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Dear Brother Wayne,

I thank you for your post card of 6/10/80 and for the prompt mailing of the WTS Journals to me. Your post card and the four boxes of Journals were waiting for me when I returned from Fulton, Indiana, on this last Wednesday, June 18. I've been working on a writing assignment so that I can get off to Maryland to be with David. We talked to him on Wednesday night and both the doctor and he are concerned about his being alone at this time.

Just recently I received a letter from one of the student members of WTS, Emmanuel A.A. Akinlawon, also he is a recent graduate of ATS, with this message: "Please kindly send this to W.T.S. for my annual fee - forgot to pay it before I left Wilmore and I do not have the Treasurer's address." I am enclosing it to you just as he mailed it to me -- four one dollar bills. Hereafter he is eligible for full membership. His current address is:

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Reply 6/20/80

While I was in Indiana I read several chapters in a fascinating, revealing book entitled MOODSWING by Dr. Ronald R. Fieve, M.D., "the eminent psychiatrist who pioneered the use of lithium in America reveals a new revolutionary way to prevent certain kinds of depression." The book was first published in 1975. The author is currently professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and chief of Psychiatric Research at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. It has helped me greatly to understand our DAVID'S problem. The book has the subtitle, "The Third Revolution in Psychiatry." One chapter (VII) is on "Moods and Great Men," a study of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill, each of whom the author describes as "manic depressive" -- so David, at least, is in the company of great men! On the first page are these words: "MOODSWING a heartbreaking condition which afflicts 20 million Americans." One of our local doctors, Duvon Corbitt, who is on the Asbury College Board of Trustees and who works with the Methodist Board of Missions in New York City, was quoted recently as saying that 20% of our population suffer with depression. On page 190 the author writes: "Frequently, since lithium is more effective for treating mania (this is the word for the "highs" in the moodswing) than depression, an additional antidepressant drug is needed." It is the latter condition that the Lexington doctor for David refused to face or treat, though he did prescribe lithium. David's present doctor in Chevy Chase, Maryland, is now experimenting with antidepressant drugs. He (David) does trust the Lord, but his deep depression has been a very numbing thing. On p. 213 Dr. Fieve predicts that "in the next decade we shall probably see a completely new attitude toward mental illness in America. Traditional psychotherapy and analysis, as they have been practiced, will become, for the most part, obsolete." Those are bold words! JESUS, of course, is basic. Cordially in HIM,

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