

December 11, 1984

Dear Sarah:

I just got back, last Friday evening, late, from staying with my daughter in California. We went down to her home to spend Thanksgiving holidays with her and she had to have gall bladder surgery while we were there. I stayed with her 10 days and then flew home. Tracy had called me and told me that the christmas ornaments from you had arrived. I could hardly wait to get home. They look just beautiful on the tree. I haven't really trimmed the tree yet but I hung some of them around on the tree just to see how they looked.

I have three bell christmas ornaments which just fit the crocheted bells. I have been blocking them three at a time and then drying them over the register. I use one part of Elmer's glue and two parts of water to block them with instead of starch and this way, when they are stored they do not mildew and do not attract bugs.

I have a million questions to ask you about the branch, etc. How is the work in the church going? How are you doing in your new calling as Pres. of the R.S.? I have been swamped. Our ward, here, is getting older. The people, that is, and some are developing terminal diseases. Since Sept. when I became President, we have had two funerals, and two people in our ward have terminal cancer. Also one of our neighbors (non Mormon, but still lovely people, is in the hospital. He is 90 and it will be a minor miracle if he survives. We might have another funeral before we have Christmas.

Many of the crocheted ornaments you sent me I will use on my tree this year, but I also sent 24 of each to a woman who has a shop in a ski resort area who handles some of the crocheted goods I sent home from Zimbabwe when we were there. I just sent it today. I only sent 18 of the bells, as that was all I had blocked. I hope they sell. Where this particular ski resort is they have not started their season as it is farther south and there is no snow as yet. However, this week, we expect a storm which should extend down there. Once the skiers come they should start selling, so I hope the skiers come before Christmas. Christmas ornaments do not sell well after Christmas. It is too close to Christmas for me to do anything to try to sell them other places, besides I am too busy right now. However, I now have samples to show and maybe after the first of the year, I can get some orders or find some prospective customers for next year.

I went to Barclays Bank to ask them how to best send money to you when I need to. They said that the Cashiers check was still the best and cheapest way. Even opening an account would not help.

Did Peter marry Esther? If not, what is the trouble. Is sister Chaya still coming to church. I understood that Brother Chaya had gone inactive. How about the other children? Chaya children I mean, are they still active in the church. Is Charles Mutize still coming, and his wife? And have they sent missionary couples to work with the branch, or are you still on your own. How is Peter doing as a branch President. Oh, how I wish I could visit you again. We think so often of you. Keep active in the church. It is the true church of God, and the way to personal salvation in his Kingdom. If I don't see you in this world again, I know I will see you there and embrace you again.

I am enclosing some questions for you to fill out so I can get an idea of how much the crochet goods cost you, and this way I can also figure out how much more I owe you. It will also give me an idea of how much to send to get us started making ornaments for next year if they sell well.

I hope that you and yours have a wonderful Christmas season. It is strange to think that you are in the middle of your hottest weather and we are in the middle of our winter. Has Charles been able to find a job yet?

Has your drought ended. Did you have rain this year? Up in Ethiopia people are dying by the hundreds and thousands because there was no rain and therefore no crops. Hope your own situation has eased.

Please answer fast as I want to be sure you get the money I owe you as fast as possible. Another question: Do you want me to send you batting for the 20.60 you paid to send the goods, or do you want me to send you a check. If so be sure a-d tell me how much it costs to cash a check at Barkclays so I can add this to the amount.

Love,

Sis Hall

HARARE 1

Paid
Parcel Post

22X126204 *020.60

CUSTOMER	
AMOUNT	\$ 25.00
EXCHANGE	-0.00
TOTAL	25.00

August 29, 1984
Date

Sarah Marutha
Paid To

No. 063489

First Interstate Bank of Utah
N. Provo 42 kms Office

Fill in the blanks to answer the questions below, please.

1. Did you get the money from the bank which I sent you August 29 for 25.00? yes

2. How long did it take for it to clear so the bank could pay you? 2 months

3. Did the bank charge you a fee to cash the check? yes
If they did, how much did they charge you?+ 3.00

4. How much did they pay you in Zimbabwe money for the 25 American? 35.00

5. How much did you have to pay for the materials for the crocheted goods? ~~46 for Ecru~~ 3.21 for white

6. How much did you have to pay your women to crochet them? \$28.00

7. How many, if any, of the LDS women were involved in the project? 3

8. How much did you have to spend to travel, etc. to give the women the thread, and pick it up etc? just walk

How many balls, skeins, or whatever you call it of white and ecru did you use. 2 Big Ecru 3 small white would it be possible for me to get one package, bunch, skein, or whatever you do call it of each? If so, how much, outside of the mailing, would it cost me? she will send it & see how much it costs

I know how much you spent to mail it to me. 20.60. If these should appear profitable, and if you want to, we will do some more after the 1st of the year, and then it can be sent slow boat and the profit margin will be increased.

Thanks, Sarah. Just as soon as I hear from you about the questions above, I will send you a check for the money I owe you. Be sure and tell me if you want it in cash (money order) or if you would rather have batting and/or baby quilt prints.

Ida-Rose Hall

Be sure and let me know about the check, as I still have the receipt and can get payment on it from the bank if you did not get the money.

300
17
2100
300
51.00

12.00 ecru
9.60 white
21.80
28.00 to crochet
\$49.80
+ mailing (abt 2.00)

17 each
200 150.00
300
20.60
1800
200
7800