



*Neil & Kate
Henry*

CHINA INLAND MISSION
Philadelphia, Pa

Dec. 26, 1954.

Dear Mr. Stans:

Let me thank you most warmly for your long letter of December 21. It was so kind of you to write me in such detail, and I deeply appreciate both the contents and the spirit of your letter.

I prize the photo of dear little Helen Priscilla, and am grateful also for the copy of John's letter which enclosed it to you.

Your dear father seems to have had a close call, and we have united with you in thanking the Lord for restoring and sparing him to you all.

I can readily understand how his over-wrought body and nerves were responsible for the temporary testing of his faith. The Lord understands also, and far from chiding him He has been well pleased and glorified by the sweet submission and victorious faith which your dear parents and all the family have exhibited in this sudden and sore trial.

For some unexplained reason none of the many newspapers which we have seen carried Dr. Scott's cabled message which you read to me over the 'phone. I shall be grateful if you can send it to me.

Thank you for offering to help in any way with material for the prospective In Memoriam article. Our Editorial Secretaries, Messrs. Helmer and Seville, have this matter particularly in hand, and either one of them or I myself will probably be writing you. We are also considering the publishing of an account of John and Betty's lives and death in the form of a booklet, larger or smaller, and I have already written China asking that all data at that end, including the record of their brief career on the field and a full account of their death, etc., be sent us as early as possible. We shall meanwhile be gathering data at this end. I cannot as yet say for certain what the outcome of our consultation will be, but I do hope that a booklet can be published. Of course we have to bear in mind the possibility of Dr. Scott himself desiring and undertaking to write such an account of John and Betty, and we shall be glad for his participation in every possible way. We think, however, that it will be distinctly preferable to have any such book or booklet written, or at least edited, and then published, by the Mission. This would give it the C.I.M. point of view and also insure its larger circulation.

I quite expected the reply you have given about the adoption of Baby Helen by any of the several kind friends who have offered. I am writing to the Philadelphia couple.

Thank you heartily for your kind invitation to go to you at any time that I am in your vicinity. I shall surely bear it in mind, and with the hope that I may have the pleasure of seeing you and the family before long. I am in a tremendous rush of work at present, for various reasons, but when the accumulation is somewhat relieved I shall give more definite thought to the matter of a Memorial Service at Paterson and shall then consult further with you.

May I ask you to thank your dear father for his much appreciated note of December 21, and its enclosed brief article for "China's Missions."

This letter I have passed on to our Editors to be woven into the In Memoriam article or printed along side of it, as they feel to be best.

Assuring you of our continued affectionate thoughts and prayers for you all,

Yours in His blessed bonds,

Robert Hall Glover

To Mr. Jacob Stam,
Paterson, N. J.

P.S. I am sorry to find that I have omitted to mention the check you sent covering cost of cablegram and including a gift of \$15. to the Mission. Please accept our grateful thanks for this kind and generous donation, for which I am enclosing our Treasurer's receipt. The \$8.05 for cablegram was paid by me personally and then refunded me out of your check, which explains its not being included in Treasurer's receipt.

RHG

R.P.S. I have just received the enclosed letter from Rev. F. L. Canfield our District Secretary at Los Angeles. Mr. Canfield tells me that Mrs. Peterson is known to him as a former student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. You will be interested in reading her kind letter. Will you please return it to me when you write next, as I shall be glad to keep it with the other material about dear John and Betty.

RHG

CHINA INLAND MISSION
Philadelphia, Pa.

January 8, 1935.

Dear Brother Stam:

I am enclosing a copy of a brief letter of dear John's, written after he and Betty were actually in the hands of the Communists. This came to hand from our Shanghai office yesterday, and is the only additional information which has been received.

The letter is surely a beautiful one, which I know you will all greatly prize. You will note that it is dated December 6, indicating that the capture occurred several days earlier than we had thought from the previous word received. Whether this means that they were killed on the 7th or kept until the 10th is still to be made clear.

We all so very much enjoyed the visit of you and the other three on Sunday. This common sorrow surely binds our hearts together more closely than ever.

With warm affection for you and yours,

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Hall Glover

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Tsingteh, An.
Dec. 6, 1934.

