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Box 357
Lansford, North Dakota 58750

July 16, 1970

Dear Dad & Mom,

We're here. We had a real good time at Avon. The kids and Marilyn climbed the hill a couple of times. I did it once. Yvonne and Karen had lots of fun with Walter and Hank. Neal found Walter's comics so he was satisfied. The high point of the visit was the delivery of Frances' new Maytag automatic washer. She just about went into orbit. It's coppertone with a large tub. She's probably told you about it by now. They'll get a dryer when Toi gets the place fixed for it. Marilyn had a good visit with Toi and Fran.

We left Avon about 4:30 Wednesday morning and spent the night at the Rock Log Motel in Glendive. The camping area we had planned to stay at wasn't suitable. The motel owner let us set up our camp stove and good supper outside the motel room. The kids liked it there. Yvonne said it wasn't like a motel; it was like staying at someone's house. The owner even offered to let us use his car if we wanted to drive uptown to eat so we wouldn't have to unhook the trailer.

We drove into Lansford about 2:30 Thursday afternoon. We ate cold cereal before we left the motel about 5 a.m. and then had our breakfast and lunch rolled into one at Bismarck about 11. We had pancakes and the kids really ate. Marilyn & I didn't do badly ourselves.

The gang was here when we got here. Chuck & Edith had a camping trailer parked by the clothesline. They brought Linda, Mark, Sheila and Jeffrey with them. Earl & Beth brought Layne with them. Our 5 with C.F. brought the count to 15. We put up our tend across the clothesline from the camper. We could have slept upstairs, but as hot as it was we were more comfortable in the tent. We had hot weather all the way. It was 98 when we got here. Then Thursday evening a thunderstorm cooled it down to about 70. The reunion turned out pretty well. There were 570 at the banquet. There seemed to be tents or trailers outside most of the houses in town.

Sunday we all went to church and Marilyn sang. She did a good job at the banquet too. The kids have been going swimming in Mohall most days. They really enjoy that. Neal passed the test to go into the deep end. Chuck & tribe left Tuesday night after the all star game was over. They planned to spend yesterday with his sister in Minot and then go on to Annandale today. Beth and Earl will be leaving on the plane tomorrow evening.

Marilyn's Dad is fine. He's painting the house right now.

We plan to leave on Tuesday to drive to Annandale. We will stay there a day or so and then go on to Dubuque. I may be preaching for a committee on Aug. 2. If they like me and it seems right to us I may be part time pastor of tow churches about 75 miles from Dubuque. There will have to some decisions about Marilyn's work etc.

Sorry we took so long to report in. My address until further notice will

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With love,
Bill, Marilyn, & kids.