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Dearest David and Maria, Dec.1,1974

Greetings from the land of cold, crisp weather, fresh complexions, cold feet and sniffing noses! Hurray! Winter is here again! But what a Winter!

2. MY FIRST WINTER IN HIS SERVICE!

How I love Winter! It seems to be a time when the crowds disperse and run to their little burrows to await the sunshine and liveliness of Spring, replenishing their caches of goodies and foodstuffs to survive the cold times ahead.

3. HOW COSY WE ARE IN YOUR HOME HERE! I really love you both! The

house is again quiet apart from the occasional "clack-clack-ding" of typewriters and the weekend's joyous laughter and chatter of Becky's wonderful children. How I love them all! It amazes me how much knowledge is stored in the subconscious mind throughout one's life! How much I recall about my own childhood days and the way my dear parents handled different situations that arose.--All this brought to the surface when in the company of children!

4. WHAT A CREATOR THE LORD IS!

Last Sunday when the kids left here I felt so close to them and you and one in spirit. I was there the whole trip, from this house to my mind's picture of your home there. I really enjoy that sort of trip, no packing, sorting out permits, no air-sick pills, worrying about how experienced the pilot is, whether his drive for survival is as keen as mine, etc.--Ha! I make a terrible passenger!

5. HOW I THINK OF YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

and love you show to me in your letters! My name appearing in print causes comments both kind and cutting, but I think back to the letter you wrote to me, when I first joined the team, warning me that just might happen!

6. I HAVE STARTED OUTLINING MY STORY, after reading "Paper Power" and learning how to do it! So the next step is to put the meat on the bones. How it takes me back, nearly 12 months, phew! Tempus Fugit! For all these months now on the team, I have worried about my not having justified my existence, but I now feel that I am over that hurdle, and at last God has hooked me into a full time job! Hallelujah! It's amazing how the experience in the world handling people and putting forward ideas backed by sound reasoning gets things done.

7. HOW HAPPY I AM! Please don't get the idea I'm steamrolling my way around. I am very aware of the results of treading on people's corns and the effect a narrow-minded strong will can have on people's attitudes toward a person, especially as it would eventually affect the work which is spreading the love of God, not self-glorification. Believe me, the more my ideas are accepted, the more I realise my responsibility to those ideas increases to the square of the people involved! Thank you for giving me the chance to help in any way at all.

8. IT REALLY IS A NEW LIFE FOR ME with your precious Family, which was brought home to me when I visited my brother to pick up a typewriter I left at my flat, as I now need it so badly to write my letters. Ha! Seeing him and talking to him and trying to witness to him just reminded me what a mess the system really is in!

9. I VISITED MY FATHER, who works in the city, the other day and had lunch with him witnessing to him for over an hour. I told him he ought to redeem all his stocks and buy a retreat in the country for survival, one big enough that some of our group could move in with them to help run it. Ha! I'm going to keep working on him and the Lord might do a miracle! Becky really likes my dad and he likes her, but

my mother is not so sure of us.

10. BECKY IS REALLY FILLING OUT NOW and blooming in her new condition! I love her so! She says I remind her of her dear father.-- Wow! What a compliment! How happy I am, and I'm sure she is too, apart from missing you both so badly. It is a real privilege to work alongside her, 'cause she makes me feel so good! Wow! The power of a woman! I really love women!

11. THANK YOU LORD FOR BEAUTIFUL WOMEN! Rather than be called "woe-man" they should be called "wow-men"!--Ha! I love you Maria, and miss your flirty flattering fellowship! No two people are the same!-- And David, though I didn't spend very long with you, I feel I am very close to you, especially now that I have read so many of your Letters and know you well in that sense.

12. IT AMAZES ME THE WAY THE LORD HAS WORKED IN MY LIFE throughout the years and given to me so many of the ideas and feelings about life that I read in your Letters! Thank You Jesus! Praise the Lord!

My most memorable minutes
 remain in my mind,
 Those moments of motion,
 emotion, of kind:
 Unknown in my mind
 till meeting MO and Maria,
 Mid all members of mission,
 majestic and dear!
 My mistress, my master,
 my now massive mate,
 My most memorable missy,
 you've replaced all the hate!
 I love yoooooooooooooooooooo.....!
 Soooooooooooooooooooooh!

God bless you both and keep you, in Jesus' Name! We love you dearly!
 --Your, Arthur.

