PS,

Yesterday I met up with Janet and Ed in the parking lot and received my computer back with its new BIOS and operating program; Windows 7. I am SO glad to be back on line. Everything is a little bit different of course but I am so happy. I have spent this morning reinstalling Microsoft Office, my printer driver, etc. It is still an eccentric computer and doe not always register a letter when I strike a key, just like before, so that must be mechanical. Also I have yet to find Minesweeper or Solitary, two vital programs.

So you made it to Madrid. I hope this reaches you before you loose your hotel Wifi. I suppose your slinging quat in Sa'na will see you in a hotel that might not have Wifi. And Qamar must be with you now. I bet it is great with the three of you paling around Spain together… I wish I were with you. I had such a good time in Barcelona and I hope you spent your Euros of glasses of good, red wine for the family. Speaking of Euros you might want to pick up a 500 Euro note as they are to be discontinued and will become a collector's item. Pick up one for me while you are at it. According to a news item you can get them from drug and arms dealers. And speaking of that, my brood of penguins is robust.

Thanks for the three postcards, especially the pic of the monstrance. It came into my life at the perfect time, encouraging me in my pursuit of making one for the nuclear age. I think I told you that I have all the drawings I needed to do done and the full-size paper pattern for the base done. I have to admit I am pleased with the results and think it will be a good sculpture. Due to penguin purchases and general financial mismanagement I won't be able to purchase steel and start the monstrance until I get my October honorarium. It will be a long wait as I am pretty eager to get started.

When you get back I am going to ask your help on how to move digital pictures from a camera to my computer and from there onto my PowerPoint thumb drive. I see you know how to do it from the three postcards you included in your email. I think you or Ed showed me how to do it once but I've forgotten. I have what I think is a pretty good camera, the first camera I have ever owned. It was Wilfred Lund's camera and Don Carver took it during the couple of days we spent cleaning out his crib with his sister over in Coulee City. I wanted Don to have it along with Will's laptop. Well, since then, Don's girlfriend Vicky gave him a new, fancy digital camera for X-Mass, so Don passed it on to me. It is a Canon, with more settings, buttons and levers then you can shake a stick at, and probably a pretty good one. Now that I am keen on getting some images of the new monstrance work I am reading the manual and experimenting with it. Also I hope to figure out how to scan drawings with my printer and move them into my computer.

Looking forward to all the stories you will be able to tell when you get back and it won't be too long now. I hope you and the family have a great time on this sojourn and please extends that wish to Kinza and Qamar.

Jim