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LITTLE CREEK ACADEMY  
1810 Little Creek Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37922  
January, 1987

Dear Creekers,

WELCOME TO 1987 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With joy face the future: Let courage now rise  
With hope in our hearts and with smiles in our eyes.  
With love in our labors and peace in our souls,  
Our dreams can come true and we'll reach life's great goals!  
With happy bells ringing the gospel of cheer,  
We thrill with the challenge of this great new year!

Adlai Esteb

You should see me meeting the challenge of putting this letter on a computer. There would be smiles in your eyes for sure. Fortunately I have experts surrounding me. Some come from as far away as France. A few days ago when I was just about to turn this thing in to the discipline committee, who should appear but Carroll and Carol Wheeler who were home for the holidays from the radio station in France. They just went pink, pink and all was well. Now I know how my freshmen feel. I keep a hotline open to Burton Goodge also.

This is all made possible because C. R. Frederick loaded this computer into our car when we were in Florida at Christmas time. Leland has been a little under the weather recently and we ended up spending two days with C.R. and Penny which proves without a doubt that every minus has a plus. (Prof is much improved we are glad to report.) C. R. came with us when we first started the work here.

Yesterday I read the latest copy of Columns from Southern College. When I saw the list of alumni donors, the old question haunted me again. I always long to list the generous gifts our "children" send to help us upgrade the work here. But I never did want this letter to be other than a letter from "home". I read with interest an article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel last month. The title was "U.T. ALWAYS FINDS ITS GRADS." The cartoon accompanying it showed a man in ragged tee shirt and shorts standing in a room torn by bullet holes. The caption coming from a voice outside the window said, "We have you covered, you might as well pay up." Ha! Ha! We know that your gifts come from love, not from the above reason. One thing I am sure of--there is a loving record here and we are so grateful.

Christmas was a sad time this year here at home. While we were in Florida, Dora Lou Scott passed away without much warning. Last time we saw her she seemed to look so much better. They decided not to tell us until we were home from Florida. This happened the Sabbath before Christmas and the family was left to open all the gifts she had wrapped for them. The rest of us were left with the loving memories of all she and her husband Fred did to help us when we first came to L.C.A.

January 3, the Sabbath after Christmas, the phone rang about 7:00 a.m. and Dr. Bayard said, "Grandma Jackson (Miss Vi's mother) is gone". She would have been one hundred years' old in May. She remained active and able to care for herself to the end. At about four o'clock that morning she suffered a massive stroke and only lived about two hours. Never had to leave home. Violet found her tithe and offering plus her special help for the radio KOST all ready for church. What a way to live and die! Her granddaughter Carol (Trivett '72) Garner wrote a letter to her and read it at the memorial service. Many of you will remember her many years of faithful service here in the supply room for the surgery. This poem is dedicated to these two loving mothers.

A LITTLE WHILE

"Just going away for a little while!"  
She smiled as she passed the door.  
Dear God, our thanks for that tender smile;  
For oh, our hearts are sore.  
A little while, yes a little while--  
But for time and earth no more!

Just gone away for a little while!  
Dear God, make us to be  
So busied with Thee that the fearful trial  
Shall press but quietly,  
Till we see again her greeting smile  
In the life that is to be.

When we returned from Florida, the mailbox was overflowing with your Christmas cards and letters. I will try to give you some brief excerpts from them.

Bevi (Hansen '62) Henriquez passed the state boards for Physical Therapist Assistant recently. Her husband, Pastor Roberto, works in the youth department of the conference. Daughters Ligia and Lonna are attending P.U.C. relatively near their home in California.

John Burns '47 sent a card which has a pianokeyboard that really plays the notes. The music written is "Joy to the World" but we can play several other tunes. Everyone enjoyed it.

From way up in Bowman, ND, Janie (Liston '74) Kurtz writes about their new baby boy. Her husband Don was ordained in June. The baby was born during a class they were conducting called "Losing Weight and Loving It". They awarded Janie the prize for losing the most weight that week!

Glenn and Laura Mae Zollinger '45 write from Hawaii. "We are gradually finishing our home. Finally we have all the hot water we can use. The downstairs will be used as a treatment room. I am re-studying the eight natural remedies we plan to use. We have planted about 10 coconuts, three hundred pineapples, plus twenty fruit trees and eighty banana plants." We will be saving our money to come and visit you!