Dear Becky, December 2, 1974
 We got your letter yesterday,
 and thank you so much.

13. THE PHOTOS you enclosed of you and Arthur and the kids were

so sweet! David said he had been afraid Arthur would gain a lot of weight when he started living with us, so he's very happy to see he's looking nice and slim. I guess he's working so hard he doesn't have time to gain weight, huh?

14. YOU CAN'T IMAGINE how it relieves David's mind to know that Arthur is there with you, Beck! He says he'd be worrying about you every minute if Arthur wasn't there to help you. Arthur looked really good and you as well, but David said you looked a little tired. Please try to get some rest and don't overdo, Beck. We love you and are very concerned about you.--Maria.

Dearest David and Maria, Dec 10,1974

Thank you so much for being so concerned about our needs. I love you and appreciate your love so much.

15. ARTHUR AND I ARE GETTING ALONG SO GOOD as we both are learning more about each other and to understand one another's needs and moods. We are learning how to care for one another. Praise God! We've been getting along great and he is such a big help!

16. HE GOT UP AND GAVE A TESTIMONY at the last district meeting and he shared about the yokes, mugs and T-shirts. The kids got a good laugh because he does have a good sense of humour. Faithy also got to share with the kids about Paris.-- Love and Kisses, Bec.

(From Becky:) January 2, 1975

Dearest David and Maria, God bless you both! I LOVE YOU!! This is such a long overdue letter, I'm sorry, because I do love you and thank you so much for all your loving words.

18. HOW CAN I THANK YOU ENOUGH! The phone calls were such a blessing to hear your voices, you sounded so close! Those three little words I heard you say were the best Christmas present I could ever have wanted! I LOVE YOU TOO!!! I'm so

happy that you all sounded happy and well. You must be having a wonderful time together and you deserve to have everything you want. I'm so happy everything is working out. I hope you are feeling good and strong, Maria. I'm praying for you.

19. ON CHRISTMAS DAY ARTHUR AND I WENT TO HIS PARENTS with the kids. This was only the second time I had seen them and I looked quite a bit different than the first time--ha! I wasn't too keen on going at all, but Arthur wanted to go and I just didn't want to let him down. I had never met some of his family, so we just prayed all would go well. I baked a cake, some brownies, and stuffed some walnuts in dates which they really liked.

20. IT ALL WENT WELL--THEY LOVE THE KIDS! Sharon is such a doll and at two eats with a fork and knife! They kept remarking about their manners and how well behaved they were. They were such a key to the whole evening! Arthur took some sample mugs which were done a few days before. He went up north and picked up the first batch just in time for Christmas! Also we played some of the music from Paris.

21. IT WAS A GOOD EVENING! Arthur's sister was showing Gab a present she received from Johnny, Arthur's brother. It was postcards mounted on a board. One was of some Queen of England, and they were asking one another who it was. Gab said that he knew who it was, and they were all so surprised because he was right! I was really surprised too, it was really funny! Arthur's mom had a little wooden doll that she sewed a little dress, apron and hat for, and she gave it to Sharon along with a little straw basket which Sharon carried around with her the rest of the evening collecting nuts, candy, and everything else she could find.

22. ARTHUR'S MOM WAS SO TICKLED that Sharon loved it so much! They

gave Gab a big red ball and he spent most of the time with Arthur's 15-year-old brother Johnny, popping crackers to see what prizes were inside. Also Arthur's Mom made stockings for the kids as well as for Arthur's sisters and brothers, which is something she hadn't done for a long time.

23. THE NIGHT BEFORE, ARTHUR INSISTED I GET SOME SHOES as I was still wearing my very comfortable summer sandals which I love. I found some shoes on sale and he said it's the first time he's seen me wear shoes! He was almost happier about it than I was! He was really tickled about my shoes and just couldn't get over them. I wore a black dress the kids had provisioned and I wore my hair up. Arthur was so happy to see me dressed up! I've never had so many compliments from him in one day, or kisses! It was so funny!

24. I WENT TO SEE THE DOCTOR at the clinic for the first time. They were quite surprised to see me so far along. They seemed so self-righteous! But Praise God, I'm feeling fine and I'm really sticking out! Arthur can hardly believe how big I am, and says he feels sorry for me. I really haven't done too much planning for the baby at all, but getting things for you has made me think about it more. So I'm starting to get the things I need together. Having a baby is a lot of fun and work, and we're both looking forward to it.--I love you, Bec.

