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Dear Family,

As we do not want to miss out on this month's round of letters I thought I'd better get this written and mailed today. I hope it reaches Provo in time.

Mom, enclosed are wallet-sized photos for each of the Uncles & Aunts. Would you mind enclosing one in each letter you send? The large one is for you. HAPPY EASTER!

March has been very hectic for us! Last Friday Barry got some estimates for home insulation. We decided to go with the company that did our church's insulation. They agreed to do it the following Tuesday, before Mom & Dad Wood flew into D.C. Well, they were supposed to finish Tuesday, but it took them half of Wednesday also. Well Tuesday night I was in an absolute panic. They drilled a total of 204 holes, 3" across in our plaster walls (on the inside of our house, as the exterior is brick) There was $\frac{1}{4}$ " of plaster dust covering everything. One of my counselors in the MIA called and said she'd like to come over Wed. morning and give me a hand. Well not only did she come, she brought two other willing bodies with her. Well, they turned this place upside down. I don't know what I'd have done without their help. Later that afternoon, just before we left for Dallas Airport, one of them stopped by again to leave a box of chocolates. I should have been leaving her chocolates! Then Margot Van Orman brought over a loaf of whole wheat cinnamon bread and a homemade fresh strawberry pie. I surely have some wonderful friends!!

Well, our house is now insulated to the tune of \$1200.⁰⁰ We had fiberglass blown into the walls? ^{attic} I sure hope it cuts down on heating and cooling costs. We hope to get storm windows and doors before next winter, too.

Unfortunately, the budget can't handle it right now.

Mom and Dad Wood are here and already hard at work trying to make our home liveable. Mom's got bursitis in her heel, but I can't keep her off it. They'll be here until May 3rd and hopefully the baby will have kept its due date of April 24th.

Then Mom and Dad Hall will hopefully make it out for a visit prior to their Texas speaking assignment.

This time you shouldn't have to sleep downstairs. We've been hard at work trying to get the three upstairs bedrooms liveable. We even bought another double bed so you won't have to sleep on the "couch".

I've been up to my ears in YWMA work. The kids are trying to raise enough money to go to Florida during Spring Break (April 16-22). Last week we raised \$430.⁰⁰ at a garage sale. This Saturday we have a bake sale going on at the local Safeway and a pizza sale at the Church following conference (between 4 and 6 p.m.) We've raised about \$900.⁰⁰ already but that's only about half of what they'll need.

I got my seeds from Burpee and am anxious to get a garden in (well, I'm anxious for Barry to get a garden in.)

We received our tax assessment \$64,900 !!! We bought the house 8 months ago for \$55,000 so Barry protested it. They came yesterday to look over the inside and reassess it. We just hope they don't hit us for more. (Our neighbor just put his little three bedroom on the market for \$81,000. GRIEF. Well - ALL OUR LOVE
The Woods.