

Hallmanack

This one had 18 Oct 1990 stamped on the back of the envelope. Don't know when it arrived--I was on a trip taking Mom and Dad to Richmond, VA to visit Uncle Delbert and do genealogy at the Virginia State Library and also visit the Wood family.  
Dear Mom and Dad,

How are you guys?! I hope you're all doing really well.

Things here in Esquipulas are going great. Elder Sandoval and I are working hard and we've had one baptism so far. We baptized a girl named Marina who is seventeen yrs. old. When we started teaching the discussions in her home, we were teaching discussions to just about her whole family and many of her neighbors. By the third discussion--after we'd given the baptismal challenge--everyone but her had dropped out. Just the same--we were very happy to baptize her.

Today the guy who was living with us (Jose) moved out at our kind, understanding, but firm request. The second counselor in our mission presidency gave us the order, and so we carried it out. I really cared about him, but I know for a fact he stole from me about 40 quetzales, and with all the tithing problems we've had, there just wasn't any room for risks. We'll see if this has any effect on member activity or not. I gave him enough money to go to Guatemala City (5 hours away) where he has friends. We didn't tell him we knew he'd been stealing. We just told him that we were obeying instructions. It was quite sad really.

(Top of the page: "I LOVE YOU GUYS !!!")

I'm going to send with this letter a very interesting piece of information I came across. Apparently one of the cardinals in the Catholic Church left and was baptized quite some time ago. Anyway, circulating among the elders here is a copy of a letter this Cardinal wrote to a mission president (of Costa Rica), President Brewerton, about the Catholic Church, its purposes, etc. It is a letter that you two might find quite interesting, and at the same time quite disturbing. Don't share this with anybody--just read it and compare it with the prophecies of Nephi and the writings in the Book of Revelations. I'd like to know what you two think of it.

Please take care of yourselves and keep writing me--I like getting all the letters. We're doing fantastic over here. By the way--things are really progressing in all areas. Our attendance last month went from 9 to 15 to 25 to 30 (last week). We just pray that it will keep going. Pray hard for us. We need all the help we can get.

Love,

Elder Daniel H. Bartholomew

P.S. The copies appear the way they do because I pasted them into a memory book I have. Please save the copies there for me as well. Thanx (smiley face).