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We are making preparations to spend our fifth Christmas in Korea. There have been many changes in Korea, in the Church, and in our lives over the past four years. We have been blessed with three additions to our family. Mark is now  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years old and Vickie Lynn is three months. Our adopted son, Johnny, is doing well in his studies at Lipscomb, not having fallen below ninety on any test. In addition to his studies, he has raised a great deal of support for the William A. Richardson family who have joined us in the work here.

We still see many scars of the Korea War, but a great number of the buildings bombed out have now been re-constructed and are today in use. We still see beggars on the streets of Seoul, but, on the whole, we hear laughing voices as we pass along the crowded streets. People are now dressing more warmly and the shops are filled with people buying items made in Japan, Korea, United States, and, perhaps, Europe.

Four years ago on Christmas Eve, I was sitting in a very cold room with my eyes bandaged from a stove explosion. It seemed that we could not get our fuel oil stoves properly working. We still have problems, but, on the whole, we enjoy comfort having learned the nature of the tools we have to use in this land.

One of the most encouraging things in our work is the six hundred baptisms during the past four years. Four new church houses have been constructed and at least four new congregations have come into being. The Korea Christian College had its beginning in 1958 with the help of the A. R. Holtons. Our aim is to improve the quality of the church work by providing the church with qualified preachers and teachers.

In addition to the Daniel Hardin and William Richardson families, we are encouraged over the interest that many other families are showing in this work. The work now is becoming permanent. Our name is becoming well-known in Korea and the vision we have for reaching all of Korea and the Orient will challenge us to a constant growing program of work. We have on our teaching staff, men who know the languages of the Orient and our plans for the future include a radio program in Russian, Chinese and Korean.

Our family plans to leave Korea for a year's furlough in the summer of 1959. We will have many interesting things to report to you personally that cannot be said in a letter. However, we do want to encourage you to continue your support during the year that we are in America and plan to increase your support of the work in Korea because it is here that we have the stepping stone to the Orient.

Sincerely in the Lord,

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