

La Yen Kou, Honan, China.  
June 24, 1939.

My dear Ones,

My heart was made glad by the letters which came from you this week. Miss Davidson, a Gospel Boat worker, had stopped in Chengchow, on her way to join Miss Bailey who is only about eight miles from here, so she brought a number of letters and papers. There were Mama's two of January 6 and February 6 and Aunt Laura's of March 9. Aunt Laura's looked like it had taken a dip in the creek, but was readable. A few days before I received Durwood's excellent and newsy letter of March 23. I appreciate your sending the clipping about Willard Nix's accident for since receiving about month or two ago your letter Mama speaking of the Nixs' loss of Willard I had wondered how he died. That was an awful accident.

This is Saturday afternoon and I have had my bath and have tried to get the students attending the class to take baths, but fear that I have not been successful in every case. We give Saturday afternoon free from classes in order that the women and girls may get baths, go to the river to wash their clothes, and prepare their parts on the W.M.S. program etc. it is much easier to get them to change their clothes than it is to bathe. Just while ago three or four students said that they did not want to bathe for people would laugh at them. That was a strange idea to me, but I replied that I thought they would laugh if they saw them dirty. However, their version maybe right in this country.

In this hilly section it is difficult to get water. Even the water we drink is so muddy, because the season is so dry. Formerly, I would never let my clothes be washed in the river for it always looked so dirty, but here I do for water is so scarce. Everyone is grateful to the Father for a fine rain last night, which will enable the farmers to plant their fall crops now.

Helen Bailey, my good friend from Woodleaf, North Carolina, who was formerly with the Southern Presbyterians, is now with the Gospel Boat and is working in a village about eight miles from here. She has invited Grace and me to spend vacation with her this summer. When this Bible class is over I plan to go be with her two or three weeks and then come back here for a class for lay leaders of the churches in the Chengchow field. I hope during that time to do some extra Bible study and Chinese language work. Pray that I may study to approved, a workman that



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