

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

PLEASANT VIEW FIRST WARD

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Dear Tracy and Ida Rose,

By now you are well aware that I am among the three worst letter writers in the universe. I have no real excuse. I therefore offer this brief epistle as a peace offering in the hopes that you will not cut me off your mailing list. I cannot tell you how much I enjoy receiving your letters. I doubt that any missionary has ever been so wonderfully descriptive of their circumstance and feelings as your letters always are. We share them with our children in the hope (albeit perhaps foolish) that they will make some effort to provide the vivid kinds of pictures with their letters that you do.

I must report that Poncho deHoyos reported his mission to the Ward on Sunday. I would bet a \$1,000.00 that Tracy would have fallen into a deep coma upon seeing and feeling the change that has occurred in Poncho over the course of the past 2 years. I'll bet there isn't .005% of missionaries who undergo so complete a change in personality and outlook. You would have been filled with joy to see how the gospel has changed his life since he has made it a part of him. Poncho is happy, optimistic, rather well motivated, and generally a very pleasant person to be around. I know that description of him will cause you to doubt my perceptions, but, so help me, it true!

Brian got his mission call a few days ago. He is going to Montreal Canada (Spanish program). Sister Barbara Taylor has her call to the Jackson Mississippi mission. Brian leaves Jan. 12; Barbara on Dec. 16th. As you probably know, Allan Andrus leaves for Hong Cong on October 28th. I have just given Melisa Erickson her papers, so I guess we'll have another call to report within a month. It seems like they just keep coming. Actually, of course, we need to keep sendin' 'em 'cause they just keep coming home, too. Matt Hawkins returns this month, and then on November 17th, Karen Jonsson, Damon Darias, and Ross Woolf all come home.

Brian and I ran in the St. George marathon on October 2nd. Brian ran the 26.2 mile course in 3 hrs. and 24 minutes; it took me 3 hrs and 49 minutes, but considering my advanced age, I considered the race a tie.

Sister Boardman is not well. They have taken her to a rest home because she needs constant and specialized nursing care. She suffers so much with her artheritis (sp?), and she also has a variety of other medical problems with her internal organs. Sometimes when I see her, I feel sure that I will not see her again in this life, but she is a tough gal, and keeps coming back. I doubt very much that she will ever get to return to her home, though.

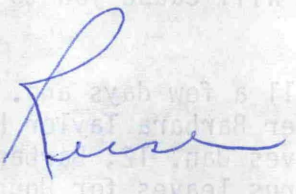
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Rey and Elwood before him. Some of the problems will never change until persons with enormous pride agree to change themselves. But time marches on and they hope that others will change, so their life will be happier. Unfortunately, as you know, most problems are problems solely within the control of the person who is complaining. I sometimes despair at hearing details of situations which I know have existed for years and which others have been counseled with about, the counsel rejected, and now its time to try another Bishop to see if he won't agree that it's the other guy's fault. Enough of this! It's really not a bad job. In fact there are parts of it that are down-right fun.

Tracy, you will be interested to know that in the 15 months I have been Bishop, I have processed missionary papers for 16 of the 20 missionaries now serving in the ward. The Elder's quorum, which for many months after the 7th ward was organized met with the High Priest's because they were so few in number, now have 20 elders, and are meeting separately. Many of the new elders are new and young men who are going to school. They really are a blessing in the ward, because without the young adults to be role models, we really like to have some young blood to set the pace for some of the things for the youth.

Well, I've got to get home and have some supper. I send you my love and prayers for your good health and for success and safety on your mission. We miss you, and look forward to having you with us again.



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Dear Ida Rose and Tracy,

How are things going for you? We think of you so often. How is Tracy's leg? We really hope and pray it is doing better by now. We really enjoy the letters you both write.

By now you already know I told Carolyn about the dress you sent to her. I'm sorry I spoiled your little secret. You mentioned you had not sent her a follow-up letter. I guess I didn't get one either because I didn't know what to do with the first crocheted items I received either. Pat Higbee told me what I was suppose to do with them. Anyway I was explaining this to Carolyn when she told me she had sent you a "thank you" note. She laughed about the whole situation and said she would explain it to you.

Thanks for your help in getting me a table-cloth. I am excited about receiving it.

Hope all is well.

Love,

Kathryn

P.S. Shauna and Jim Hill had a baby girl last night. Everything is fine.

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