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Dear Johnny:

This is a hurried note to let you know how much we enjoyed your letter dated December 29th which arrived recently. It was wonderful to have a letter like that, a chat with our future son in law. If you knew how good it made us feel, you would write more often and we are sure you are going to write soon again. We cannot get acquainted with visits to our home if we were in the States, so there is only one way left and that is by letter writing, so do not break the chain. We would like to be home to see you call on Esther and to see you go out together, but all these joys of parents we have to miss.

I am writing this letter as Mrs. Van Hine is not well. She still gets these miserable liver and gall bladder attacks that no doubt Esther told you about. Continue to pray for her. Last week I had to go to Hanoi to attend and speak at the first preacher's conference we had in Tonkin since 1944. There were twelve preachers who live in this free zone. Mrs. Van Hine could not go as she was not strong enough to make the trip. She was also tired out from having guests in the house, taking care of them as they speak neither French nor Vietnamese. Mr. & Mrs. Peole had to leave because the Chinese communists moved in. We found a house for them to live in and had it fixed up, gave them furniture and what not to get a start. We wish we were doing this for you two!!

We are praying for you as you study there in Geneva. It makes us very happy to hear that some of the students find their way to your room for spiritual light and you have an opportunity to witness to them. You are having a ministry right on the campus as you testify and live a Christian life. Let us know about some of your experiences.

There is no need to give you news. You have received the news letter and life goes on pretty well the same. There is a reason to praise the Lord because this morning a Christian was released from prison. He was living behind the iron curtain but that area was conquered recently. He was put in a detention camp and questioned over a week and processed. I made many visits to the authorities to have him released and I pled his case and gave my guarantee. His release is another answer to prayer. There is one more man there that must come out. Pray for him.

I started by saying this will be a note, but it is already almost like a letter. It is a chat with our John and when you receive this, we hope you will sit down and chat with us. So, goodbye for now and God bless you. With love,

Your future parents (in law)