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REVEREND HOGSON,

This is Billy Cox from Colman Springs.  
Not sure if you remember me, but we  
folks and me were members of  
your church here in Independence. I'm  
writing you today for a ~~hand~~ few  
different reasons so I'd appreciate it  
if you could ~~bear~~ bear with me a bit  
while I work through them all.

First, I haven't heard from my parents  
for almost 6 months. It might be just  
that they might want to send me any  
mail in the winter time cause that's  
when it costs so much more to send  
things, but it's spring now and I know

hopes to hear something from them. And  
 they always used to send me a letter  
 every couple months, at least. Have  
 you heard from them, talked to them  
 or their neighbors or friends at all  
 or know where they might be right now?

Neil and Nancy Wright are a couple  
 people my parents are friends with, and they're  
 in your church, too. And I think my folks know  
 a Mr. Whitman who used to be in your  
 church, but is now a Methodist or  
 something. Not sure which church he's in now.  
 I know that isn't your job at all, but could  
 you ask around to see if you can find  
 him or the Wrights, and if so ask them  
 to contact my folks and/or me?

I'm not all that nervous about this being the case, but my parents are a lot older than some people out here in Colorado Springs that I know or know of who died. OK, I guess that does make me a little nervous, because most things have been not all that bad out here for the last five or six years, particularly climate-wise. And I know the heat and humidity out in your neighborhood is so much ~~worse~~ worse than it is here. It just... I hope they haven't been overexerting themselves in the heat, or if so, that they'll at least consider slowing down a bit. (I actually tried to getting them to move out here with me a couple years ago -- no offense to you or Indiana / of course -- for reasons

in closing the less humid Summers. As is (4)  
obvious, they turned me down. Please, forgive me  
for not filling you in on the fine details of  
that exchange at this moment.)

I guess if you do see my parents, would you  
please pass this letter or at least the gist of it  
to them, mainly just to tell them how I've been &  
to please get in touch with me.

I have been OK lately. Been much better, been  
a bit worse. Also I have bought a condo  
with a southern exposure. Get a lot more light and  
warmth in the winter that way. Could be a bit  
closer to a decent water source. Fantasy Creek  
just doesn't cut the mustard, 'cause these tons of  
bones and now some gray members use it  
as their personal toilet. Filthy, verminous  
people. Of course, things will get a lot better  
wetherwise in the summer time. The thurstonians still

over Cheyenne mountain in early afternoon.

(If I had a watch that still worked, I'd probably be able to set it by the minute the rain started.) I can usually get a few gallons every afternoon it rains using a big bucket at the end of my gutter. (A home brewing bucket is "flat" & more bouffant than a jug. Well, I have made the extra money on the anti-inflation now to spend on the actual working security that will simply provide me. Took me too long to figure that out for myself.) Don't even have to share the small with my circle neighbors, as they started doing the same thing just a year or so ago, which is the much easier to stay clean and have drinky and cooking water.

I have been using up all books and magazines and all college papers and notebooks to cook food in my kitchen on the patio. I know my folks always dropped & that, thought what I wrote and the books might

be important one day, but only when food I  
can't come across is more important than my  
undergraduate essays or the Beatific Imagination of  
Taylor Caldwell. (She did write so wonderfully  
about the Savior's redeeming power but the  
grades I got never were that great.) I use  
the paper as such only to cook from time  
to time, to conserve heat as fuel. Also,  
I still have all my old newspapers to bundle  
up in during the winter, so I don't really have  
to build a fire to heat the cabin. Still gets  
pretty damn cold, I can tell you that, even with  
the things that people can install that will really  
help heat up the place. They're attached to, but have  
rather the money to buy one or the workbooks or  
expertise to make or install one myself.

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I guess I have been eating well enough. A few blocks away from the center is Harold Park. Well, I don't know if you've visited Colorado Springs, much less the West, but if you saw it now you wouldn't recognize it at all. It's a gigantic community garden now, with staples like corn and beans, tomatoes, and chilis, and just tons of other stuff. More and more every year. The apple trees that got planted here grew so-so and haven't fruited yet. It's been almost four years now, so we expect they'll fruit soon. The cherry trees have been OK, took a little longer harvest of the trees last year. Hope to get more this coming summer. The blooms look good so far this spring.

We even took out the fire fighter memorial and all the concrete that surrounded it, covered the ball fields and everything to get more space for gardening. We need every inch of space that we can get because the harvest was to be split many hundred ways, several thousand ways. I don't know all that much about how it got split up, but as a laborer I get a decent share. (My folks know a lot of this. I'm pretty sure. I just want to reassure them that I'm not starving. They worried about that, though, even when I was working at the base as a contractor for Lockheed-Martin. Seems like forever ago now.)

