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March 6, 1994

TO: All Little Creek Alumni

Dear Alumnus,

I hope this letter finds you and yours of good courage and in health.

I am certain that most of you have heard of the possible relocation of Little Creek Academy. As you are probably aware, the environment has changed in the Little Creek area, especially in the last five years. These changes have begun to cause an increasing number of challenges regarding school operation. Because of these changes, the Little Creek Academy Board voted in December of 1992 that the school should relocate. The next month, January 1993, The Layman's Foundation also voted that it was in the best interest of Little Creek Academy to relocate.

The above board votes culminated in the sale of 289 acres on Thursday, February 24, 1994. I must admit that I look upon this sale with mixed feelings. I feel bad that the farm has been sold; however, anytime change occurs, often times pain is part of the process. This sale means that seven dwellings will be lost due to the sale of the farm. We have use of these dwellings and farm land for six months.

Forty-five acres, which is the immediate campus area, has been retained. The nursing home will continue to operate as it is, and other buildings could be leased by different entities, etc. There are negotiations ongoing regarding this.

I embark on this new school project with fear and trembling. This is where you come in. I am asking each of you to especially remember to our Father in Heaven the direction and needs of this school. I am inviting you to share any ideas, suggestions, and/or helpful hints which could be useful to the future of this institution.

The Layman's Foundation is planning to purchase approximately 1,200 acres about fourteen miles northwest of Crossville, Tennessee. This property has 700 acres of beautiful farm land which is being farmed at present, and approximately 500 acres of woods. The property has one large stream and one large creek. It also has two natural gas wells. If you will look on your map where Fentress, Overton, and Putnam Counties all come together, you will be in the approximate center of this farm. There is a 4,000-foot frontage on Highway 62, approximately halfway between Monterey and Clarkrange. This property should "close" approximately March 21, 1994.

We hope to build approximately twenty staff homes, a church, an administration building/cafeteria complex, two dormitories, a multi-purpose auditorium complex (which

*"Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God . . ."
Isaiah 41:10*

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includes the music departments, the art/ceramics, and the woodworking areas), a shop, a pole barn, and other buildings as The Layman's Foundation determines.

Our plan is to have at present, at least six industries:

- a. Colporteur ministry. Two vans, with approximately twenty students involved each day.
- b. A large grain farm, which would involve wheat, corn, soybeans. etc.
- c. Green beans involving contracts
- d. A truck farm, which would include ten 30' x 150' cold frames for winter crops, also orchard, berries, vegetables, etc. All will be irrigated by a dam which we hope, someday, will power a grist mill.
- e. Greenhouses. To begin with, we will have ten 30' x 125' hot houses. We hope to add ten more greenhouses the following year.
- f. Bakery. Our goal is to grow approximately 250 acres of winter wheat and bake it out.

We hope to begin a small medical work as God leads.

We have lined up new staff with expertise in the above areas, except for the grain and bean farming. Please pray that we make the right decisions regarding staff which will be involved in the above industries.

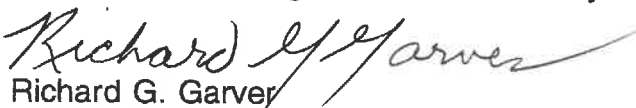
This year we have one van going out daily in a colporteur ministry, and it is going very, very well. Praise the Lord for such wonderful young people.

I have tried in this letter to answer a few possible questions. This letter may, in fact, have caused you many more questions. I welcome any communication from any past student. I would again ask for your prayers in relation to the future of this school. My motivation for my part in the above scenario has been only for the ultimate good of these young people, and to carry out in the best way possible the philosophies that Prof Straw founded this school on so many years ago.

For future communication sake, I am enclosing a questionnaire which should be self-explanatory along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter, and I'm looking forward to future communications.

Yours for the saving of our Little Creek youth,


Richard G. Garver
President

P.S. Also enclosed is a letter from some of our retired staff who would like to send their greetings and let you know how they feel about LCA's relocation.

Enclosures

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Dear Friends,

After living in one place . . . a special place . . . for 36 - 52 years, the idea of change can be disturbing especially to older people. Status quo and staying put are seniors' trademarks. Yet, we have learned to expect change.

We know that few things in this world remain the same. Friends die. People grow old or become incapacitated and must relinquish cherished responsibilities to others. Retirement has taught us that this isn't always easy, but it is necessary.

Each person has his/her dream. Prof and Mrs. Straw worked diligently to establish Little Creek as a special school. We know, because of God's blessing, they have rejoiced in the fruition of that dream. It was, and is, a special school. The friendship and devotion of many students and fellow workers will continue to be a source of pleasure to them.

It is satisfying to feel that we made a contribution to the growth of Little Creek for many happy years. If physically able, we'd like nothing better than to make the same commitment to the school's continued success. We are claiming God's promises for it, remembering that when Moses could no longer serve, God transferred his responsibilities to Joshua and blessed him in his work.

Time changes many things. The greed of developers and politicians in this area is something we deplore; yet, it may be God's way of giving Little Creek a little push to get out of a congested area before a bigger time of trouble overtakes Adventists.

Along with our greetings, fond memories, and good wishes, we add this hope: May each of us, in every situation, rejoice because of a relationship with One who is unchanging. May we have faith to follow God's leading, to trust our futures to Him, and to be at peace with Him and with one another.

Sincerely,

Alyce Pickett
Reeta Jones.
Eugene Peck

I too am a retiree & have spent 16+ years at L.C.A. I have always loved and believed in L.C. and I always will. Virginia Justin