(From Arthur:) January 5, 1975
Dearest David and Maria, God bless both you beautiful people and may I wish you both a very

25. HAPPY NEW YEAR! But I know it will be, judging by all that is about to happen this year! Well since my last belated communication a lot has been happening in this neck of the woods. We had a really happy time at Christmas and had really good fellowship at all the different places we went to. We had

a really good time at the house and really enjoyed ourselves. The big TV went out of commission three days before Christmas and we had lots of time to spend thinking and talking, so it must have been the Lord that took away the picture. Thank You Lord! We were able to keep our eyes on Him!

26. WE ALL, BECKY, GABRIEL, SHARON, AND I, WENT TO SEE MY FOLKS ON CHRISTMAS DAY and were really received well. Everybody was so happy, and the fellowship and meal were delightful! We exchanged small presents and gave them a set of our coffee mugs, too.

27. WE HAD A REALLY SPLENDID PARTY AT THE COLONY for the children, and Becky and I were up till 3 a.m. the previous night icing cookies we had baked earlier in the day. Wow! What a Christmas! Thank You Lord! I thought Christmas might be a good time to start my story off, so that's the way I hope to go with it.

28. BECKY REALLY SEEMS TO BE BLOOMING NOW and if she's encouraged forcibly and with the threat of violent physical action if she does not agree, she actually takes a rest sometimes and even puts her feet up at others. PTL! She really has worked hard the past three months with all the extra, exciting work going on, but the Lord lets her know when she has done too much and forces her to rest. It really seems too quiet now that things have settled down for the moment at the house.

29. JUST LOOK WHAT YOU TWO FLIRTY FISHIES DID FOR ME! Thank you so much! I love you! The word love, for me, has taken on a completely different meaning now and means so much more than it used to! We both can't wait for the day we meet you again, Becky and I that is, so that we can show our love. Thank You Jesus for showing us the way to love! How else can we thank Him than to follow Him?

30. TALKING OF FOLLOWING HIM, in my own way via Wild Wind in which

the Lord has so thoughtfully provided a place for me to work, things are starting to come together in that particular direction. On Friday the 20th December I rented a van and went to the pottery plant to collect the first 1200 coffee mugs. How exciting it was to be able to have something to inspire the disciples at Christmas, and inspired they were! Thank You Lord for getting them ready on time!

31. THE TAPING DEPARTMENT is now well into the list of tapes on the advisory, and I think you will agree that they sound really good. We have now designed a new tape label which we feel will have commercial appeal, and enclosed is a xerox of the label. I would welcome any criticism on it if you have the time.

32. ON SOME OF THE TAPES WHERE MY SECRET FISHER LADY MARIA, my loving Leo, speaks to the Old Lion, Mo-lion, or Merlion as he is lovingly known hereabouts, such as in the "Green Door", we have asked Jaala, Justus A's delicious curvy English secretary with a beautiful voice to speak the parts, and I would appreciate your comments on them please. WOW! There is so much happening I'm having to consider getting someone to help out in the secretarial work!

33. NOW THAT THESE THINGS ARE ALL STARTING TO ROLL, I aim to work on developing new projects just as soon as the handling machinery is working well on these already started. We aim to keep them rolling! Hallelujah! PTL! We're off the ground! Wow! I used to think I was busy in the system, but NOW! Thank You Lord! I really thrive on keeping busy, and the Lord obviously knew that was needed for me! I am so happy that I can be used. I really love you, and again yet again,

34. THANK YOU FOR DELIVERING ME FROM THE BRINK OF THE PIT, the scrambling out of which is just impossible except by a miracle! Thank

you! I love you and plan to write every week.--Honestly! No sooner do we get home than I have my jobs to do--but no, these are all pitiful excuses!

35. IT'S REALLY A PRIVILEGE TO BE WITH BECKY AND TO SHARE YOUR LOVE THROUGH HER! The more I am with her the more I love her! The Lord knows how much!--And I know He tells you how much! I pray for you, and the Lord is blessing you by the looks of it! Goodness me, what a revolution within a revolution! Love is the power and Light of God! Amen! Amen!--Arthur. P.S.:

36. WHEN WILD WINDS WHIP
Within my whimsy mind,
I wish I were a walrus
That could walk upon the brine!
Widewater, that is where
This walrus wants to wend 'is way.
To where he knows the Wild Winds
Whip 'is winsome little May!(Maria)
I love you both so much! God bless
and keep you both!--Love, Arthur.

