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Dear Johnny;

Mrs. Van Hine had your Easter card written and addressed which I was going to mail for tomorrow morning's plane. I just came back from the Post Office with your letter which was written on March 9th. So you see it is again a case of "monkey see, monkey do."

The reason I am writing this very moment is to keep the link of correspondence together without a break of time. It made us happy to read that you answered the very day our letter arrived. We know you are busy and have a heavy schedule, so we appreciate it all the more. We pray for you and Esther every day. She was in West Hempstead this week end at the missionary convention. We thank the Lord for the avenues of service she has.

Your three fold prayer for us is needed daily, added strength, fresh vision and infilling of His Spirit. We are living in perplexing times with situations around us changing rapidly. The enemy is getting large quantities of arms and ammunition from China and there might be a show down soon. The army on this side is increasing and advances are made. Supplies are coming in now from America. Is this going to be the starting point for the next world war? I do not know. What I am trying to say is that your prayer is necessary. We need a fresh daily vision to keep at our work when there are circumstances in the natural that are discouraging. The work is progressing, thank God, as we have that infilling of His Spirit. Last night, after dinner and just before closing up the house, three young people came in and expressed the desire to follow the Lord. They come to church regularly but it was in the morning service that God spoke to them definitely, so you see souls are continually being saved. As to strength, Mrs. Van Hine has not had a gall bladder or liver attack for over a month and we thank the Lord for this but she suffers considerably with asthma. I know you will continue to pray for her.

I wish we had that plane or the "smackers" you mentioned so we could be present on June 5th. We will miss both of you too on that Big Day.

This is all for the moment. I must get down to work. It feels good to have this chat with you and as you pray for us, we in turn are praying for you.

With much love from

Your future parents