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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Southeast Asia Mission
253 BUKIT TIMAH ROAD,
SINGAPORE, 10.
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

TELEPHONE - 550866
CABLE - QUICKMERE SINGAPORE

June 8th, 1974.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Taylor,
P.O.Box 615,
Manila, Philippines D-406.

Dear Steve and Margaret,

Thanks kindly for your note of 24th May and for returning the book. We were anxious to know about your getting to the Philippines and are pleased that you are safely there and so pleasantly situated.

Our son, Thom, is laboring in Angeles which we understand is near Clark Air Force Base, so I don't suppose he would get to Manila very often. He seems to be enjoying the work. As to be expected he has had a few ups and downs.

Your tithing receipts are enclosed. Thanks kindly.

My return trip to Singapore went well, but when I returned I had to be hospitalized for a couple of days. The doctor was cautious because I was getting dehydrated by that time. My health has been very good other than that.

We'll hear from Brother Paul soon. I'm sure. He never goes too long without reporting - or asking for something. But he is a worker.

We do hope that you are still ticketed for Jakarta. We are getting a good start and you can make a great contribution. We succeeded in purchasing a lovely large house for our meeting place and the Branch is growing. We hope you will break the trip with a stopover in Singapore. We have room for you at the house if we don't happen to have a group of missionaries coming or going. Our next group is scheduled to arrive 10th August.

Margaret, I have a glass shade with that wine red border which I think will match the one you have for your lamp. We have it on a single wall lamp, so I can get another for it as it doesn't have to be any particular color. We'll make a trade.

We send our love and we sincerely invite you to stop by. With appreciation and anticipation.

Sincerely yours,

Miller & Alice Shurtleff

Miller F. Shurtleff, President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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which is less than the Business School norm. Whether the class is talking of theories of cost of capital, internal rates of return, standard costing, Bayesian decision theory, or management styles, it is infrequent that I have much to say about it, a state of affairs that is unacceptable at a school that demands a certain level of class participation. What I don't like is the drainage of self confidence that occurs with not being able to meet norms.

Change is difficult, and maybe that's why determinism has such a large following. I know that change is possible, however, and some important elements of change, besides goal setting, are faith and humility. As we read in Ether 12:27:

And if men come unto me
I will show unto them their weakness.
I give unto men weakness that they
may be humble; and my grace is
sufficient for all men that humble
themselves before me; for if they
humble themselves before me, and
have faith in me, then will I make
weak things become strong unto them.

Thus man must be ultimately responsible for his acts because through faith and humility he alone is ultimately responsible for change.

May 24, 1974

Dear Brother and Sister Shurtleff,

Sorry I haven't been able to write sooner, but the tensions, and stresses of a change of residence prevent one from fulfilling his best intentions.

Thank-you very much for your visit (was it April?). We enjoyed having you, especially as it represented a sizeable deviation from a straight line journey. Thanks also for lending us ~~MEYER~~ The Black Hole of Calcutta. It was a fascinating book and brought to life the entire Dalhousie area. Glad we could drive by prior to your departure. By the way, hope your flight to Bangkok and on to Singapore the next day was satisfactory given that you weren't feeling too well before you left Calcutta. I have enclosed the Black Hole book. Again thanks.

The Church materials that we received from Harvy Brown were forwarded on to Brother Paul in Coimbatore. You may wish to confirm that these were received.

We have moved into the village of Bel Air in Makati. We are quite near the Mission Home as well as close to the ward chapel. As a matter of fact, everything is very convenient. The bank, shopping center, Phoebe's school are all within walking distance. Can you beat that? Have not had a chance to meet your son. Hope all is well.

Very Truly Yours,

The Taylors

~~FORN~~ NATIONAL CITY BANK
CALCUTTA

April 2, 1974

S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, Esq.
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.
Madukkarai Post Office
Coimbatore District
Tamil Nadu.

Dear Brother Paul,

Attached please find Indian Bank draft for Rs 706.51 being proceeds of US \$ check from Southeast Asia Mission for \$ 90. Hope this letter finds you well. Wishing you all the best. This will probably be my last communication to you from India as we will be leaving shortly.

Sincerely yours,

S.D. Taylor

cc: Miller F. Shurtleff, President
Southeast Asia Mission, Singapore.

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March 9th, 1974.

Stephen Taylor,
c/o F.N.C.B.,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta, INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

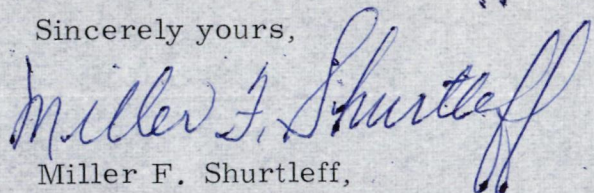
Thanks for your note and for taking care of the fund transfer for us.

We have had to change our plans a bit and we'll not leave here until the 18th. We'll go to Coimbatore first and come to Calcutta enroute home. If Indian Airlines doesn't let us down on the connecting flight at Madras, we'll arrive in Calcutta at 2145 (9.45 p.m.) on Friday 22nd March. Then we'll plan on taking the Thai Airlines flight to Bangkok on Saturday 23rd March at 1330. That only gives us Saturday morning to visit with you but at least we can tell you a little about Indonesia and you will soon be in the Philippines where you can attend Church regularly. As far as we know at the moment Sister Shurtleff and I will be the only ones making the visit.

Steve, we understand that your father is going to Cairo again. It's too bad you can't get into the same area of the Globe in these distant assignments.

With appreciation.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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DEPARTMENTAL FILES
ONAL CITY BANK
 CALCUTTA

February 22, 1974

**Paul S. Thiruthuvadoss,
 Associated Cement Co.Ltd.
 Madukkarai Cement Works
 Madukkarai P.O.
 Coimbatore District
 Tamil Nadu, INDIA.**

Dear Brother Paul,

Enclosed please find Indian Bank draft on Coimbatore No. 143 dated February 22, 1974 favouring yourself for Rs 1,308.90. Draft represents proceeds of check drawn by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for \$ 160. Enclosed please find the check stub with the explanation "For rental expense in India."

I hope this letter finds you and yours well. I was in Madras a short time back and regret not being able to make it to Coimbatore.

Wishing you the very best.

very truly yours,

Encl:

Steve Taylor

**cc: Miller F. Shurtleff, President
 Southeast Asia Mission, Singapore.**

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February 12th, 1974.

Paul S. Thiruthuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works,
Madukkarai P.O.,
Coimbatore District,
Tamil Nadu, INDIA.

Dear Brother Paul,

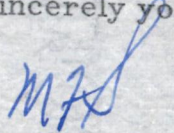
The enclosed letter to Brother John is in reply to his letter to me in late December. I think it gives you sufficient information to go ahead and work with him in getting more work done on the house. I hope the money will be sufficient to get the work well along, even though it may not be enough to finish it in pucca fashion. When we come next month, we can have a firm understanding on how it will all be handled. Will you please be giving some thought to the type of rental agreement we should have and the amount per year, etc. It will be wonderful for Brother John's group to have a place to meet.

