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Leiah, Distt. Muzaffargarh  
West Pakistan  
April 24, 1959

Dear Mom,

Hot season is here again. This will be our last, as we will leave for furlough next spring, and will miss the following two hot seasons. Two dust storms blew in, in three days, followed by a very rare rain for this time of year. This lowered the temperature from  $105^{\circ}$  to about  $98^{\circ}$ . We are hoping that this year will not produce a dust storm almost every day at 4:00 P.M. as last year did. We received the first heat wave early this year, as the temperature rose to over  $100^{\circ}$  toward the end of March, so we have been sleeping outside since about the 15th of this month. Now comes the heat, and the dust storms, and the complete lack of variety in our menus. For in this weather about the only vegetable available beside potatoes is okra and a small tasteless summer squash. The temperature builds up gradually until in June it reaches the maximum normal temperatures of about  $112^{\circ}$ . But generally there are many weeks of heat which may reach  $116^{\circ}$ ,  $118^{\circ}$ , and sometimes up to  $122^{\circ}$ . The wheat is just being cut now, but has not yet been threshed. Sugar cane has mostly been cut and hauled to the sugar mill here in Leiah, and the seed has been sown for next year.

On Sundays I go to Bhakkar to preach there to about 25 families. I go by train, leaving Leiah at 11:00 A.M., and returning at 2:00 A.M. On Fridays I go out ten miles to chak b bicycle to preach to about 5 families. Saturdays I preach here in Leiah to about 8 families. During the week I try to study and prepare my sermons in Urdu, help take care of Philip, help with the washing, and try to keep all of our kerosene gadgets in working order. We have a kerosene refrigerator, pressure lantern, iron, stove, and now a kerosene fan, that one of our other missionaries loaned us. If any of you can tell me the principle on which a kerosene fan works, I would be glad to hear, as all of us are scratching our heads when we see it work by a simple, small flame.

We have distributed many thousands of tracts and sold at least 10,000 Bibles, books and gospel portions this winter. At one fair we sold over 3000 books in the large city of Dera Ghazi Khan over on the west side of the Indus, where Baluchis from the unworked area of Baluchistan, and some Pathans and others come from the North West Frontier Province and even some from Afghanistan itself.

We need your prayers as we work with nominal Christians and Muslims. Also pray with us about our support which seems to be getting less as the months go by. I suppose it is because we have been away so long.

We received the package you sent in Feb. It was very nice! Thank you very much! The chocolate cherries were minus the juice as it ran out, but everything else was in fine shape. I was sure glad to see the coffee.

Philip is fine again. He had another spell of diarrhea but is okay now. He weighed

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Mrs. Richard Johnson

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Sender's name and address:—

Piddy

Leiah

W. Pakistan

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21 lbs naked at 8 months. He has 4 upper  
teeth & 2 lower now. I finished giving him all  
his shots so I feel relieved now.

Mom, you had better lose some weight  
as I have done. Mary & I are both thinner & she  
only weighs 104 (too thin) and I weight 168.  
That's the thinnest I've been in years. This  
country is hard on a person & we have been out  
4 years now & Mary five.

If you didn't send a package to Murrell  
could use more coffee & candy bars.

I'm just going to bicycle out 10 miles to  
preach & I hope they are there. I don't like  
to bike that far in this weather.

Much love.

Clyde