Grant Van Meter from San Jose, CA has news that is sad. "Apparently I have a progressive nerve disease. I have the best doctors around but nothing can stop this gradual, slow, loss of nerve and muscle functions. But I am in good spirits and have a lot to be thankful for."

Greg Scott '76, Santa Rosa, CA, tells us he has found employment with Transworld Systems, Inc. He had not planned to be home for Christmas but is here because of his grandmother's death.

From Betty (Zollinger '44): "Sometime when it is quiet and you are all alone, read the account of the Christ Child from your favorite version of the Bible. Continue reading until the amazing story leads to Calvary--God's Christmas gift to you. Then as the enormity of His sacrifice and the fullness of His love brings your life into perspective, give yourself to Him anew--your Christmas gift to him."

Carlyle Manous '57 continues to teach for both Walla Walla Academy and College and was guest conductor for two band clinics in California and Florida. Kathy enjoys her Home Health nursing. Daughter Carla is teaching at Georgia Cumberland Academy. Carrie is planning to attend Southern College after Christmas so he says that means they have plenty of room for visitors.

Bruce Vogt '58 and family are in Collegedale on permanent return from the Far East. Bruce is production manager at the College Press. This move has brought the family together after a long separation. We were happy to see them.

Bill and Rose (Holverstott '60) Coolidge '60 have had a good year that included four train rides in New Hampshire and Vermont. Was good to see Rose in Florida where she is assistant to Dr. Hoover. Bill still teaches at Forest Lake.

Phyllis (Keller '55) Wrate writes that Herb has been taking slides of all the churches in Iowa and Missouri to be used at the conference session in April. "We went to the Family Life Conference sponsored by Campus Crusade last March. It was so encouraging to see hundreds of couples taking off a weekend to nurture their marriages. There are still many happy homes out there."

Leon Peek '64 writes: "My work (auditing) has taken me on two trips to the Orient and once to Washington, D.C. The last trip included Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, and Korea over an eight week period which is much too long." Yesterday when I opened the door, there was Leon. We were so surprised as he hadn't planned to come. A stroke of fortune made it possible. We missed having his wife with him. His visit cheered Leland, who finds inactivity most depressing.

Everyone has enjoyed the letters from our alumni student missionaries. They all appreciate the newsletters when they are so far away. I hope some of you will write to them. I sent their addresses in the fall letter. They are all very busy teaching but have time for some travel also. One of Lance Van Arsdell's students gave him tickets for the Asian games opening ceremony in Seoul, Korea. Clark Larrabee '84 is only two hours from Lance and they say their musical skills are often in demand. A card from David Habenicht '84 (Helderberg, South Africa) says he is busy helping with maintenance there and had an opportunity to travel and see the game parks. We can picture where he is as we were there also....

Had a phone call from David Larmer '62 who is already working on Homecoming '87 and needed some phone numbers of members of his class. He is teaching now--has had an interesting opportunity to witness in a Presbyterian group, a series of three meetings telling about SDA's. He was preparing the last talk on the doctrines which was the most difficult.

Dan Peek '84 worked on the building all during his Christmas vacation (from Walla Walla).. We were gone nearly all the time he was here, but surely appreciated all he did.

Leland Zollinger, who is director of secondary education for Henderson County Schools, was appointed by Governor Jim Martin to be a member of the North Carolina Testing Commission. The work will involve advising the State Board of Education on the state's achievement, competence testing programs over the next four years.

deWayne Beers '64 writes from San Antonio, TX, recalling his days at L.C.A., the thrill after the drill especially when he passed his C.P.A. exam. He is auditing for Brooke Army Medical Center and in addition is treasurer of the junior academy, school board member, a deacon, Sabbath School chorister, part-time church chorister and shares the teaching of the young adult Sabbath School class. He enjoys playing the piano. This is all to encourage us to continue our music training I assume. Ha!

Gary Swinyar '68 and family are living in Anchorage, AK where he is principal of the school there. They are enjoying the winter sports and say they would be happy to have visitors.