We plan to come to Coimbatore next month but can't give you an exact date. We will let you know as soon as we can. Brother Garner has just been here. We had good meetings in Indonesia and here in Singapore. He had to go on to Thailand and the Philippines so was not able to come to India this trip. We hope that he can come to visit you next September.

The work continues to progress here in Singapore, but we have only two missionaries. Sister Shurtleff sends her love and greetings to you and your family and we greet all the members of the Church there and pray that our Heavenly Father's blessings will attend and sustain you. You are in our daily prayers and we know that we are in yours,

With appreciation.

Sincerely yours,


Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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c.c.: Stephen Taylor

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February 12th, 1974.

Stephen DeWitt Taylor,
c/o F.N.C.B.,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta, INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

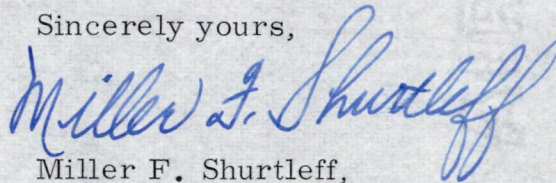
As you can see we are asking another favor. Could you please get a Rupee bank draft to Brother Paul in exchange for this US\$160 check. Copies of my letters to the Coimbatore members concerned are enclosed which are self explanatory.

We trust that you are still in Calcutta. We plan to come over in mid-March and we'll come to Calcutta to see you if you will be there. The likely dates as we see them now would be the 16th or 17th. There are still one or two matters to be resolved before we can be certain. If you plan to be there that long, please drop us a note, and we'll fix the dates and advise you.

We told Larry Perkins in Jakarta of the possibility of your coming. He is with First National of Chicago and their operation there is in development financing not banking as such. He did not know you but his wife Jerry does. She is from Provo but I can't tell you her maiden name. They both know Dave Aldredge.

With kindest regards to you and the children and with prayerful wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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February 12th, 1974.

Brother John,
c/o Paul Thiruthuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works,
Coimbatore District,
Tamil Nadu, INDIA.

Dear Brother John,

I am embarrassed to be so tardy in replying to your letter of 28th December. I had to get it translated, of course, and somehow the weeks speed by. We have been in Indonesia again since it was received.

We commend all of you in your Church group there in your village of their efforts in building a little Church building in which you can hold your meetings. This will be better in the long run than renting Mr. Moses' house. We will be pleased to see it when we come.

As you probably know, and I'll ask Brother Paul to explain this to you more fully, the Church cannot own the building you are constructing in your village. The legal title will have to be in your name or whatever name you have placed the title to the land when you made the purchase. Then the Church can pay rental on the building for use for our Church meeting. We will discuss these arrangements with you when we come and we can agree on the rental amount. The money we have already furnished and any additional we send will be considered part of that rent. Thus we will probably be passing the rental in advance for many months when it is all figured out. It's important that all of us understand this and we can have an agreement drawn up so that there will be no misunderstanding.

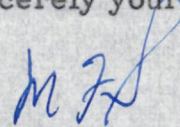
I am now in a position to send you additional funds which will be considered rent money but which you can use to continue work on the house. It is not as much as Rs. 1500, but US\$160 which will provide you with approximately Rs1,200, depending on the exchange rate. The Rupees will be sent to Brother Paul in a bank draft by Brother Steven Taylor in Calcutta.

We will not take time to get this ~~4~~ translated into Tamil here
but will ask Brother Paul to do that for you.

We hope to visit Coimbatore again around the middle of March
1974 but we cannot be sure of the dates just yet.

You have our prayerful wishes for continued success in the
work of the Lord. May His blessings be with you and your family and the
members of your group.

Sincerely your brother,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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c.c.: Paul Thiruthuvadoss
✓ Stephen Taylor

COPY FOR DEPARTMENTAL FILES
FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
CALCUTTA

January 21, 1974

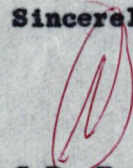
Paul S. Thiruthuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co.Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works,
Madukkarai P.O.,
Coimbatore District,
Tamil Nadu,
INDIA.

Dear Brother Paul,

Attached please find draft # 0138 on Indian Bank Coimbatore for Rs 2059.37 being proceeds of South East Asia Mission check for \$ 240. According to President Shurtleff's January 10, letter to me the funds should be allocated to rent — Rs 1715.46 and to travel, postage etc. Rs 343.91.

Hope this letter finds you and yours in good health.

Sincerely,



S.D. Taylor

Encl:

cc: Miller F. Shurtleff, President
Singapore.

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January 10th, 1974.

Mr. Stephen DeWitt Taylor,
First National City Bank,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta, INDIA.

240 | 40.00

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Greetings and Happy New Year!

We just received your letter of December 15th and are pleased at the prospect of your being in our Mission in Indonesia.

We have just returned from a trip to all our districts in Indonesia. We left the day after Christmas, hence the delay in answering your letter. We think you will like Jakarta. We have some very fine members there and 3 American families you will enjoy getting acquainted with. One member, Larry R. Perkins is with First National Bank of Chicago.

We still hope to come to India in March but don't know at this time if Brother Keith Garner, our Regional & Mission Representative will be with us. We appreciate your offer of staying with you if we feel we can make a stop in Calcutta. We'll keep you informed.

We are enclosing a check for \$240 - \$200 for rent and \$40 for travel, postage, etc. for Brother Paul. I'll write him on this and send you a copy.

Thank you for speaking to Mr. Al Hageman, Manager of the Madras Branch of your bank. It will definitely help us to have someone there who understands our situation.

Our very best to you and Margaret and the children.

Sincerely,

Miller F. Shurtleff

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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15 December 1973

Dear President and Sister Shurtleff,

Hello from India. Since last communicating with you there have been a few changes, at least as far as our own immediate future plans are concerned. I think we informed you of a Beirut - Johannesburg transfer around the first of the year. Now it looks like we may end up in your territory. The International Group of Citibank has undergone a significant reorganization recently and as often happens no one, even up to the highest levels, is really sure what is happening. Throughout this confusing state of affairs opportunity has shown its face to us in Asia and at least in the short term we like what we see. So now, it looks like Philippines for 6 month Marketing/Credit training and then on to Jakarta around 3rd quarter of 74. Our departure date from India hinges on the arrival of our roving Inspectors/Additors and the completion of their inspection of the Calcutta Branches. So we could leave as early as Feb 1, 74, but no later than April 1, 74.

We look forward to increased activity in the Church in both of our next postings. Since Delhi, Church News's and Family Home Evenings (we have the 74 manual) have really been our only tie to Church activities.

If we are here in March of next year we hope you can include us in your plans when you come to India. Of course plan on staying with us.

There is a good possibility of my going to Madras before we leave India. That being the case, I would certainly like to pass through Coimbatore and visit the saints there. If the occasion arises, I will enter into direct correspondence with Bro. Paul, copy to you.

