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THE HAGUE M. Mageman to Jan and Brana Krein

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Dear Jan, Dini and children,

The day after tomorrow is your birthday, Jan, and we want to congratulate you most sincerely. Dini and children you too, congratulations on the husband and father's birthday. That the coming year may be richly blessed by God!

How are you right now? If I'm not mistaken you are either close to or in the process of moving. I was so happy to receive that letter exactly on my birthday. Thank you so much! How did you ever manage that? How are the boys doing in school? and how are Trix and Florence? They too must have grown a lot! How is Dini? This must be a busy time for you. Moving is so much work especially if you have to keep going all day long. Write us how things are going. It is nice to have a new house! Is it far from the city? It would be so neat if we could see each other again. But I hope that will happen sometime. Everything is still going well with Father and Mother. They enjoy their golden years together and it is so nice that they still have each other. Everything goes well with us. Jeanne is doing well and in the third grade. Pim is growing and is in the first grade of the Christian Gymnasium. He likes it there. We will see how it will go. Dick was somewhat behind in arithmetic but has overcome that gap so we may not complain. Casper is the big sturdy companion of his sister Esther with whom he plays a lot is just about the center of our family. Becomes big, almost two years already. Where does time go? Dick still enjoys his new

school. This one is much better than the previous one. How are you doing Jan, in you everyday life? It often happens that when the first joy is decreasing the battle and the difficulty appear from the . . . of our Lord. You too will probably not escape that. One of the most dangerous whisperings from the devil is the one that once we believe in Him all will go well forever after! Think and focus your attention foremost on Him who has become the source of you life and that one of the other for whom you may live out from His mercy. Somewhere He says in His Word "without me you can do nothing." Jan, I now want to ask you something that was forgotten and that you were so terribly busy, etc. She would love to hear from you, so hereby! I write to your old address. I hope it will arrive. We soon will hear from you, right? Dear Jan, have a good birthday with wife and children friends perhaps and all and especially Dini. Wish you strength. Think with your head upright and your heart upwards. A kiss from all of us (Dick will write too)

Mien and children.

Den Haag I Wov 'rg J. Viveen iene Jan Dini en kinderen, Versborgen dan ben, je jong Yan en wy komen je heet hortelijk gelukweig. Oak Dim en di kinden van horte ge selieteerd met hun man en bader Dal Shet komende jaar er een may zijn svan Zape regen clie van Bone komet! The maken willie het op he logent lik? tils it me met bergir zyn julla can het verhunsen, of het is heel dicht big of a word het toch to fin die brief precies op min they and of to kryg in Aleel weel clank flow his je dat ro of fyd hummy duen bloe good hell mulde forgen op school en med Trise de blovene by worden se be ook al groot the House hel med Dim Helis me weer een drubbe tod voor jullie Want ro'n verhussing is lock blen lied week on voval als je heel den dag voorint maet alle schryftom moos een hoe of het un e bat, Het is wel I yn 20 menohius. Is het ver van de sted? Tallon het lent ign als je ellen wer eens kon zien Mas clathomlock lwork nog wel eens. Met Dader en Moeeles gaat het geluktig Heeds goed yn hebben een goede onde deg sommen in het yn dat ze nog by elhan egn by ons gaaf alles geluktig ook goed feanme maakt het goed en zit me in de deade blas om wood ook al good en zif in de eesste blas van het In gymnooin fly heaft het best now in in I'm I've rullen new har hel good Out was wal achtrys met? 'n rehener en heeft het helemaal ofginerly
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Den Houge Mien Hageman to J. Vivien

December 30, 1960

Den Haug, Zuid Holland - Grandwille, Muchigan

Dear Dini, Jan, etc.

"Hours, days, months, years fly past like a shadow passes."

So we used to sing and so it is still today. Where does time go? What a short time ago it was that we stood together on Schiphol. [Airport near Amsterdam] It seems such a short time ago that it was January 1.

Now we are at the eve of 1961. What will this year bring us? We don't know. We can only be grateful for what we were allowed to receive from the Lord's hand this past year. We were all in good health and we believe the same for you. The gratifies us. Life is expensive in Holland but we have been able to adjust (or we have cut our coat according to the cloth) Jeanne and Pim came home with good report cards. I love school and little Esther brings sunshine in our home. The "oliebollen" are steaming again. Last night we visited Wil and Ted and on second Christmas day we were at Wim and Liesbeth's. Peace on earth still does not exist. That is why the Angel's song of Christmas night moves us every year again. Will 1961 preserve the peace in the West? Or shall we follow the examples of Algeria, Congo, Laas and the Middle East? We don't know and we can only be grateful that we have so much peace. The cabinet of the Reiay(?) has handed in its resignation because the Second Chamber did not go along with the Government's house construction policy. In Belgium the government cannot agree about the Socialists. There is still no peace in Holland and Belgium. Where can peace be found?