China Inland Mission,
Shanghai.

Dear Brethren:

My wife, baby and myself are today in the hands of the Communists in the city of Tsingteh. Their demand is twenty thousand dollars for our release.

All our possessions and stores are in their hands, but we praise God peace in our hearts and a meal tonight. God grant you wisdom in what you do, and us fortitude, courage, and peace of heart. He is able, - and a wonderful Friend in such a time.

Things happened so quickly this A.M. They were in the city just a few hours after the ever-persistent rumors really became alarming, so that we could not prepare to leave in time. We were just too late.

The Lord bless and guide you, - and as for us, - may God be glorified whether by life or by death.

In Him,

(s) John C. Stam

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CHINA INLAND MISSION.

1531 SINZA ROAD.

SHANGHAI, W.2.

11th May, 1935.

Rec'd June 10, 1935

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Dear Mr. Stam,

May I thank you most heartily for your very kind letter of March 26. I am sorry to gather from that letter that your father is in such a weak condition of health, but glad on the other hand that both he and your mother have been so graciously sustained of the Lord during their time of deep trial. It is wonderful to see how the Lord's supporting grace has triumphed even through the dark hours.

I note what you have written concerning the personal effects recovered from Tsingteh. These will now be sent from Wuhu to Dr. and Mrs. Scott for final disposition. There were certain goods marked on the list by Mrs. Scott as for sale, and these have already been disposed of. With regard to certain articles or books which some members of your family have expressed a wish to obtain, I note that you will write direct to Dr. Scott concerning these. It will be a good opportunity of getting such things home to North America when Dr. Scott's son visits him later.

With regard to the Bible School notes, photo albums, scrap books and diaries, I will carry out your wish, asking Mr. Hanna to forward such of these as belonged to Mrs. Stam to Dr. and Mrs. Scott, and such as belonged to Mr. Stam to you, and trust they will prove to be the help you expect.

And now I would like to thank you for sending me the particulars of moneys or other holdings in North America. I had already written to Francis Cady Heywood and Wm. M. Gehmann, Jr. concerning these, but thus far have had no reply from Mr. Heywood. Mr. Gehmann, however, writes with regard to the amount invested some years ago by Dr. Scott on Mrs. Stam's behalf, and I am still in communication with him concerning that.

You mention some holdings of your late

brother's and suggest that you could probably get the release of this money without probating a will or going through any other red tape. We shall be sincerely glad if you can do this. I have already obtained from the U.S. court here a grant waiving probate and formal administration of the estate and authorising me to proceed accordingly. There will therefore be no need for us to take any further action as far as the China estate is concerned. If you can obtain payment of the amount still deposited with the Prospect Park National Bank and send the cheque for the same to me, I shall be glad to credit it to the estate account here. There have been considerable expenses in one way or another at this end, and this balance in the bank will help in meeting these.

See P.S.

With regard to the \$1500 interest in a bond and mortgage given to Peter Stam and Amelia Stam, and which is now held by Clazina J. Stam as trustee for your late brother and his wife, I also see no objection to the assignment being made to your sister as trustee for Helen Priscilla. Shall we therefore leave you to arrange this if that is agreeable to all parties.

See P.S.

Your letter suggests that the Remington typewriter should be given to Mr. Birch if this were satisfactory to Dr. Scott, and if Mr. Birch could find use for such a machine. I will be glad to make enquiries along this line and thank you for the kind thought.

Again thanking you for the cordiality of your letter and for all your kind help, and assuring you of our continued fellowship with you, both in the Lord and in this service, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,



Mr. Jacob Stam,
Citizens Trust Buildings,
140, Market Street,
Paterson, N. J.
WJE:P

P.S. Since writing the foregoing it has occurred to me that it might be helpful to you to have a copy of the Waiver of Probate which has been granted to me by the United States Court here, as this may help you in getting the money from the Prospect Park National Bank.

When the necessary assignment has been arranged for Helen Priscilla in connection with the bond and mortgage referred to in the letter, I feel that there should be some record that I may place with the estate papers, in case any question should arise later, or in case I am asked to give a final statement of account.

