

TO

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FROM

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Hello Ma how are you all doing, I know I shouldn't asked that but, Mama living here in this surrounding and just thinking about the way you guys are living over there, I get headaches tonight I'm on the back gate right after Sunday night service my headache something terrible mama the people here they are something else everyday here Mama is looking out for number one, I get so sometimes I just be going through the motions my mind be over there with you all, Oh and while I'm thinking of that I don't know when I will be seeing you all, I wish I could pay soon, but Alice is talking like she still not ready to go, by the way we have Marcus with us too now so thing are starting to look pretty good, but Mama I miss you so much, some nights I just lay up and think about the way we use to be, and now all I can think about is when will I see my Mama & brothers & sisters, Mama you don't know how it is, I never know what pressure felt like, Mama I leave home coming to the church to do work & people there be talking crosses.

then I go home and Alice is talking crazy
like she can't handle all these the boys now
since Elvree left Ernie have the working
with him on the bus and cars for the past month
we've been back & forward from the Valley
for week spans and Alice get upset about
that and then when I try to spend time at
home with the kids the people down at the Church
be asking me where I been, Mama sometimes
I find myself just going in circle I walked
so now the heel on my right foot is sore &
tight from walking so much I went to the
doctor for it he took X-rays and told me to
put ice on it and to stay off of it and I
couldnt do that for people talking shit
till coming over to the house like I was
going to him, the week we went to D. to
get Mae, I saw Cleve he is still talking
that same shit getting drunk, and tried to get
me to go over Mama's with him, I wouldnt go, he
said, good is back out here, but he's still talking
about how much you and him had and what everybody
gave to the cause and left him with nothing, you
know how he is you cant tell him no different, but
that enough about over here it aint helping my head
None what is everybody doing, tell Herbert he's just

like everybody else he get over there and know
what its like over here and dont get a letter
from anybody, Mom & I have enough people over
there to write every time letter come back here we
should at least have two or three letters a piece
and we dont get none, what is sweet-pee doing,
tell Ann to write me and give me his size of
pants & shoes so I can bring him something
when ever I come, Mama & I had to let this out
some kind of way and I know I can always talk
to you and this was just one of those times when
I need you, so I'm not going to say goodbye
but like always so long for now and hope to
see you all soon, tell ever one I said hello
and father love you...

Sincerely yours

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