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Dear Catharine,

I have really enjoyed talking with you by telephone, and only wish that our time in Washington could be a 'time of meeting', rather than a week apart! I am just grateful to hear that someone has surfaced who can make use of the bible which almost got discarded by uninterested persons! Thank goodness that mother was such a 'pack rat'! Also found in the house when they purchased it, were boxes of old wooden puzzles, the kind with all sort of intricate puzzle shapes (numbers, animals, tools, fleur-de-lis, etc.) that I remember playing with as a child. They had all been dumped on the floor to a room! She scooped up all the pieces, placing them in any box available, and saved them. Before she died, my daughters and I reconstructed them...quite a chore, with no pictures to go by, and with all the pieces mixed up. Fortunately, we enjoy this kind of challenge. I got some large pieces of cardboard to place them on, and we would try to connect colors, etc., until we finally, after several months, had the job accomplished. There were 10 puzzles in all...only one which was perfect, the others missing 1-3 pieces each. It so happened that there were 9 grandchildren, so we decided that each one should receive one of the puzzles, and the daughter who worked most deligently in the course of reconstructing them into workable puzzles was given the 'perfect' one, also. Now, all the grandchildren have a relic of days past to play with (and they all love puzzles!).

Enclosed are copies (of my copies) made from the Stone bible, prior to donating it to the National Society Colonial Dames XXVII Century library. This is just in case you cannot actually hold the Bible. It is in a locked case in the museum, and unless an executive officer with keys is present, I'm afraid that might be the case!

I have also sent a copy of all CDXVIIC chapters in California, as I do not know in what part of the state Calabasas is. If you should decide to become a prospective member, I will be glad to write a letter to the chapter you choose, and suggest an invite from its members!

*Fondly -
Jillie*