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Saigon, November 4, 1924.

Rev. D. I. Jeffrey,  
Tourane, Annam,

Dear Ivory:

Your letter of October 23, Curwen's of October 27, and his telegram of Oct 24, also a letter from Miss Frost to Marie giving her version of the typhoon, and one from Mr. Pruett dated October 23 all arrived here last Sunday. This was the first we have heard from Tourane since Mrs. Jeffrey went back. Glad to hear that you enjoyed the typhoon, but sorry to hear of the damage done.

I suppose that the only thing that we can do is to get to work and rebuild the wall. If you feel that a low wall will be satisfactory, all right; but I wonder if we would not be justified in meeting the extra expense to build a wall that will effectually separate the two schools. As for building it stronger, experience is a good teacher, and we had better learn our lesson lest something worse come upon us.

I note the changes that you have made in the Bible-School plans. They are quite satisfactory. I had intended building the (W. C.)s on the married men's side of the fence, so that they would be less conspicuous from the road, but I guess that it makes little difference. How is your money holding out? I hope that you will not require much more, though I can understand that re-building the wall may entail considerable expense, and necessitate your calling for more. Keep expenses as low as possible. We have run considerably over our estimate already.

The number eight allowances came to hand the other day with a short note from Mr. Jaffray re some affairs in China, but he said nothing about turning over the accounts. Thus I do not yet know how the Mission treasury stands and am still running things on the money that Mr. Grupe deposited here in Saigon.

I was sorry to hear of Thay Dinh's trouble. I hope that it will not hurt our prestige with the Government. You are perfectly right in considering that under the circumstances we cannot use him as a preacher, and that the best thing that you can do is to refund his money and drop him from the School.

I note Miss Frost's request to have electric lights installed in the new dormitory building. I do not feel that I can authorize any further expense there until the books have been turned over from Wuchow, and I find out just where we stand financially.

I have also here your letter of October 13. I have credited your account with the items you mention (9.80 for milk, and 7.00 for doctor bill). I have also collected the ten dollars for Mr. Robinson's Doctor bill and credited it to your account.

Marie has just bought some cloth for Miss Frost. It came to twelve dollars plus the postage. Marie is writing Miss Frost to

pay this amount to you to be credited towards the support in Bible School of Mrs. Luyen. You will remember that I said that we would be responsible for her support, and paid five dollars (I believe) on account. This will make seventeen and some cents on account to date. She was to receive her board only. Marie will write the exact figures to Miss Frost, as soon as the parcel is mailed.

We are in the midst of building operations here too. Mr. Ten seems to be a very good contractor, and a very reasonable one too. The next time you visit Saigon, and I hope that it will be before you leave for furlough, you will scarcely recognize the place. We expect to be finished this week, unless it be that the painters hang on a little longer. I have had to have the entire house painted without and within. The job will cost about eleven hundred dollars complete, including painting, plumbing and electricians bill. (We now have six bed-rooms & four bath rooms)

The work in Saigon is becoming more encouraging. Quite a number have prayed since we have been here, but strange to say almost every one who has come in has been from the neighborhood of Tourane. I did not know that Tourane and the vicinity had so many wandering children. I seem to meet folks from Tourane every time I go out. Glad to hear of the progress at Tourane and Faifoo. Thai wrote me that there were to be fifty odd baptized at Faifoo.

Mr. Smith says that you are paying eight piastres per month to Nuoi's wife. Please give her seven only. That is the amount that I am holding back from Nuoi. Chut also wants you for the time being to give her mother three dollars per month. It will probably be more convenient if you continue to pay these amounts. You can charge them to my account, and it will do away with the necessity of transferring the money by post. I will write to Curwen.

Best regards from all to all.

Sincerely yours

Frank Irwin.

P.S. Your telegram of Nov. 4 has just come to hand. Note your need for \$275.00 to complete building operations - awaiting letter - Will forward money then. Perhaps it will be better to forward mandat with this letter - Will do so lest you get tied up. Frank.

P.S. <sup>2</sup> Am also mailing a brochure left here by the Mr. Brugger of the Swiss Mission in Laos. It may be interesting in view of the discussion re our opening work at "Luang Prabang". Please return brochure or keep it at Tourane for future reference.

Frank.

Note - Sending Mandat telegraphique - 275.00