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Dear Tom and Kelli,

Have you thought about coming to Michigan for Christmas? We would like to see you, so I hope you will consider making the trip soon, even if it is not at Christmas. I will contribute \$500 to your travel expenses. It would cost me that much to make the trip to see you, and it would be better if you could come here so you could see the rest of the family.

Me and brother Walter and sisters Deb, Cindy and Laura are going to make a trip to the Everglades at Thanksgiving. We will fly down Thanksgiving Day and come back the following Tuesday. We will be staying at Flamingo, which is in Everglades National Park at the southern tip of Florida. Deb's husband Jerry has relatives in southern Florida, and it was her idea to get her siblings together there. She wanted someone who would be willing to hike around with her.

I'm not retiring. I am now getting a pension from the State of Michigan on top of my salary at MERS, so I am going to hold on as long as I can and save up some money. I could have retired from MERS on Oct. 1, too.

Love, Dad