

Ebenezer, 8th May, 1912

The peace of God in sincere greeting.

Dear brother and sister-in-law, I must answer your dear letter, which caused me much joy, especially as everyone wrote in it - your son-in-law and his dear Anna. We received the letter at the beginning of February, and what pleased me most was that the (money) transfer came into your hands so quickly, and also my letter. Now I must tell you that this year you will again receive a Christmas present. The instructions will again be sent through the Basle Mission. I must also tell you how I came to 3 Pounds and Ten Shillings. You must have known Maria Altus of Nechern, who migrated with me. There were 4 sisters. Here Maria married Andreas Lischke and after several years they moved to New South Wales, 800 miles away, and there they became very well-to-do people. Her husband has been dead for 20 years. She has 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters. All have married well, and she sends greetings to you and is happy to hear that you and your wife intend to spend the eventide of your life in the Home at Neukirch.

I correspond with her, and because every year she sends money to various orphanages, this year she thought of you at Neukirch, and the Ten Shillings was sent to me by a relative of hers whom I also know. So I would like your son-in-law to send a receipt for 3 Pounds to Maria Lischke, and for Ten Shillings to the other friend. Now, dear brother, I shall add another One Pound and Ten Shillings to make a total of Five Pounds for the institution. And I include Two Pounds for my two sisters, Christiane and Agnes. I want to give the two of them some pleasure. I guess they live in Wuischke, near Hochkirch. Be so good, dear brother, and send it to them with my sincerest greetings. And if we have not known each other in this life, but if we love the Saviour, he will also recognize us as his own, and we shall all know each other on the new earth.

Now, my dear brother, this is probably the last time that I shall write to you, for I am frail and my memory has gone, so that writing is very difficult for me. I have to be cared for, I must sit in one place all day, and my lame leg has to be bathed six times daily. And my husband is also very weak, so that we must stay with him at night. He suffers from dropsy, and so our daughters Salome and Elisabeth and Lydia and a daughter-in-law nurse him in turn every second day, as they all live near us.

Now, my dear brother, I shall close, and commend you and your dear wife to our faithful God. Your Loving sister,

Anna Zwar

Take Thou my hand and lead me, until my blessed end, and for ever. Amen.