

Ranch! Claire  
Janora

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THE TEMPLE contains a large built-in heated swimming pool which is enjoyed by the entire community. There is also a spacious hall with folding chairs, so that the area can be used for many different activities.

from  
Marlene Tarver

"And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them." Matt. 21:14

Hi Ranch Polbs!

We have been having some beautiful days here the weather has been clear + sunsets breathtaking! The land is really lush + green everything is blossoming every inch of cleared land is growing something. We are talking about going into intensive farming by rotating crops planting new plants between crops as one crop is maturing. We'll have to get horses carts + several compost houses built. It would take 200 acres of land + produce 3/4 crops a year.

That is the latest project we are considering. We had considered raising peanuts for a cash crop but are considering it more closely. We have made "peanut butter" for us, it really is good, a real treat. They made some peanut butter cookies the other week soooo good. And also peanut butter fudge, it reminded me of Reese's peanut butter cups yum! We had some fresh pork tonight for dinner w/ greens, rice, sweet potatoes + corn bread, I was stuffed!

Polbs don't worry about your weight have fun eating you'll be able to take off the weight here pretty quickly. The fresh air + healthy diet will take care of any extra you have on now. Mary is getting down really nicely, Pam dieted and has lost 50 lbs and is working on the rest. Rose Mc. is getting down really nicely + Sue N. doesn't have far to go, so eat all your



want within reason + enjoy. Eat that pizza + lasagne for me!  
Well, everyone here is, of course doing nicely. Mauri  
+ Daren said they wrote letters tonight so you should be  
getting those soon. Claire, Mauri's content w/ her animals  
and really a nice looking girl I was looking at her the  
other day thinking how pretty she actually is, you must  
have those pictures that were sent by now. Daren is just  
independent as could be more outspoken + confident you'd  
be proud of him, he definitely doesn't get weepy or depressed.  
He really stays on top of his news + always answers  
complex questions in 5. class. you'd be amazed! Kim, as I  
said Bippy is in my class now and she really is a lovely  
girl, very sweet. She is bright, + answers questions quickly  
+ seems to enjoy school. She is "earning" stars + happy  
faces in class for her behavior + is very happy about it. May  
be we can send a card back in a few weeks for you to  
see + I'll have her make you a picture, she said she wanted  
to. Gabra thanks for your letter it is appreciated, I know  
you're very busy there. Teaching school is really a challenge  
+ exciting. Dad has provided such interesting materials here  
+ we are making more wooden learning objects now. No  
one who was trying could miss becoming a good teacher  
with all that's provided here. I hear you want to go into  
another area, all opportunities are provided here for  
everyone. Curtis thanks for your letters, much appreciated.  
Hope everything's going ok for you, your dreams will come  
true here also. I am always pleasantly surprised by the  
way you express yourself in writing. You have a grasp  
of principle that few people recognize, it is a crime that you  
weren't able to go to school because you have a very  
sharp mind. There are more opportunities here for you  
to use + sharpen your skills + I'm sure you look for-  
ward to that. I would be very happy to see you develop  
your insights further. I appreciate your sensitivity  
+ concern for children, another virtue that too few



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"And now may the God of peace .. equip you with all you need for doing his will. Continue to love each other with true brotherly love.

"Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

"Don't forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself. Share the sorrow of those being mistreated, for you know what they are going through."

HEBREWS 13:20, 1-3  
The Living Bible



PEACE

people here. I hope to hear from you again but I understand if you're pressed for time, I'm sure you're working faithfully hard, as usual in your quiet faithful way. Take care of yourself, Dad thinks a lot of you. Chris, hi, well I know you'll love it here because Christine would love to have someone sensitive to animals come over + help with her brood. Of course Dad is providing opportunities for people to fulfill their dreams + you are no exception, everybody seems to fall into place here. I know you are keeping up your end of the work there + caring for the animals in your sensitive way, I'll be glad to see you. Heehee, you'd be surprised how much Will has grown-up not much taller but mature. Pat calls him the "little lawyer" and he sure is! He analyzes everything with a fine tooth comb better not have any loop holes in your logic or he'll get ya for sure! His best friend is Tad + he is sure to report how his behavior was in school everyday. Will is really well behaved and a real togetherness person, I really enjoy him. Hope your job is going ok the work that you do is appreciated here. Bonnie + Don just wait till you get here + see our new school set up you'll really like it, it's really getting together. Pat just told me how Danny's doing, he is tops in Math in her class and steadily



moving head in reading on level 4 now. He isn't rushing so he is steadily improving. He is also tops in behavior + loves to carve things with Ronald B. They hang out together most of the time. Hey Ray, when you're helping out there glad to hear it, say hi to Viola for me I always liked her outspokenness + determined nature. Bet you're putting on some weight there yourself, well I say have fun, eat to your hearts delight, I know you're working hard. Mike, hope you're getting all those good movies taped and children's specials. I wonder if that movie we taped that didn't turn out got filmed again? The big screen is supposed to be coming soon so we can view these good movies. Ellen Sure is turning out some great baked goodies in the kitchen she likes to bake + she sure is now. The boys are really growing and doing well Todd seems to grasp some principle very well of course he is pretty smart. April is getting more + more together + seems happy in school. She looks forward to seeing you + talks about when she went to the ranch when you were there. We'll all be glad to see you.

Well ranch family I'll close for now and write again in a couple of weeks. Claire, the letter writing could use some ink pens + appreciated the glue sticks you sent. Mauri, Darius + Daren received your packages okay + needed the thongs those wear out fast so couldn't go wrong on things like that. Darius was 'thrilled' to receive a package through the mail. Well, take care I think of all of you often.

Your Comrade,  
Marlene