We have had a lot of visitors since the last newsletter. Have tried to keep a good record so do hope we don't miss anyone. Pastor and Mrs. Calvin (Virginia Schuler) Smith and family, Jim Knight '69 and family, Jon and Cindy (Tandy '68) Gearhart '68 and family, Jon Gearhart '86, Ed and Sandra (Roadman '61) Schneider and family, Mark and Barbara (Chase '79) McKinney '80, Leon Peek '64, Norman and Ava Peek '53, Bob and Mary (Peek '55) Kurzynske, Jack McNeilus '75, Gary and Jan (Williams '72) Carlson '73, Ray and Marie Ostrander '67, Craig and Doreen (Reins '74) Williams, Tom and Sharon McNeilus, Greg Scott '76, Jeff Scott '74, Stanton and Debbie (Straw '77) Tait, Charlene Peek '82, Daniel Peek '85, Bruce Myers '85, Shelly Neall '84, James Gulley '83, Carroll and Carol

Wheeler '76, Bob Martin '66, Kenneth Jones '70, Donald and Michelle (Kurzynske '80) Chase '82, Carol (Trivett '72) Garner, Kathi Folkenberg '86, Jodi Larrabee '85, Sandra Lizardo '86, Pam Saylor '86, David Hamilton '86, Esther Kurtz '85, Laura Klatt '86, Lonny Weitzel '81, Brent VanArsdell '81, Bruce Myers '85, Jim and Darlene (McDaniel '66) Lucas.

#### GRADUATIONS

Shelly Neall '84      Southern College      December 18, 1986      A.S. in Nursing

#### WEDDINGS

Karen Heidinger '83 and Thom Nelson, December 25, 1986, Box 312, Collegedale, TN 37315.

#### NEW-COMERS

Donovan Joel, November 3, 1986, to Pastor and Mrs. Don (Janie Liston '74) Kurtz, P. O. Box 23, Bowman, ND 58623.

Andrea Lynn, December 2, 1986, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert (Barbara Wheeler, '76) Tyson, 1628 Willamet Road, Kettering, OH 45429.

Britanny Deanne and Barrett Daniel, December 6, 1986, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny (Sylvia Youngberg '68) Kohler, 25783 Kellogg Street, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

Phillip Eugene, December 30, 1986, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan, 3409 Hogan Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

Caroline Ranya, October 20, 1986, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dysinger, '77, P. O. Box 3030, Khartoum, Sudan, Africa.

The flag is flying from the flagpole. Last weekend brought a "carpet laying bee". Stanton Tait (granddaughter Debbie's husband) worked with us a night and day. Stanford helped also. Nearly everyone helped by cleaning up and preparing the floors. It's really exciting.

Mr. Malmade (a loyal parent) spent a week insulating all the water pipes--a very tricky and important job. He is also advising us about the proposed replica of the early history of L.C.A. I was so surprised to receive a liberal donation for this project from a former student. Now we are dreaming of a push button type control for pictures and listening to the story told! How exciting can life be! But it is going to mean a lot of work so I must get this letter in the mail and get busy.

Dr. Shaw (husband of Sue Martin, '51) and Bob Kurzynske (husband of Mary Peek '55) also spent a day helping the finishing process. Steve Frey '86 has faithfully helped with the building on Sundays and during Christmas vacation. We do appreciate all the work he has done. Bruce Myers '85, Carl Sellars '83 and Brian Sparks '83 helped smooth walls.

I asked Elder Bird to write about the outreach program. "Why don't they ever stop and sing for us", was the question the receptionist at the main entrance of St. Mary's Hospital asked. Vera, a volunteer who arranges our visits, decided right then to have the Little Creek students sing in the main lobby of the hospital. The strains of "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" and other choruses echoed in the lobby and down the side halls as the students sang. Curious visitors and hospital employees listened from the doorways. Each time we visit St. Mary's, there seems to be a new blessing in store for us. There have been times that patients have urged us to come into their rooms and sing for them. Some of the most grateful patients have been those on the oncology ward, those patients who are terminally ill. One such patient was sung to on two different occasions about a month apart. Each time, tears filled the patient's eyes as she thanked us saying, "Only God thanks you more than I do." Mrs. Clancy, a 94 year old retired social worker, gives us all a lengthy blessing every time we go and sing in her room. She does her best to sing along with us as we sing her favorite songs. At the end of each visit, she makes sure that we have prayer with her before we go. It's hard to say who receives the most blessing, she or we.

*By the time this letter reaches you we will be having classes in the new building. My heart overflows with gratitude. Imagine having the classrooms and administration under one roof! I'm thankful I could live to be a part of this excitement. There is much more to tell, but it can wait for the next news letter. We enjoy hearing from you - and remember you every day in our prayers. Thank-you for all the joy you bring to us -*

*Much love,*

*Alvin and Leland Straw*