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## THIS IS MARY



This is Mary Carolyn Simon, age seven, growing on eight. Mary lives in Basic Townsite House No. 529 with her daddy and mama and her brothers and sisters. Her daddy works for Basic. Mary came into the world without arms. But God gave her a gay heart that glows out of a golden head in a smile that is like warm sunshine. Mary is in the third grade at Basic School. She writes with her toes. Her writing is easier to read than the hen-tracks of a lot of older folks who write with their hands. Mary has written a letter to you. It is printed on the other side of this paper. The Big Job publishes it with glowing pride. We know that you will read it with inspiration.

# THIS IS MARY'S LETTER

Dear Friends

The paper has asked me to write a letter to all of you people who work here.

I am very happy in this nice new school.

My daddy says that you are all happy too, because you are working hard to win the war.

I was sorry for you when it was so hot.

My teacher says you are working to keep us from being slaves.

It is fun to see the plant growing bigger and bigger. I hope you like to see it grow too.

America is the best country in the world.

Mary Carolyn Simon

Mary Carolyn Simon sat down on the floor at home and wrote this letter to you. She wrote it on a regular 8-1/2 x 11 sheet of paper. We have reduced it only slightly to fit the type page. Up at school Mary has a special desk—lowered by willing plant-machinists to make things easier for Mary. And that was one little job that didn't require a work order.