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[Written on Hunan Bible Institute letterhead]

December 27, 1947

Mr. Russell Alder
Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc.,
558 South Hope Street,
Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

Dear Russ:

Thank you very kindly for your letter dated Dec. 16. It is always a joy to receive an envelope from Biola! And may the Lord bless you all in this coming New Year. Regarding the sale of the land I have given Russ Davis a Memo on the subject asking him to sketch out the piece of land proposed and to indicate the size, the value and terms of sale as requested by the Board. As soon as he is able to do this I will forward it to you with an expression of the Mission's opinion. Regarding the letters you have mentioned in your letter that I should write, I have already done so. The delay was, as I mentioned in a former letter, due to waiting for an opinion as to whether or not the Board would have us continue raising funds for the support of special students or evangelists, or whether or not all such contributions should go into a general fund. The latter we prefer, however, we are willing to follow the former if thought best. Thank you for the copy of the portion of Minutes of the Board that pertain to the China Department. These are greatly appreciated. I have, this week, received a letter from Mr. R.E. Thompson of the CIM saying that the Ebelings have arrived in Shanghai, and the CIM has approved of their coming here, and they are now arranging for transportation to Changsha. I am very happy about this as I am hoping that Mr. Ebeling will be a big contribution to the Seminary Department. And it will be FINE to have this hearty co-operation by the CIM, something which we were unable to attain in the past. Thanks for the indication of the monthly deposit. This month we are getting something like 126,000. But the prices are up so much so that a number of schools have to close early on account of no money for food, and the fact they had their 'rice' in schools is that went bankrupt! Not so good. Russ asks me to write you regarding the list of articles that he sent you a couple of months ago. Has anything been done to purchase and send these articles forward. Regarding the Orphanage. Yes, send all clothes- not fancy evening dresses, or high heel shoes -blankets, comforters etc. you can. Ship care of the China Travel Service Hongkong and give us a COMPLETE duplicate of papers and mark all for Orphanage-Relief. No Food. Have written Bill Orr general news - Love - Yours,

Charles