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Dear Brother Jeffrey:

I have just finished giving the bones of a sermon to Thay Long and my head does not feel that it has lacked for exercise, but your recent letter was interesting and your appeal for the Bible school so effective that I am writing this letter and sending you a little special we received the other day. Please put it to the account of the poorest fellow in the school.

Speaking about cold weather reminds me that we had a cold spell down this way the other day. Yes sir, I was forced to put on my palmbeach suit and B. V. D. unions, but dont worry for now I am covered with prickly heat. The Jacksons' and Stebbins' were with us over Thanksgiving and we had a great time of fellowship,, We got our heads together and solved all the problems of the mission except Uncle John and we leave him to you. If you can solve that problem I will dub you Alex. Ham.

Pray with us about the opening of Triton the Cambodian center and pray that God will get hold of some bright young fellow there to be the Paul of his people to tell them the gospel. I have written to Mr. Jaffray for permission to go ahead there. Monday next I will baptize our first converts and it gives us great joy. I dont pray for numbers, but sincere followers certainly do give one great joy. O yes, I wish we had thousands of them too.

Regards to me.

The language question has had quite a bit of notice down this way and you will smile with us when I tell you that Brother Stebbins does not like Geneses. Mr. Jacksons teacher has found over one hundred chinese character words in the first eleven chapters. I amnot a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I warn you that much of last years work will have to be simplified. When the teacher class cannot understand it I dont see where the other poor folks come in. But far be it from me to give a personal opinion about it for frankly, I dont know. I just suspect from the smoke around that theres fire somewhere. In fact I have already been told to mind my own business as far as the books were concerned and I am going to do just that thing. But my brain cant help wiggling just a little when I hear the opinions of better judges.

If you see the Turnbulls just tell them that we hope to see them soon right here. Anybody else that wants to come along will be welcome. I still think you ought to see the country down here. How about it?

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