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Dear *Mt. Carmel members,*

Happy Thanksgiving to each one. Despite all our troubles, things could be much worse. We have been blessed with fairly good weather even though it was quite dry. The tropical storm that passed by us left large quantities of water. It came at harvest time and many farmers around here lost their cotton crops, in particular. Even some other crops were affected, by keeping them from fully developing.

We lost power for a day and a half, but we have an automatic starting, gas generator when the power goes out at the house.

It has been quite a while since I wrote last, and things are a bit hazy in recalling what all I've been doing, besides supporting Dr.'s, and etc. Had to have a tube put into my ear which improved my hearing immensely. The summer months were used to squeeze and make jam from grapes, can and/or freeze apples, pears, and corn.

Several family members have visited during these times, including my sister, from NY state, who came with my niece. They were here 2 nights. It had been around 20 years since I had seen her. My youngest daughter, Linda Nauta, and her son, Anthony, spent part of a week with us in September. Also, Adelia Robison, my oldest, and husband, Barney, their 2 daughters, and 1 great grandchild came, for one day, to celebrate my birthday. They took all of us out for my birthday dinner. Thanks to those who sent the 12 or so cards and to the one women's group who also sent me a package.

The highlight of early summer was the receiving of a packet of mail from Betania, the Indian village we lived in on the field. It was good to hear from them, about their children and what they are doing now. Many were noting their ages. I said, "Wow, already?!" Then I realized how old my children are -- the writers of those letters played with them! It encouraged me to hear that they were faithful in church and their children were Believers, also, for the most part. Then I pulled out my Portuguese dictionary and tried to answer them with correct grammar and spelling. Some of them went on to high school or teacher training, thus I have to be more careful! Many have their own cell phones and know how to use a telephone or TV, now.

September 13, Eunice, my second daughter, from FL, came to visit for 2 months. She will be leaving next week.

Adelia and Barney will be celebrating "Thanksgiving with us on November 29-30. They have invited me to go with them in December, to visit and celebrate Christmas with my granddaughter, who is living in the state of Washington. Her husband is training in the Marines.

Thanks to those who wrote me with their church news.

With thanks to each one who prayed and gave so faithfully,

*Jean Hamell*