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My Dear Uncle Gustav

We have not heard from you for quite a long time; hopefully you are still enjoying good health. I need to write you again a few words so you know that it is because of your good deeds and grace and the contacts you have that we received packages with food; for all that I can never thank you enough; what all this means can only be judged by someone living in the same situation like ours. For us it means an extension on our lives. We live on the hope off what we receive from you; imagine what would have become of us if I had not had your packages with flour and all the other things. In three months we have not seen one potato; we lived on flour and corn. Many days I thought we are near the end; but then a package arrives and with that and God's help, we carry on. That dear Uncle is why I thank you again and again; please accept my thanks. In ten days we will get 4 pounds of potatoes and 400 grams of corn. That will last us 4-5 days, then we will have nothing left, yet we are expected to work, much work.

My husband has been home since April; he still has not regained enough strength to go back to work. He is now being sent to recuperate and rest for a couple of weeks.

Hopefully that will help him to regain his strength so he can go back to work. God has brought us this far and He will give us the strength to go on.

Dear Uncle, write to me again; also if you received the letter with the picture in which my parents were pictured. You only need to write a few words if it is too difficult for you.

I have not had any news from my sister Berta since December 1946. I always write, but I wonder if she receives my letters. I recently heard from her husband; he is very disturbed that she may be in East Prussia, now part of Russia. He can not believe it; but it is the way it is. I do not know if I will ever meet/see her again. I think of her daily, how do they live? What happened to the girl? We live with constant sorrow. I will close now; hopefully you will be able to read everything.

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health, affectionate greetings from your nice Anna and family;

Also dear greetings to Aunt Helene and all your loved ones.