

August 28, 1956  
Perth, North Dakota

Dear Sister Hilma and Anna,

God's grace be with you and his blessings of you soul, and for his forgiveness of our sins by his blood and his grace.

Thank you for the letter which I received and also of you with Tuomio sitting and looking so nifty. You and Tuomio have aged somewhat since I was there, but I guess I have aged somewhat too. I have been fortunate to feel as well as I do. I have not done hard physical labor for quite some time, but I do help with some of the lighter chores that need to be done. Right now I am with my children and help them out with minor things, as it is now harvest time, and they are busy with threshing the crops. The grain harvest is about average at this place, but some of the farmers North of here lost most of their crops due to a bad hail storm. It was about three miles from here.

Well now, I have been with my children for about two months. I don't have my own porch anymore, but the children have said, "Stay with us", "Stay with us". I have paid my own way with them, and then we shall see what the Lord will direct me to do.

I was in Minneapolis for about 12 months, and it started to feel like home, but when I lost my partner, it left me feeling empty and lonesome, but I will go back there for a visit if I remain healthy. My oldest daughter lives there with here family, and there are many dear Christian friends, sisters and brothers of the faith that we have worshipped with real often.

Well now, my dearest relatives, my warmest greetings to you, and especially to my dear God Child. Greeting to all of you, and thank you for writing to me. Many many greetings to all the Finnish relatives, and God's grace to all of you.

Uncle Otto