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My dear Chiong-hui,

Your two letters of March 17 and April 24 were received with much pleasure. We are glad to know you are well and to become acquainted with your family through the snapshots you sent us. David has grown so much that he can hardly be called a baby any longer, can he? He is a beautiful child. Seeing your picture recalls to me many of the old days in Tainan. We are glad also that you received the packages and soon we will send you another with the other pair of stockings and roll of film and a few bars of chocolates. We have heard so many rumors about sending packages to England that we hardly know how often or how much to send as well as what to send. We read recently that rice and dried fruits would be welcomed. We will try to include these in the package.

About two days before I received your second letter I was telling my wife that the success or failure of missionary activities in the island would depend mainly on our own ministers and believers of Christ. I agree with you that the responsibility to further Christian work there rests equally on both our shoulders. May God bless our fellowship and friendship, the better to serve Him and our people.

I have written to some foreign missionary boards in America and also to Dr. Cameron who directs the foreign missionary work in the Canadian Presbyterian Church. Dr. Cameron's reply was to say the least, discouraging. The Canadian Board has not made any plans in the past eight years for full operation of missionary work for our Church in the post war period. I had expected that the Canadian Board would have some kind of plan or policy concerning Formosa since they had direct interest there in the past. It is very sad that the two Boards should have such a passive attitude and weak sense of responsibility concerning Formosa.

The American boards hesitate to send support to our country because they know that the Formosa missionary field is Canada's and England's interest. Until they can get a statement from the Canadian Board I doubt if they will help us.

About three weeks ago I received an official letter from the Rev. Iu Su-iong, moderator of the Southern Formosan Church Synod through an American officer now in Tainan. At one of their meetings of the synod they decided to appoint me as a representative from the Formosan Church to the U.S.A. to obtain help here. I was to contact the American churches to raise funds for (1) rebuilding of churches destroyed by bombs, (2) establishing a Christian University, and (3) relief. I am still trying to win the attention of the American boards, especially the Presbyterian Board, to the urgency and need of American missionary support in Formosa.

I have talked with a Mr. Menzie who has been in Taipei (1920-30) and who is now in charge of cultural relations between the U.S.A. and China and he is interested with the plan stated in Iu Su-iong's letter. He told me that by July 1st he will know just how much he can do for Formosa. I forgot to say that this man is with the State Department. As you know Congress decides just how much to appropriate to the various branches of the government and we must hope and pray that the State Department will get enough to cover work in Formosa.

Chiong-hui, when I see you in person I will tell you why I am taking this new step in view of what I have just written above. Your prediction

in your March 17 letter that I might be in Formosa before you is amazingly coming true. I have accepted a job with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) and will be in Formosa perhaps in about 5 weeks. It will be a year's assignment to help with relief work in the office at Taipei. I am overwhelmed by the prospect because first of all I will see my family after all these years and second because I feel that my position will be much strengthened when I come back to America and I would be able to approach the boards and institutions here with concrete facts and figures and a first hand account of the need for a strong missionary and educational movement there. I am going to see Mr. Menzie again before leaving Washington and keep in touch with him while I am overseas.

My wife and BiHua will stay in San Diego, California with her mother who has a house there and wait until I call them back to Taiwan, or if that is not possible, until I return to America. She wants to hear from you there and will send packages to you of anything you need or of things you won't have to pay high duty on. The address is 1338 Greenwood St., San Diego 10, California.

I have just received a letter from KheBeng in Tokyo but he didn't mention your brother. I think it is because he has just arrived and I am sure he will contact him by letter as soon as possible.

I don't have an UNRRA address yet for overseas but I will let you know later on. I hope your plans are progressing as you wish them. Best regards to you and your family from me and mine.

Sincerely yours,