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American Board Mission, Post Box 142,
Istanbul, Turkey, September 9, 1960.

Dear Friends:

New members of the Mission arrived August 30 on the S.S. Samsun and have left Istanbul for their new posts. Alice Darnell, Virginia Dornbos, Margaret Hanson, and Margaret Shenk will teach in Izmir. Walter Gulick, Bradley Bloomer, Devon Yoder and Joe and Christa Barry with their son, Mark, will be in Tarsus. Robert Kinsey will be in Talas. Jacklyn Blake, Gloria Castillo, Clare Dunlap, Winifred Hertzog, Karen King, Anne Stewart and Keitha Van Engen will teach at Üsküdar. Also included in the group were Bob and Dorothy Keller with their daughters who are returning to Talas after two years in the States and Wally and Ruth Robeson who will be in Language School in Izmir this year and then will be associated with the Izmir School--Wally as Business Manager and Ruth as English teacher. Travelling with this group from New York to Naples were the Fred Shepards who are returning to Aleppo College after a year's furlough in the States and Inez Clinger who will be teaching at Aleppo College. Katherine Ross, who taught business education in Izmir 1955-58 travelled with these new-comers to Istanbul where she will teach this year in Girls' Service Center (YWCA).

A chartered plane bringing teachers for Robert College is expected in Istanbul this afternoon with Fernie Scovel and Patricia Russell for Izmir and Alex and Carol Poirski with their children, Paige S, and Derek L, for Talas. Granthia Lavery who will teach at Üsküdar was expected with this group but is unfortunately delayed for four to six weeks with mononucleosis.

John and Gwen Scott and daughters have arrived in Istanbul to teach at Üsküdar after some months of language study in Izmir and after having directed the Turkish Work Camp at Köyceğiz.

Earlier Clara Engle and Sandra Kamper arrived by plane on July 29 to study in the Language School in Izmir. In late October Clara will go to Gaziantep and in late December Sandra will take up her work in the Talas Clinic.

Frank and Barbara Stone arrived from furlough on August 2 and have gone to Tarsus where Frank will be Acting Director of Tarsus College this year.

On furlough this year are Helen Morgan, who returned to the States with her mother via the Orient; Naomi Foster, who flew to the States from Istanbul on July 6; and Dick and Georgia Maynard who will be at Neyzen Tevfik Sokak 41/3, Demirtepe, Ankara, until November 1 where Dick is doing research.

Several new faces have joined the Mission circle. Dorothy, daughter of Bob and Betty Avery was born May 24 in Istanbul. John Scott, son of Bob and Lorrie McKay of Tarsus was born in Gaziantep June 20. Elizabeth, daughter of Art and Marianne Whitman was born in Istanbul July 15. Sarah Melissa, daughter of Jim and Mary Lou Johnson was born in Ohio August 25. Mary Lou and children are expected back in Talas later this month.

Miss Elizabeth MacCallum arrived in Istanbul from Canada in early July. She is enjoying her retirement from the Canadian Foreign Service in her apartment at 20 Do ramaci Mehmet Sokak, Üsküdar.

The Summer Language School at Izmir directed by Lynda Blake was attended by Louis Wilkins, Tarsus; Sandra Kamper and Clara Engle, recently arrived from the States; Edith and Walter Wiley, Diyarbakır; Barbara and Ray Fowler and Gail Wood, Izmir; and Sophie Eldridge and Martha Millett, Istanbul. The School with a varied program was conducted during the month of August.

The summer months have brought many visitors to Istanbul. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wingate and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo T. Mareck (Dorothy Wingate) and daughter visited in late July in Istanbul and Talas, the locale of childhood days for Mr. Wingate and Mrs. Mareck. Dr. and Mrs. Charles M. Houser of the Altadena Community Church in California had a few days in Istanbul in late July. Dr. and Mrs. Everett MacNair of Talladega College in Alabama were in Istanbul the week of August 23-30 after a round-the-world tour with the Council for Social Action. Mrs. Herbert Schneider of the Blaisdell Institute for Advanced Study in World Cultures and Religions in Claremont, California spent several days in early August in Istanbul. Dr. Edgar Chandler of the World Council of Churches Service to Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland, has been in the city this week. Mr. F. M. Ross, this year's Chairman of the Missouri Congregational Conference spent a week in early August visiting his sister, Dorothy Blatter, in Istanbul.

