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You don't understand how it would be useful and pleasant for me to live with you. I very much want to learn Russian—but how can I? At home, with the children, it is very difficult to study, and I have little practice with the language.

We don't have to live like rich people. We can live simply, but healthy. I would count that it costs me little to buy the groceries and pay the doctor and hospital, and receive a knowledge of Russian and help with my mistakes in conversation and in letters.

The calcium tablets are for you, of course. I found out that when a person takes yeast each day, he needs more calcium. You need more especially now for the baby. Please, 9 tablets a day, with milk. Forgive this superfluous advice.

I want very much to hear from you.

Ruth