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hi susan — thanks for your message and your encouragement. as i see it the 'invalid shelter' project at the diocese would be sort of a one-shot activity which would not necessarily involve ongoing contributions from fvn. while it doesn't get at the basic needs of the montagnard community in kontum it would definitely be an asset — and a tangible sign of our concern — so i think it's worth pursuing. i discussed this with pat on the phone the other day and we both thought it would be advisable to get some concrete plans from father nen, so i've gotten off a letter to this effect (actually it was addressed to gabrielle). in the same message i requested some feedback from other beneficiaries of our earlier donations to the diocese, so's to make it easier to solicit contributions at this end in the future. maybe i'm old-fashioned, but i'm a great believer in 'thank-you notes'. i really think we should try to convey a sense of 'accountability' at the kontum end, to avoid extravagant expectations and unrealistic requests from the people we're trying to help. maybe when gary gets over there next month he could make some discreet suggestions at the diocese about letting us know how our modest contributions have been put to use, and what their priorities are in terms of small-scale projects..... ...today i got off another contribution via the paris foreign missions office in san francisco, part of which was intended for gabrielle (medical supplies) and part for sr. marie jose (sewing machines). this is all pretty small-scale stuff but i believe it's worthwhile, partly because the projects themselves are beneficial but also because it's a means of testing the system: does the \$\$\$ get transferred efficiently, is it put to the intended use, and do we get some reportage from the kontum end...??

....thanks for being in touch. hope your new job situation continues to

go well —

shalom—bill