The Executive Committee of the United Christian Missionary Society has learned with profound sorrow of the grief which has come to our beloved and consecrated missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Corpron, formerly stationed at Luchowfu, China, but serving temporarily in the Philippine Islands, in the loss of their two dear little children, Phylis Ann and William Edward.

The Committee, through the reports of our Foreign Department, has sensed the terrible strain put upon our missionaries by the situation in China and has tried to sustain them both by prayer and by provision to meet their needs. The Committee records its deepest sympathy with Brother and Sister Corpron and with their parents and relatives in the homeland.

By action of the Executive Committee, this resolution is spread upon our minutes and a copy sent to Dr. and Mrs. Corpron and to their loved ones in America.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

[Signature]

President
United Christian Missionary Society

St. Louis, Missouri
September 13, 1927
Mrs. William Corpron  
Yakima, Washington

Dear Mrs. Corpron:

We have been deeply shocked and grieved here at headquarters to learn of the untimely death of your son's two children in the Philippine Islands. At the meeting of our Executive Committee on September 13, the Committee directed that a resolution be drawn up, expressing our deep sympathy for the bereaved parents, and that copy of such resolution be sent to them and to you. I therefore enclose copy of the resolution.

Very sincerely yours,

F. W. Burnham,  
President

FWB
HCG
Mrs. Wm. Corpron,  
Wob Hill District,  
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Sister Corpron:—

While in St. Louis a few days ago Bro.  
S. J. Corey announced a cable from Douglas saying they had lost  
little Billie. All the folks were sad to hear it. You know my own  
heart was sad. But Bro. Corey said Douglas’ wife had been ill  
when he was born and that he had not been extra strong and that  
doubtless the climate of the Phillipines was too much for him.  
So we tried to be comforted.

Then just today word came that they had lost  
Phyllis Ann with dysentery—an epidemic. My heart just sank within  
me when I heard it and I can not get over the shock. I am going  
to Seattle tonight for a little vacation with our family and I  
know they will all be heart broken over this news. I just feel  
dumb and hardly know what to say. Of course it seems to have been  
ocasioned by that terrible revolution. All war is terrible in its  
effects on the innocent.

Mrs. Corpron you know we think of your children  
as almost our own and this sorrow will be ours too. Please know  
that we sympathize with you and shall pray for you and your  
stricken children. I shall hope to see you the latter part of  
August if you are then in Yakima.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. Turner,  
GENERAL WESTERN REPRESENTATIVE.
Sept. 26, 1927.

Dearest Mother,

We are both well. We have started deck-tennis, a game we played on board ship coming over, here in Vigan and all of the Americans like it very much. We play every evening from five to seven in the yard here. There are nearly always six or eight American teachers here to play. It is a good game for all round exercise and good fun, and at the same time is not too strenuous for this tropical climate. We believe we have made a contribution to the health and happiness of the Americans in Vigan in having started it. Grace and I play every evening and are now in the pink of condition. It also keeps us in touch with the friends here and keeps us interested in life.

We have been invited out to dinner a good many times lately. Folks have been so kind to us lately; and we think it is because they do like us, and not just because they feel sorry for us. We feel a real part of this community.

We haven't made definite arrangements for sailings yet. That is we haven't made reservations yet. For it will be finally decided by Mr. Corey in Shanghai within a week. Mr. Alex Paul wrote to us saying we ought to go home now for a time; Mr. Marx advised as much; and you all expect us to do so. No one here or in the home office at St. Louis had even hinted that we shouldn't take our furlough at this time; we have made application to Mr. Corey at Shanghai to be allowed to go Oct. 29th or Nov. 4th, but we haven't heard from that yet. Please don't feel that we are being kept here against our own wishes, or especially, that the home office is a hard master and disgracefully holding us here. Some of your letters hinted at this, but it is not the case. We have felt that rather than helping the Philippine Mission, as we had hoped to do when we came down here, we had been nothing but a source of trouble and a burden, until now. Mrs. Palencia worked so hard with our sick children that she nearly lost her own baby. She was about six months pregnant at that time. The day after Billie's death she was so tired out that she tried to abort. She had seven hours of labor pains. Since that time we have made her stay away from the hospital, and she has carried her baby thus far. We are now expecting the delivery any time. So while she was at home Grace and I have felt obligated to carry on with her work, and we have enjoyed it, and have been helped over two difficult months by thus being engaged.

The China situation doesn't look any better. In fact the Nationalist movement has miserably failed. Now that patriotic movement in which we all had hopes for the uniting of China under a government that could govern, has gone the way of all other militaristic armies of bandits and the Chinese have no present hope of help.

If our present plans work out we will leave Manila Oct. 29th or Nov. 4th. We will stay in Shanghai a week to
interview our Chinese friends there; and to get some of Grace's clothes made over so that they will be presentable for the entrance into America, it can be done in Shanghai cheap and well; and we want to buy a few China relics, since we had to leave before without any. And I insist that I want to stop off in Honolulu long enough to climb the volcano and ride a surf board on the beach at Waikiki. So no doubt we will stop off there while we have the chance. Then if we go east to school as we hope to do, we will divide the time left before school opens (probably a month and a half) up in half; the first half with Grace's mother in Long Beach and the other half with you in Yakima. That will be too short a visit it is true, but we can finish it up after the session at school. Or if we can't return to China then it may be an extended visit mixed with work after the school ing.

