



A. T. Williams

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Dear Bro Lappan

I have been trying for some time to get a few moments to write to you in answer to your favor of recent date, I am devoting nearly all my time ~~in~~ for the benefit of the Mendi people: & feel that our Bro Norton does not feel so much interested in these men; or is inclined to throw all the burthens on Mr Deming & myself: I shall want to say much to you ^{on} this & kindred topics when I see you which I hope will be in the course of 10 days.

We are now fully occupied in ^{the} erection of a building for our large family. I have recently bought a site for a building (house) & devote it first to the occupancy of a house for our Mendi family, here they will have all the room in & out doors they will need. I have been afraid there would be prevailing epidemics among them in consequence of the closeness of their quarters. — We shall have it ready in about 4 weeks, perhaps sooner; it will cost about 400\$. This is the best we could do for them —

Fargana is sick, two others have been sick but are now well. Cingue has had a terrible cold but is well now. the men are all learning our language very fast & they are now beginning to feel the value of money, are looking up jobs of work to earn 50¢ 1.00 & c — they feel as if what they earn should be their own, & they say they love to work

They are without exception so far as I can learn very happy & contented to-day. some days they think they never ^{will} go to Mendi then they feel sad, —

the girls are still attending school with the men & also
have much time to ~~be~~^{read} at home, beside spending consider-
-able time in learning to do house work.

A more interesting Company of men I never saw
& a more grateful circle I think cannot be found: you
would be delighted to see the joy they manifest when I have
been absent a day or two & so they can't see me further time
you can't see stronger attachment in a family of children

You may expect to see me in a short time
unless detained with my number of cares

If your daughter is still "this side Heaven" I hope
she may yet have the pleasure of seeing some of these
men at your house

My respects to your Committee

Your friend & laborer in
the Cause of Freedom &
Humanity

P. H. Williams

P. S. Mr Booth is necessarily
absent attending Examination

for one week. I have procured Rev^d Messinger
to supply his place for a few days

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Encouraging
of the Norton
New building
Rev^d Fessenden