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to morow, it seems to me that words are poor things to express my thank for your kindness to me in the past and the present, Willie and me are truely grateful to you believe me; he prays every day for you, and hopes god will bless you and your dear one, I hall be able now to attend to willies learning more [redacted] and give my mind more rest so that we can search the bible together, Willie already knows many parts of the bible, to the surprise of the travlers that visit jaffa, what turkness the peple must be in, he can speak arabic like an arab, and german quite well, turkish a little, and french a little, so you see we are not quite out of the world, Willie has a better chance to learn the languages here than he would have had if we had staid in america in the place where we came from, it will be easy for him to learn to read and write them now as it will become natural to him, there is a company of Frenchmen here now, who have a contract to make a railroad from here to [redacted] Jerusalem, it will take three years to finish it, the contract is for two years; at the same time the old harbor, called solomons harbor will be dug out you see this land is fast rising up from the dust of ages and shakeing off the curse from it which has laid upon it so long it rejoices my heart greatly to see these things comeing to pass, for I kno that my redemtion is near, I thank god that I am in this land, for I can understand the bible better, pay god for me that I may be kept humble and faithful trusting only in him, I thank you for the kind intres you take in Willie, welfare, I am trying to keep him from all evil, so far I have succeeded, but like the Israelites we must take up our tents and go we kno not whither for we have no sure abiding place, but our trust is in god, he will help us and no one can take from us what he sees fit, we should have I have just received the sum of money 25 dollars, which [redacted] you ordered him to [redacted] for you, [redacted] the help I have had as yet from the help of the germans which I told you of when you was here, Willie and I have to work very hard for all the help we get is from our labor, this money will give Willie some clothes to wear as he was getting almost naked, I cannot tell you how grateful we are, may god reward you for your kindness to us, I told you before this Jerusalem is the Capitol of palistine, now the harbor will be as in the days of Solomon, and the railroad built it will be nigher than when you was here, the places around Jaffa are building up fast with best regards to yourself and family also to your mother's family I am ever your friend, Hannah is well

Yours truly Abigail C. Miles