

"Norbury"
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My dear Ai-ti,

I was more than surprised

to hear of your exciting trip to Japan. How lucky you are! I am almost moved with envy. Above all, I am very glad that you were able to meet our people during your mission & have done such a good thing for them. Well done! I am sure they are very grateful to you. I am very happy too to have received another letter from my sister & grateful for your good office. Khé-Bing kun forwarded the first letter from my sister to me, which I received, of all days, on Xmas morning! It completed our joy of the first Xmas of peace after these years of war. I was surprised to hear that my sister was in Japan but was delighted with her marriage with Khé-an & now with a daughter! It seems that now by implication we are all related in one way or another!! It interests me to think of our Middle School days in 台南, when once or twice we swore to be brothers; and now after these years the wish of our youth is in some mysterious way realized. Moreover, I rejoice that we both have the same vocation to serve the Kingdom of God in our dear Island & among our rather bewildered people. I am greatly looking forward to the days when we shall work

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together, shoulder to shoulder, by God's strength
or for His glory. As you say, the task of
reconstruction will be hard & difficult, but
by God's help we shall not shrink our duty
to God or to our people or joyfully accept the
challenge of the times. When I think of our
privileges of being in free countries in these
frightful years or being so blessed by our
Lord, while our people have gone through God
knows what or now are in such perplexity or
bewilderment caused by the radical - though
in the long run beneficial - change of situation,
I feel ashamed to stay away from their suffering
one moment longer than necessary. We are
bent to go back as soon as we can get
passages.

I would like to send letters to my sister
& also my brother, 明輝, but I cannot do so
from here yet. Can you do this for me from
America? If you can, I shall be most
grateful. Bing-hui is at 京都府立医大 where
he hopes to finish his medical course by Sept.

Having read your letter, I am also anxious
about their financial position. Is there any
way for me to send help to them? However small,
I am sure it will assist them to a certain
extent. Do let me know as soon as you can.
And I hope you will tell me more our people
stranded in Japan.

Have you any news about your family in
Formosa yet?

The Church House here has received a letter from Com. Dowie of U.S. Navy, an missionary of the North. I wonder if you know of him. He went to 高雄 & later to 台南 & has seen some of our ministers. Especially he had a long talk with Jui Sui-iong bok-su of the East Gates Church. We also heard that the Presbyterian Church of Canada had received a letter of greetings from the church of the North, inviting them to send their missionaries back to F as soon as possible. Also a few days ago at a Formosan party held at 上海樓, London, at which the Messrs. Balt & Cullen, Messrs. Bond & Singleton and Dr. & Mrs. Handborough & myself were present, a letter from a missionary now in Changking was read. The main points are two. First, he says that a great number of the high officials appointed to the Formosan administration are Christians. Secondly, they have expressed the desire for the return of missionaries as well as their co-operation in the reconstruction of our island. Your letter was also read with great interest. The news from all sources, scanty though it is, seems very encouraging for our Christian work in Formosa. The perplexing problem remains as to how we can get there quickly.

I am glad to hear that you are exploring the possibility of the American Mission Boards

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adopts the following policy, that is, they are
willing to return & help us as much as they can
when they receive an invitation from our
church in Formosa. In view of this they have
arranged for Rev. & Mrs. Montgomery to go to
visit the Formosa church as soon as they
can obtain passages from Canada. I hope
you will bear this in mind when talking with
the American Mission Boards as I think it is
a sound & wise policy.

I understand from Khe-bing-kun's
letter that he is a lieutenant. What
are you? You seem to be a very
important person anyway! & are doing
some interesting work.

We are very well & happy here. Our little
David is growing rapidly, trying to talk but
no one can understand him except himself!
He is sweet & intelligent & we are most
proud of him. The enclosed snap was
taken when he was about five months old.
We would like to see a snap of your Bi-hou.

With love & greetings from us three to
you three.

yours very sincerely,
Ching-hui.


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