

KOINONIA FARM

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Dear Friend:

This is a long overdue note of apology and explanation. We disliked having to mimeograph it - but it was that or silence! Due to losses on the pecans last year because of spcilage and drop in prices last fall, we have not been able to meet the loan payments for 1961 and 62. We do not want anyone who holds one of these notes to hesitate in letting us know at any time that you wish payment. We hope to be in better shape next summer.

We wish we could extend our thanks to each one of you in person! But we don't have much time for travel, nor yet for twiddling our thumbs! We all, from four-year-old Carla Browne on up are involved in the production, processing, packing, marketing, and shipping of pecans, fruitcakes, pecandy, and the other gift boxes, which consume many hours of hand labor. Besides this, there is the beef herd which occupies a large part of the Jordan family's time in its feeding and management, plus egg and milk production for the community by the Brownes and some gardening and food processing for our freezers.

In addition, much time has been given in the past year to the Albany Movement, not only in attending mass meetings, executive committee and Human Relations Council meetings, but also in encouraging and welcoming our Albany friends to spend time with us here - for fellowship and relaxation. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) young people have been frequent visitors. Also, Clarence has been away on numerous speaking trips and Con is now starting his third year of teaching extension classes for the Inter-Denominational (Negro) Seminary in Atlanta. The classes are held in local communities to provide ministers and other church workers an opportunity for Bible study which is not available otherwise.

We want you to know that we realize each and every one of you has a part in this work, through your continued loyal support, both financial and moral. During this holiday season especially, we thank God for giving us these opportunities to further his Kingdom, and above all, we thank him for the privilege of sharing this work with you. But again, we wish to emphasize: do not hesitate to let us know at any time you want your note paid.

With grateful hearts,

From The Koinonia

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