

September 7, 1993

Dear Family:

Awfully good of Charlotte to undertake this task. Hope we'll keep in better touch with each other.

It's been a busy summer--I keep thinking that one of these days we'll have a lazy summer of reading books and dangling feet in the brook (what brook?), but we never do. The best part was Greg coming home from Houston in July, fully recovered from his collapsed lung. Doctor says he is fit and able to do any activity. Says that the spontaneous collapse is caused by a weakness on the lung, not from any athletics. He was thinner by about 15 pounds, some of which he put back on before he left for the Y. His address there is 765 East 750 North #11, Provo, UT 84601. Phone #(801) 374-9209.

I drove up with Greg and Emily and helped them get situated in their new apartments. They kept the old Suburban there and I flew home on good old Morris Air. Emily worked this summer playing the piano at the school and at various babysitting jobs. She was paid \$5 an hour for babysitting, \$10 for playing the piano--go figure. She had one weekend job that convinced her she wasn't ready to get married and have a baby any time soon. Her BYU address is 1130 E. 450 N. #110, Provo, UT 84604. Phone #(801)370-3110. Emily sent her love interest off to Chile on August 30th. She wishes she could go on a mission right now, also. Thinks it's unfair that girls have to wait until they're 21.

Erin also worked at the school 8-1:00, and spent every afternoon in rehearsals for the musical Guys and Dolls that the Los Altos Jr. Theater was producing. She got the part of the dumb blonde Adelaide. They gave six performances at the Jr. College nearby. She really had a good time and her picture was all over town on posters and in the newspapers. Erin will be a Jr. this year in high school. She just made the varsity volleyball team. We're trying to get her behind the wheel so she can get her driver's license in October.

John quit competitive soccer to better concentrate on basketball, but joined the flag football team at school this year. He also took up tennis last Spring. He'll be an eighth grader this year. John started earning money by mowing one of our neighbor's lawns, and spends every penny on his baseball card collection. He and Marty have spent hours trading cards back and forth. (Marty took up collecting so he'd have something to do with his sons--at least that's what he says. Right now he's trying to complete his Nolan Ryan collection. He wants one of every card that's had Nolan Ryan's picture on it. He already has the "rookie" card that is worth a small fortune.)

Speaking of Marty, he is recovering here at home from surgery on his nose. He has had a deviated septum, and excess tissue at the back of his nose that caused him to snore and have sleep apnea, and he always had a stuffy nose

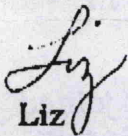
(which he didn't even realize--thought that's how everyone breathed). He's doing well now, although he was in a lot of pain for a few days. He's going back to work tomorrow.

Speaking of deviated septums, we're being sued by a lady for causing hers. Emily rear-ended her car on the freeway a year and a half ago, just slightly bumping her, causing a little damage to the other car--ours received no damage--and a year and a half later we're getting sued cause the lady decides it's a good way to get her deviated septum fixed--on us. (Our insurance company tried to settle with her for \$22,000. but she wouldn't accept, so they turned it over to the State Farm lawyers.) This makes us so angry, because it is completely fraudulent, but the lawyers will settle, because it's cheaper than letting it go to court. She didn't even have a bloody nose at the accident--in fact, she was comforting Emily because Emily was so upset. I had to drive Emily up to San Francisco for her deposition, and we're anxiously awaiting the outcome, hoping that our \$100,000 insurance liability coverage is adequate. Marty says that as soon as this is settled, we're getting umbrella coverage. If we can still get insurance!

I'm directing a teen choir for Stake Conference this week. Hope it turns out o.k. I've had such trouble getting everyone out to the rehearsals because of vacations, but it finally all came together last week and it looks like we'll have 75-80 kids singing. My Los Altones choir starts up this Saturday, also. We're doing two Christmas concerts.

Well, I know we're all extremely busy, but I hope we can let each other know what's going on in our lives this way. I really enjoy hearing about your children and their activities (and you know I love bragging about ours) and want to hear about how your work is going. I hear Nancy has a new pre-school. Saw Sherlene briefly while I was in Provo, but didn't get to see Tracy and Betsy, David or Karen. Hope all is well with all the missionaries, too.

Love,


Liz