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Dear Johnny,

Just to show you how very much your Valentine day letter is appreciated, I am answering it the afternoon it arrived. How is that for being prompt?

Relly, it did our hearts good to have you write about soon having a "Mom and Pop in Indo China." We are so happy at the thought of having a son.

Esther's letter, in the same mail as yours, shows how thrilled she was by your phone call. She wrote it must have been ten or fifteen minutes but it was actually twenty. You ought to know since you paid the bill! Who said: "talk is cheap"? No present could have pleased her more, to hear your voice meant so much to her.

Yes, it was most appropriate for you to write us on Valentines' day since we all love her so much. It was thoughtful of you too. Since Esther is so sensitive to little attentions it will mean a great deal all through life to have a thoughtful husband and we are grateful. We would love to do those little things for her like we used to but since it's impossible because of distance we thank God you are there to do them.

The biggest sacrifice I was ever asked to make in all these years of service is the fact that I won't be in Nyack June 5th. It would have been so wonderful to see our girlie's eyes shining with her love for you. Having seen you those three times makes it ever so much nicer so we will be able to picture the two of you. When you brought Esther those two red rosebuds on the candy box for her High School graduation, I wondered if you might not, some day be a son to us. When Esther wrote just two years ago that she loved you too, I was not surprised. Well, blessings on you, S O N .!

Thanks for praying for me so faithfully. I'm glad to be able to tell you that God answered prayer, praise His Name! I have been without any kind of suffering the last three weeks now in spite of an excess of work. He has given me "Strength as my days." Continue to pray that this improvement will last.

Your dear mother wrote of God's workings in Miami and four letters that came today tell of revivals in different places. We wonder if God is preparing His people for His return or perhaps for persecutions. Whatever it is, we must be ready. Here the situation is very critical. We will be sending out a short circular soon to give the latest news to stir people to pray. Esther will send you one.

Love from your future Indo China

Mother and Dad