Feel free to route Bro. Paul's rent check thru us here at Citibank Calcutta. Present Manager of the Madras Branch is Al Hageman. I will advise him, copy to you, to forward your remittances in the same fashion as we have been doing, on to Coimbatore. Al is a nice fellow, and will be most happy to extend to you his full cooperation.

Family is fine. Jacob is starting to crawl and Phoebe recently performed as a ladybug at school. Weather this time of year is great. On the other hand India seems to be in sadder shape than ever. Petrol now nearly Rs.3.00 per litre (\$1.50 per gallon). Acute shortages of a lot of other things. More beggars and squatters on the street than ever. The country seems to plod along though. Best wishes to you and yours.

Love,

The Taylors

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

MADUKKARAI.

(Registered as No. S/63 of 2-6-1970 under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860)

S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B. A.,
~~XXXXXXXX~~ Group Leader

PALGHAT ROAD,
MADUKKARAI, P. O.,
COIMBATORE DT.,
Tamil Nadu,
Indian Union.

Dated 14.12.1973

Dear Brother Taylor,

I am in receipt of your receipt for the amount of my tithing and fast offering transmitted to our Mission President at Singapore. I thank you immensely for your kind help in this regard.

Our Mission President wrote to me that you will be leaving India by the end of January 1974. Then we will be losing a member of our church family in India and also a leader to help us. When Bro Brown left India, we had a helping member and leader in you and now you are also leaving us. We pray that God will bless you in your new place.

I would make a request to you for your help before you go. That is, Mission President wrote to me that he would be sending some money to me through you as last time. In that money kindly send Rs.50/- plus 50/- i.e. totalling Rs.100/- to Mission President towards my tithing Rs.90/- plus Rs.10/- Sunday offering for December 73 and January 1974, and send me the balance. This would prevent the delay and other difficulties for me in getting a demand draft in your favour here and sending it to you for transmission to the Mission President. I hope you would help me in this, when our Mission President sends you money for transmission to me before you leave Calcutta.

We are all getting on well by His abounding grace and all the members here are happy and enthusiastic in our church life. We wish you and Sister Taylor the best of the season.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Paul Thiruvalluvar

PAUL THIRUVALLUVAR
MADRAS MISSION
COIMBATORE ST.
TAMIL NADU
INDIA

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Dear Brother,

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my offering and last offering transmitted to our Mission
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kind help in this matter.

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leaving India by the end of January 1915. Then we will
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a helping member and leader in you and now you are also
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place.

I would make a request to you for your help before you
go. That is, Mission residents wrote to me that he would be
sending some money to me through you at that time. In that
money kindly send Rs. 50/- plus 1/-, totalling Rs. 51/-
to Mission President and converts by giving Rs. 50/- plus Rs. 1/-
Sunday offering for December 23 and January 13, and the
balance. This will be a great help and comfort to me
and sending it to you for transmission to the Mission President
I hope you would help me in this. When our Mission President
sends you money for transmission to me before you leave Cal-
cutta, we are all very thankful to you for this. I am
all the more so here in India and enthusiastic in our church
work. I hope you will later visit the seat of the Mission.

*Mail to
on Dec 3rd*

November 30, 1973

President Miller F. Shurtleff,
Southeast Asia Mission
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
253, Bukit Timah Road
Singapore 10.

Dear President Shurtleff,

Attached please find Singapore demand draft drawn
by First National City Bank, Calcutta number 7812 for
\$ 12.31 favouring The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints.

The amount represents Tithing and fast offering
of Mr. S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B.A., as per his
attached undated letter.

Best regards,

Steve
Steve Taylor

cc: Mr. S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B.A.

Encl:

*Draft sent
Thru
separate
cover Dec 1, 73*

*Received 8 Dec. 1973
Thanks.*

Miller F. Shurtleff

*Let me know
if not received*

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24th November, 1973

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen D. Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta, INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Thank you for your Christmas Card. We are saddened to learn that you are leaving our Mission but happy for you also. I assume the transfer to South Africa means a step upward. As I recall that is a different territory for the bank and probably means that you are in a different orbit.

Brother Paul has sent me this letter addressed to you, along with this Rs. 100 bank draft. I suppose we had better do as he suggests and have dollars sent over here so that we can give him a proper receipt. He has sent me some tithing monies in Rupees which I am holding in Rupees until I come over again.

We wish we could see you again before you leave but can't see any possibility of coming back before next March. I will send you another dollar check before you leave in January, if I may, to get another Rupee draft for Brother Paul - some additional rental monies. Perhaps you could give me the name of someone in Madras who would do this for us after you leave.

Alice joins me in sending love and warm regards. We have our first grandson and second grandchild, and all is well. Our son is on his Mission in the Philippines - so near and yet so far. Perhaps we'll get to see you at your Chalet in the cany on at some future time.

With prayerful wishes and appreciation for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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10th November, 1973.

Mr. Stephen D. Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
#43 Chowlinghee Road,
Calcutta,
INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Trust that all is well with the Calcutta Taylors.

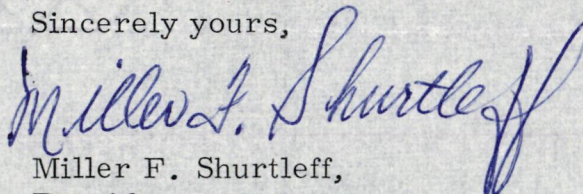
Brother Paul received the money in good time as you know from his letter. Thank you for your help.

The enclosed copy of our letter to Brahmchari Davshan in Howrah will be of interest to you. If he is not too far away you may wish to look him up sometime.

I did not give him your name because I know how the Indians sometimes jump at such opportunities. He seems to be quite a well educated person.

Our very best to all of you. We hope to come over again in March.

Sincerely yours,



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9th November, 1973.

Brahmchari Davshan,
Ramakrishna Math,
P.O. Belur Math,
Dt. Howrah, West Bengal,
INDIA.

Dear Mr. Davshan,

I'm sorry to be somewhat tardy in responding to your letter of 1st October. Indonesia, Malaysia and India are also included in our Mission and we are away from the office for several days at time.

You are very discerning in your study of the materials submitted. I commend you for your careful study. The answers to your questions are as follows:

1. The plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated and the Urim and Thummim were returned to the Angel Moroni who gave them to Joseph Smith.
2. Our Church uses the King James Translation (in English) of the Bible and comparable translations in other languages.
3. We have one group of members in India, in Coimbatore. Our Group Leader there is S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, Associated Cement Co. Ltd., Madukkarai Cement Works, Madukkarai P.O., Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, INDIA.
4. We are unable to send our missionaries to work in India at the present time because the Government will not grant visas.
5. Joseph Smith's Testimony has been translated into Tamil. This was done by Brother Paul Thiruthuvadoss. Any translation could only be published by the Church, although there would be no objection to your doing a translation for your own use, if you wish I assume this would be in Bengali.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of the Book of Mormon and some additional pamphlets "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ", "The Plan of Salvation" (in English and Tamil) and "A Word of Wisdom".

