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THE CHINA RELIEF LEGION 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York

April 28, 1948

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ford:

In 1941, when you joined the China Relief Legion, you helped make possible the subsequent investment of \$50,000,000 in education, medicine, social welfare, and reconstruction You invested in saving human lives and in strengthening the bonds between the United States and China

The results have been tangible. If you visited China today you would see schools, hospitals, and clinics which you helped build. You would meet doctors and nurses you helped educate -- children you helped feed and clothe. You would see heroic leaders you helped train -- all living evidence of your personal gift.

Today this work faces a crisis. China has almost hit rock bottom. Her 450,000,000 human beings are undergoing a revolution to bring about a stable life. They struggle against age-old practices that stand in the way of modernization. In this struggle they are being hindered by the interference of others, but they look expectantly to us for help. Now, more than ever, China needs the assistance and encouragement that only we can give. By our indifference we can let her sink, or by our timely aid we can help her swim, but we had better recognize frankly what our own predicament will be if she goes down into the morass of a strange ideology.

Illiteracy is being reduced. Since 1928 the impressive total of 47,000,000 adults have learned to read and write. Democratic processes are being developed under a constitution The modernization of legal codes and procedures is being worked out under the leadership of Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard. Public health is being improved. Agricultural progress is under way. This is not a theory — it has already been accomplished in certain areas where your dollars were spent.

Economically, a prosperous and strong China is necessary to the peace and prosperity of the United States. Politically, an independent and friendly China is vital to the security of the United States. From a humanitarian standpoint the Chinese, long the friends of America, rightfully look to us in this hour when their need and misery are increased by those forces which seek sinister ends.

What your previous gifts have done is briefly outlined in the enclosed statement What you still may help to accomplish is also set forth. May I urge you to read this carefully and again to evidence your interest in the China Legion? The resourcefulness and ingenuity of the Chinese are almost unbelievable. No people can do so much with so little. Nowhere in the world can our gifts more fundamentally affect our own future than in China.

Sincerely yours,

THE FRUITION OF FAITH

In 1941, when China was so heroically resisting Japan, a small band of public-spirited people formed The China Relief Legion. You were invited and joined. You remember receiving a certificate personally signed for you by Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Your gift lives on in the lives of over 25,000,000 Chinese.

Now, in 1948, when China is still resisting a subtle and implacable foe, when she struggles with a heritage of century-established wrongs, you are invited to see what your membership in The China Relief Legion has done.

The Legion made possible United China Relief during the war period and United Service to China since that time.

Over \$50,000,000 has been sent to China for temporary relief, refugee services, and long-range developments in the fields of health, education and child care.

Over 25,000,000 individuals have benefited by your giving.

Over 17,500,000 individuals, civilians, refugees and soldiers were given medical services.

Over 5,685,000 are alive today because your gifts fed and clothed them in their emergency.

Over 185,000 children—war orphans, neglected or abandoned children—have a home because of your help.

Over 1,160,000 leaders have been trained because you gave to help China help herself.

Today, when China is again a battleground of world forces, you may be proud and gratified that you had a part in this stupendous Fruition of Faith.

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THE FOLLOWING HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS ARE OPEN:

Fellowship of the Lotus to 20 members contributing \$25,000 or more.

Fellowship of the White Orchid to 50 members contributing \$10,000 or more.

Fellowship of the Wistaria to 100 members contributing \$5,000 or more.

Fellowship of the Plum Blossom to 500 members contributing \$1,000 or more.

Contributing Membership \$100 or more.

THE CHINA RELIEF LEGION

COMMITTEE

HONORABLE WALTER H. JUDD, Chairman

MR. ALLAN FORBES

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MR. HENRY R. LUCE

What of Today? TOMORROW?

The battle is still on in China. These courageous people are resisting our common enemy and at the same time making almost unbelievable progress in developing a modern republic out of the inherited iniquities of ignorance, greed, graft, and indolence. Nothing can stop China. But the direction can be influenced.

Since 1928 illiteracy has been attacked. 47,316,540 have learned to read and write. There are still 170,000,000 to be taught!!

4,530 high schools and 172 institutions of higher learning have been founded.

The same progress is being made in public health, home industries, and agriculture.

Money still talks. In China it SHOUTS!

\$25,000

Will permit one of the Christian colleges to maintain its Chinese faculty at minimum subsistence salaries for one year. (Present salaries are ½ prewar or equivalent to \$45. per month.)

Will provide one year's medical attention and hospitalization for 2500 students suffering from tuberculosis and eye trouble caused by malnutrition.

Will support Dr. Y. C. James Yen's Experimental College for Rural Reconstruction, a program for eradicating illiteracy.

Will operate child welfare centers, clinics, day nurseries and training centers.

\$10,000

Will aid 4,000 students by providing a chance for them to help themselves through part-time work and by providing soy bean milk and vitamins for those suffering from malnutrition.

Will provide transportation for donated drugs and medical equipment to some 50 Protestant, Catholic and other private hospitals serving one million people per year.

Will provide supplementary food, lodging, education, and medical attention for 300 refugees and orphans.

Will maintain for 17 months ten Quaker volunteers who are helping to improve health, livelihood, standards of democratic living, and education.

\$5.000

Will support 2 experts in child care; will provide

food and equipment for a Child Guidance Center, plus scholarships for ten women studying child welfare at Christian colleges.

Will establish and maintain a health clinic to serve approximately 7,500 persons.

Will provide weaving machines, raw material, instruction, food and clothing for refugee women organizing village self-help projects.

Will bring one of China's top physicians, scientists, or educators for one year of specialized training at an American university.

\$1,000

Will provide food, playground equipment, educational material, and expert supervision in 4 private orphanages caring for 300 orphans.

Will assure continuance of projects: producing 100,000 bamboo seedlings for afforestation; bringing scientific methods to pottery makers; growing rootstocks replacing 20,000,000 citrus trees destroyed by the war.

Will provide over 600 vials of crystalline penicillin to treat over 300 cases of pneumonia.

\$100

Will supply 1 vitamin capsule and 1 bowl of skim milk per day to four children for one year.

Will provide one year's complete supply of clothes for two trainees.

Will provide tuition for one student at one of thirteen Christian colleges for one year.

Will purchase sufficient atabrine to treat 65 cases of malaria.

Your gift is urgently needed. When it is received by us it will be reported to American Overseas Aid—United Nations Appeal for Children for credit to your city's goal.

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	To continue the work of The China Relief Legion	
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Pleas	se make checks payable to James G. Blaine, Treasurer.	
Cont	ributions are deductible for U.S. Income Tax purposes	



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