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Dear Brother Jeffrey:

Since your last letter I feel free to present a matter over which I have thought and prayed for some time, but which I did not mention for fear of hurting your plans.

In my last letter to Brother Irwin I wrote asking that you send the new preacher and his wife to us as soon as school was out. Immediately upon learning that he had left school I felt that it was the propitious moment to present my heart's desire and that is that Thay Long be permitted to remain with me another year. The past year has been one of constant training for him and we have had our trials, but he has made wonderful progress and now I feel that to take him away at this critical stage in this work would do more harm than good. Considering him first, I would say that his first year was training in personal work, but now he is getting much needed training in sermon making and preaching. He may surprise you some day with his ability in the pulpit. I predict a great future for him if he does not get puffed up. Considering the work next, I would say that it is rather dangerous to change nurses when the baby is so young and the new nurse needing to be nursed more than the whole work. Considering myself last I would plead that I have lost so much time in studying the languages and there have been so many handicaps attending the opening of this work, that I need the help Thay Long can now give me in the work and all my strength and prayers will not have to be spent in correcting the errors of a novice. In another year I will be better fitted to work with a weaker helper, but now I am the weak one and I say, please have a heart.

Proposition number one must be considered if necessary apart from number two which I am about to make. I propose that Thay Long shall remain with me another year and that he be allowed to return with you to Tourane to get married and return IMMEDIATELY. But whether he gets his wife or not, I want him to remain with me another year.

Please wire me if you are coming to visit us, which we requested by wire and several letters. Trust you have a good committee meeting.

Yours in the King's business,

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