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Brother Michael,

I found out yesterday that it is possible to get out of the contract on my house without a penalty, starting whenever a new renter can be found. I placed an ad in the paper and will see what comes up. Even if there are no takers for many weeks, I should not have to take care of the place, just pay the rent.

As for financial considerations, there are a couple of difficult points that come to mind:

1. I will have to pay taxes at least through next April - probably quite a lot because I realized a lot of stock gains early this year. So, I will need to keep money in reserve for this.
 2. I plan to give the vast majority of my holdings as an outright gift. As for the part that would be written down under my name and would revert to me if I departed, perhaps around \$30,000? Even that sounds excessive, but it comes to mind as a small portion of what I am accustomed to having. Give me your thoughts on this.
- Also, I expect the US Dollar to lose much of its value in the next year, even if the "economy" holds together, so I would rather my "written down" amount be in some other unit of value. It would not be very effective to lay claim to a certain number of worthless government debt-markers. Gold and silver are better possibilities, or perhaps shares in a gold holding fund (another thing I'd like to explain - a low-risk, high-convenience way to protect yourself from the dollar collapse).

It will take me a while to consolidate & close out my 5 different accounts -- perhaps a month or more, and I'd rather not rush -- but I would like to return to MHFM before that is all finished. Perhaps that can be arranged?

Then there are material things. It is troublesome and not very lucrative to try to sell or dispose of them, so I'm sending you a list of the major items. Let me know which you would like to have at the monastery (by number, if you like) and I will bring them.

My advice is for you to take anything that could be useful, because most of these things are hard to sell for any decent money, or even to get rid of.

1. Nissan Sentra 2000 sedan, 4DR, FWD, runs very well
2. Nissan Truck 1986 - small & dented, but well built & runs well
3. Double bed (frame, box springs, mattress) with sheets, blanket, bedspread
4. Single bed (frame, box springs, mattress) with sheets, blanket,

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bedspread

5. Laser printer - black & white, fast, fairly new
6. Desk - large, 3 working surfaces, U-shaped, built-in keyboard rack, file cabinet, shelf
7. Bicycle - excellent condition, new
8. Clothes (?)
9. Towels - bathroom & kitchen - good condition
10. Books - religion, literature, "classics" in serious thought, science textbooks
11. Kitchen table - wooden, seats 4-6, four chairs (one with bad leg)
12. Office chairs (2)
13. Lawn mower - push model
14. Gas cans (2 or 3) - 5 gallon
15. Kerosene heater
16. Yard rake - metal
17. Push broom - heavy duty
18. VCR & DVD player/recorder
19. Computer stuff - 200+ GB external hard disk, DVD burner double layer, flat screen monitor w/TV reception, various power strips & gadgets
20. Lamps - green, 2
21. Furniture - matching set: 1 nightstand, 1 coffee table (low & wide), 1 long narrow table, 1 chair-side table
22. Sleeping bags (2)
23. Tent (3-man)
24. File cabinet (2-drawer) with personal files
25. Bookcase - 6' x 4', wooden, well-made
26. Bookcase - 4' x 3', wooden, well-made
27. Recliner - smallest model La-z-boy
28. Stereo system - 5 disc changer, tape player, 2 speakers - the cheap kind
29. Utility-room shelving - metal frame, easily disassembled, 5 wood shelves
30. Kitchen items - full set of silverware, plates, bowls, knives, pots & pans, spices, etc.
31. Food - emergency tub with pasta, flour, canned vegetables, bottled water
32. Trumpet
33. Hard-shell suitcase

Thanks,
Eric