

February 23, 1946

Dear Elder Brother-in-Law,

It was with much relief and thankfulness that Ai Chi and myself also, learned of the safety and well being of all the members of the family. He has passed many hours of anxiety wondering whether the conditions of war had brought sorrow and hardship to you in Formosa. He has never ceased to pray for God's protection and mercy upon all of you. Surely we have been blessed for we are all safe and well.

Though we have not yet met the time will come when it will be possible for me to be introduced properly to you and your parents and family. I am looking forward to that day with much pleasure. It should be difficult for me to write to one whom I have never met but Ai Chi has spoken many times of you and others of the Sai family and we have looked at the photograph album together many times so that I feel in a way acquainted with each of you.

It is your letter, written in English, which prompts me to write. As Ai Chi wrote to you recently (through Maj. Vivian) we were both surprised at your ability to write so well, and Comdr. Dowie tells us you speak as well as you write. He said "I didn't expect to find a Formosan there who could speak English. It was a pleasant surprise." A few weeks ago we were able to entertain Comdr. Dowie here in our apartment. He is trying to find a way to go to Formosa as a civilian. There must be a fascination about Formosa as I find that anyone who has ever been there wants to go back again. Lt. George Kerr, whom we know as Jack and whom you met, was especially fond of speaking of the beauties of your country.

Last week I was able to meet Mr. James Dickson of the Canadian Mission Board here in Washington. He is planning to go to Formosa on a church visitation and has offered to take letters from us with him. I spoke to Mr. Dickson about the desire of you and other leaders there to establish a university with American support. He was very enthusiastic about this plan and he promised that he would be working toward this end while in Formosa. He will speak to you about this in order to make definite plans so that Ai Chi will be able to approach both institutions and individuals for money to build it. Briefly, he suggested making up some literature including pictures of the members of the board or committee, estimates as to cost and number of buildings, location, architectural plans for buildings and numerous other details to show in concrete form how the donors' money will be spent. Perhaps you are planning along these lines already. If so, Mr. Dickson can bring back all the material with him and we can print the literature in this country.

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in this country. However, by the time shipping and communications are established between Formosa and America many of these articles will undoubtedly be off the individual license list. If necessary I can apply for a license for certain commodities because of my citizenship.

It was suggested that your name, address, and other information of interest to prospective manufacturers in this country be put on a list of foreign importers so that any manufacturer in this country interested in selling to Formosa may contact you. If you have decided under what name you will do business, such as The Sai Trading Company, and give me the other information I will forward it to the Commerce Dept.

I will wait until you reply to contact various manufacturers in this country, since, as Ai Chi wrote in his last letter, we are not clear as to how you wish to do business and the number of commodities you wish to handle.

As you see I have only made tentative inquiries but I am anxious to do all I can to help you in every way. As you give me further directions I will proceed to make business contacts.

Concerning our daily lives here we are all in very good health and spend our leisure moments visiting various places of interest in this city, the nation's capital. Our happiest times are weekends of course when we are all together. As Ai Chi mentioned in his letter he must work about 70 miles away from here and comes home for weekends. We are hoping this situation will not last long, perhaps a month or two more, and we can again have a normal life. At least until he receives his new passport or other developments occur, such as means to devote full time to raising funds, Ai Chi is planning to continue his present job.

I am enclosing the most recent snapshots of us, taken last weekend when we visited the National Gallery of Art. BiHua is now nearly 21 months old. She is a great joy to us. At the present stage she is rather mischievous but because of it, all the more lovable. She understands only English now. In time we will all have to learn mandarin. Ai Chi knows some already but I am just beginning.

I wish to send best regards to all the family in Formosa. We continue to pray for you and ~~hope~~ for all of God's children in a world weary of war. Let us all pray that men and women in every nation may find work and find a true peace in these troubled times. We look forward to your letters and news of the family and the situation in Formosa.

Sincerely yours,

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