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My Dear Sister in Christ

It fills my very heart this first day of June to write you a few lines of which I really do hope may reach your kind Christ like heart, as they leave me full of joy. Dear Sister about two or three years ago I was blessed to come across a nice book of yours call the Christian Secret of a Happy Life this nice book was handed to me by a sister of mine in Christ. the chapter 8. was the very lesson which suited my case. just at that time the very thing it self. my Dear Lord had just been kind as to give me the blessing of Sanctification and the Lord had just voiced himself to me in a way that he had never don before & did ~~make~~^{make} me a promise in answer to prayer, not knowing the way that he took to fulfill that which he had promised I was very much cast down but your Book done me all the good and I am at this present date waiting on the Lord to do that of which he have promise me, and to my surprise to day I have come across a nother one of your books call the Open Secret, which do fill my very heart with joy. for I do really believe that nothing less than the Lord him self do fill those books of yours. oh what nice book to all to read who is able to get them in

Thus our dark land, may the Lord bless you for such
a good work, and also may he cause you to do
some great work here in my dark land by
aiding me to carry on a school among the
poor Heathens, we need a great deal of help here in
this dark land when we have thousands of Heathen in
our sight who go naked for want of clothing thousands
of childrens can be got and brought to light, but we need
help from all those who love the Lord Jesus, that they
may help me through you, to carry on a great work
in my dark land, my will is to do the Master's will
and I have been waiting for the Lord to fulfill the promise
which he promise me, Your book call A Happy Life
Lesson 2 & 8 gives me a great deal of comfort, and in
the one that I just receive, oh could I get such a
book as those in this dark land to read & to give others
to read my dear Father bless you for Jesus
sake & for my sake, and for all those who may
have the pleasure of reading your book, I have no
doubt that the Lord is in those books, I am the
Lord's, a child of the King, I hope to receive a letter
from you as soon as possible, & may the Lord bless
these few lines & may they bring forth fruit, I enclose
my Photograph, so you may see me & by this you
know that I care for you, also I would be glad if you
~~could~~ would have a half dozen more taken for this
and send them to me, please don't publish

This because I am not much of a letter man
hence please excuse all mistakes. I ~~was~~ am
anxious to see some other part of the world
especially your part I would be glad to see, ~~and~~
you. I have ask the Lord to provide a way for my
seeing other parts, which I trust he will in some
way. I must close trusting you will do all you
can for me. Good Night

I am Your Dear Broth
in Christ Alfred H. Dent
Hooper Cape Palmas
Liberia

P.S. I trust you will send me some of your books especially
the book call the open secrets, my Dear Wife send her Love
to you and all the kind friend. I trust to get a early answer