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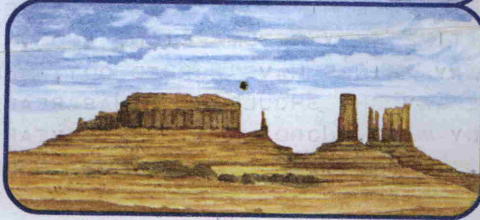
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DEAR IDA ROSE AND TRACY,

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY TIMES I HAVE BEEN GOING TO WRITE TO YOU, AND THEN THINGS HAVE EITHER COME UP OR SOMETHING. WE DO THINK OF YOU ALL OF THE TIME AND WONDER HOW YOU ARE GETTING ALONG EVEN THOUGH I DON'T SHOW IT BY MY LETTERS (OR LACK OF THEM). WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND ALSO SOME PACKAGES, WHICH WE ARE JUST PUTTING AWAY WITHOUT OPENING THEM.

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT YOUR MOVE? I SUPPOSE YOU ARE IN JOHANNESBURG NOW AND HOPE YOU ARE ADJUSTING TO YOUR MOVE AND ARE ENJOYING IT. I'M SURE EACH AREA BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES AND CHANGES. I JUST KNOW YOU TWO ARE TOUCHING THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE YOU MEET AND THEY LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS WE DO.

TRACY, WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH YOUR LEG AND SURELY HOPE BY NOW IT IS BETTER AND THAT YOU ARE GETTING ALONG ALL-RIGHT WITH NO MORE PROBLEMS. SURE HOPE YOU HAVE BOTH BEEN WELL WHILE YOU HAVE BEEN GONE. IT WOULDN'T BE MUCH FUN TO GET SICK THAT FAR AWAY FROM HOME. THERE HAS SURE BEEN A BAD FLU BUG GOING AROUND HERE AND IT IS HARD TO GET OVER. IT SEEMS TO EFFECT DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. BECKY HAD THE STOMACH FLU AND THEN ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER I GOT IT AND WAS REALLY SICK AND WAS SICK OFF AND ON FOR ABOUT A MONTH WITH DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS. I AM FINALLY STARTING TO FEEL BETTER SINCE MY SURGERY AND GETTING A LITTLE ENERGY BACK. SEEMS LIKE IT TOOK FOREVER. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR NOW SINCE I HAD THAT MYOLOGRAM AND STILL HAVE THE PINCHING AND PULLING IN THE BACKS OF MY LEGS, SO GUESS IT'S HERE TO STAY. WE'RE ALL DOING FINE NOW THOUGH.

OUR BIG NEWS IS THAT BECKY IS GETTING MARRIED IN FEBRUARY IN THE PROVO TEMPLE. HIS NAME IS JIM BROWN, HE LIVES UP IN EDMONTON AND THEY SORT OF MET IN THE YOUNG ADULT WARD ALTHOUGH THEY HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER JUST A LITTLE IN HIGH SCHOOL. HE WENT ON A MISSION IN HOUSTON TEXAS AND HAS BEEN HOME FOR ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS. HE TREATS BECKY SO GOOD I CAN'T BELIEVE AND IS JUST CRAZY ABOUT LITTLE JORDAN. HE CHANGES HIS DIAPERS, TENDS HIM AND ALWAYS WANTS TO TAKE HIM WHEN THEY GO SOMEWHERE. THEY WILL HAVE HIM SEALED TO THEM AT THE TIME THEY GET MARRIED, AND OF COURSE JIM IS GOING TO ADOPT HIM. ISN'T THAT NEAT THE WAY THINGS HAVE WORKED OUT? AND BECKY KNOWS IT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS BEEN LIVING THE WAY SHE SHOULD. SHE HAS REALLY MATURED A LOT THIS PAST YEAR AND HAS GROWN IN MANY WAYS. JORDAN WILL BE A YEAR OLD IN TWO MORE WEEKS WHICH IS SURE HARD TO BELIEVE. HE HAS BEEN SUCH A JOY AND ONE OF THE MOST PLEASANT HAPPY BABIES I HAVE EVER SEEN. HE SEEMS ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. WE LOVE HIM SO MUCH AND WHEN THEY MOVE OUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE EVER GOING TO DO BECAUSE HE HAS SURE CHANGED OUR LIVES AROUND HERE. THANK GOODNESS THEY WILL BE LIVING IN PROVO OR OREM. OF COURSE BECKY AND I HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY INSEPARABLE AND I WILL MISS HAVING HER HERE SO MUCH. THIS IS A GOOD AGE FOR JORDAN TO MOVE AS HE WILL BE YOUNG ENOUGH THAT IT WON'T BE SO HARD ON HIM. HE AND LAMAR ARE CRAZY ABOUT EACH OTHER AND SPEND A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER. THE WEDDING WAS GOING TO BE MARCH 5TH, BUT THEY HAVE MOVED IT UP TO FEB. 5. ROBERT E. WELLES IS JIM'S UNCLE AND HE IS GOING TO MARRY THEM, BUT HE JUST FOUND OUT HE HAS TO BE IN CHILLI IN MARCH.

I HAVE A NEW CHURCH CALLING AND I AM ENJOYING IT. I AM THE STAKE PRIMARY SECRETARY AND SABRA IS THE PRESIDENT. SHE IS REALLY NICE TO WORK WITH. I REALLY MISS THE YOUNG WOMAN PROGRAM AND THE ACTIVITIES, BUT I HAVE BEEN IN FOR ABOUT 13 YEARS SO GUESS IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. LAMAR IS STILL SECRETARY IN THE HIGH PRIEST QUORUM.

I'VE NEVER SEEN NANCY'S NEW BABY, AND PROBABLY WON'T UNTIL YOU GET HOME. I SAW NANCY JUST ONCE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER THE BABY WAS BORN. I'LL BET SHE WILL BE GLAD WHEN YOU GET HOME AS WE ALL WILL. IT JUST HASN'T SEEMED RIGHT SINCE YOU LEFT AND WE MISS YOU SO MUCH. MANY TIMES I'VE CAUGHT MYSELF THINKING OF RUNNING OVER FOR DIFFERENT THINGS. YOUR GREENHOUSE IS STILL DOING OKAY AND WE HAVE ENJOYED THE BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS THAT HAVE BLOOMED. LAMAR HAS GIVEN THEM AWAY TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THE WARD WHICH HAS REALLY THRILLED THEM, AND WE MANAGE TO HAVE THEM OFTEN. IT HAS BEEN A FUN EXPERIENCE FOR LAMAR TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND FOR BECKY BECAUSE SHE IS IN CHARGE WHENEVER LAMAR IS AT WORK AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE.

YOU PROBABLY GET THE WARD NEWS ALL THE TIME SO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. PAT HIGBEE HAS A CUTE LITTLE BABY, AND I GUESS IT HAS BEEN A REAL CHANGE FOR HER TO BE TIED.

YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS AND OUR THOUGHTS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMING HOME BUT WE ARE ALSO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO HAVE THIS EXPERIENCE.

WE SEND OUR LOVE,

Elaine, Lamar, and Becky