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Subject: "I Got Mail"

Tablets are back in stock. I've placed my order for one and it'll be about 2 weeks before I get it. I've been able to receive & send emails without the Tablet, but it's been very difficult & time consuming. I only have 15 min to read or type a message on the touch screen of the Kiosk, which I must operate the system controls thru a slot in the cell door. The Kiosk, we call the "Blue-eyed Devil," is wheeled from cell to cell where we are afforded 15 min to use it. Then we must wait 30 min before we can use it again. With a Tablet I can take my time to compose my message, review for corrections, and type more than one message to send. I can also exchange messages instantly while the Tablet is synced to the Kiosk. Don't know how well this works yet. The system still has glitches. Some emails come in a matter of minutes, and others in a matter of days.

The service is like a Post Office, where you can sign up for a P.O.Box from which to send & receive messages. There's no direct email address, you have to visit the P.O. Box in order to send & receive messages. Opening an account cost nothing but you would have to purchase Stamps/Link Units to pay the 25¢ fee to send each message. If you wish to sign up go to: connectnetwork.com/portal click Sign Up to open an account, fill out the registration info (enter PA-DOC) when prompted to select a facility. When your account is set up you will receive an email to verify the account. You can then log in and send a message. When drafting your email it will prompt you to select a facility again, enter PA-DOC. Some overseas attempts to register has been problematic. The system will not accept your overseas zip code. Try entering 00000 to get around this.

I received my very first email and it felt great. All of this tech is so new to me, and for someone to go thru the trouble to reach out to me thru this exploitative service shows that they really care. It gives me hope and I don't feel so alone. It's beautiful! I guess this high priced Tablet (\$155.82) is worth something after all.