Mail, Babe express to Henry

CHINA INLAND MISSION, Wuhu, Anhwei, China.

December 14, 1934.

Registered Received at Paterson Jan 9, 1935

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Stant:

I cannot express to you the grief we feel in the blow that has fallen upon you. I so very truly enter very deeply into your sorrow for my personal feelings toward John and Betty were those of a father toward his own children. We sorrow with you. May the God of all comfort comfort your hearts at this time.

When the first news was received of the capture of John and Betty by Communist bandits, I was in Shanghai for Council meetings. I had just received a very happy letter from them written on the 3rd inviting me to visit them. The country seemed peaceful and there was no thought of danger. The city was raided and looted on Thursday 6th, and on Friday, 7th, the bandits left, carrying off John and Betty and the baby. They went westward to the town of Miaosheo, some ten or twelve miles away. This town is the centre of our work in that whole district and contains many Christian families. The evangelist Lo left Kinghsien on the 5th for Miaosheo and the Pastor Chieg Hwaten was in that district doing relief work. Neither have been heard from up to the time of writing. Mr. Birch was in Wuhu at the time the first news was received and after informing the officials left for Suancheng hoping to get through to Tsingteh with supplies to be sent in to John and Betty. Yesterday afternoon the letter was received from the local official informing us of the awful tragedy at Miaosheo. I am enclosing a translation. It is not clear on what day they were found, but I will obtain that information later. I have requested that the bodies be brought here to Wuhu for identification, and as there is a very nice foreign cemetery here, I propose that they be buried here. It is most improbable that the baby is alive, although there is just the possibility that some kind-hearted woman is caring for it.

The American Consular authorities have been quite energetic in pressing for release, but all to no avail. The Vice-Consul from Hanking came here yesterday and officers from the gun boat U.S.S. Monaracy have also been here to obtain full particulars. I am going down to Suancheng this afternoon for further investigation and we will keep you informed of developments.

A little poem of Betty's is a great comfort. "Stand Still and See". It has just been sent to me by Betty's father and we read it together only a few minutes before the fatal news was received.

"I'm standing, Lord,
Since Thou hast spoken, Lord, I see
Thou hast beset; these rocks are Thee;
And, since Thy love encloses me,
I stand and sing!"

My wife unites with me in affectionate sympathy.

In Christ,

W. J. Hanna

(Translation)

(District Magistrate)

Letter from Superintendent of the Second
Administrative District of Anhwei.

To the China Inland Mission, Wuhu, (Mr. Birch)

Dated: December 13th 1934

Sir:

I was verbally informed by you that Mr. and Mrs. Stam, Missionaries at Tsingteh, and their infant were all kidnapped by bandits. You requested that steps be taken to rescue them from danger. Separate telegrams were despatched and Chairman Liu at Chinteh was informed by telegraph with the request that he instruct all bandit suppression forces to obtain the rescue of these captives. A confidential telegram dated the has now been received from Chairman Liu at Chihteh, stating as follows:

"Your telegram of th has been noted. With reference to the fall of Tsingteh and the American missionaries who fell into the hands of the bandits, the various troops have been repeatedly ordered to take every possible step to obtain Brigadier General Li Wen-Ping stating that the Kiangsi bandits were defeated at noon and Miaosheo recaptured. When cleaning the battlefield there were found the bodies of Pastor Stam, an American preacher, and of a lady of about twenty years old. Besides, a 7 year old child was carried away by the bandits. The local authorities have been directed to put the two bodies - American nationality - in coffins. The telegram concluded that steps are being taken to locate the child carried away by bandits and to obtain its rescue.

"Aside from reporting the matter to Chairman Chiang and Vice-Commander-in-Chief Chang and instructing Brigadier General Li and other troops to exert every effort to obtain the release of the child, you are requested to inform Mr. Birch of the above."

I am sorry to hear the above news. Besides despatching telegrams to the bandit-suppression forces on the front to rescue the kidnapped child from danger and communicating with you further, I beg leave to indite this letter for your information.

Chiang = Chiang Kai Shek

Chang = Chang Hsiuh Ciang

(Signed) Wang Chu-ren,
Superintendent.

