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send to you

Cordial Christmas
and
New Years
Greetings



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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

SIX MONTHS HAVE PASSED since we landed in U. S. A., from China. Six busy months spent largely in travel, interpreting Far Eastern situations to individuals, clubs and conferences, reaching representatives of perhaps a thousand churches.

OUR SON RICHARD IS STILL IN CHINA; his wife and four children are in Lawrence, Kansas. Richard has found much important work to do as a missionary in Peiping. The separation of the family during these days has been a very hard experience but all concerned are willing to pay the price. No word has come recently from Richard but we assume that he and other Americans are interned there in Japan-controlled China.

WAR WITH JAPAN has been the inevitable outcome of the attitude and policy of Japan for many years. Believing, as Japan does, that Heaven has decreed that it is the destiny of Japan to rule the world, the conflict with the West was sure to come. The start of the war was ideal; the Pearl Harbor tragedy produced a united America ready to put everything into the struggle.

VICTORY IS SURE FOR US and our Allies. A new and better world is in the making. It will not be long before peace-loving, generous China will be free to develop her country and become the dominant nation in the Far East. "Get thee behind me, Satan," were words spoken by our Lord when men tried to persuade him to turn aside from the path to the cross. Today it is for our America to take up the cross and go out to save the world. Thank God for our wise leaders who in recent years have sensed the world situation and have prepared to help save the world from Hitler and Japan.

TO MAKE THE NEW FREE CHINA a Christian nation is the task and opportunity of the Christian Church. Mrs. Hanson and I are eager to return to China as soon as peace comes. We do not want to go with empty hands. Our church should see to it that ample funds are available to meet the needs and to make possible a Forward Movement greater than ever before. In our Shantung Annual Conference it must be possible for us to do the following:

1. Put every trained Chinese Christian worker into active service preaching the Gospel. Shortage of funds in recent years has made it neces-