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Dear Folks.

Well the time keeps flying by here in Plavania and I don't get around to writing you till I feel bad not to have written you.

I learning to love but yet feel more the work of a branch president. I can also see more and more the responsibility of a bishop.

I don't know what I am doing but the Lord is sure blessing me here in the branch. Last night there was an attendance of 35 which included 5 investigators. That is about 15 more than usually come out. Also those complying with law of tithing has incrase almost double over the the past month.

Last monday we had a conference in T. A. with all the Elders of the south and P. & S. Strong. I saw Elder Anders and he look well and the main thing is that he has grown up spiritually and mentally. He is working in T. A.

I getting to know Plavania pretty

well and I really love here, of course I have always loved the south and as you can see by the attendance at church we are having pretty good success. The thing that is such a testimony ~~to~~ to me is that those that were there came on their own and not through any labors of mine.

Saturday, we are going to baptize a lady of 33 that has a stronger testimony than most members. She first heard of the church about ten years ago in the north but was working in a home of a staunch catholic and couldn't talk to the missionaries. So ever since then she has been praying for the truth and now she has the answer. She read the Book of Mormon in three days and knew it was true. Already was complying with everything and really is one of the strongest character persons I have ever taught and is eager to learn, it almost shocks me to feel the spirit of the Lord working so very much in one person after seeing so many

others that don't even call, but it just seems
that the Lord calls those that are ready.

In one I feel more relax right now than
any other time in my mission because I
know that I have to make the decision for
everything that is done here in the Church and
I know that if I ~~am~~ am faithful the Lord
will help me to make the right ones.

Mom & Dad, I keep forgetting to repeat
how much I love and respect you for what
you have done for me in my life and the
example that you have given me.

Say hello to everyone for and give my
love to Ruth

Love always

Henry C. Matthews