

Evan Jones writes letter as soon as he and family arrived  
from the old Cherokee Nation east of the Mississippi.

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Cherokee Nation June 26, 1841

Dear Lin . . . ?

We yesterday arrived in this country, after a long and fatiguing journey.

We have abundant cause for deep and unfeigned gratitude, to our heavenly Father for his protection and guidance through the dangers and difficulties of the way and for bringing us in health to the place of our destination and especially that we have arrived before the commencement of the sickly season.

We met Bro. Bushyhead last evening on the way to his appointment for a two-day meeting. My family and the wagons went on to Bro. Bushyhead's house while I returned to attend the meetings. The Lord, we trust, was present in the assembly. At the conclusion, fourteen came forward for prayer. There I met a great many old neighbors and Christian friends. Many additions have been made to this church of hopeful converts, during my absence and the prospect is still very encouraging.

June 28. Yesterday, we had a number of very interesting meetings, which were closed by the baptism of eleven Cherokees: two males and nine females.

The reports from the other churches are equally interesting and encouraging.

We are living, for the present, in some cabins of Bro. Bushyhead.

I shall write more at large in the course of a few days.

Please to present my best respects to Mrs. Bolles and beg her to accept my grateful acknowledgements for the very kind attention I experienced at your house.

I hope the mild season has been beneficial to your health.

I am Dear Sir

Your Ob. Ser.  
(Signed)  
Evan Jones