We are anxious to see you; more and more so as the time draws nearer. That was always the way in college. The last days of school were always restless days. "Rarin' to go" you know.

I am enclosing the $450.00 in this letter. We thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness in sending it to us. But I am glad that the Society takes such good care of us, and that they make it unnecessary for you to send us travel money. Then too we always have a book of sight drafts on the U.C.M.S. which we can use up to a month's advance of salary, if we ever get into a pinch. We had to use them while in Manila when we first arrived.

I am sending to you under separate cover, a copy of a number of the "Philippine Christian" a little church paper gotten out in Manila. It contains two articles about Phyllis Ann and Billie you will like to keep. You might let the church people see it too.

Love,

Douglas.
Dear Mr. Brough,

My last letter took a long time for mail to travel back and forth from Yigong to Vigion. The mail service is good, too, for this is Uncle Sam's mail. It is just the distance.

A few days ago, I received a letter from you, and even then you did not know whether I had received the $450 on rent. Don't worry, before I had received your letter telling that you were the one who had sent it.

You are a dear to give so even to be willing to give your last little nod of money to your wandering son. But I guess you feel sure that he too would do as much for you. You will never go hungry, even tho' we are still on a mission's salary. We can always find food and too, as well as keep you mentally happy with the thoughts that you are sacrificing the comfort
we might be to you, there, to the clergy and their work. You know that that means a lot to you. It helps us too, to bear the loneliness of separation.

There is no unreasablness in the officers of the U. S. M. T. They are willing to help me, in the personal interest they take in me on board. I wish you could feel this way about them. And they will never be unreasonable in demanding upon us.

Nor will they want to extract service out of me when we feel that our family at home needs it urgently. They are too keen with us if anything. Because of this leniency the mission has suffered in the past by less missionaries who have not been as conscientious in their service as the might have been, and resigned without sufficient cause. Why are we in the Philippines now? And why don't we want.
to go back to China when that is possible? Because our parents taught us to be dependable. Because they expected us to make good. We owe it to their faith as well as to the faith of the U.S. We're to go on to carry on. I have joy in knowing that we are doing our best and our duty.

Mrs. Valencia is one sister with whom "birthday party". But she is not doing too well now. She should come off today for a week's visit to town. She does the next few days, then she will leave for a trip in the mountains among the Sagano tribe. We plan a leaving Friday morning, Oct. 14th, by truck to Beppu, the capital of the Oita Prefecture. Then for a seven-day hike, of easy stages of about 20 to 25 miles a day, from one rest house to the next. This is one of the most interesting trips we
We will go to Baguio and then wire down to find out where Mr. Craig is, for he will have arrived in the Islands by then. I then have a conference with him before our departure for home. We expect to leave Manila by Oct. 29th.

Grace is pregnant again. We have known it for about a week now. We are so happy, for it will mean that we will again find one of the other four children, again. The party should be near Phyllis Ann’s birthday; about June 1st, 1928.

Grace is in perfect health. Helen has been feeling better. We got her in shape with strict dieting and training before we ventured on this journey; and I am going to watch her carefully for any sign of a return of her old ailment, of which she has not a trace now.

Miss Velva Doree, the new missionary to Vigan, arrived last Saturday. The start of another missionary career. The future holds greater joys, and no doubt success for her. It is always a grand adventure. She is also living here at Strange’s. Love, Douglas.
Some time ago, I went up to the very north end of this island of Angle and picked up some coral on the beach there. I am sending a box of it for you to keep for us. You may open the box and look at it as you wish. It is cooling quite a bit in this island but it makes such a common of the islands.
Dear Sister,

Last night we received a cablegram from Mr. Lee at Shanghai, informing us of his sailing at this time. So there is definite news. He sails from Manila Oct 29th, on the Pres. McKinley; stop over in Shanghai a week. We leave Shanghai Nov 11th on the Pres. Jefferson. We will have Honolulu after a week stop over, we think, on the City of Los Angeles, of the Matter line, on Dec 3rd; arriving in Los Angeles Dec 9th.

I have no definite information about the school in New York City yet. Perhaps I'll not have any for until after we land. But we won't stick through the second semester, probably in February.

We are well, and 'rarin' to go.

Love,
Douglas.
Dec. 5, 1927.

Dearest Mother,

We have been here 24 hours now. It rains alright again, but of course taking it easy.

It seems mighty good to get back to America again. It feels as good as it does to a fish to get back into the water again. This is our natural element you know.

It feels almost as if you were just on the other side of this fence now that you write. I've been back to the library. Received your special delivery this afternoon.

Yes we plan on leaving Thursday. John with you. I am just working on application to New York Law School to begin the 1st of February, I think it will be the end of January or 1st part of February.
We therefore expect to leave for Yakima sometime the last week in January. Because you are coming East with us it is only right that you and Joe have home a little longer than we will stay at Yakima. We will plan on staying in Yakima a week or stay this time. More later.

I am learning to ride Joe's new motor cycle & learning the traffic rules. In a few days I am going to try out for a driver's license. Joe has given me the use of the machine so long as we are here & I am going to do a bit of running around Southern California while Dean gets his visit out. I can get my "wanting" satisfied, as such in a short time.

Love,

Douglas