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Dear Ida Rose and Tracy,

We think of you often and want to tell you so, especially at this festive season. I complain a bit about decorating, shopping, wrapping, packages, etc. at this time of year; in fact, I would almost go on a mission to get out of it. Yet when I think of the second class housing, second class comforts and first class problems I would have as a missionary, I would rather stay at home.

We have heard little about your work there. Probably you suffer remorse at not being able to abolish apartheid there and to get some enthusiastic converts to understand and follow the Church pattern.

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Your house across the street looks the same. We had a scare this P.M. A fire engine came to the Hoover Clark home to douse a car on fire. No one was injured. A sad thing - El Gueller fell and broke her hip - operated on today. Problems continue to plague the Guellers.

I am confident that the Lord is blessing you in your good work and that you will continue to feel His spirit.

Affectionately,

Tom Cheney

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the nice card you sent to us last summer. I appreciated your good wishes. My hip surgery (arthroplasty) was very successful. The recovery period seemed long and hard, but after three months on crutches & receiving therapy, I could walk normally again - and without pain! I'm truly grateful. I hope you're well & happy. Blessings and love, Norma

We wish you all the joys of Christmas (Duke 2: v. 10-11)

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