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Greenwood, Mississippi
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Dear Jim,

Man I am so glad that we now have transportation here in Greenwood, Miss., which is Leflare County as you know.

Guess what we had slacked off carrying people down to register but the other day which was the 7th of January we started back, we carried 5 people down to register, in addition to that we are now able to get around to these people who have been cut of from this surplus food deal, and man some of them will make you cry to see the way they have been trying to live. We went to about 10 people house who lived up in little nasty alleys it was cold, cold outside and some of them was sitting beside of the fireplace with a small amount of wood burning trying to keep warm, they had little babies that had no shoes to put on their feet in that cold, cold house. I know it was cold in there because I felt as if I was freezing myself.

Another thing the babies had no milk, the mothers told us she had been giving them this surplus food milk but she had not received any food in a long time and that was the reason why her baby had no milk.

Here lately after getting the car we have been able to visit some of the farms here in Leflare County. We found out that the people received no money for Christmas and they had to tell their kids Santa Clause was sick and he will be to see them when he gets well. One lady and her family made 10 bales of cotton and cleared \$60.00 and the white man wanted to put her and her 7 kids off the farm her husband is dead.

We went out to visit Father Nathaniel, out of the Catholic school which is located in the suburbs of Greenwood, Miss. He is very eager to help with anything we have planned to do.

Willie and I now fill that we have no excuse to keep us from carrying people down to register now. I remember one day we 78 people to carry down to register and had no transportation, no money to hire a cab and was too far to walk, and 3:30 that evening James Beuel made here we was able to carry 7 people down and rest refuse to go the next time. They said we are not going to be fooling them, and have the waiting for me for nothing. Now we have a car we carry the people down the very time they say yes I will go.

For the past 5 days we have running back and forth to Memphis, Clarksdale and Jackson picking up food and clothing for the people here. Man we are really seeing some results all ready.

Jim I know we may have a hard time paying for the car like you said but we are going to try like hell to keep it. Ok.

Always

P.S.

Jim send a copy of this letter to Wiley please. Thank you.

Samuel Block