They don't really rent one anymore, but been for  
 over four years now. It's more like Ranch Carson now  
 there a little remnant of the military left, but its  
 maybe a few hundred people. Not a garrison, AND the  
 rest of the AND has been basically commandeered  
 by the velt folk that were pretty high up in the  
 command structure to begin with. And so apparently they  
 kept a lot of personnel occupied there, doing subsistence  
 farming. Swears like plough shares, yes the soil  
 down that way doesn't seem to produce quite as well, but  
 I've heard the soil here get by OK.

There are three, AND the is truly unfortunate, who  
 left every remnant of civilization behind and  
 have taken to looting and/or actually raiding  
 the gardens and farms in an out of town. I can't  
 say that I understand why they feel this is a  
 good thing for them to do. It only hints others  
 and themselves in the long run. It seems to wax  
 and wane according to the weather that year. It was pretty  
 bad a couple years ago, when there was a bit of  
 a drought on. They seem to raid more frequently then,  
 and was a lot more violent about it.

Fortunately, their ilk is few in number, and they've  
 never gotten truly organized. They seem more content  
 to just thrive or even barely take the place there.  
 Seem well, I'm sorry to have the feeling, Reversal,

but nothing anyone does seems to bring them around.  
I try to evaluate less best I can, but you God  
I am not. I think... hope you understand what  
I'm getting at.

Regardless, no one would here that I'm aware of  
was starved to death. And that's one of the  
other reasons I'm writing to you. I have some questions  
that I've been unable to get answered by those  
around here, which is frustrating, because there are  
so many very knowledgeable biblical scholars and leaders  
in the Springs. It's one of the reasons I moved  
out here, to be around such good people.

Well, so I guess the questions are all kind of tied  
together in a certain way. So let me just start in  
with one. We and pretty much everyone else in town  
have had pretty much enough to eat. There have  
been some kind of lean times, especially with not  
having much meat at all, but we haven't had mass  
starvation here that I'm aware of. I and the  
folks I work with have gotten news that a multitude  
of people both in Texas and New Mexico and Arizona  
and South Carolina have starved though. And just a  
few years ago some women rode into town half-starved and  
asked which way to Pike Peak. Poor women, carrying  
floors and planks for planks of cheese. We got her carried down  
with a bit and she turned into a good worker, Barbara...

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Can't remember her last name. But my question is, so places famine in some places, but not everywhere?

As I mentioned above, we do get some violent people here from time to time, but there have been no sustained campaigns or organized murder or violence. I heard a rumor that China or maybe aliens are to blame for all the problems, but I really have my doubts about that. As I haven't heard of the United States going to fight anyone in the last six or seven years, so I don't think there's been any wars.

Now, a lot of people in Colorado Springs have died over the last six years, this is true. But we haven't had any wars, except for a rash of suicides a couple years ago. All those lost souls. But... there are still folks in plenty here, and a lot of them are having kids. I know that there are a few places, like Junction City and maybe Kansas City, where there's been some flu. Fever or other disease outbreaks. Wasn't there last spring that Denver had a huge fire a few years back, but no word on how many died. Has Death just not gotten around to us the living yet?

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Finally, I don't know how much physical hell is. I mean, I'm sure it's a real place and I don't want to go there, but I haven't seen it here in Southern Colorado. It says, "Well, make Pueblo" but this isn't really very funny stuff. Pueblo is actually doing well. Their mills are all shut down, but they was still a whole bunch of steel in them, and the buildings that houses them were taking apart pretty quickly to build some better plants like the mentioned above. I mean, I've heard that a lot of cities up north and east have seen through a lot of rioting and violence like New York, Philadelphia and even Los Angeles I heard. So is hell inhumanity to man & for, is it coming from the west to the southwest?

I mean it seems that there are some signs here, but not all of them like Scripture says there will be in the way that Scripture says that come. I'm not really anticipating seeing horrible men on horseback wielding swords, but I think I'm encountering things that are pretty indicative of the End Times - but not in the way I expected.

Is theapture on its way? Did it maybe happen somewhere else, like Israel, and we missed it? Were we not all faked up... due to our own sins?

Or has it not happened yet, & the  
main events in Reformation are going on  
elsewhere & we shall just wait to be taken up?  
Due to our own sins? Or has it not  
happened yet, & the main events in Reformation  
are going on elsewhere & we shall just wait to  
be taken up? Are my folks still there  
with you?

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L. L. I saw I will, and, would a lot  
of things, & posted it all down in town. I  
even asked the priest at St. John near Old Col. City.  
I just could get a good answer, & he says to  
give me a bit earlier maybe. In that way  
folks recently, you can't find it. I hope you  
can help. Also, wasn't there a report to return  
to Reformation has there in Indiana? I'm not  
imagining this, am I?

Please write back as soon as you can, &  
God Bless

Yours in Christ,  
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