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Dear Ralph:

Greetings from the beautiful island of Taiwan. We landed here from Tokyo on June 20, having left Indianapolis 7:15 a.m. the morning of June 19. By 6:30 p.m. the same day we were in Tokyo where we spent the night and came on here the next day. A more nearly perfect flight could not have been realized.

Already we are half way through the Summer Seminar, and it is proving to be exceedingly interesting and challenging. There are about seventy attending and I am lecturing on existentialism. So far I have treated Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Sartre, Jaspers, Heidegger, and it remains for me to treat Marcel, Bultmann and Tillich, and then analyze and summarize the subject. They have been a most interested and interesting group. The last time I was here for this school I taught a course in Christian Ethics. My fellow lecturer here this year is Dr. Hattori, a Japanese Free Methodist scholar from Japan. The other time I was here Dr. Takia, a Brazilian Japanese teaching temporarily at Greenville College was my fellow lecturer. Dr. Hattori is teaching a course in Ezekiel-two hours as against my three hour course. He seems to be a grand guy.

Again this year, as before, my interpreter is Rev. Peter Fan, District Superintendent of the Free Methodist Conference here in Japan. He is one of the most able and scholarly interpreters in this country. He can handle philosophical and theological terms and concepts with most unusual skill. I liked him so well the other time I was here that I requested him again this year. I wish I could have him all next year, but I shall not as he has his own work. He is exceedingly anxious for you to come out here to teach at the F.M. Seminary this year at the second semester. He and others will be much disappointed if you do not come here. I sincerely hope you do come. You would like these people and find your work with them a great delight and highly profitable. I shall be looking forward to my teaching here at the OMS Central Taiwan Theological College and the China Evangelical Seminary at Taipei-half and half with a three hour train ride between them each way once a week. There is a grand new air conditioned train now, however, and it is very pleasant as trains go. They are not easy to take after one gets accustomed to the planes, however.

We are comfortably situated here in a modern air conditioned house where I have a nice office and all the necessities of life. So far Mrs. Carter and I have been getting along very well and I know of no reason that we should not throughout the forthcoming year. We are praying and trusting for good health and blessings.

You will be interested to know that there is a keen interest in a Wesleyan Theological/Society Chapter here in Taiwan. Of course Helsby is a member. The Nazaren Superintendent in Taiwan is anxious to join. I shall send his application in to you as well as others I hope from here. I believe with all the Wesleyans there are here in Taiwan they could have a good strong chapter. I am asking them to formulate their plans and then present them to the executing committee of WTS in time for consideration at the Travecca College WTS Conference this fall. Of course Dr. John Chao of Korea will be there with his plans for a chapter in Korea. He is very very enthusiastic about it. I have talked some with Dr. Hattori about a Japanese chapter, but he seems to take somewhat the same position that the other Japanese men have taken. They all seem to incline toward independence of any organization outside of Japan. Thus, so far a Japanese chapter does not seem hopeful. Until I left Marion I had no final reply from Rev. James Spearman in Canada. I do not know what our prospects there are. I suspect Irwin Reist would be quite willing to act as coordinator, but am not certain if he would be the right person for that position. Bob Mattke would probably be the best, but he will be President next year. Nicholson is anxious to go with a South Eastern chapter. I suppose you have written him before now about this. He was waiting for a letter from you. It was my understanding from the Circleville meeting that you were to do the follow up work concerning these chapters. I seriously doubt that Blackstone will do much. He seems to be an almost impossible correspondent. I can hardly get a reply from him. He is a grand fellow, but not a ready correspondent at all.

I trust you had a very pleasant and profitable time in the Orient-the Near East. I assume that Oaribell went with you. It would be good to have you out here in Taiwan during the second semester. I think we would be able to get together sometimes at least as distances are not great here. I trust you will have a good summer, whatever you may be doing, and enjoy the richest of God's blessings in your lives and service for the Master. Please remember us in your prayers, as we shall also you.

Yours in the Master's service

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2. How many of these are new in 1970-71?
3. Names & addresses of new 1970-71 members only. I have the list with me.
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