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Letter from Germany

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Neudorf Castle, 6 March 1921

Dear Cousin Emil,

I am reaching for my ink pen to send you all some sad news. My family and I are well so far and hope the same is true of you and yours. I hope my letter will reach you in good health. Dear friend Emil, the war has brought many changes for all of us and that is why we suffer. Three fourth of West Prussia, which is my home, has fallen to Poland. The Germans have to flee from their homes without being able to take their possessions with them. The Polish currency is of little value. I, my wife and children are financially in a bind. We feel like being half dressed and it will be difficult to work our way out of this misery. Everything is very expensive, and we cannot afford to buy anything. You cannot imagine how badly we are off. I also intended to write to brother Gustav and brother-in-law Jakob. I don't know where they live now. This is why I write to you as I assume you still live in Serbin. Dear Emil, if I could have known that our life would become so difficult here in Germany I would have remained in Texas. Now, dear cousin Emil, I will kindly ask you to pass the sad news on to my brothers and sisters, Gustav, Pauline, Auguste und Jakob. I hope they will show compassion towards us and send us some money. Likewise, I hope that you, cousin Emil, will also send us a monetary gift, maybe each of you \$10 if possible. It would be very helpful and supportive. Our dear Lord will praise you.

I will close my letter now as night is starting to fall. Next time I will write more. With dear regards from all of us to all of you across the ocean. My address is:

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