The children grow up well, in Rijswyk as well as in the region of Wijk.

Esther longs for school. Every morning she starts walking to school but she returns every time. She is still too small. Others cannot wait to be finished with school. Everyone for change.

And mourns it day by day. We still have not succeeded to obtain another house. For a while yet we'll have to do with our home in the Weissenbruchstreet. Everything is going well in Woerkum. I think Father and Mother are doing well and that they are comfortable. We wait with impatience (or tension) for your arrival in 1961. The children are preparing for the 50th wedding anniversary. Whatever happens there is still hidden in the unknown of the future. I hope you will have a year full of blessings. How are Bill, Frans and Trix? Florence is probably still miss sunshine at home.

Sincere greeting form all of us. We commend you to God.

Your Mien, Dirk, Jeanne, Pim, Dicky, Casper and Esther.

J. VIVEEN Men Hageman
THE HAGUE Den Havy, Zuid Holl. - etc
MARCH 26, 1961 M. Rageman to Jan and Deni Neveni

Dear Jan, Dini and children,

We were very happy to receive Jan's letter. So you are doing well physically. That pleased us. There are so many families which have to deal with illness. We too are in good healthy. Busy, busy, Mien toils all day long, doing spring cleaning and it is amazing what she accomplishes. At school and at home it is terribly busy around Easter. So we long for a well-deserved vacation.

Jan's letter was chockful with news. First of all the new job. Where else can you find a better job than with a Bible club. I have to warn you in case you think that people who spread the Gospel by means of radio or other (medium) are ideal people. Today, no! But people aren't like that elsewhere either. Nevertheless something radiates from the Bible and the Gospel. Although I don't know much about your new job activities, still I think I may congratulate you. There are rumors that at least 5,000,000 people are unemployed in the US. Someone who works with God's word will never be without either work nor bread. And as far as the rest is concerned, He'll take care of that too. Of that I am convinced and I already have experienced that in my short life.

Secondly, the happy news that, Dini's is coming over. She is very welcome! I hope we will have the chance to pick you up. We hope Dini will have good weather. In April it can blow hard but hard storms too have a Master. We hope to receive you as a protestant woman, spouse of a Baptist

brother in the Lord. That is pretty good! And as far as the possibilities are concerned to return again to Holland. Well, that is something you have to consider for yourself. When I see the schoolboys who have returned to Holland with their emigrated parents and when I hear of their difficulties which they have to conquer after their return, I say: "Think, think before you start." But then I too am only a human being. High conjunctures have a tendency to run out of steam.

Uncle Piet has died. Otherwise the family is very healthy. Dear Jan and Dini, wonderful that Dini and the girls come over but too bad that Jan isn't coming. It probably has to be that way but I really feel bad about it. We will think of you Jan! We hope for a . . it will go well. . . and let us hope to see you soon.

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Mien Ragerian

J. VIVEEN Den Hary, Zuid Holland

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Dear Jan,

We congratulate you together with your wife and children most sincerely with you 41st birthday. That God may richly give his blessings to you all.

Father - Mother - Wim - Frans - Trix - and Florence - Dini and children of course our congratulations. We hope that you are well. I am still busy here. Mien too is aware how much work her five sprouts give her. But we (and you) will always have and maintain a busy life. On the other hand that gives the satisfactory thoughts that one is still able to do it. We have a beautiful summer behind us (rare gorgeous weather and warm). The drought is still noticeable by the extremely low water levels in the big rivers (on some places in Germany the Rhine has about 70 cm of water) and by the limited amount of food in the Eastern part of our country.

In September we started anew with courage and we persist quietly against the busy restlessness of the students. Church reformation - All Saints Day - All Soul's Day - they are familiar sounds with many memories of those who passed away before us and who by means of their word and example have meant a lot to us. We hope you have no hassle because of the steel strike. The prices here are increasing of course but then, in the long run of world history everything becomes only more expensive. These are only the external matters. It would be so nice if we could put our families on film and send it to you. But I haven't managed it yet. I will succeed some day. Now you have an idea what is going on in Holland. Have a fine day with you family. Blessings on you work. We commend you to God.

Your Mien - Dirk - Jeanne - Pim - Dick - Casper - Esther

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