Word from the Kingsburys indicates that they are settled in Maywood, Illinois where John is Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church. Their address is 1600 South 5th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

The "Flying Pilgrims"--a group of 22 young people led by Dr. Henry David Gray of South Church, Hartford, Connecticut, were in Istanbul August 8-12 to study historic spots and to see the work of the Church in this area.

Donald Webster of Claremont, California, retired from the American Foreign Service, arrived in Istanbul yesterday for a two-months' visit to Turkey during which he will reacquaint himself with Turkey and things Turkish.

Melvin A. Wittler

No. 516

American Board Mission, Post Box 1
Istanbul, Turkey, October 7, 1960.

Dear Friends:

Recent arrivals in Turkey include Mr. and Mrs. William Edmonds and their three children who arrived in Istanbul aboard the S.S. San Giorgio on September 27 following a year's furlough in New Haven, Connecticut. The Edmonds have gone to Izmir for Language School until next summer when they move to Istanbul where Bill will be associated with the Publication Department.

Arriving in late August by car following a tour through Europe were Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keck who will be associated with the Talas School this year. The Kecks will be remembered for a period of service in Tarsus several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meyering and daughter arrived in Istanbul September 14 enroute to Izmir where Mrs. Meyering will be teaching and her husband will be gathering data for his Ph.D. dissertation. The Meyering were accompanied by Necla Palamutlu, a graduate of A.C.I. in Izmir who has just returned after several years of study in America to assume the position of teacher of Psychology and Guidance Director at her alma mater.

Gladys Jensen returned on September 15 to her position in the Mission Office after a three-month visit with her family in Iowa.

Mrs. Edna Hayes Taylor of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, arrived in Izmir September 6 to teach English at A.C.I. for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gebhard arrived in Istanbul September 25 following six weeks' motor tour in Europe. Mr. Gebhard will be visiting professor of the History of Architecture at the Technical University under a Fulbright appointment while Mrs. Gebhard will be Librarian and teacher of Art History at Uskudar.

Barth Harry is the new son of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Winkler of the Talas Nute Clinic. He was born September 5 in Ankara.

The September 6 issue of Ulke, a weekly newspaper published in Ankara, contains a feature story on the life and work of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Isely of Gaziantep. The article, apparently one in a series devoted to Missionaries, is entitled 'Father Isely.'

The marriage of Joan Kellogg and Frank Slagle Ham on September 10 is announced by her parents. The Ham's address is 1451 Van Antwerp Road, Schenectady, New York.

Word has been received of the death on September 2 of Mrs. Mary M. King at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, California. Mrs. King lived in Bulgaria from 1913 to 1930 during which time her husband was business agent of the American Schools.

Dr. John E. Merrill died at Bellows Falls, Vermont, September 22 at the age of 88. Dr. Merrill was a former President of Central Turkey College in Gaziantep and Aleppo College in Syria, until his retirement in 1936.

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George Privratsky left Istanbul October 4 on an emergency leave from his duties as Business Manager of Azariah Smith Hospital in Gaziantep to handle some matters of urgent personal business in North Dakota.

Aleppo College for Girls will observe its Centennial on October 27-30 with appropriate ceremonies at the College. The School had its origin in Gaziantep where it was established by Miss Myra Proctor as a day school with eight students. It was reestablished in Aleppo in 1924, moving to its present site in 1954.

World-wide Communion Sunday was observed October 2 in Istanbul with a service conducted by 13 participants in five languages at Immanuel Protestant Church (on the Bible House property).