Enclosed with this letter are the pamphlets "Contributions of Joseph Smith", "The Church as organized by Jesus Christ", "Christ in America" and "What the Mormons Think of Christ".

We will be happy to hear from you further when you have had a chance to read and ponder these materials. Take time particularly to read the Book of Mormon". Read it prayerfully and ask yourself "Could any man have written this book?"

Sincerely yours,

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President,
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26th October, 1973.

Paul S. Thiruthuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works,
Madukkarai P.O.,
Coimbatore District,
Tamil Nadu,
INDIA.

Dear Brother Paul,

We just received the letter from Steve Taylor in Calcutta indicating that he had been away but as of 8th October had sent the money to you - Rs. 3,892.91, as I explained to you in my letter of 27th September, 1973. We trust that you received the monies in good time. This was probably still faster for you than waiting for a US check to clear. We hope so.

I'm sure you will be sending us more reports soon. We surely do appreciate your efforts and those of the others also. We hope that you have the lease worked out in John's village by now also.

As far as working with others is concerned, we didn't mean to restrict you just to the program drawn up by the Elders. That was only for the members. We hesitate, however, to impose on your time too greatly. I would suggest that you work with others as time will permit without neglecting your family.

As it stands now, I won't have money for printing this year unless something changes later on. We'll discuss it again when we come in March.

Our love and greetings to all, and particularly to your wife and the children.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
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INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th October and for sending the Rupees on to Brother Paul. I don't think there was any problem in the delay. If I send him a US Dollar check he has to wait until it clears to get the money. He'll no doubt send me another report in a few days.

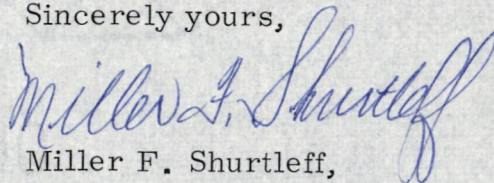
Trust you had a nice trip to Bangkok and that you didn't get involved in the take over. It is amazing to me that it all went so peacefully (relatively) and that the change came about in such an orderly way.

We don't plan to come back to India again until March. We'll keep you advised. The world situation looks so bleak this morning that we almost hesitate to plan that far ahead. We certainly do pray that it will be clarified soon. I didn't expect a US - USSR confrontation at this point.

Again, we do appreciate your help and pray that all is well with the two of you and the children.

With prayerful wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
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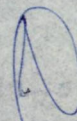
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Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission,
253, Bukit Timah Road,
Singapore 10, Republic of Singapore.

Dear Brother and Sister Shurtleff,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 18th September, 1973. Margaret and I just returned from a week in Bangkok and Pattia and hence the late date of receiving your letter. I have today issued a draft in the amount of Rs. 3,892.91 favouring Brother Paul Thirithuvadoss and have mailed it to his address. I will be in touch with you later. I hope this letter finds you both in good health.

Very truly yours,



Steve Taylor

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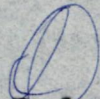
October 8, 1973

Paul S. Thirithuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works
Madukkarai P.O.
Coimbatore District
Tamil Nadu
INDIA.

Dear Brother Thirithuvadoss,

Enclosed please find a draft on Indian Bank, Coimbatore for Rs 3,892.91 being the proceeds of a check for US \$ 500 made out by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Southeast Mission. I have enclosed the check stub which shows the accounts to be charged. I hope this letter finds you and the other Church members well. Please don't hesitate to let me know if there are any problems in the encashment of the draft.

Very truly yours,


S.D. Taylor
Assistant Manager

Encl:

cc: Miller F. Shurtleff, President,
S.E. Mission, Singapore.

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Reply on tape
18th September, 1973.

Stephen Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta 16,
INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

We received your letter of September 1st but have been terribly busy. Last week was taken up with a Mission President's Seminar in Hongkong where we met with the other Asian Mission Presidents. Elder Thomas Monson of the Council of the Twelve was there and we really enjoyed him and his counsel and advise.

Brother Keith Garner and I did go to Coimbatore in late August but time did not permit our coming to Calcutta.

We did send the two missionaries to Coimbatore but they had to go on tourist visas and were only able to get one extension and so their stay was not as long as we would have liked, but we feel for that the length of time they were there they accomplished as much as could be expected. They learned the language well enough to converse and translated all the new discussions into Tamil, prepared about 30 2½ minute talks to leave with the members, organized the two groups and taught them the order of meetings.

6 weeks in all

Brother Brown had rupees in New Delhi which he sent to us in Coimbatore and we used the money to pay some of the missionaries' expenses so consequently we didn't need to call on you.

We are enclosing a check in the amount of US \$500 which will be for Brother Paul's rental and other expenses. Will you please have this converted to rupees and send him the money by bank draft or telegraphic transfer whichever you feel best. The name and address are:

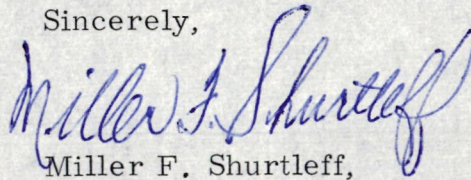
Paul S. Thirithuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
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Tamil Nadu,
INDIA.

So glad you had a nice visit home this summer. Your canyon property in Spanish Fork sounds nice and it will also be good to know the Dave Aldredges will be your neighbors at some future time. We didn't have time to try and contact them in Hongkong.

We will definitely try and arrange a stop in Calcutta on our next trip to India which will probably be next January. We will let you know in advance.

Our love and best wishes to you and Margaret and the children.

Sincerely,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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P.S.: Let us know how you make out with the packages for Coimbatore.

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Miller F. Shurtleff, President
S.E. Asia Mission
253, Bukit Timah Road
Singapore 10, Singapore.

September 1, 1973

Dear President and Sister Shurtleff,

We received your letter of 16 July, 1973 in Provo. We contacted Brother Carlos Smith in Salt Lake and made arrangements to have him send a trial package of clothing to me in Calcutta. I will clear the package thru Customs and forward it on to Coimbatore. Based upon our success in this initial venture, perhaps we can continue with bigger packages. We have made contact with some customs officials here in Calcutta in order to expedite our own customs problems and I think I will be able to draw on their help when this package comes.

We note from your letter that you had considered at sometime to come thru India during the month of September. We certainly hope your plans will include Calcutta. We realise that we are only one family and that it is a long way but we would certainly enjoy your visit.

We had a very enjoyable home leave. Spent most of our time in Provo visiting with my parents. We took a short trip over to California to see Margaret's folks and on the way back went thru Yosemite National Park. On our return to Utah we spent a good deal of our time looking for land and in the end purchased some mountain property in the Spanish Port Canon area where we hope within the next couple of years to begin a summer home of some kind.