Dear Arthur, January 17, 1975

37. YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB, SON!
--Love your products!--Could I have a Love Mug or a Don Quixote? Thanks! Take it out of my account. Think your idea of iron-ons for T-shirts is great! Then they can put 'em on anything they like. PTL! Testing these things on the kids themselves will soon prove what's best. Amen? So don't make too many of any one item on your first runs.

38. GLAD YOU'RE KEEPING THINGS UNDER CONTROL, INCLUDING BECKY! GBH!
Don't let her overdo--and the same to you! Thanks for the cute poem! Where are those first few pages of your story?--Don't wait till it's perfect or complete. Send us some carbon copies now--please!--TKS! You're such an inspiration to us! Thanks for your letters, both of you. We love to hear from you. Thanks for the gifts and things too, Bec dear! ILY! You're so sweet!

39. YOU DESERVE THE BEST!--ARTHUR!
--HA!--WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE WITH-

OUT HIM! But you also need a house-keeper and childcare worker with several adults and three children-- and to help you now with the new baby--King Arthur's little knight-let! Ha!--Gotta round table? GBY! ILY! Yours!--Dad.

(From Arthur:) January 19, 1975
Dearest David and Maria,

Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name! I'm writing this letter over- looking a beautiful garden and en- joying January sunshine so bright that I'm having to shade my eyes!

41. THE NEW GREEN SHOOTS have fought their way into the marvel- ously mild weather, and I think are just asking Jack Frost to bite off their heads in the very near fu- ture! It seems such a shame when they have battled so hard, that the frost knocks them to the ground again, but such is life! Thank You Lord! The beautiful white delicate almost feminine snow drops are now out in the gardens.

42. WHAT AN ALMIGHTY CREATOR WE HAVE! His glorious works are at our every turn to use, listen to, look at, enjoy, eat and abuse at will! What more could anybody want or need? It was really good to hear from Becky that you are all well out there. Becky gets really high with your phone calls and really looks forward to them, and being able to speak to you both or at least hear you both. Thank you so much for your encouraging little notes. I really do enjoy reading and hearing about you both. That place where you are seems to be just right for you in all sorts of ways. It was so good to talk with Lydia when we met her the other day. Becky says she is a true rev- olutionary and didn't ask one ques- tion about me! Ha!--Not like me in my earlier days, eh?

43. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY DE- LIGHTFUL AND DELICIOUS GIRLS IN MY LIFE! I remember Maria you telling me that you knew some really good-

looking young girls, and now I have seen them! You were right! God bless you both! Isn't life excit- ing?!! It is this end! I really get a thrill out of working with dear Becky! A lot of people still wonder just who I am, where I live, what I do!--Ha!

44. JOINING THE RANKS OF THE MYSTERIOUS! I remember a guy who was mysterious and you couldn't draw any information from him either! Ha! Ha! God bless you, David! I'm sure if I had ever read any MO-Letters in my life, I would have guessed who you were! Well, we'll never know! Ha! Thank God! I could have caused all sorts of trouble unwittingly.

45. DO YOU KNOW THE ONLY THING I MISS FROM MY FORMER LIFE IS MY OC- CASIONAL BALLROOM DANCING? I will really have to get in some more practice or I will be rusty forever! I really thank you so much for putting me with Beck and having me help you at this end. It really is a privilege! Well, things do change, don't they? My life certainly has in no uncertain manner, although in a lot of ways I feel much the same, only...more so, if you know what I mean.

46. DEAR BECKY IS RESTING MORE these days and taking things a lot easier when she is able to, so that she doesn't get so tired. My good- ness me, to see nature at work is really an exciting event! The way Becky is enlarging is frightening, but she says it is quite normal!

47. WE REALLY HAVE GOOD FUN AT THE WEEKENDS WITH THE CHILDREN. It's the highlight of my week to go to the Colony and bring them home with us. What beautiful chil- dren! Thank You Lord! I love you both so much! I pray for you daily. God bless and keep you both and bless you with continued good health. Bye for now. Ever yours in Jesus' Name! Love in Jesus' Name! --Arthur.--I love you both so much!!!!!!! GBY!!!