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Dear Stephen,

A letter was just received from Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, founder of Youth for Christ and past president of Youth for Christ International. He asked me to gather information about Youth for Christ as it existed in China. The Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College is compiling information about the history of Youth for Christ for its permanent records and for a book that is to be written.

Would it be practical for you to write me about the events that occurred in Tsingtao Youth for Christ from the time you and I met until Youth for Christ was disbanded in Tsingtao?

I know very little about events after I left China in 1946. While a student at Wheaton College between 1946 and 1950, however, Dr. Bob Pierce was a guest speaker at the college chapel. At that time he told me that he had visited Tsingtao Youth for Christ and spoke of a spiritual revival that had occurred.

From the sources that I do have, I know that the Lord blessed the work there and many learned to know Jesus Christ as their saviour and lord. But it would be important for us to know the specifics about this. Also important would be knowledge of the struggles, disappointments, and heartaches that were experienced. Some, I understand, renounced their faith in Jesus Christ, but others became real heroes of the faith. I am sure you know what should be told and what should not.

Torrey Johnson, now retired from the active ministry, travels extensively for Youth for Christ as their ambassador-at-large.

On the personal side, Doris and I were able to spend Christmas with three of our four children in the San Francisco Bay area. Our daughter, Meilynn, is married to Stephen (good name!) Smith and they have two boys. Steve is a computer programmer. They are active in the Baptist church, where we attended a Christmas Eve service. Son Carey and wife Holly were back from the Scandinavian Bible Institute in Sweden (in charge of buildings and grounds and vehicles), now picking up some classes at Letournean College in Texas (Christian engineering school), and expects to go to the Belgium Bible Institute next summer. All are a part of the Greater Europe Mission, which operates about a dozen Bible Colleges in Europe. A former associate of Torrey Johnson and Billy Graham in Chicago-land Youth for Christ, Dr. Bob Evans, started this great work many years ago. Then up north for Christmas was Len and Jill, all excited about Len's recent business trip to China. Len had twenty-eight lectures about the Apple Computer in Chinese medical schools (universities) over a five-week period. He is very impressed with the Chinese

people and China itself. His pictures had not been developed, so we did not see them.

We appreciate the wonderful hospitality that Len received throughout China. We are especially appreciative of the warm welcome he received from you and Mrs. Wang. He said he will never forget your meeting him on the train and saying, "Lennart, is that you?" He mentioned that he did not see one other foreigner in Qindao. He commented that he walked the streets both day and night, often alone, but felt safer than he would have felt in the United States. This speaks well of China.

It is getting late, so I had better "wrap this up." Besides, I keep hitting the wrong keys on this typewriter. Time for bed!

Kindly greet Mrs. Wang. Appreciated her letter a year or two ago. It is a treasure. Sometimes we are so formal when we write people. It is a precious thing to get ^A of a GLIMPSE persons heart and mind.

Your friend,

"Bud"

Bernard Holmquist