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We stopped in Hongkong on our way back to India and got together with the David Aldredges. We had an enjoyable time seeing the city with them. Over lunch we mentioned to Dave and Diana that we had purchased some property in the Utah county area and they expressed keen desire to hear more about it. After hearing our discussion about our property and after seeing some pictures of it they placed a phone call to the Real Estate Agent (HK - USA) and purchased a plot right next to our lot. Needless to say this made us very happy but we hope we do not lose them as friends should they be disappointed with the lot when they get back to see it. Seems to me to be highly unusual to purchase a piece of property without even seeing it but the Aldredges did and in any case we were glad to have them next to us. Margaret and the children are fine. Jacob Stephen is growing by leaps and bounds. Phoebe is back in Nursery school and back on her routine. I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that the work is successfully progressing in this Mission.

Very truly yours,

Steve & Margaret Taylor

P.S.: Assume missionaries still coming to Coimbatore.

Suggest you go to Citibank Singapore and arrange telegraphic transfer in name of Elders i.e.

"PAY GEORGE GROBERG ATTN: S.D.TAYLOR,AM, US \$
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I will convert the money to Rupees and remit by air a bank draft drawn on INDIAN Bank in Coimbatore where they can get Rupees. Alternatively, Citibank Madras could handle this, but it might work better at least in the initial stages that you go thru Calcutta where I can personally follow the transaction.

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16th July, 1973.

Stephen DeWitt Taylor,
c/o Dr. Weldon Taylor,
Brigham Young University,
Provo, UTAH 84601,
U.S.A.

Dear Steve and Margaret,

We received your letter of 24th June and did not reply immediately because we felt that you would be on your way. We trust that by now you have reached the U.S. and we're sending this in care of your father in Provo.

We too have pondered long over the situation in India. In my experience it is unique in the world. We do feel that Coimbatore is a beginning in getting the Gospel into India, but what a small beginning when one contemplates the vast population and the many problems with which the land is beset. Calcutta seems to be the extreme but as you are well aware there are many other areas which vie with each other for second place. I think the feeling I had is that the Church program as we have known it at home and in many other areas of the world may not be enough for India - at least not for a long time.

We have two missionaries here in Singapore now awaiting visas to come to Coimbatore. We hope that they will receive them today and be on their way tomorrow. They do not need funds right away, but possibly by September 1st. We may be needing your help. If they sent personal checks to you in Calcutta, could you get a bank draft or something for them and mail it to them in Coimbatore? Perhaps after you return to India you could drop me a line and suggest how best this could be handled. Brother Harvey Brown has some rupees on hand in a Church account in New Delhi and he will send a bank draft for some of the non-personal expense, such as renting a place for meetings. We do appreciate your offer to help and we will keep you informed. Alice and I probably will come to India again in September and we'll try to arrange to see you. We don't know dates as yet as we are awaiting word on other schedules which impinge on ours.

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Our two missionaries going to Coimbatore are, George H. Groberg Idaho Falls, and Joseph A. Hallam, Spanish Fork. They have been working very hard on Tamil and while we don't expect them to be able to communicate very much on arrival, they should have a running start. Both had become proficient in Indonesian. Elder Hallam set an all-time record in Indonesia by learning the 6 discussions in a month. Of course that's memorization, but mighty good and indicative of his power of retention. We know that they will be blessed.

I'm sure your visit home will be good for you. I think also you will wonder somewhat about your friends there being wrapped up in their own little worlds and being so unaware of the vexing problems of the world such as India represents. It took me some time to rationalize this and yet when I thought back about what little I did in India to ameliorate any of the vexing conditions, I realized that most of us don't extend ourselves much beyond 'our own households and close circle of friends and acquaintances, business or otherwise. When we stop to think about the responsibility we have to work out our own salvation and try to direct our own children and assist our own groups, we realize too that this is a great challenge in and of itself. These are difficult questions. I'm not certain that I have resolved them yet in my own mind.

Enough philosophyzing. We have another matter to raise with you.

Sister LaVon Smith has collected some clothing and other articles which she wishes to send to the Group in Coimbatore. We have inquired about sending them through Brother Brown, but he is reluctant to have them come to him through the pouch since the US Government has to be so careful about not giving any appearance of entering into religious matters in India. I think his concern is well founded. Our question is this: If these boxes of clothing were sent to you in Calcutta, do you think it would be possible for you to get them through customs and send them on by rail to Brother Paul Thiruthuvadoss in Coimbatore? It was the only thing I could suggest, since there would be no point in having them shipped to us here in Singapore. I am sending this to you in Utah, since I thought you might be able to be in touch with President & Sister Smith while you are there and let them know your feelings about it. I don't have a phone number, but their address is:

277-9701

G. Carlos Smith, Jr.,
#4569 South Holladay Blvd.,
Salt Lake City, UTAH 84117,
U.S.A.

Alice is writing to LaVon Smith to tell her that you will be in Provo sometime soon and she may try to contact you there also. We hope this is no problem for you.

Alice joins me in sending greetings to both of you and to the children. We surely hope that little Jacob Stephen made the trip without difficulty and that all is well with everyone. We know the grandparents are mighty pleased to see the grandchildren.

We will let you know about coming to Calcutta. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission

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June 24, 1973

Dear Brother and Sister Shurtleff,

It's taken me long enough to write. I'm sorry for the delay. You certainly haven't been far from our thoughts. We enjoyed having you with us in May, Brother Shurtleff. I hope you enjoyed seeing a little of our amazing city. Please bring Sister Shurtleff along next time. Speaking of Calcutta, did you read the April, 73 "National Geographic" article on the city? Though not a detailed piece, the article catches some of the true flavor of the city.

Living in Calcutta, Margaret and I took especial pleasure from your visit. In this city one needs extra doses of spiritual food. Calcutta is a city where one is forced to daily reconcile himself with Christ's teachings. As we had mentioned to you, so much of the gospel seems hopelessly irrelevant here. A person must satisfy his basic subsistence needs of food and shelter before he can conceptualize and put into practice such basic Christian tenants as, say, "love thy neighbor." Certainly I don't mean to say that if one is poor he cannot exercise Christian virtue. Indeed, Christ himself was a poor man, at least in terms of worldly possessions. But, I find no mention of his having to, other than voluntarily, go without such basics as food and clothing. The people who Christ taught were probably also poor, but not necessarily so destitute as to render love and kindness inapplicable. Yet, these are the conditions that Margaret and I see here in Calcutta. It would not bother us so much except that the proportions of the squalor are so overwhelming. In America we were taught to believe that if a man got out and worked he could make something of himself. Poor people were sometimes associated with lethargy, laziness and lack of motivation. This may or may not be true (I personally feel that it is a misleading generalization), but we in America were driven by forces (perhaps inspired forces) which seem to be absent here. "The Protestant Ethic" has been used as a term to describe these forces.

, While Calcutta pulsates with humanity, it also appears to be on an inexorable course towards stagnation. Our testimonies are being put to a very severe test here in Calcutta- a test which if passed, I am convinced, will enable us to be more productive members of the Church than has heretofore been the case. One cannot really come to grips with Calcutta (or India) until he sees it for himself.

