

Tuesday, April 20th
Dear Ida Rose and Tracy, Even the stamp on your
air-letter was welcome. We inherited a Hindu
live-in college student from the Locks, our
predecessors, and she collects stamps. Other
communications' stamps will be kept for our
Korean granddaughter, but Geeta brought in
the mail and asked, We've come to the conclu-
sion she is not interested in the gospel, she's
just interested in the getting.

Ideas for spreading the gospel? We had a
farewell party for the Locks and invited all
their acquaintances and have made friends with
several. We plan an Open House with displays,
movies, film strips, etc. We attended the swearing
in of a new lawyer at the Hall of Justice +
later took him + his wife (she's from New Jersey!)
and 5-year old daughter to lunch. We met
other magistrates and look forward to other
opportunities like this.

Because of our interest in politics, we have
been intrigued with their recent elections and their
ramifications. The Stewart Grows wrote from Provo
that Amy Valentine is also making a bid for the
new 3rd Congressional seat along with Jeterworth
and Ray Beckham. Much as I love Amy, Howard
Nielson is still the best qualified of the field.
We trust he sails thru the conventions and the
elections and that the others are not too disap-
pointed. The others - all - are fine examples of worthy
candidates and commend their desire to run.

Almost one-third of our mission over already!
I wish I could say that I'm speaking French fluently
- I'm not. I continue to pray and study. We are
exceedingly comfortable in nice facilities: a good
stove, 2 refrigerators, new washing machine, mixer,
deep-fry cooker - and we bought an ironing board -
\$80.00. Everything is terribly expensive! We are
grateful to be so happy, healthy, and busy.
If one here seems to be in a hurry. Most things

to hearing more of your exper-
iences here. With love in the gospel -
Howard Nielson

have great influence. Syndicats d'initiative as separate groups in each city are interested in attracting tourists and any new people in an area who spend new money are well received by them.

David is teaching English to three delightful 14 year old boys - continuing their school studies of the language. This is each Tuesday from 1:30 until 5. I have assisted by serving drinks, teaching songs & last week serving hot chocolate cake! Using available ingredients thru the trial and error method, I can now make a delicious tasting and light textured cake. I've made thousands of cakes over the past 40 years, but here the first four didn't rise. There is no shortening as we know it. Everything is made with butter, so my cake decorating is at a minimal in this climate. I've had yeast sent from home^{ever} and last Sunday served my good rolls. My other attempts were very disappointing ~~but~~ ^{and} full of hope for the future! We'll look forward

are closed Monday morning and everything except
Banks close at 11:30 or 12 until 2 or 3 every
afternoon when the banks close. Our trips to town
are frustrating but fascinating; the beauty, the
equality, the rejuvenation, the decay, the affluence, the
need. The Moslem Mosque is in the center of a block
of shops. The "temporary" doors are always ajar
and we look hard as we go by. The Tamoul temples
are gaudy in comparison. We attended their
New Year's festival last week in a large open-
air theatre, 4 kilometers around the island. The
evening was beautiful with a gentle breeze, the
scent of flowers, and clouds making the moon
occasionally disappear. The skyline was a gentle
descent to the sea - not mountainous peaks as on
our side of the ocean island. The president of the
Tamoul Association and the announcer were tall hand-
some Indians both wearing white - pants and long
shirts. The musicians were also in white. The singer
chanted on and on with slight variations in his rendi-
tions. I was grateful for my preparation from the Cultural
Refinement lesson in Relief Society. The dancers were
beautifully costumed - sparkling pants with a fan-skirt
as they moved their legs; some in sarees. Acquisite!



We plan to attend next year - with the
Tamoul wife of a recent convert - maybe
"former Tamoul". We mentioned our fascin-
ation for the Tamoul celebration to a Hindu
friend who has offered to acquaint us
with their different New Year's activities
in October. And she speaks beautiful English -
she teaches it! We are looking forward
toward: contacts with the Agriculture De-
partment. We probably mentioned while we
were at the M. T. C. that we had received
the Benson Institute's suggestion for a one-
acre plot to feed a family of five. We
brought it translated into not-very-good French
- so David has work to do on it before pre-
senting it. We also have a letter of intro-
duction from Provo's Chamber of Commerce
to the one here. They operate the beautiful
new Air Port facilities as a commission and