Paul Nilson of the Bible Societies and Bob Avery of the Publication Department traveled September 15-26 along the Black Sea as far as Erzurum contacting Bookstores. They were accompanied in the early stages of their journey by Don Webster, formerly with the American Foreign Service, who is renewing his acquaintance with Turkey.

Recent visitors include the Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Hyde of Portland, Maine, who were in Istanbul September 22-27 and in Ankara September 27-28. Mr. Hyde is Minister of Christian Education of the Maine Congregational Conference.

The Rev. Russell T. Loesch, Minister to Armed Forces for the Congregational-Christian Churches, stopped briefly in Istanbul September 27 while enroute to Samsun to visit Chaplain Greer, an Evangelical and Reformed Church Chaplain to the American Armed Forces.

Mrs. Caroline Odell of Indianapolis, whose husband is a nephew of Miss Jeannette Odell who was formerly Principal of the American Girls' School in Merziphon, is spending several days in Istanbul as the guest of Dorothy Blatter.

Calling in Istanbul for a few days are Marguerite Bicknell; on her way to America for retirement from Pierce College in Athens, and her sister, Mrs. Hall of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They are traveling through Europe together prior to sailing from England in early November.

Word from Helen Morgan indicates that she has arrived in the United States and is now in the East where she can be reached c/o Mrs. F. E. Morgan, 630 Sheridan Street, Apt. 7, Chillum, Maryland.

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Dear Friends:

Mrs. Genevieve Dunaway has arrived in Talas where she will be housekeeper at the Boys' School. She arrived from Rome where she had been living with her daughter and son-in-law. Mrs. Mary Lou Johnson and children have also returned to Talas after a visit with her family in Ohio.

Arthur Whitman and Burton Thurston attended the Aleppo College Board of Managers' meeting in Aleppo October 26 and 27, as representatives of the Near East Mission.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Schoup and two children passed through Istanbul October 10-12 as they were enroute to Aleppo from America. The Schoups were formerly in Iraq with the United Mission and have spent the past year at Princeton University. They join the faculty of Aleppo College for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maynard left Turkey via Istanbul October 15 as they go to the United States to continue their furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitman and children left Istanbul by plane November 4 to begin a six-month's furlough in the U. S.

After spending two months in various parts of Turkey, Don Webster of the Blaisdell Institute for the Study of Religion and Culture left Istanbul November 2 to continue his world tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer of Tarsus are the parents of a son, Markus Peter, born October 8 in Ankara. Diewke Alison is the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dizney of Talas, born October 11 in Talas.

From Izmir comes the report that Beacon Hall, the newest building on the campus, had ground broken on May 18 and was occupied on September 19 by two classes of the Preparatory Division and by October 17 began to be used by an additional two classes. This means that Bristol Hall is now used exclusively for boarding students, accommodating 52 students.

Dr. Jm. L. Nute, Sr., writes from 445 Harrison Ave., Claremont, California, of an enjoyable but busy retirement, with a keen interest in events in Turkey.

From Dorset, Vermont, comes news of Mrs. Gertrude Drury, who was Librarian in Izmir for four years, indicating that she is nicely settled with her family after having seen several friends from her days in Izmir.

Miss Ruth H. Wagner, who taught English at Uskudar 1957-59, is busy as an Editor for Friendship Press in New York City. From her home at 45 James Street, Bergenfield, New Jersey, she sends word that Mrs. Ruth West Campbell, who taught also at Uskudar 1955-1960, is planning a trip around the world on the S.S. Basilia following her visit with her daughter and family in England.

A letter from Miss Carol "Rusty" Wright indicates that, following major surgery and subsequent treatment, she is now progressing nicely and expects to be in New York by mid-November where her address will be 419 W. 119th Street, New York 27, New York.

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Somewhat late word has been received of the death of Miss Ina B. Verrill on May 17, 1960, in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Miss Ina Verrill and her sister, Miss Ida Verrill served as a nurse-and-teacher team in Gaziantep in 1911-12 and in Urfa 1912-14.

