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Letter from Germany
Deaconess House "Salem"
Klein Liebnitz near Görlitz, 27 March 1922

Dear Mr. Proske!

Allow me to thank you and Mrs. Karl Jatzlau, Mrs. Marie Grützner and Mr. Heinrich Knobloch very much for the large package with beautiful content. You made us very happy and we have use for everything. We have 25 children here up to age 2. We have to launder a lot. The soap is most welcome and the baby clothing. The items for older children are very welcome too. We have 20 deaconesses whom we take care of with clothing. We appreciate you having sent some cotton fabric which we can use in various ways, one of them is for sewing underwear. The deaconesses work in Upper Lusatia in poor congregations who cannot pay enough for the deaconesses living expenses. We thank you for every bit of fabric you can send us. Before we paid 16 Marks for a plain dress, now the price is 300 Marks. A black Sunday dress was 25 Marks and now it sells for 600 to 700 Marks. It is the same with everything else, bread, butter, rice, cocoa. (Several lines not legible). After age 2 we have to release the children to their relatives. But if these are not able to care for them, they return to us and we have to find a foster family for them. We rarely find well to do families to foster children. We also thank you for the gift of money. We had to pay the freight of 200 Marks from Bremen to us in Upper Lusatia but are happy to report a nice sum of money remains to cover other necessities. Pastor Winkelmann came to admire all your gifts and the deaconess responsible for the kitchen. In the spring we had to get some repairs done on the house which will amount to 10,000 Marks. In the 22 years we have been here God has helped us through all the difficult times. Your assistance from America came totally unexpected. We were very thankful to receive them. Greetings from Pastor Winkelmann and I,

your thankful

Deaconess Johanne Schulte,

Head Deaconess of the

Upper Lusatian Synodical Deaconess Organization.

P. S. Cordial thanks and greetings to you and the generous donations. I hope you have received my letters to you and Mrs. Jatzlau which I sent several weeks ago.

Yours

Pastor Winkelmann

Translated by Margot Hendricks