up for pictures. If and when he learns that some big shot is going somewhere on a plane, if he can get on, he too goes part way for a contact, and story of traveling with such and such.

Ed is not the kind who talks much and does not say much against anyone, but he certainly feels strongly in this case. No point in talking this around But I thought you would want to know what I had heard. I'll investigate more over there.

Yesterrday~~day~~ went with Elmer Galt, Church World Service, out to see Chung-chi, new site, and then also to see his site for some resettlement of refugees. We were just a few miles from the border, saw the town where we made our last stop before crossing the bridge; we were very near; as near as I wanted to get, believe me.

It is hard to believe I am now actually heading north in a real way, to Taiwan today, then after that only 3 more countries, then HOME. I am not so much physically tired as mentally, I guess; there is just too much to absorb in such a hurry.



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Of course I have hopes that I shall receive another letter, from you, today, on arrival in Taipei.

I have not had the time, in a hurried trip here, to see many of our old Foochow friends, have inquired about them, and asked that yours and my greetings be given them.

Yesterday was Myrtle's birthday, said she was able to retire now, so that must mean 65, but will stay for one more year. Andersons go hom this summer, and Carlysle Phillips is supposed to come this summer.

Galt is leaving, retiring, this summer, tried to urge me to come and take his place.

Must get at other letters.

As always,

Pearce

March 25, 1955

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Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland
Okinawa, March 25, 1955

Rev. H. Burnham Kirkland
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New York City

Dear Burny:-

I am trying to write with the roar of jets in my ears; I would not want to work here all the time.

Philippines. I have had many good talks in the Islands concerning the matter of budgeting and pooling of gifts, and have been favorably impressed by the manner in which they handle their funds.

They seem to have integrated the "work" budget of the missionary into the work of the church better than elsewhere. As I outlined the program you have suggested they said they were doing practically that; the only change would be in the holding in New York of any designated gifts over and above the approved budget for the year.

No one likes this of course but all except the India and Pakistan group accept it as reasonable and a logical development. I believe that as you put it into effect, the Philippines will fall into line readily.

One thing I feel is unfortunate there, namely, that it would seem an ideal arrangement to channel all estimate approvals through the Central Conference Field Committee for the 4 conferences. This would hold the total impact of our work there to a much more carefully thought out program. Dr. McEbrook tells me that now they are under instructions to work on the basis of the separate Field Committees. Of course as Mindanao is set off this past week as a new provisional annual conference, it will have to set up a Field Committee, on which there will be only one missionary, Mr. Spottswood who secures all the gifts for the conference.

Auditing in the total work of the conferences seemed to be well done from my hurried look, and from conversations.

Hongkong and Formosa. Hongkong has just been set up as a mission and Formosa may soon follow. They have no Field Committee, but a Planning Committee which functions more or less as such.

Most of their funds are raised by Bishop Ward and are in his control. Knettlar, MacInnis, Wiant on Formosa and Anderson in Hongkong throw in some for the total program. In these two places there does not seem to be any possibility of working out the new program except in a general way, for the inauguration of the new expanding work here has become, logically, the financial responsibility chiefly of the Bishop.

That raises the question I have raised before, but on which I have no light, as to where the funds raised by the bishop in charge of the conference fit into the budget program of the Board or rather the Division.

I do not know how much I have accomplished on this trip, but of one thing I am certain, namely, that I have been able to make many of our missionary leaders see and realize that we simply must budget our work and make plans that are long range, and not just "carrying on" for another year.

It has seemed almost incredible to me to find so many conferences where they admitted that they had no long range program, that they were simply maintaining the work as in the past, with a few minor changes here and there. I believe that your new program of an effective budget, not to become effective until approved by the Field Committee, and the Division at home, will cause some real and serious thinking on the field.

Okinawa. This is my first contact with the workings of our missionaries under a national church for of course there is no local Field Committee.

There needs to be clarification for the missionaries here as to just where they stand. For example. In the past expense of maintaining their jeeps which are essential for the country work they do, has come from their "work" budget which as I take it was merely the designated gifts they received.

In the early days, they had no funds at all for such essential expenses and had to finance it personally. They say they have been instructed that such expense can not come out of Missionary Miscellaneous, so that designated gift income was their only source.

Mr. Rickard, the Treasurer, tells me that just recently these designated gifts seem to be going direct to the Church of Christ in Okinawa, and not to him, as Methodist Treasurer. He cited a recent gift to him, designated gift, which went direct to the Church of Christ, for \$240., as I recall.

The theory behind that apparent shift seems to me to be that "work" budgets for the missionaries, including postage, printing, car upkeep, etc., should be handled through the Church of Christ. Theoretically that is proper, but it is very evident that if it is so handled, any funds for car upkeep will never come.

I am writing Dr. Brumbaugh concerning this matter and I am sure he will try to make clear the situation to Mr. Rickard and others here. What a different situation for missionaries here who travel the hard way in jeeps over many rough roads and now face uncertainty as to how to finance that, while in Malaya the missionary has adequate funds to finance a much higher standard of car travel.

The trip has been a happy one but a strenuous one, as it is simply impossible to hold any country visited down to a limited schedule. They just pile it on so that there is never any time to write up reports and send home letters.

Cordially,

E. Pearce Hayes

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April 4, 1955

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Dear Pierce:

Your letter from Manila of March 13 raises issues so fundamental that I almost hesitate to try to comment on them in what of necessity has to be a hurried letter. Let me say, however, quickly that I agree deeply with most of your observations. The lack of a real program in Southeast Asia, I think, is tragically apparent. This was the burden of the major recommendations that I brought back from my own visitation. As far as Southeast Asia is concerned, I also brought back a strong recommendation for reducing the term of service on the field. I think we are making progress in uniformity in dealing with the additional help given in the missionary miscellaneous fund.

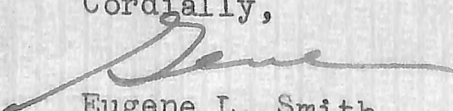
It seems to me that the fundamental answer to the basic question that you raise can only be found as the area secretaries spend considerable more time on the fields than has been possible in recent years. With the attitudes and abilities of Clara French and Tracey Jones and with their spending more time on the fields than secretaries have been able to in the past, I hope we may make some real progress on the basic issues that you raise.

I am not sending this letter to you for quotation to anybody else, but in appreciation of the value of the suggestions that you have made.

I am not sure what would happen about the election of two Bishops for that area. However, I doubt very much whether permission could be secured. It would take a very radical revision of the Discipline to elect two Bishops for an area where it is difficult now to get enough delegates to elect one with full legal status.

It will be good when you get back to the United States and we can talk with you about what you have seen and what we hope you will be doing in the future. God's blessings be with you.

Cordially,


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13 January 1955

Mr. Harold W. Olson
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Olson:

Reference is made to our letter dated 29 November 1954 regarding request for permission for Reverend E. Pearce Hayes to enter Korea.

You are advised that Reverend Hayes has been granted permission by the United Nations Command to enter Seoul for a period of three (3) weeks. Neither the United States nor the United States Forces is obligated to provide logistical support or personal security.

You are further advised that this request has been submitted to the Republic of Korea Mission for consideration. It is recommended that Reverend Hayes not travel until this approval has been granted. You will be notified as soon as a decision is reached.



Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry D. Calenberg", followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

HARRY D. CALENBERG
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