June 24, 1973

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I trust that you will agree. It is for this reason that I believe many of our co-saints ignore the enormous task before us of converting these millions. Nonetheless, Christ is ever aware of the task, and a day will come when he will call many to serve in this land. I can't help but imagine that the process toward converting these people will involve a quite different approach than the six discussions. Perhaps Coimbatore is the beginning, I don't know.

By the way, we have received your letter of 18 May, 1973. Is there any update on whether Elders will be allowed to come to India? Please keep in mind that if I can be of any help I'll be happy to do something. Just let me know.

Jacob Stephen was born at Woodlands Nursing Home on May 24th, 1973. 9 pounds at birth, he's now a healthy 10½. Phoebe, after a short vacation, has resumed Nursery School at the International School. We are now getting ready for home leave. We will be going to Karachi, Amsterdam, New York, Houston, Provo, and Hong Kong all in 5 weeks. I hope we can do it without coming apart at the seams. We'll try to see the Spencer Palmers while in Provo and the Dave Alldredges in Hong Kong.

We hope everything is going well with you and your family. We enjoy receiving the Mission Bulletins.

Love,

Margaret and Steve.

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18th May, 1973.

Mr. Stephen D. Taylor,
First National City Bank,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta 16, INDIA.

Dear Stephen & Margaret,

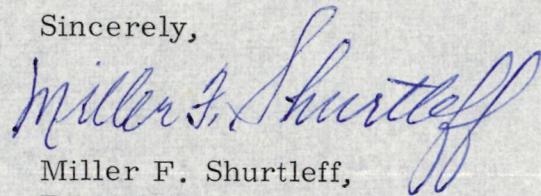
Just to thank you for your kind hospitality on my recent and first trip to Calcutta.

I especially appreciate your taking time off to show me some of the interesting sights. India continues to amaze me - there is so much to see and so much that is hard to understand.

We trust by now that Margaret has delivered and both she and the new baby are well and healthy.

Alice joins me in sending our regards and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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P.S.: We ran into some trouble in Coimbatore. We baptised a former Pentacostal Minister in January and his son feels that he isn't given due recognition and is threatening to write the Government about our trying to send Elders in. We don't know yet how things will come out.

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President & Sr. Shurtleff,
C/o. Southeast Asia Mission,
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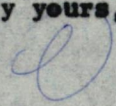
Dear President and Sister Shurtleff,

Thank you for your letter of March 27th confirming your visit to Calcutta. We will be pleased to meet you at Dum Dum Airport on your arrival May 3, via Thai International No.311 arriving at 1.20 p.m. Though it was not stated in your letter, we assume that you will be leaving sometime the next day. However, our invitation stands open for as long as you like to stay.

We will be happy to show you some of the interesting sites of Calcutta. It is truly a fascinating city especially if you can objectify the poverty and misery that is seen here. It has an interesting history. Calcutta has much of a true personality as any city I have ever lived in. Sorry Sr. Shurtleff will not be here long.

Weather-wise it will be hot and humid. Our apartment is of course, air-conditioned and we expect your stay will not be too unpleasant from a climate point of view. We look forward to your visit.

Very truly yours,



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27th March, 1973.

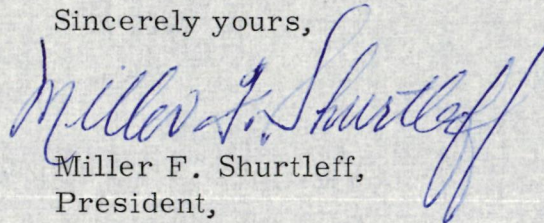
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen D. Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta 16,
INDIA.

Dear Stephen & Margaret,

Thank you very much for your letter of 19th March and your offer to accommodate us and the Palmers for our visit to Calcutta. We are pleased to accept your hospitality, however, it is not likely that Sister Shurtleff will be along. We will bring our Temple Recommend book.

Our flight is Thai International #311, which leaves Bangkok at 12.25 pm arriving in Calcutta at 1.20 pm on 3rd May, 1973. If it will not inconvenience you, we would surely appreciate your meeting us. We look forward to our visit. If there are some things about Calcutta that you could show Brother and Sister Palmer in that brief period, I'm sure they will be grateful.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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March 19, 1973

Dear President and Sister Shurleff,

We enjoyed receiving your letter of 13th March, 1973. We are sorry that you did not have a chance to stop by in Calcutta during your visit to India in January. However, we insist you make good your promise to spend sometime with us in May.

We would like you and the Palmers stay with us during your visit. We have two private centrally air-conditioned bedrooms already reserved for you at our house for the 3rd of May. We would also be most pleased to meet you at the airport. We hope to receive a flight confirmation soon. I do not anticipate any foul-up on meeting you, however, the possibility of mixed signals is always there. Our home telephone number is 45-8071. Should there be some mix-up please call us. The office telephone number is 44-7596. If you are coming in the evening it is not a good idea to take a taxi into town.

We are going to the United States in July and would like to have a Temple Recommend. We hope you will find time to interview us during your visit. Our last recommend expired April 1971. Since we have been overseas most of the time since then, we have not been able to obtain a new recommend renewal. Our last recommend was obtained in the Boston Stake.

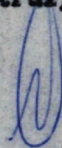
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We have not yet had a response to our letter to Elder Brockbank. We read about his mission in the Church News and decided that we fell into the "isolated" category.

Margaret, Phoebe and I extend to you our kindest gratitude for your leadership. We enjoy hearing from you and look forward to seeing you in May.

Very truly yours,



Stephen D. Taylor

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13th March, 1973.

Stephen D. Taylor,
#10 Judges Court,
Flat #20, Alipore,
Calcutta, INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Please pardon my long delay in responding to your very gracious letter of 6th January. We went to Coimbatore again in January and had hoped to stop in Calcutta, but time did not permit. Since then one trip or event seems to blend into another and months pass before we realize it,

I sincerely appreciate your giving us the story of your involvement in the leadership of the group in Delhi. Even now our files do not tell the entire group that you spell out for us, but each one has his own filing system and I may not be looking in the right places. Regardless of that, I still feel very bad about the way things were handled and your kindly and generous response humbles me even more.

There is some prospect now of our coming to Calcutta. Brother Spencer J. Palmer, Head of the Asian Studies Department at BYU, is also the Regional Representative for our Mission. He and his wife plan to visit India with us in early May. If the schedule we now have in mind holds, we would come to Calcutta from Bangkok on 3rd May. If you will be there at that time we would greatly enjoy visiting with you. We would have to go on to Madras the next day. I'll let you know the definite schedule as soon as I can.

We'd be interested to know what response you have had to your letter to Elder Brockbank. We have heard nothing more about his "Mission" will operate.

We do hope to see you soon. With gratitude and our prayerful good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff
Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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Temple recommended
Hope you will stay with us
Meet you at airport
Home phone 45-66-71
Not here but we
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Family Home Evening*

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19th December, 1972.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen DeWitt Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
P.O. Box 520, New Delhi,
INDIA.

