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Dear Sarah:

Merry Christmas. That may sound strange so early, but by the time it comes it will be Christmas. We ran into some bats which were compact and on sale, and so we sent a bat to several of the ladies. These no one owes us money for as we want them to be gifts to the ladies. We sent a bat each to You, Elizabeth T., one to Mary and Rosalie between them, one to Edith K., one to Martha, and one to Fania, and one to Esther Ungaluba, addressed to Peter. We hear that Peter and Esther are getting married and we are so happy for them. Let us know when the happy even takes place.

We mailed the first, to you and Fania and that was about Oct. 1 and the rest were mailed ~~xx~~ about Oct 10. They should all arrive by Christmas. Maybe sooner.

You will be happy to know that Pres. Margetts is sending sever al couples into Zimbabwe direct from the US. They should arrive in November. It is difficult to get visas to South Africa right now and so he is sending a few couples to Zimbabwe direct from the US and they may ~~xx~~ stay for the whole 18 months. My guess is that there will be a couple working in each of the branches in Zimbabwe before very long.

I hear that you and Martha have started selling quilts from a shop. Great. Maybe you can ~~xxx~~ buy wholesale from the ladies (20.) like we did to the Stork shop, and then get the mark-up to help pay for your overhead. The shops doubled the price, almost.

I found a list of the materials I sent you from So. Africa. This might help you to tell me which the ladies got, as I do not want you to pay for their materials. Also I am glad that you got smart and hope you didn't soften up. The ladies need to learn to be responsible. I told them when I was teaching them: "You wouldn't sell your seed corn would you?" They all said, "No". "Well, that is what you are doing when you spend your profits without first buying another piece of material." Fania was the smart one, that first sale. She put ALL her profits, except for her tithing, into new material. ~~xxxxxxxixstxxxxxxxix~~ I will enclose the list on a separate piece of paper at the end of the letter, and you can just put their names next to the pieces they owe me for (or have paid)(Mark which) .

I received your package no 1., containing two nylon crocheted dresses. In June. Airmail. The second box, containing (Box No. 2, I received in September. All of the dresses are beautiful. What I need to know, now, is: are these dresses in payment for materials you have used for your own quilts, or the money reimbursed from yourself, Hopefully, Martha, and the other ladies, or are they for yourself alone.

I sent a lot of crocheted goods home, as my daughter Nancy had just had her 2nd baby. They have less money than the rest of my children to live on, and we thought maybe she could sell enough of the dresses etc., to make ends meet and stay home with the ~~xxxxx~~ baby. But Provo is too small a town, I guess, because not much sold. I have had a garage sale (home sale) since coming home, and we only made about \$100. above our basic costs for the goods, and I priced them very reasonably.

Charles wanted to send me a lot of materials so he could go to