

April 18, 1982

Dear Ida Rose and Tracy: My what a refreshing breeze blew in by aerogramme recently. We really feel privileged to have heard from you. Yet at the same time we are a little ashamed to even want to expect a letter because after one takes care of missionary work and family communications there probably isn't much time left over. We are even happy to receive carbon copies and happy to pass the news around. I received your letter the day of Sr. Myers funeral and passed it to many people to read - they were all hungry to learn of your doings. Sr. Myers died of a heart attack while getting into bed--at 88 how fortunate could she possibly be. Lory Free feels they are particularly blessed as Myrtle Joy suffers over her mother who has recently broken the hip of the other leg which had not suffered a break. They have to restrain her because she insists on getting up. Sr. Boardman has an aneurism in the valve below the aorta and Carma is left with the decision as to let the thing go which will kill her or to operate - which will probably take her life.

You are correct in that we haven't checked on whether or not the walks are shoveled at your home--we figure that if they need the walks shoveled in order to get out of the house they will take care of it. It's too early in the spring to tell what's happening in the yard. There is certainly no wholesale cutting back of the shrubery, but then it's always hard to trim someone else's yard. And what they miss this year can be cut next year. Besides that we have cut enough out of our yard, including all the pyracantha between our home and Toms to make up for half the Hillridge Heights Subdivision. Anybody who plants pyracantha doesn't understand the facts of life.

Yes we did get a son-in-law in a great big hurry. We had never even met him when she informed us they were married. He is a well established individual standing about number 3 in the management heirarchy of Smith's Food King. He is 26, a rather quiet reserved individual - just the antithesis of Catherine--who seems to have his feet on the ground. Sometimes in a moment of weakness Catherine has talked about going on a mission during the past year. She now has her mission cut out for her in her home to see if she can't be persuasive over Catholic traditions.

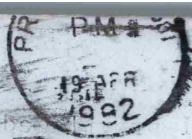
We will be pleased to receive Tracy's souvenirs and save them for you. It must cost an arm and a leg to send them all away from Zimbabwe. Your activity there sounds as if you have decided there is not a black warrior with a spear under every bush and in every doorway you might approach. Don't forget to take a lot of pictures so you can give us a missionary report when you get home. We have recently had the Dixons, Garners, Tuellers, and are scheduling the Paines for next week. On second thought maybe we had better not have you--Elmo Curtis died of a heart attack a short time after they made their presentation. Walter Tueller fell out of a tree in his home and required CPR to revive him and ended up with a fractured skull and severely crushed vertebrae (sp) about two weeks after they put on their show. Walter was laying under the tree on his yard and miraculously Kennerians happened by in their car and found him laying black and he had quit breathing. They had enough presence of mind to turn him on his side and clear his throat of the throw up and give artificial respiration. As they lifted Walter into the ambulance Nephi blessed 87 year old Walter who was stiff but breathing - that his time on this earth had not ended and he had many more important things to accomplish before leaving.

Your comment about their doing things differently makes me understand how the Catholics allowed fireworks to become part of the religious services for the Chinese. When we were in Kenya the SS children were singing their hymns to the accompaniment of the drums. It was the only musical instrument around. I can see it now--Ida Rose Hall leading the hymn "Praise to the Man" accompanied by a zebra skinned adorned drum. You talk about their theatrics - maybe they learned it from you.

Howard Nielson is running for congress very seriously. He is drafting everyone in the neighborhood possible to do secretarial and phone work. Julie seems to be supporting him ably and fully.

Brother and Sister Alley gave a nice presentation on the subject of genealogy work. Apparently there is lots more after the four generation program is completed. Incidentally are you going to get the native Zimbabweans to start their work. What do they use for records.

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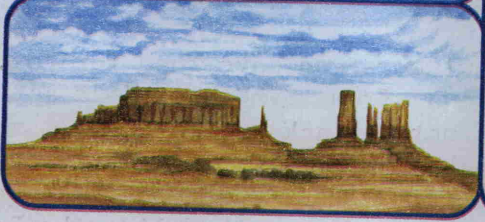
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Additional message area

Karen & Eric

Diane is still in Mont on the Indian Reservation. Craig is still in school trying to become an elementary teacher and is also working on the grounds crew. Karen in Germany has become Sr. Companion of an American greenie- both major in English and seem to have a great ability to commune with each other. And both have such a nature that they need to get all 300 challenges finished today because there may not be a tomorrow. Catherine lives in North Salt Lake and sees us every once in a while on the week ends. Particularly to get recipes and receive some of the family's love and tender care, which she apparently didn't think was available previously. Eric is now 15 - his mother seems to think there is some perceptible, but barely improvement, in his responsiveness and general demeanor. He has added a French Horn to his interest in drums. One reason we think he has improved is that he put on such theatrics in the 8th grade that he was kicked out of one class and in the next one he was required to sit in the back of the room because he made himself so obnoxious--however English is his favorite subject this year including Shakespeare.

We all miss you and pray for your welfare. We are most happy to learn of any news concerning you. Love,