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*[Letter written on Hunan Bible Institute letterhead]*

September 14, 1937

Mr. E. J% Peterson,  
Business Manager,  
The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Incorporated,  
558 South Hope Street,  
Los Angeles, California, U%S. A.

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I wrote you briefly from Hongkong, and I have now returned to Changsha. My family will remain in Hongkong indefinitely as the American Consul will not give his permission for Americans to proceed inland. In fact the general order has gone out for the evacuation of Americans from China. It is going to mean a great expense to all of the Boards involved. The British are moving a little slower, but any day may see a change in their attitude. Please find herewith enclosed a copy of the agreement we have made with the Ministry of Education of the Chinese National Government. It is a most favorable one under the circumstances in that we are most fortunate not to have the military occupying the premises. You will please note that I have also filed a copy with the American Consul General in Hankow, thru whose good offices we were able to get this arrangement. This morning news seems to indicate that the Japanese are seeking to cut off the railway from Hongkong to Canton and of course a general blockade will doubtless follow and that means we are or shall be cut off without an exit unless special arrangements are made! However I am glad that my family are in Hongkong for the present. With kindest regards, Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Roberts