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Jacob De Shazer  
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Oct. 22, 1955

Dear Folks:

Your letter came two days ago. We sure were suprised and I guess you know that we felt like crying when we saw what you had done. It sure is good to have a Mother and Father in this old world. You have been so good to us. We don't deserve any thing from anyone, but we thank you for your big generous hearts. You prayed me through and suffered along with me in my darkness and sin and now you are doing something for us that is wonderful and beautiful.

I wanted to write to you about houses and land before now but I tried to get all the information I could first. I bought a daily paper and have been looking in the "For Sale" column. There seems to be many places for sale but it is hard to get just what is suitable.

After your letter came I went to a real estate man that lives here in town and he is the man who helped us get this house that we are renting. He is a Christian and so we made some investigations with him. There is one house that seems like a good buy right down town. It would sell for \$7,000. However the street is busy and it seems to be right at the bottom of two small hills which means it is in a gully and would be muddy. It would be good for a resale or to rent but it is not suitable for the children.

There is another house that is for sale that is near the grammer School and yet it is out from the city enough so that the street is hardly used. The street is not paved and there is no side walks. The house is just at the edge of town. It has a chicken house and another small building but it isn't quite big enough for a garage. The house has been used for two apartments. It has two kitchens and two bathrooms. It is all on the downstairs and it has no basement. (There is a little space underneath the house that they are using to store fruit that has been canned.) This house would sell for \$6,000. However the dealer thinks that they would come down to \$5,500. The terms on both of these houses seem rather strange. They want \$2,500 down on the first house and \$3,200 down on this last house.

I think that this last house would be suitable for our needs but the down payment is awful high. They would only want



\$37.50 a month for payments after the first payment was made. The interest is at 5% and as you pay each month they deduct it so that you don't pay interest on what you have paid in to them. The rooms of the last mentioned house have been used as two apartment rooms but they could be arranged as a living room, a dining room and a kitchen. We could have two bedrooms and a utility room. We would still have two bathrooms and I thought it would be best to leave them as they are so that ~~was~~ it would rent out as two apartments.

My credit is not much good when it comes to buying a house as I am a missionary and they all know that missionaries have to go away in order to get their salaries. However the man has said that these two houses are already financed and the people who are living in the houses have paid in the down payments that they want now. I would therefore need to pay \$3,200 down on the house that we wanted and then just take over the payments of \$37.50. That is more than what you told me you could let us have as a down payment. We do not have to have a house and we can rent this one for as long as we want to do so. I believe that the house with the two apartments would rent for 60 or 70 dollars a month, as it is near the College and Seminary and also the grade school.

I wish that we could be closer together. I know that God has been good to us to let you reach the age of 85 and mamma the age of 72. I would try to be with you as it seems wrong to be so far away and the children could learn a lot from being around you folks. We do need to enlarge our horizen and it seems to come by this educational process. I am in hopes that we can come out west this coming summer. I think that perhaps we can drive out there.

I hope that you foks will take good care of yourself and the cold winter months will not hurt you.

I don't know if you would have to pay an income tax or not. It seems like the property has been yours for a long time and that your income has not increased. It is only changeing the property that you had into money. That would be the way I would think of it but You know more about it than I do.

We are all well. The children have felt unusally fine. I am busy most of the time and today I must go and have another service. I go out from here every week end for services in the surrounding churches.

May God bless you and answer your prayers.

Lots of love,  
Jaker Family, (over)



Dear Folks,

This is a lovely autumn day and I am debating whether to pack up and go with Jake for the weekend or to stay here - The children enjoy their regular S.S. and J.M.S. services here but we like to be with Jake too.

As Jake has told you we were surely surprised the other day to receive your letter + enclosed check - we feel blessed to have such wonderful parents to pray for us and help us and want to thank you for this material boost as well. We don't know how to express our thanks properly but feel joy in our hearts "at every remembrance of you" - We are looking forward to being with you for a little while next summer, the Lord willing.

As Jake has told you we've been looking at houses but they are a little hard to find - The last one he mentioned seems the best so far - It has a nice lot for garden, chickens etc. but has a few drawbacks in the fact that it is arranged as two apartments  
(see back of other sheet)



I think we could rearrange it to be  
suitable. we are all feeling fine and begin-  
ning to get acquainted with our  
surroundings. The boys like school.  
John didn't get such a good report  
card (I think that he isn't quite  
adjusted yet) Paul got all top grades.  
Mark & Carol are growing and are  
quite interesting right now. Jake  
& speaking on week-ends. I have  
opportunities to speak now & there  
too.

How is everyone there - we'd like  
to see you all. It was good to get a  
nice letter from Helen the other  
day.

Love,  
Florence

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