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Greetings, my ray of hope, Osis !

I do not have enough words to thank you for the package which I received in August, in good condition. It had been opened, probably in Riga, and I had to go to Bauska to receive it. I express my deepfelt gratitude to all those who remembered me and who took the trouble to send me the things, and I depend on you to give my thanks to everyone. I hope that I may ^(presence) arrange and expect the arrival of all of you at the airport of Spilve for a visit, May God help us in that !

Forgive me, dear Osis, for being so late with my answer and my thanks.

That is because I am still alone with my treasures, I have my hands full and have to work even at night, washing and mending; Guntina goes to school, I have to take care of the ^{farm} ~~household~~ and the fields so that we can exist; I am not earning anything but just living and taking care of my farm. This year we had a poor harvest, because we had a rainy, wet summer; the bees have no honey, they have to be fed additionally with sugar so they can last through the winter. All this has used up my capital, bread has to be bought every day at the store and sometimes you come home emptyhanded because no bread has been delivered, and it is given out only one loaf per person; in other words, this business of going to the store also takes away much time. Osis, in general I have nothing to say, you understand me. I live and I am happy for you all and for you, dear Osis; ~~you~~ ^{that} gives me double energy to hope and to listen to what is happening. I also celebrated the state holiday together with you, on that day Arnolds also spoke, he is the one about whom you are not clear in your mind, as he is a ^(from the steppes ?) [word illegible]. Adolfs said they all

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deserved praise and honor for their achievements for your and our benefit.... You know, Osis, we envied you for the way you celebrated Jani [St. John's Day, 24 June] and also your namesday, as I read in your letters; Guntina and Karlits heard about it too and they said we should go for a visit. However, they understand and I wonder how they do. They remember you often and want to write to you, they promised to write for New Year's. I am also glad that there are girls who have pluck and try to break your resistance, I wish them luck in that respect and that would be good for you, Osis, as it is hard to live alone; I feel that now myself. May her and your desires be fulfilled, and maybe my own too will be fulfilled again; however, so far I have no one in mind... We planned to expect you in October, but then we got afraid and so ~~everything about~~ ^{the whole visit} came to nothing. Please write to Mrs. Erhards and Edgars and give them my best greetings, [tell them] that we are all happy and that Edgars is safe and sound. I wrote two letters in German but received no answer; they probably did not get [my letters], maybe it is better not to write, because the time is approaching to go home; that is also why I delayed my answer to you.

Greetings to Janka Veisis [?], his half-brother asked me for his address, as he would like to write to him. Micite also sends you silent greetings, she is the nearest person to me who helps me out. I hope that you are well, as one is not supposed to be sick over there. I have trouble with my teeth once in a while, but I have no time to go to the dentist. Otherwise I am in fair condition.

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Write to me about your work, and whether it is in your former specialty; and what you can buy for your daily earnings.

Many sincere greetings to you and all the fellow Latvians who remember me, and tell them to start arranging things so we can meet [again]. So -- until we meet again -- your true friend, Karlis.

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