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**“...At that time many...will betray and hate each other...but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”—Matthew 24:9-13 (NIV)** The issue of betrayal has been very much before me lately. A staff member was most concerned that I be in a meeting because, in her words, “You defend us when no one else will.” I have felt betrayed recently. Also, in a meeting last week I watched someone seemingly betray one of my staff. When asked later, he had not understood what had been said and did not mean to say what was implied. In all of this, what a joy it is to me to know that My Lord is my Defender, and He will never betray me before God. I pray that I will never betray nor be ashamed of Him before others.

The love of the Lord is so overwhelming. How can God love me that much? Maybe the reason that I have difficulty understanding His unconditional love is because my love is often conditional. How can I understand something I am incapable of doing? Where do I go with all of this? Right back to the Lord by praying, “Lord, teach me to love as You love. I so much appreciate the love You give me. Help me to love others in the same way.”



Please forgive me for being redundant, but I am once again including the picture of the building in this letter as a reminder for you to keep lifting our building occupants and needs before the throne of Grace. Our home office’s vice president was unable to visit as planned because of an unexpected health issue, and his visit was directly related to working through this issue. In the meantime, some other possibilities have arisen which need to be discussed by our building committee. I trust that this is all a part of God’s timing and His perfect plan because these possibilities just might help those of us involved in these discussions to focus on a better proposal. Please pray for all involved (Kazakhstanis and Americans, believers and non-believers) to have “eyes to see and ears to hear” and the wisdom and courage to act appropriately for the best of all concerned. My personal prayer is to be able to create an atmosphere of cooperation after years of fighting. Only with God’s help can this happen!

Another visitor from The Mission Society’s home office is scheduled to arrive before you actually receive this letter in the mail. Please pray for him as his purpose is to get to know more about our cultural setting, which is his area of expertise. His purpose is not to offer us insights; yet we recognize that culture is a huge part of communication of the Gospel. He is a cultural anthropologist and trains cross-cultural workers such as ourselves.

Remember my sharing about the classes from Friendship School which I took to a local restaurant at the conclusion of our study on table manners and also the one class which did not “earn” the right to go? That class was given a second chance to go in March if they could behave in class. With the knowledge that I am a person of my word, they have managed to earn their reward. They are excited, and so am I! Our plan is to go in the middle of March. The picture at the right shows me with a different class as I tried to explain what a groundhog was on Groundhog’s Day.



Please continue to pray for our Bible study group and also for an additional English student that I have. He is a miner working 10-hour days plus driving an hour to and from class and spending 3 hours each day in class. Whew! It makes me tired just trying to explain it. But he is so eager to learn and has taught himself much using discs and material from the Internet. Pray for his studies and especially for opportunities to talk about our Father. He tells me that he has read only a little in the Bible and nothing recently.

On my knees before my Savior and Master,

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