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Dear Mrs. Wang:

A letter was received from Dr. Torrey Johnson, founder of Youth for Christ. He requested that I gather information about Youth for Christ as it existed in China and, more specifically, Tsingtao Youth for Christ. This information will be included with other documents about the Youth for Christ movement and placed in the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. Later this information is expected to be used in a book that is expected to be written about Youth for Christ. Since you were involved in Tsingtao Youth for Christ, would you kindly provide us with whatever information you can give.

When you visited us here a few years ago, you said that you were led to the Lord at a Youth for Christ meeting in Tsingtao under the ministry of Dr. Bob Pierce. Undoubtedly there is no one available who is better qualified to tell the story of Tsingtao Youth for Christ than yourself. Also it would be interesting to learn how Youth for Christ influenced your life.

Our elder son, Len, visited China last October and November, lecturing in Chinese universities for Apple Computer Company. Rev. Stephen Wang met him on the train at the station. Len was able to visit other Chinese friends, including my wife's best girl friend and Principal Wang of the Swedish Baptist school that was located at Kiaohsien. Principal Wang, who is over ninety years old, knew both my wife's father and grandfather. Stephen is very much back in the Lord's work. Len attended Sunday services at the old Christ (German Lutheran) Church, which has a Sunday attendance in excess of a thousand. He was able to visit Kiaohsien itself and met two dear friends of the Rinell family, Mr. and Mrs. Fong, both over ninety. Mr. Fong had been a teacher in the school.

Len had been doing Christian work in Europe for a number of years. Before that he had studied under Dr. Douglas Young at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem and then obtained his M.A. in Old Testament and Hebrew at Wheaton. While visiting Len in Amsterdam, our son Carey and I stayed at your Chinese mission. I was quite ~~quite~~ proud of the fact that I had met Mary Wang.

I understand that you are acquainted with Alice (Rinell) Hermansson, who lives in Uppsala, Sweden. Lolli (Alice) and my wife, Doris, grew up together in Kiaohsien and are first cousins. We saw Lolli and her daughter Annli a year ago October in Säffle, Sweden. We were all there attending our son Carey's wedding. He is serving with Greater Europe Mission, but currently is spending a term at Letourneau College in Longview, Texas. I suppose you know that Lolli has lost both her husband, Ake, who was a professor at the university there, and her father, Rev. Egron Rinell.

Doris expects to travel to Sweden this spring for her father's ninetyeth birthday. Both her father and mother (at eighty-seven) and doing quite well.

We are pleased that we are still on your mailing list. It is always a blessing to learn how the Lord is working through you and your mission.

"Bud" Sincerely yours,  
Bernard Holmquist