

*OK for Hallmanack - nothing new here - just painting, cleaning, enjoying Dan's visit.*  
27 Junio 1991 (first letter since one he wrote 27 May--we were worried!) *W*

Dear Mom, Dad, and Laura,

We just cleaned up our whole house. It's really looking all new and SHINY. Yessir. Except for my own bed, of course, which is covered with lots of STUFF THAT GOT JUNKED THERE.

I have a new companion here in Puerto Barrios. His name is Elder Wheeler, and he has been here one week. This morning we had district meeting and guess what the lesson was: how to CONTACT RICH, INTELLIGENT PEOPLE. I felt really blessed because it was a last-minute prepared lesson, but the Lord helped me with some good scriptures: Abraham 2:11 and Exodus 18:13 (able men were made judges--we need able men to become members).

Anyway, we're looking for those people. By the way, Mom & Dad....I need new clothes...but DESPERATELY. I think I'm going to start taping my garments to my body. They're all shreds. Please send me some extra. I also need to repair my shoes and make at least three new pairs of pants. They all have holes in them, and we sweat so much here that I need to change more often. Please send me about \$100. That should be just enough to take care of the repairs and new clothes (we sent \$200 in March just for clothing, but even though we sent it through proscribed channels, Daniel had no news of it when we talked with him on Mother's Day).

This place is so hot. It's worse than a PEPSI commercial. We drink about 3-5 sodas a day. You sweat sitting down here. Just the same, I really love this area. It's really great.

We organized our members into teams yesterday, and we went to do member visits. It was great. We visited about nine families that didn't go to church.

Teaching is OK. We should baptize a woman named Sylva Mazaregos next week. But I want FAMILIES. With prayer and lots of dedication, we shall succeed (big smiley face).

Love you guys,

Elder Bartholomew

P.S. Send the money through the BANK, not in the mail (that's what we did--something is really strange here. We tried to call the mission home, but just got a recording--left a message, but got no response. 'Really gives you a secure feeling about reaching your son with his problems).