Hi/ Pis,

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How did you make it through the summer, Pis?

Well I’m over watching a Snoopy Cartoon Show on the video tape, so I’ll grab some time to write you another note. Sounds like you’ve been contacted by some folks that have left and who are trying to cause us trouble. Tim & Ben has really turned out to be outrageous. He used to dream up crazy schemes, violent, etc. and because Jim wouldn’t go along with them, he left. He and a few other people are causing all the furor. I’m sure you’ve heard of the wild lies about us. Ben has become so friendly. He used to dream up crazy schemes, violent, etc. and because Jim wouldn’t go along with them, he left. He and a few other people are causing all the furor. I’m sure you’ve heard these lies about us. Ben has become so friendly. He has become so friendly that the church has decided to sue him for 50 million dollars. Instead of my going there to call him out and put the lie to it, I think you just come down for yourself. You can come in by boat or plane from the capital. You could clear up your doubts and then be able to speak up against the creeps that are attacking us.

By the way — the State Department and all the officials here know of the lies and are complete supporters of us.

Anyway — the kids are doing great. I’ve got my whole class individualized in Reading, Song, Arts & Math. They just go from one activity to another from 8:30-11:30 without any recess — because they are so excited about being able
to read and do math now. Some of the best activities are active games & puzzles and perceptual-motor stuff as well as phonics, crossword puzzles, logic games, listening skill games & all kinds of stuff. We still need a couple of copies of each set of worksheets that go with each book (1-23) in the Sullivan Programmed Reading series and would *LIKE* to get a set of the accompanying story books someday. I think they run about $2.00 a book. Linda or Hermaine could run off a couple copies of each worksheet easily. We use plastic sheets & could copy filmstrips. We would like the set of Sullivan Filmstrips too if she could copy them - and anything else you guys could scrounge up.

The different shops we have, have been coming up with some wild brainstorms. They figured out a clothes dryer whose heat source is from the outside stoves we use for cooking. They also built a horse cart from scratch. We're making soap now and selling it around the region. We also have a brick factory that will allow us another building material besides lumber.

Oh we had a new baby girl last week that makes 13 so far - just a healthy as can be. Our nursery is super-different areas for different aged babies with the stimulation toys and sounds and textures that each need.

We are planning a new pre-school building with every feature you'd ever want. Softs to climb up for doll corners & cubbies to crawl into and a library corner with pillows - shelves all over for Science centers, aquariums, moveable partitions, areas for water play in a sand-table and on and on - ***like a dream come true. I can't wait til it's completed. They've got a top-notch program now - but the building will allow for even more improvement. We've been visited by the top officials in pre-school education and they raved about our set up that's in our temporary building.

Our ant-eater is about 4-5 ft long now and still a baby and growing. It was raised on a bottle & we weren't sure it would ever eat ants - but it finally got old enough & eats them fine now. We just got 2 baby Macaws that are so ugly - they are cute - also an owl out of a tree we cut down. Write soon Love, Pat