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[Written on Hunan Bible Institute letterhead]

The Rev. William Orr, D.D., Vice President,
Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc.,
558 South Hope Street
Los Angeles, 13, California, U.S.A.

April 16, 1947

Dear Bill:

Last Sunday evening the 13th we had the joy of welcoming Mr. & Mrs. Cory and Janice to Changsha. Imagine my chagrin when the train arrived at the station 40 minutes early! Something unprecedented in China! We have known a train not only hours late but even days! Fortunately Mr. Cory's excellent Chinese came into immediate and practical use! He arrived at the Hunan Bible Institute gates just after we had started for the station which is near bye, and Grace happened to be at the gate and was the first to welcome them! We are greatly pleased at their arrival, and they are looking forward to service here. We also want to send you and the Board a HEARTY THANKS for all the equipment that you have sent with them. It will be more than appreciated. On Monday evening we had a very nice Chinese meal at our apartment and invited our Chinese colleagues to meet the Corys. We had a grand time to-gether. And it was interesting to hear the questions asked by them of Mr. Cory as to Biola at home. I am pressing forward with the repairs on the second floor of the Milton Stewart Hall for we are in need of this space now. The Cory's and the Davis and nine men students are all living in one residence at the moment, and since the hot weather is about to come upon us it is really essential that the students move over to the main building. However I need a little more cash to meet the expenses of finishing up the floor. Also the house in which the Cory & Davis' are living is not yet screened. Bill I am sorry to write the following and it means that something must be done soon. Since the first of the year Grace has been ailing with what we thought was a slight inconvenience which would clear up, but instead has steadily increased. We ask your definite prayers. The trouble started in Grace's right knee and from a number of Xray pictures taken at the Siangya (Yale in China) hospital it has been definitely pronounced as arthritis. Grace has been examined by an UNRRA surgeon here, also by the Presbyterian missionary doctor and a Chinese doctor who has specialized in such cases. It seems to be their definite opinion that there is little that can be done to alleviate the condition in China, but that Grace should return home for a course of treatment. If Mr. Davis can return to Changsha as soon as possible we should like to make preparations to return home for such treatment. You can imagine it has been quite a shock however, Grace is trusting the Lord to meet the need and is carrying on bravely. With kindest regards- Ever truly yours,

[Signed]

Charles