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CHINA INLAND MISSION,

1531 SINZA ROAD,

SHANGHAI, W.2.

1st March, 1935.

Rec'd March No "

Dear Mr. and Mrs. ^{Peter} Stam,

I expect some of our representatives have already written to you expressing our deep sympathy in connection with the great sorrow which has come into your lives through the deaths of our dear friends Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stam. The whole matter was a very great shock to us all, and we can only rest in the assurance that "as for God, His way is perfect", and that He will cause even the wrath of man to praise Him. We may not fully comprehend or understand now, but with the assurance that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without our Father, we know that we are of more value than many sparrows. May the Lord Himself comfort your hearts at this time.

I am writing today to say that both your son and his wife left Wills in which they gave their effects each to the other, and in each case appointed me as Executor. It is necessary therefore for me to take the matter up with the consular authorities, which I am doing, though it is possible that under the circumstances and seeing that the Estate is but a small one, they will waive the necessity of carrying the case through the court, just giving me authority to proceed with the administration of the Estate. Dr. and Mrs. Scott have already taken charge of one box of personal effects, most of which I think are wedding gifts, and I am asking them for details of this. The other effects which have been recovered from Tsingteh or elsewhere have been listed, and I am enclosing herewith a list so that if either of you would like to select any of the articles mentioned, wishing to have them sent home to you, we shall be glad to carry out your wishes, though we would like to have as early a reply from you as possible. Anything left over from the disposal of the effects will of course be held for the benefit of baby Helen, who is the

sole heir at law after discharging liabilities & expenses.

Again assuring you of our deepest sympathy
and our desire to be of any possible help to you
at this time,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

W. J. Embury
Treasurer

Mr, Peter Stam,
146 7th Street,
Paterson, N.J.,
U. S. A.

WJE:P

INVENTORY OF MR. AND MRS. J. C. STAM'S

PERSONAL EFFECTS

recovered from Tsingteh

30th January, 1935.

8 table cloths
2 suits ladies underwear
2 pr. underwear trousers
1 cholera belt
1 A.B.C. shirt
15 neckties
6 white collars
1 pr ladies spats
7 oz. light weight wool yarn, blue & white
1 Moody Banner
1 pr. ladies brown oxfords
1 pr. " black "
1 light wool sweater
6 towels
9 bath towels
1 tie rack
2 baby dresses
1 baby bonnet
7 cushions
1 pneumatic cushion
2 cushion covers
4 curtains
7 chintz curtains with heavy brass rings
orange curtain material
chintz curtain material
59 serviettes
9 table runners
50 doilies
1 pillow
3 pillow cases
1 pr. men's pyjamas
1 large white linen table cloth
2 pr. men's white duck trousers
1 men's dark gray suit with 2 prs. pants
1 men's Chinese goatskin gown
1 heavy wool blanket, camel colour
1 large sheet raw silk
3 petticoats
considerable cloth scraps of all kinds
1 dress length of polka dot silk
3 ladies cotton dresses
1 ladies blue woollen dress
1 pr. ladies fur-lined leather gloves
2 rayon kimonos

1 suit men's heavy union underwear
6 nightdresses, ladies'
2 Chinese cotton gowns, ladies'
1 chintz smock, ladies'
1 silk wadded jacket, ladies'
4 long narrow lengths wild cat fur
4 B.V.D's
2 suits pyjamas, men's
1 bedspread
1 Badminton Set
4 racquets
1 net
2 shuttle cocks
1 tennis racquet
4 pewter candlesticks
1 framed picture of Betty
3 carved frame pictures
1 Jerusalem olive wood box of precious stones
1 pr. men's heavy felt shoes
1 pr. men's hightop, zipper, mining shoes, tan
1 pr. men's Chinese rubber boots
1 pr. ladies' " " " "
1 pr. " high top, leather, wool-lined shoes
1 shoe shine brush
5 silk blouses
5 " dresses
2 " suits
1 serge jacket
1 blue woollen skirt

