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Dear Mom, Dad, & Laura,

Hello from one of the hottest places you've never been! I cooled off yesterday, though, in a wonderful baptism of a very pregnant lady named Silvia Elizabeth Mazariegos. She's a good woman we began teaching three weeks ago. She wants us to choose the name for her boy--he's not born yet, but in the confirmation, my comp. called him a ni~no. We'll find out in very little time. I think we'll name him Melchizedek. Melchizedek Mazariegos. What an awesome name, huh? 'Just kidding!

I'm listening to a great tape called "God Science," by a person named Skousen. That's why I'm drawing so much (wild doodles all over the margins). I'm listening to a tape that's really interesting. Try and get a copy of it or find out about it.

Anyway, I'm still looking for families with educated and intelligent fathers who can become great, spiritual leaders.

In many ways I feel that during the past months I've "lost sight of the cross." It's so important to remember, meditate, and study the crucifixion of Christ. This is something which is so vital. At the beginning of the mission, it's easy to have the Spirit because one is enthusiastic, green, and eager to be righteous. It's in the middle and at the end of the mission that one has to fight to maintain the Spirit. Just the same, one receives a lot of personal inspiration and revelation which truly helps.

I've written very little. Sorry about that. I love you all and I'm grateful for the gospel in my life.

Love, Elder Bartholomew