

1933 Sep 30 Katherine to Suleiman – desperate letter

Greetings, etc.

I am happy to know that Julia wants to go to college; as for us, I need money because this week the boys will go to school and I spent all the money on the family. I can't live without money, especially in a country like this. If you do not send me money, what do you expect me to do? Until this moment I haven't gone to the Dr. If you do not send money immediately, I will have to go to my father since I cannot live without money. Do you think that your family has been spending on us? I need an immediate answer because I am very needy.

As for the children, their health is good and I have paid the school deposit. Mary is happy and don't forget to send money. May God bless you and protect you. We cannot continue to live like this. I have waited to have my operation but that will also need money, so I had it delayed.

Except for my desperate need, I would not have written to you in this manner. You have forced me to do it. You promised that after a month you would send money, but you never do. I have spent all that I have on the family. Everything they asked for I used to give them. If I don't hear from you once you get this letter, I will go to Bethlehem and live there.

-Unsigned but the author is Katherine Farhat

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