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Dear Esther and John; Your last letter just arrived telling us about your trip to Germany and Austria and then finally being home again. Then there was a letter yesterday or the day before also telling about Austria and the beauty of that country. I have not written to you for some time and do not have the time to wade through the mail but there have been four or five letters from you that I forwarded to Mother and she has been writing to you.

Your letter states I said nothing about my trip eastward. Well, it was not very interesting traveling alone. The scenery was beautiful but I had to speed along to get to camp and that took some of the pleasure away. Then I had trouble and located it to be the oil pump and after putting in a new one the car ran along and still does in perfect condition. The used car lot will only give me \$75 for my car and I know they resell them for 1095 so I am looking for a buyer who will pay 1095. In the meantime I will keep using it. The car has cost me including tolls, tire fixed, greasing, oil gas etc exactly three cents a mile. That is cheap traveling and with two people makes your traveling 1 1/2 cents a mile which is cheaper than the railway.

Now for a little business. The note you sent regarding the dishes is alright. I am sure you will get along nicely with that set you already have and the silver ware you have is also alright as you said. If you need anything when you go to Saigon you can buy it. I really believe you are saving yourself money by doing this. It is awkward the way you must travel, that is your things are here in the States and you in Switzerland and now traveling to Indo China all costs money. I will check with Helfers if your baggage has been sent. I should have when I arrived. If he says he told Keating, then it must be sent.

Now about your traveling. I spoke to Helfers and also Mr. Wagoner and Jeffrey and they all said if you find something you can travel on to take it and tell Dr. Chazeau to pay the bill and you to keep what you find. This is what I have to say, not new as I told you to go to Cooks. Chazeau can say the ships are all booked up which is true as far as travel agency and the steamship company is concerned but I know the last minute there is always a cancellation. I would not like to see you go 2nd class. Your letter confirms that according to what the travelers, those missionaries traveling home told you. Go first class on Messagerie and also on Chargeur. Push Cook to get your something on a Chargeur Reunis freighter.

They take 12 passengers and their ships are good and the food good. Tell them to write if they do not have the information or suggest they send a telegram to Chargeur and you offer to pay the charges and that way you will get something. Cook might say they have nothing, but if you say, will you double check and send a wire and I will pay for the charges right now. You will get action that way. They are not going to send a wire at their expense and a lot of people ask for information at their place and they are not sure a ticket will be sold. So push them a little with a smile and say it is urgent you get out there. I will be praying about it because if you can stay with your baggage it will be cheaper and nicer and no trouble getting your baggage into the country without duty. If you are forced to go by plane, then Cook can handle your baggage but better still I think that company on the same street as Cook the same side but nearer the station, I think Voyage or something would be cheaper. They are tourist agents but have their own drayage trucks in Geneva. They are the ones who picked up my baggage at the Pension to go to Chaux de Fonds. I told you Johnnie about it. They have another office in back of the station on the other side of the railway tracks but you do not have to go there. I hope everything will work out alright for you and that the Lord will find a ship. If you are more or less ready to go, you might even take a cancellation ticket if one came in. Remember, the men at Headquarters said you could shop around yourself to see what you could get and then contact Chazeaud. Don't expect Chazeaud to go all out and to push around to get you a ticket. He simply phones to his agent and that is all. So go to it children and I trust you pick something up. A thought just came to me, I know the East Asiatic Company pulls into Marseille sometimes, a freighter and they go to Saigon. Tell Cook, don't ask Cook, that East Asiatic goes there, Chargeur goes there and what do they have. That way the man will know that you know what there is and they cannot bluff you off. Dennis Freres might have a ship but I doubt it and you can mention them too. Dennis is pronounced like Denny. I guess that is all for right now and I will mail this right away. I must get ready for Nyack as I have Seminar on Missions and will be teaching five days or 7, I do not know yet. If you think of anything, ask and I will answer. You can send mail to 260 and they will forward it to me. From Nyack I have to go to Allentown Pa. Then since I have the car I am driving out to Beulah Beach to pick up Mother. I do not know yet what we will do about her lung. It should be taken care of

and operated if the Lord has not healed her. It must be soon as the heat is over and we are still debaiting. Pray with us that we will know what to do.

Here is a letter, I mean there is a letter from Otis Fisher. I will send it to you by airmail in another envelope. I just saw it so cannot copy this over or throw this sheet away. He wants you to buy "Rimiform" that T.B medicine and have it sent to Hanoi to him because the same preacher is sick again. Otis Fisher Boite Postale 156 B Hanoi, Nord Viet Nam. He will pay you back when you get there. Ask Hunziker about it as the drug company he went to also takes care of the sending. Otis wanted you to take some with you in your baggage too if it keeps. I do not know if it does keep.

David sure was cute the way you described him and the way he won peoples hearts. When I read how his picture was taken by that clock in Interlaken like you had your's, it made me cry.

Well children, may the Lord lead you and bless you and guide you as to how to go to Saigon and when to go. If you are flying, I think August is a poor time to go and Sept better. If you are sailing, August is not bad to arrive there in Sept. Olsen just left the West coast by steamer and you would not want

to arrive there before him. Well, bye now and may the Lord bless.
A good big hug to David and to all three of you with

Kissena

for her tiredness, shortness of breath, fever etc. This is startling because we cannot go back to the field this way. He suggests that the middle lobe be removed but talking to some at Council, they say it should not be done as it leaves a weakness. We don't know what to do. Mr. Rankin and Mr. Nelson anointed Nelly and they said to wait before making any decision and ask the Lord to heal. We know you folks will be praying too.

Right now we are staying in Dr. and Mrs. Fullers' beach home along the coast. All our mail is being sent to Mr. Yaggy in Glendale and we pick it up there or have it sent to us. This is a God sent to have this quiet place to rest. It is a lovely place with a private beach. It really could not be any better for us and they are not here, none of them. Mrs. Fuller, Dan and his wife were waiting for us, had food in the refrigerator and on the shelves, took us for a motor boat ride to show us the surroundings and left and are too busy to visit us, so this is ideally quiet. We just went to the Broadcast and back today. Several sailors, soldiers and a lovely girl accepted the Lord and were thoroughly dealt with. We like the way Dr. Fuller works. Nelly spoke for the Old Fashioned Revival Hour two Sundays before they went on the air. Last Sunday she also had to speak for the platform meeting - didn't have time to use any of your suggestions. Will tell you more about all this when we meet.

Well, I trust you will forgive me for not writing sooner. I always say I will try to do better but you must have heard that enough by now. We trust you folks are well. We think of you often.

Bye now with much love from both of us.

Lovingly yours,