TYPEWRITER

1 Remington typewriter in excellent condition

SILVERWARE

1 carving set, 1 knife, 1 fork, 1 butcher knife, 1 pie knife
6 stainless steel knives
6 " " forks
9 Vernon silver plate dessert spoons
1 Rogers nickel silver tea spoon
8 Gorham plate " " spoons
3 " " " table spoons
1 " " " dessert spoon
4 " " " forks
8 forks, cheaper grade
9 knives " "

MISCELLANEOUS

4 brass book ends initialled "S"
2 heavy brass book ends
1 sewing machine - damaged
1 demons stove, large, with extra wick
1 O'Cedar mop
5 framed pictures

- 10 framed photos
- 1 brass plate
- 1 pewter rose bowl
- 8 framed scenes without glass
- 6 lacquer trays
- 1 Chinese-style scale graduated in pounds
number of photos including large wedding groups
- 1 iron stove, large foreign
- 1 sun helmet, men's
- 1 camp cot complete with curtain rods

CHINAWARE

- 1 willow pattern dinner set
 - 6 dinner plates
 - 6 smaller plates, smaller than above
 - 6 soup bowls (plates)
 - 6 cups
 - 6 saucers
 - 1 slop bowl
 - 6 fruit dishes, small
 - 5 porridge bowls
 - 1 platter, large
 - 1 platter, medium
 - 1 round vegetable bowl, large
 - 1 " " " medium
 - 1 oval " " "
 - 1 gravy jug and plate
 - 1 tea pot
 - 2 salt and pepper
 - 1 cream jug, small
 - 1 milk jug, medium
 - 1 sugar bowl
 - 1 water pitcher, large
- 2 open salt dishes, glass lined
- 13 finger bowls, amber glass
- 4 pyrex custard dishes, small round
- 1 pyrex dish, large square
- 1 bell, brass memorial, table
- 5 jam dishes, light amber glass with cover
- 13 amber glass plates, medium, bread & butter size
- 8 unbreakable rice bowls
- 1 unbreakable cup and saucer
- 2 unbreakable soup plates
- 2 cut glass fruit dishes

CARPETS

- Buffalo hair rugs, shades of brown, striped
- 1 rug 5 ft. x 10 ft.
- 1 " 6 ft. x 7 ft.
- 1 " 5 ft. x 8 ft.
- 1 " 4 ft. x 6 ft.
- 1 " 2 ft. x 4 ft.
- 6 woven cloth burlap rugs, bluish green; each end has yellow, green, blue, brown & black stripes. 2½ ft x 5 ft.

- 1 Peking rug, blue flowers, black branches on fawn background. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. x 5 ft.

KITCHENWARE

- 4 chambers
- 3 enamel slop pails
- 7 baking tins
- 4 pie dishes
- 1 aluminum double boiler
- 7 " pots
- 2 charcoal irons
- 5 set muffin tins
- 2 enamel deep pie dishes
- 1 egg beater
- 1 potato masher
- 2 large aluminum jelly moulds
- 1 " measuring jug
- 1 bed pan
- 2 large aluminum preserving kettles
- 1 " enamel water pitcher
- 2 " aluminum " "
- 2 small Rex lamps with shades
- 4 large mixing spoons
- 1 safety razor hone
- 1 coffee percolator, aluminum
- 2 enamel pitchers, medium
- 1 flour sifter
- 1 porcelain mixing bowl
- 1 copper water can
- 3 steel frying pans

STORES

- 1 lb. cocoa
- 1 pk. blueing
- 1 lb. tin syrup
- 2 can sardines
- 1 2 lb. bottle vinegar
- 1 bottle essence of Rennett

TOOLS

- 1 hand saw
- 1 brace
- 3 bits
- 2 files
- 1 putty knife
- 1 square
- 1 chisel
- 1 plane
- 2 paint brushes
- 1 garden trowel
- 10 locks

BOOKS

313 Miscellaneous

- 1 set language and study books
- 5 Moody Bible School Notes
- 4 photo albums
- 2 scrap books
- 5 diaries, E.A.S.
- 4 " J.C.S.
- pamphlets, etc., about fifty

1 foreign goat and kid (\$22)

TRUNKS

- 2 steamer trunks, small
- 1 " " large
- 2 pigskin boxes
- 1 "cory"

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