Dear Brother and Sister Taylor,

I have been haunted ever since leaving New Delhi in September by the recollection of my ineptness in dealing with the Church group as we met that evening. In the first place it was such a welcome respite for us after our long trip that we relaxed and enjoyed the sociability of the occasion to the point that the business matters were not given adequate thought. In addition it became something of a sentimental journey for us to return to the area where we had lived and we let the Church matters have second place, I fear.

I humbly ask your forgiveness for the abrupt and clumsy manner in which I proposed to make Brother Brown group leader. After many years of Church experience and after decrying such approaches loudly in the past, I proceeded to violate my own rules and the basic principles of consideration. The only excuse I have is that President Smith had indicated the need for an early trip to India to effect a reorganization there and since I knew Harvey so well and had rejoiced at his being assigned to New Delhi, I rather had in mind that his assignment was something of a special blessing in view of the imminent departure of so many of the other members. I honestly didn't know that you had taken over the New Delhi group from Jim Wood until that evening. Even so I still cannot understand why I proceeded as I did.

We hear that you are to move to Calcutta. May we please stop by on our next trip and try to tell you in person how sorry we are for our ineptitude. We deeply appreciate your faithfulness and your devotion to the Church under these difficult circumstances and we certainly had not intended to add this strain on your efforts to keep up with your church activity.

May our Heavenly Father bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff
Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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January 6, 1972

Dear Brother and Sister Shurtleff,

Thank-you for your letter of 19th December, 1972. It was promptly forwarded to us from Delhi, so even now we are somewhat late in responding.

I must admit that I was a little upset at the way things were handled the night of your visit to Delhi. However, on reflecting, there is probably no valid reason for me to feel this way. Indeed, I had never been sustained as head of the Church Group there. President Smith had indicated in a letter to Clyde Parker that prior to his departure he should turn the task of directing the Church Group over to me. Apparently, in previous correspondence Brother Parker had apprised Bro. Smith of my presence in Delhi. President Smith indicated in his letter that his replacement (you) would be coming to officially organized the Church Group in Delhi.

It was on the strength of this letter that, returning from vacation in the US in late May, I assumed direction of the Church Group. The group at the time consisted of the Madsens, the Ivory's (sometimes), the Bunker boys, their parents (sometimes), Jimmy Wilson (a Priest, visiting us from Pittsburgh, LDS priest that is), Buster Murphy, a govt. technician in Delhi on temporary duty, Harvey, and ourselves.

I had assumed, rightly or wrongly, that you would have been made aware of this situation. In fact, I wrote one letter to the Mission Home "introducing myself" - the letter probably was (rightly so) of low priority during the changeover of Mission Presidents. Anyway, I had assumed that Singapore knew the situation here, however shaky it appeared to be. It was for this reason that I was somewhat astonished when Harvey invited us over to have dinner with you ie. why wasn't I the designate head notified of your visit?

So, as you can see I probably didn't come to Harvey's house that evening with a spirit worthy of the priesthood I hold. In fact I, somewhat childishly to say the least, came a little late on purpose - out of spite.

Intellectually I can stand back and see very clearly that my behavior, whatever my inner feelings, was not indicative of an Elder - of a Church leader. I only regret that it

was not I who first apologised to you for assuming, somewhat arrogantly, I'm sure, that I was supposed to be running things in Delhi. I don't think there is anyplace outside of this Church where an administrator could write a letter of apology, as you did, and get away with it without undermining his own authority vis a vis his subordinate (me in this case). Instead, you have bolstered - reinforced your authority as as a Church Leader called by God; you have humbled me as an ungrateful child and strengthened my desire to grow in the Gospel. You have shown an infinitely stronger character and leadership ability in your contrition than I have in my sulking arrogance. Hats off to you for this, for you are truly a Latter Day Saint.

We would be delighted to have you stop to see us in Calcutta; not for you to apologise in person to us, but so some of your spirit can rub off on us. While we live in the worlds 4th largest city we are, as far as I can tell, the only active members of the Church here. So, from that point of view I don't know if its worth your while to come. We certainly need your visit, however. In fact, we are well equiped to make an overnite stay for you as comfortable as possible, ie. a private bedroom and bath.

My kindest regards to the Church Members in Singapore. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stephen D. Taylor

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S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B. A.,
~~MISSION~~ Group Leader

PALGHAT ROAD,
MADUKKARAI, P. O.,
COIMBATORE DT.,
Tamil Nadu,
Indian Union.

Dated 14.12.1973

Dear Brother Taylor,

I am in receipt of your receipt for the amount of my tithing and fast offering transmitted to our Mission President at Singapore. I thank you immensely for your kind help in this regard.

Our Mission President wrote to me that you will be leaving India by the end of January 1974. Then we will be losing a member of our church family in India and also a leader to help us. When Bro Brown left India, we had a helping member and leader in you and now you are also leaving us. We pray that God will bless you in your new place.

I would make a request to you for your help before you go. That is, Mission President wrote to me that he would be sending some money to me through you as last time. In that money kindly send Rs.50/ plus 50/- i.e. totalling Rs.100/- to Mission President towards my tithing Rs.90/- plus Rs.10/- Sunday offering for December 73 and January 1974, and send me the balance. This would prevent the delay and other difficulties for me in getting a demand draft in your favour here and sending it to you for transmission to the Mission President. I hope you would help me in this, when our Mission President sends you money for transmission to me before you leave Calcutta.

We are all getting on well by His abounding grace and all the members here are happy and enthusiastic in our church life. We wish you and Sister Taylor the best of the season.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Paul Thiruvalluvar

1915.12.17

*Mail to
on Dec 3rd*

November 30, 1973

President Miller F. Shurtleff,
Southeast Asia Mission
The Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
253, Bukit Timah Road
Singapore 10.

Dear President Shurtleff,

Attached please find Singapore demand draft drawn
by First National City Bank, Calcutta number 7812 for
\$ 12.31 favouring The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints.

The amount represents Tithing and fast offering
of Mr. S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B.A., as per his
attached undated letter.

Best regards,

Steve
Steve Taylor

cc: Mr. S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, B.A.

Encl:

*Draft sent
Thru
separate
cover Dec 1, 73*

*Received 8 Dec. 1973
Thanks.*

Miller F. Shurtleff

*Let me know
if not received*

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Southeast Asia Mission
253 BUKIT TIMAH ROAD,
SINGAPORE, 10.
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

TELEPHONE - 550866
CABLE - QUICKMERE SINGAPORE

24th November, 1973

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen D. Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta, INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Thank you for your Christmas Card. We are saddened to learn that you are leaving our Mission but happy for you also. I assume the transfer to South Africa means a step upward. As I recall that is a different territory for the bank and probably means that you are in a different orbit.

Brother Paul has sent me this letter addressed to you, along with this Rs. 100 bank draft. I suppose we had better do as he suggests and have dollars sent over here so that we can give him a proper receipt. He has sent me some tithing monies in Rupees which I am holding in Rupees until I come over again.

