

Feb 8, 1985

Dear Sarah:

Enclosed is my check ~~\$\$\$~~ for \$70. This should bring you over \$100. according to the dollar exchange as of Jan 1. It is probably even better now as the dollar is even stronger on the international exchange.

I got my first cancelled check in the mail for the \$70. I sent to you Jan 5., with your signature so I guess that one at least has cleared. By the time you get this you should have your money for that one at least.

This order is for :

75 ALL WHITE

150 #2 (Bells)

~~150~~ #3 snowflake

Total ~~1500~~ only white christmas ornaments.

In your letter

We are sorry that the marriage didn't turn out for Peter and Esther. Is she still active in the Bindura Branch. Most LDS women know how to quilt, Sarah, so don't be afraid to ask one of the couple missionary ladies to help you put that quilt on. If she can't, I don't imagine you will have to much trouble doing it yourself, only mark it first before you put it on the frame.

This makes a total of four orders of 300 ornaments each order. I have sent 4 \$70 checks for \$280.

We have a lot of snow here. I wish we could send some of this moisture your way. We are afraid of flooding in this ordinarily dry desert country. Last week the temperature dropped to minus seven degrees and that is COOLD. When you get this, you might wish to have some of our coolness. Too bad we can't trade.

My quilting on the sewing machine didn't turn out too well. It's just too large too handle, I guess. Oh well, I am going to give it too my daughter, and it will keep them warm at least.

Love,

Ida-Rose

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school in the US. He would need at least 6,000. for the first year and he thought that maybe I could ~~xxxx~~ sell to the local ward ladies and earn that much. In zimbabwe we heard how americans sold the dresses for \$100. Mine are priced from \$35. to \$40, which I think is a bargain and they didn't sell. Don't let this worry you. Or the other ladies. I will still send materials and bats when I receive their crocheted goods. But I expect them to give them to me at cost, like you are. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxx~~ In Utah the ladies are more ambitious, and they do a lot of handwork. I have a daughter in Washington D.C. and a daughter in San Francisco and I can market some there.

I was sorry not to be able to help him, but I could never sell enough to put him through college. I had to tell him, "No."

From your two letters, I have the following information:

Rosalie took 3 pieces, paid \$18. (?) Is this correct? The other ladies have all not paid you. Asthnet owes for 2 pieces (\$10.) Elizabeth owes for 3 pieces (\$15.) Martha took 6 pieces for \$40. Not pd.

You also said that the dresses cost \$17.50 to make each or \$18, if you buy from the ladies. The coloured is \$20.00.

Tell your husband and daughters hello for myself and Brother Hall. We love you and miss you. And the rest of the members we knew and worked with in Zimbabwe.

Please fill out the sheet I have enclosed and send it back to me so I will know if these four dresses are in payment for what materials you used or if you want me to send you some materials. Which would mean that the dresses you sent me cost more than the materials you have used personally. If and when the ladies pay you for what they have used, send me dresses (slow boat). The cotton ones are especially popular with the young people and being near a university, I can probably sell cotton ones that would fit young girls like Julie and Ephanes best. You have very good taste, Sarah. The dresses you have sent me were beautiful.

Oh, by the way, you are still not sending the dresses the cheapest way. Ask for the GREEN STICKER, mark the box GIFT. The value would be the \$18 to \$20 it cost you to make them, so that you can send two nylong dresses in one box and one cotton dress in a box (the small one). A bedspread or a tablecloth would go in the larger box and cost. ^{3.00} Don't send more than two dresses at a time or the value gets too large and I would have to pay customs on it. You can send up to \$50. in one box from Zimbabwe and since all ours cleared without custom in the US I presume that much would be allowable here, too. I have enclosed the top of a box so that you will know what to ask for. It is called SMALL PACKET. GIFT. You can send one box a week (which you will never be doing) to the same address in the U.S.

#1 package, was mailed to Nancy Mecham, ^{both received} your daughter.

2 package, you mailed directly to me. Do this in the future, too. Beige dresses are more popular than white. Cotton more popular than nylong with the young girls. (best market.) The older ladies don't have as good figures.

Mail the enclosed sheet back to me as soon as possible, so I can get materials coming to you if I owe you money.

The batts I have sent to the ladies are 81 x 96 inches or 205 cm x 245 cms. If you cut them as below they will give you 4 36 x 45 baby quilts with some waste. In the US I can get a bat 90 x 108 which gives you exactly 6 baby quilts. It will cost 4 to 5 dollars to mail them slow boat, so for the batt, plus the shipping (slow boat) i can get them to you for 12.00 which is about 2.00 per batt per quilt.

Love, Ida Rose