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Dear Sarah:

I should have just written this letter to put in an envelope, but as the other letter is already written, I will send you both. I am sending you a zerox pattern of my favorite tablecloth pattern. We got several of these tablecloths while we were still in Zimbabwe. Maybe the ladies you have working for you know this pattern. If not, maybe they can figure it out.

How are the Makasas coming in the church. They sent me some lovely doilies when we left, and they were baptised soon after we left. Janet had been coming to Relief Society for some time before I left. Is the Branch President still Peter? And what is he doing now? There are so many things I want to know about the Branch, I can hardly stand it. I know that you and Martha are counselors to Fania, and I am so pleased about that. Also that Mary is teaching the young girls, and that Elizabeth is leading the singing in the Branch and that Lizah is leading the singing in Relief Society.

How are you handling the Relief Society lessons nowadays? Are the Nealds still working with the Branch? All this brings back so many memories --all of them happy. I hope that the missionaries are still bringing in new members.

One thing which I know would sell really well in the US is Christmas decorations which are crocheted. I have a pattern for a bell and for a star, etc., and I have a friend who I will try to get to make patterns up for you. Most of the crochets in Zimbabwe can duplicate anything they see made up, but don't seem to be able to follow a pattern. When I send these to you (not for a while) if you can't figure them ~~out~~ out, call Sister Swallowell, and she can help you. I think she has the patterns, but I will send you a copy of the written pattern when I send the samples and she can help you if she doesn't already have the patterns.

Tell the Relief Society Sisters that (can you also tell Edith Kaseke?) (Or have Iris Neald tell her) that if they will send me (Surface Mail) (so the price won't be so high on my end for the goods) crocheted goods, as soon as I receive them I will send the equivalent value in quilting batts to them in the mail. (also surface, as air mail makes them too costly). Tell them not to send doilies. There is no market for them here in the U.S. They could send place matts for tables. This would be something people would buy. They would need to be in sets of four, six, or eight, and be 12 inches wide by 17 or 18 inches long. These would be best of the white cotton or beige cotton thread and should not be too loose a pattern. No looser than the pattern I have enclosed in this letter. If you used this patter, make six of the circles and put a plain crocheted edge ~~xx~~ around them to bring them to the desired size. (See back) In Zimbabwe I was paying about 27 dollars for a tablecloth the size indicated (72 x 60) in beige or white. It will cost about three dollars to mail it to the US Surface ~~Mail~~ Mail plus the cost of the box. Hope this is some help to you.