

12 Boulevard Lakanal,
Aubagne, (B-du-R)
sept. 16, 1926.

Dear Bro. Jeffrey,

Now that the rush of taking care of baggage, etc. etc. is over, I will write a few lines. We had a very good trip last Friday though somewhat hot and dusty. The train was an hour and a half late arriving at 11:15 instead of 9:45, but Mr. Hazlett and Mr. Johanson were at the depot to meet us and had already reserved a room for us so we went straight to the hotel from the station. The Hotel des Familles was full so we stopped a couple days in another hotel close by until we could get a room in the Hotel des Familles. We have a very nice large room for 16 Francs per day plus ten per cent.

Tomorrow we are going out to Aubagne where we are to live in the home of a protestant worker connected with the "Open air Mission" of London. One of the Englishmen who stayed at the Institut Biblique last winter has passed the summer in this home and was well pleased with it and with the meals, etc. I was out there the other day and find that they speak very good French. It is located up among the hills, 17 Kilometres from Marseille, a half hour by train and fifty minutes by tramway at 90 centimes. The price is higher than the pensions here in Marseille; but I think the quietness and repose will be worth the difference. We will pay fifteen hundred while in a Pension a good room may be had for thirteen hundred. We are leaving two trunks in storage at the Correspondance Maritime P.L.M. for 25 centimes per day per piece. The others we are taking with us.

When you get ready to come, send some of your baggage by Petite vitesse if possible. You will save money by doing so. I sent four trunks from Mantes weighing in all 170 Kilos, and I only paid 127 Francs. They have all four come through all right in less than ten days. On the other hand, for thirty kilos excess from Paris I paid 83 Francs. You could ship it right from Fontenay and thus save taxi bills etc. Of course if you have only delicate luggage with you it is not so good by freight, but for ordinary trunks I find it saves money.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter that I received from Mr. Poling a few days ago. It seems that there was an error in the exchange rate when our last allowance was sent. I figure it to be around 34.25. According to my calculations it will mean a deduction of \$9.88 from your next month's allowance, and a proportionate sum from each of the others.

Mr. Breidinger and Mr. Johanson leave for Africa the 28th of this month according to instructions received by cablegram.

I did not get this finished last night so will close it now. We just arrived at Aubagne about two hours ago and are beginning to get settled. I think we will like it here.

Yours in His service,

Paul Gunther

P.S. Is Gressman settled all right in Paris without any trouble?