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My Dear Sir

I beg you will assure
the boys who so generously expressed
their approbation of my labours
in Africa that nothing has
delighted me more since my
return to England than their
honest spontaneous deed.
I give them all my warmest
thanks from a heart over-
flowing with emotion and
wishing that God may
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abundantly bless them with
his favour and love.

I have very little time to write to
any one as I am engaged in
the preparation of a narrative
of my late explorations and
must keep my word with
one hundred and ten poor
naked Africans who
accompanied me from the
centre of the country to the
East coast and now await
the fulfillment of my promise
at Tete. I ought to be back
to them in April but fear
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after all I can do I must be
about 2 months later than my
appointed time in April. Were
it not for this I should try
and visit the boys and speak
with them but as this can

scarcely be I would just
commend them all to the care
of our Blessed Lord Jesus &
ask them to try him as their
friend and guide through life
they may make him their con-
fidant for he listens to every
prayer wafted up to him from the
lowliest bosom. In Him we live
and move and have our being
and he is as tender and compassionate
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to everyone of them and knows all
their cases and needs [cares] as if they
were the only persons in the world
And then if they are like him they will
all shew love to everyone about them
and to everything beautiful and good
and true. "He pray the best who
loveth best all things both great &
small for the dear Lord to whom
we pray he made and loveth
all"

thanking you and them
again for your most friendly
feelings and hoping that they
may not again deprive themselves
of any comfort. I am Dear Sir

yours Most truly

David Livingstone