We wish we could see you again before you leave but can't see any possibility of coming back before next March. I will send you another dollar check before you leave in January, if I may, to get another Rupee draft for Brother Paul - some additional rental monies. Perhaps you could give me the name of someone in Madras who would do this for us after you leave.

Alice joins me in sending love and warm regards. We have our first grandson and second grandchild, and all is well. Our son is on his Mission in the Philippines - so near and yet so far. Perhaps we'll get to see you at your Chalet in the cany on at some future time.

With prayerful wishes and appreciation for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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10th November, 1973.

Mr. Stephen D. Taylor,
c/o First National City Bank,
#43 Chowlinghee Road,
Calcutta,
INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Trust that all is well with the Calcutta Taylors.

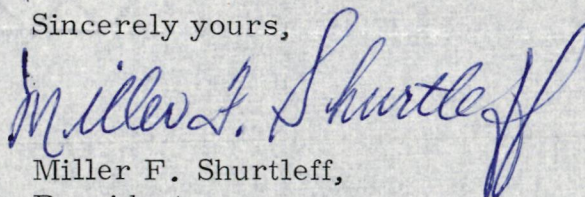
Brother Paul received the money in good time as you know from his letter. Thank you for your help.

The enclosed copy of our letter to Brahmchari Davshan in Howrah will be of interest to you. If he is not too far away you may wish to look him up sometime.

I did not give him your name because I know how the Indians sometimes jump at such opportunities. He seems to be quite a well educated person.

Our very best to all of you. We hope to come over again in March.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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9th November, 1973.

Brahmchari Davshan,
Ramakrishna Math,
P.O. Belur Math,
Dt. Howrah, West Bengal,
INDIA.

Dear Mr. Davshan,

I'm sorry to be somewhat tardy in responding to your letter of 1st October. Indonesia, Malaysia and India are also included in our Mission and we are away from the office for several days at time.

You are very discerning in your study of the materials submitted. I commend you for your careful study. The answers to your questions are as follows:

1. The plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated and the Urim and Thummim were returned to the Angel Moroni who gave them to Joseph Smith.
2. Our Church uses the King James Translation (in English) of the Bible and comparable translations in other languages.
3. We have one group of members in India, in Coimbatore. Our Group Leader there is S. Paul Thiruthuvadoss, Associated Cement Co. Ltd., Madukkarai Cement Works, Madukkarai P.O., Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, INDIA.
4. We are unable to send our missionaries to work in India at the present time because the Government will not grant visas.
5. Joseph Smith's Testimony has been translated into Tamil. This was done by Brother Paul Thiruthuvadoss. Any translation could only be published by the Church, although there would be no objection to your doing a translation for your own use, if you wish I assume this would be in Bengali.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of the Book of Mormon and some additional pamphlets "Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ", "The Plan of Salvation" (in English and Tamil) and "A Word of Wisdom".

Enclosed with this letter are the pamphlets "Contributions of Joseph Smith", "The Church as organized by Jesus Christ", "Christ in America" and "What the Mormons Think of Christ".

We will be happy to hear from you further when you have had a chance to read and ponder these materials. Take time particularly to read the Book of Mormon". Read it prayerfully and ask yourself "Could any man have written this book?"

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

MFS/ct

Encl.:

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26th October, 1973.

Paul S. Thiruthuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works,
Madukkarai P.O.,
Coimbatore District,
Tamil Nadu,
INDIA.

Dear Brother Paul,

We just received the letter from Steve Taylor in Calcutta indicating that he had been away but as of 8th October had sent the money to you - Rs. 3,892.91, as I explained to you in my letter of 27th September, 1973. We trust that you received the monies in good time. This was probably still faster for you than waiting for a US check to clear. We hope so.

I'm sure you will be sending us more reports soon. We surely do appreciate your efforts and those of the others also. We hope that you have the lease worked out in John's village by now also.

As far as working with others is concerned, we didn't mean to restrict you just to the program drawn up by the Elders. That was only for the members. We hesitate, however, to impose on your time too greatly. I would suggest that you work with others as time will permit without neglecting your family.

As it stands now, I won't have money for printing this year unless something changes later on. We'll discuss it again when we come in March.

Our love and greetings to all, and particularly to your wife and the children.

Sincerely yours,

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

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26th October, 1973.

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Taylor,
c/o F.N.C.B.,
#43 Chowringhee Road,
Calcutta 16,
INDIA.

Dear Steve & Margaret,

Many thanks for your letter of 8th October and for sending the Rupees on to Brother Paul. I don't think there was any problem in the delay. If I send him a US Dollar check he has to wait until it clears to get the money. He'll no doubt send me another report in a few days.

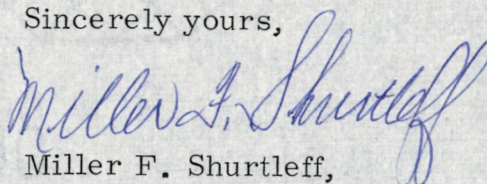
Trust you had a nice trip to Bangkok and that you didn't get involved in the take over. It is amazing to me that it all went so peacefully (relatively) and that the change came about in such an orderly way.

We don't plan to come back to India again until March. We'll keep you advised. The world situation looks so bleak this morning that we almost hesitate to plan that far ahead. We certainly do pray that it will be clarified soon. I didn't expect a US - USSR confrontation at this point.

Again, we do appreciate your help and pray that all is well with the two of you and the children.

With prayerful wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission.

MFS/ct

COPY FOR DEPARTMENTAL FILES
FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
CALCUTTA

October 8, 1973

Miller F. Shurtleff,
President,
Southeast Asia Mission,
253, Bukit Timah Road,
Singapore 10, Republic of Singapore.

Dear Brother and Sister Shurtleff,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 18th September, 1973. Margaret and I just returned from a week in Bangkok and Pattia and hence the late date of receiving your letter. I have today issued a draft in the amount of Rs. 3,892.91 favouring Brother Paul Thirithuvadoss and have mailed it to his address. I will be in touch with you later. I hope this letter finds you both in good health.

Very truly yours,



Steve Taylor

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FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
CALCUTTA

October 8, 1973

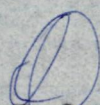
October 8, 1973

Paul S. Thirithuvadoss,
Associated Cement Co. Ltd.,
Madukkarai Cement Works
Madukkarai P.O.
Coimbatore District
Tamil Nadu
INDIA.

Dear Brother Thirithuvadoss,

Enclosed please find a draft on Indian Bank, Coimbatore for Rs 3,892.91 being the proceeds of a check for US \$ 500 made out by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Southeast Mission. I have enclosed the check stub which shows the accounts to be charged. I hope this letter finds you and the other Church members well. Please don't hesitate to let me know if there are any problems in the encashment of the draft.

Very truly yours,


S.D. Taylor
Assistant Manager

Encl:

cc: Miller F. Shurtleff, President,
S.E. Mission, Singapore.