

Foreign Missions Club  
26 Aberdeen Park  
London, N5  
April 15, 1954

Dear Friends,

Greetings from London! Truly this city can be called the capitol of the world. I have been impressed with the cosmopolitan makeup of its population. People from all of the Colonies are found in this great metropolis of the United Kingdom. Mixing with these British subjects are multitudes from the Continent, Eastern Asia, and the United States. Some are here on business; great numbers are studying at the Universities; others are transients; a few, even in April, are sightseeing. And how much there is to see! I look upon my time here as an education in itself.

Some of you know that I am in Britain particularly for work at New College, the school of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh. My research has been related to the great missionary awakening of the early nineteenth century. In particular it has dealt with David Bogue one of the founders of the London Missionary Society, and the tutor of their early missionary candidates. A thesis involves much hard work, but my subject has been so fascinating and practical that it has proven to be an inspiration and challenge rather than a long hard grind. During this year I have been able to gather most of my material and trust to write the first draft back on Ponape.

The London Missionary Society pioneered in the Pacific in 1796. Dr. Bogue's Academy was the first to give definite missionary training to candidates for the foreign field, and from this school scores went out to various fields of service in the South Seas. Studying under him were men who later made impacts throughout the entire island world. John Williams, and William Ellis are among the names on that memorable list of Pacific pioneers. Thus you can see why this subject has been so helpful for one returning to an island station.

We open on Ponape this fall the P.T.S. (Pastor's Training School) for the entire Micronesian field. Rev. and Mrs. Earnest Hayhow (and two small sons) of Waterbury, Conn. join us in the fall for this very-important undertaking. We have learned so much in the recent past, e.g. China, of the importance of training indigenous leadership. This year we open an institution dedicated to that vital task. Won't you pray especially for P.T.S.

Some, from time to time, have asked how they could aid the work in Micronesia. Two years ago we included in a form letter a list of things we could use. The response was just wonderful. In this letter you will find another list. This time we are emphasizing materials for the Training Schools' library. Books you have stored in your attic, or shoved to the back of your bookshelves are useful to us. We would like to have you send us those volumes which you have not looked at for five, or ten years. Perhaps they are too elementary for your present use.. if so, they are just what we need. Look the list over carefully. You will notice that our needs are not limited to religious books; your old dusty geography, literature, and history books as well as the primary readers will do us nicely.

The London address, the April date, will suggest to many of you the Great London Crusade. I have been amazed at the attitude of the British people. Naturally, their methods and modes of accomplishing tasks differ, as do ours; but there has been a united front when it comes to realizing that London's unchurched population must be reached. When only 5% of the people of a great city like this do go to church, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Church of England, Brethren, Baptists...are ready to overlook small differences and join hands in meeting this challenge. It is inspiring to see the Bishop of Barking of the Anglican Church, Dr. Sangster of the Methodists, Townley Lord of the Baptists, the editor of the Congregational weekly, General Dobbie-hero of Malta, and Members of Parliament

all working together to give London's masses the challenge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May this ecumenical spirit spread and may it counteract the fears of this atom and hydrogen bomb age.

We are scheduled to sail April 30th from Southampton on the S.S. Carthage. On board the ship we plan to get these letters ready for mailing, so possibly yours will have the postmark of one of our ports-of-call...Bombay, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong.

We are your fellow-laborers in the Glorious Gospel. Brethren pray for us!

*Chester Parfeta*

P.S. If you have not yet returned the card included with our last letter, but intend to, please send it on to our field address: Ponape, Eastern Carolines, Pacific Trust Territory of the U.S.A.

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Most of the following materials may be sent at book rate postage. Our address comes under Zone 8 of the U.S.A.

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| Song books (folk songs, etc)                                | Maps  |
| Hymn books  | Globes  |
| Bible Story books   | Charts  |
| Nursery rhymes  | Posters   |
| Illustrated books   | Pictures  |
| Work books  | Flash cards   |
| Text books (all subjects, all levels)                       | Picture cards   |
| Dictionaries  | Film strips   |
| Encyclopedias   | 35 mm. slides   |
| Atlases   | Records   |
| Concordances  | Flannelgraph material   |
| Biographies, Autobiographies                                | And as always- the usual school supplies (Paper, pencils, etc.) |
| Biblical Commentaries                                       |   |
| Source, background books on the Bible and related subjects. |   |

*Singapore*  
*May 27, 1954*

We are returning via this route to the field. It has been a most interesting trip. There is much opportunity for Christian work in Southeastern Asia. May the Christian Church be alert to its opportunities!

*Sincerely,*

*Chester Parfeta*