

until Sept. 1  
Braemer House  
Hall Road, Murree  
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Dear Mom,

Murree has been an unusually interesting place this summer. As you know, it is at an elevation of 7400 ft. That means that the climate permits trees and plants similar to those in the States. We can therefore renew acquaintance with the maple, oak, elm, cottonwood, sycamore and many others. It is a pleasant experience after seeing the unfamiliar tropical varieties all winter.

For two months I taught science classes here in the Christian High School for missionary children. I started with 5 classes and gradually cut down to two. When the regular teacher arrived from Scotland two weeks ago, I relinquished the job. I enjoyed the teaching although it was my first experience in it.

We have had two or three earth tremors this summer. The first was a few weeks ago at 4:00 A.M. It was very sharp, and of quite long duration. It woke everyone and the house creaked and groaned for about 30 seconds. We even heard the church bells ringing a mile and a half away! The other tremors have been lighter.

The President of Pakistan, Yub Khan, as well as many other high dignitaries have frequently visited Murree this summer. Rawalpindi, the capital of Pakistan, is located only 40 miles from here on the plain of these mountains. The mountains get progressively higher and more rugged until they climax in the peak, Karakoram, at 26,000 plus.

Climbing parties from various countries come every summer to scale these high peaks. Some also lose their lives—three were killed this summer. A grandson of Woodrow Wilson led a climbing party, and for a whole month there was no word of them. Fears were alleviated when word finally came from a remote village that all were safe. They had lost their way, and had not yet even found the mountain!

There are a surprising number of world travelers from many countries who come through Pakistan every year. They come by jeep, motorcycle, motor scooter, bicycle or on foot. They may represent colleges or scientific expeditions, but most of them are foot loose and fancy free young people who want to see the world. They follow the same pattern. They do not shave, so sport a large beard and mustache. Their skins are always tanned a deep brown. Their clothes are simple, worn, and usually dirty. They are often broke and looking for a hand out from missionaries (free lodging and meals at the very least). Some mumble as they leave that they will mention you in their book! Women also are frequent travellers, but I have yet to see a bearded lady!

We praise God for those who remember us in prayer and by giving. We have received full support for the last four months.

I have been writing some tracts and a book on David, which I hope to publish in a few months in Urdu, and perhaps in English at a latter date. We have been praying that this book will be an answer to our need—we need books that are interesting and have a message. We do not get them. Pray for the \$200 needed to print 2000 copies of David in Urdu. The money will be recovered when the books are sold, so it can be used over and over to print books. The Lord has placed a great burden on us to get books on the market that are readable and yet contain a real message. We need books that will sell; then we can support the work by sales. Pray for this important work.

Due to new regulations, parcels are no longer reaching us. We have very much enjoyed what we have received, but will have to do without in the future.

The children are healthy, and enjoying Murree's climate and the increased number of playmates, for there are other missionary children living in this house and nearby. We expect a third the first part of December. Mary is fine and everything normal. There is an excellent missionary hospital in Lahore, only about five minutes drive from our home, so we shall not have to go back and forth as we did last term for medical care.

Happy birthday!!!

I meant to send you a letter on time, but I never remember the right day to