Announcement is made of a new book, **THEY LIVED THEIR FAITH**, by Dr. Fred Field Goodsell to be published March 1, 1961. This book is a companion book to Dr. Goodsell's, **YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES**--an almanac of 366 sketches of inspiring persons, events, ideas based on his research of the American Board's 150 years of history.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingham, 4504 Clermont Place, Garret Park, Md., announce the birth of Stephen Crittenden on October 19. Mrs. Bingham is the former Anne Mereness who taught at Uskudar 1954-57.

Recent visitors to Istanbul include Mrs. Esther Bridgman Brown of Pittsburgh, Pa., who has been visiting Uskudar since her arrival October 12. Mrs. Brown, who taught at Uskudar in 1922-23, is in process of a visit to Europe and the Near East with a friend. Rev. and Mrs. Mario McQuary, parents of Mrs. Burton Thurston, stopped in Istanbul October 15 and 16 as they were enroute to Beirut to visit the Thurston family for a few months. Dr. Raymond A. Gray, Director of the Department of Overseas Union Churches of the N.C.C., New York City, was in Istanbul October 28 through November 4 to become acquainted with members and program of Union Church ("Dutch Chapel"), Istanbul. The Rev. Dean Marston of Youngstown, Ohio, visited the Mission Office and Uskudar School November 4. Dr. Frank Laubach and Mrs. Renford Lowe of the Laubach Literacy Fund, Washington, D. C., were in the city November 4-6 in the interests of literacy programs here.

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Dear Friends:

In recent weeks Clara Engle has completed her language study in Izmir and has begun her work in the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital at Gaziantep. At the same time May Bryant, having completed four years of service at Gaziantep, began her work at Talas Nute Clinic in Talas.

Alev Inez is the new daughter of Christa and Joseph Barry of Tarsus. Alev was born November 23 in Gaziantep.

Friends of E. C. (Jack) Blake will be sorry to hear that he has suffered a mild coronary thrombosis in Talas on November 13. The latest word indicates good progress with the hope that he will be able to resume work following a period of recuperation.

Unity Hall, the latest addition to the Tarsus College campus, was the scene of an open ceremony on November 20. Unity Hall provides two additional classrooms, new facilities for the School's library and additional dormitory facilities.

George Miller of Aleppo and Melvin Wittler of Istanbul represented the Near East Mission at the fall meeting of the Board of Managers of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut. The meeting was held November 25 in Beirut. The Mission Board of Managers for Medical Work met in Talas on December 2-4 with all members present from Ankara, Gaziantep, Istanbul and Talas.

The Rev. Raymond White writes that he is now serving as a pastor to two Methodist churches at Pretty Prairie and Lerado, Kansas. The Whites will be remembered from their service with the Mission to the churches in the Mardin-Diyarbakir area.

Word is received of the death of Miss Mary Isabella Ward on November 16 in Medfield, Massachusetts, at 86 years of age. Miss Ward served with the American Board in Turkey from 1900 to 1944. She was a teacher in the Girls' Boarding School at Merzifon, Gedik Pasha School, Istanbul, The American School, Bursa, and at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir.

Members of the Middle East University Survey Commission under the chairmanship of William E. Stevenson, President Emeritus of Oberlin College, have visited the Mission office and the Uskudar School, gathering information for their survey of American higher education in the Middle East.

Other recent visitors in Istanbul have been Dr. Raymond E. Maxwell of the Division of Inter Church Aid and Service to Refugees for the World Council of Churches, Geneva, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Kendall of Hollywood, California, where Dr. Kendall is minister of the First Methodist Church.

During the course of his pilgrimage to the Middle East, His Grace, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, spent two days in Istanbul. His address at the Crimean Memorial Church, Istanbul, portrayed some of the significance of the Archbishop's visit to Jerusalem, Istanbul and Rome.

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