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Dear folks at Hope Hall,

I would like to express my gratitude for all your kindnesses to me in the last couple weeks that I was in Seattle. I appreciated the farewell meeting and all the good counsels and goodbyes which I was given. Also the fellowship was a cause of real thanksgiving, amounting in all, including individual gifts given to me privately, to \$453.00 (four hundred and fifty-three). I am really thankful for all this, and I say this from my heart. Both as individuals and as an assembly you ~~load~~ loaded me with every kind of hospitality.

I am grateful that the Lord allowed me to grow up in an open, active and godly assembly, and there is no doubt but that the assembly has greatly influenced me for good, and toward...

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... an understanding of worship and edification. I know from experience that life in an assembly is a major means by which God trains individuals, and I am aware of my debt before God to you in this. As I look back I rejoice for such training.

Jim Elliot and I are now in the middle of a very active schedule of meetings and engagements in the Bay area, and have been warmly received. The trip down was dangerous, but we were preserved by God even in accident. Our plans for leaving the U.S. are as before, and we have only two weeks before sailing. But we do not look back; there is no way for us but ahead. Our hand (?) is on the plough!

Your continued prayers will be very much treasured. With deep love to you all both individually and as a group.

Yours in the Harvest-Chief,
Pete