

Long Beach, Calif
Tuesday Morning
May 19, 1953

Dearest Children:

It is the day before Council, not Christmas. I was going to add, "not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse..." but that is not true because we are trying to get things lined up so we will be ready for Council.

Mother has sent you a picture of the place where we are staying, only ten minutes walk from the Auditorium. We like it very much and believe the Lord led us here because we were praying on Saturday that the Lord would direct us to the correct place to spend the night. After that we liked it and finally wrote a letter to Mr. Yaggy to cancel our hotel reservations. This way we can be quiet, eat our own breakfast and supper here in the kitchen and go out for a big meal at noon. It is really ideal.

The last letter sent to you was from New Orleans, La. It might be best to get back there and then travel west with us. You knew we were staying with Mrs. Sallie Lee Bell. We had a lovely time with us and she looked so sad when we left on Monday morning. We had an early start and left her house at 6:45. We got out on the main highway and then speeded along. The car ran good and still does without any trouble and no blow outs. Thank God for that. It was very warm when we left New Orleans, but we soon ran into a storm which cooled it off. Later in the day it got dark and windy. When we arrived in Dallas it was cold and there we learned a storm hit Waco, a twister, and tore up the city killing over 25. We were going to take that route but for some unknown reason decided on Sunday to take the northern route. A good thing we did or we could have been in it. As it was, few cars were on the road and often our car rocked as if it would be blown off the highway. In the late afternoon as we approached Dallas, we decided to go no further so called up Dr. and Mrs. Shaw. They insisted that we stay with them but we told them we would come in slowly after stopping for supper along the road.

When we got there, Mother was very tired out and was coughing. She also had pain. Dr. Shaw questioned her and some of his deductions lined up with other Doctors, except he thought it might be the right lung but could not be sure unless he took a bronchogram. He could only do this in his office in town. If we wanted to stay over a half a day he would make the test. He had two operations that morning and would not be free until noon. So we decided to stay over. The result showed a complete obstruction of the right middle lobe. This is what causes that pain, and also that cough. This is the reason for that shortness of breath and that wizzing which all contributes to tiredness. If this lobe can be shut off it will correct this trouble. He recommended Doctors in Los Angeles who can also do it but said if Mother returned to Dallas he would do it for nothing, naturally the hospital charges we will have to pay but the Baptist Hospital will give a 25% reduction. Well, dear children, this is something serious to pray about. Should we wait for the operation or when should it be done? The fact is that the right lobe is not functioning and that is the cause of this trouble. May the Lord lead us. He has healed mother before. Dr. Shuman and Mr. Nelson on Sunday night after church at the Long Beach, CMA, said to wait and pray about it because the Lord can heal and to make it a special matter of prayer. Mr. Nelson said he believes if we in the Alliance had prayed more for Mrs. Dixon and if special prayer was offered, perhaps she would not have died. He said perhaps, so suggested that we wait to get the mind of the Lord. So pray about this and we know you will.

Here is another request. Dr. Moseley on Sunday night asked if we received his letter and we had'nt. He had asked Mother to represent Indo China at Council, to speak for that field. Mr. Jeffrey will speak on South East Asia and then mother will follow. Pray that the Lord will give her the strength and the message for that important meeting.

Now I am off the track again. I must get back to Dallas and hurry this way. After having lunch with Dr. Shaw and his associate Dr., we drove off hoping to reach Lubbock, Texas that night but it was so windy and cold, that we finally stopped at a small Motel that seemed to be in the wilderness. It was warm inside and that is all we wanted. The place was called Dickens. Wednesday night we arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico and met Mr. Thuan from Hanoi who is studying in the University. He was so happy to see us that he could not eat his dinner at the place we invited him. He was so thrilled that when we took his back to the University and left him out of the car, he cried. The next day Thursday

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we drove through Indian country, stopped her and there, picked up those two Indians and took them to town that we lost time and did not make the Canyon, so stopped in Flagstaff to sleep. I mention these places so you can trace them out on the map. We got up at four the next morning to go to ^{Seward} the Canyon so we could be there bright and early. We were stopping at one place taking a picture when a car drove up, the only one so early in the morning and asked if we were 'nt the Van Hines. Imagine, out there at Grand Canyon, not a soul in sight and ~~th~~ then suddenly somebody driving up and asking such a question. It was the young Rev. Henry and his family on their way to Council. The three boys wanted to see the Canyon which in a few words is as beautiful and breath taking as the pictures you see.

We stopped at the Lodge for lunch and then hurried westward. We spent six hours at the Canyon at different places which was not not enough time to take it all in. That night we arrived at Blythe, Calif just across the border from Arizona and slept at a very nice Motel with a swimming pool which we did not use. They charged \$5.00 including the private garage. Then on Saturday we drove into Long Beach and found this place we have told you about.

Sunday noon we went to the Auditorium to meet the Fullers. They were happy to see us and send you loving greetings. We could not speak much before the broadcast so went right in with them and sat with Mrs. Dan Fuller in the front row. Five minutes before going on the air, Dr. Fuller called us to the platform and asked one of us to speak a few minutes to the audience before going on the air. Since Mother is their summer convention speaker it was normal and natural that she speak but spoke only two minutes at the longest as it was soon time to broadcast. They want her to speak again next week for five minutes before ~~the~~ broadcast time. That will make a busy Sunday for her, first at Fullers and then Council, so pray much for her. You will get this in time and that is why I am rushing it to you today.

We will get your mail at the Auditorium tomorrow morning when registering time opens up at ten o'clock. Mr. Yaggy must have our mail now and I might go to his Hotel this afternoon to ask for it. We did not want people to know where we were these few days so we could hide out and rest. The Fullers brought us back here after the broadcast on Sunday. Dr. Fuller was really exhausted after preaching and wanted to get right home to rest up. They are leaving today for Houston and Dallas, Texas for ~~the~~ meetings there. We decided not to go to their beach house at Newport before Council but will go right after Council is over. In the meantime send your mail to Mr. Yaggy and we will have him forward it to us wherever we happen to be.

I think I have written a letter long enough to give you some reading material for the day, so will close up and sign off with loads of love

Your parents,

