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"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine..."

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Greetings from Beanland;

I trust the long, long winter is over and you are enjoying a warm and colorful spring.

The famous words of Robert Burns, poem to a mouse have recently entered in my mind and seem to be stuck there. "The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry." In the beginning of our new church construction we laid out our schedule and plans. We did have a few cost overruns which are normal in construction but we also were able to cut cost and find bargains. Those savings made up almost one half of the extra expenses. These are what you call, "praise the Lord" times.



Thieves entered the building by climbing the outside wall and dropping down to the inside hallway, then breaking a metal protection bar on one of the windows. Once inside, they tried to break off the lock to the side door with hammer and chisel. Had they succeeded we would have lost thousands of dollars worth of tools. Because they could not open the door they could only get small things through the little hole they had made. We were fortunate in losing about \$1000 worth of small tools, the electrical wiring and equipment and a new water pump we had not installed. Our plans were to finish the Sunday school rooms as soon as possible and get the kids off of the soccer field. We still need to get the roof put on their rooms. Our plans were to later (when we had more funds) reinforce and raise the outside walls another four feet. Our plans have gone awry. We postponed the Sunday school construction and spent two and one half weeks on reinforcing and raising the walls. Even though we have most of the material, we only have enough money to pay the workers for another two weeks but we

need a total of five weeks to complete our original plan. The Lord has already blessed us with much more than we had prayed for. Remember, we had only asked to have a place to hold services by March 1st.

In the circumference of His wonderful love, we are;

Jerrel and Delia Shaw

