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Dear Family:

Summer is always so much busier than I think it is going to be. Here Summer's end is almost upon us and I haven't finished half my plans.

I have enjoyed spending more time at home and less in the car. John, Erin and Emily are going to Summer School and so my mornings have been free to paint and paper. I have so far painted and/or re-papered the kitchen, our large master bedroom (23 rolls of paper), the living room, entry hall and first bathroom. I have yet to paint the hallways, paper four bedrooms and the dining room and then I'll be done (with the walls, at least). Oh yes, there's two more bathrooms to be papered also. This house has a lot of wallpaper in it, and we don't like any of it, unfortunately. The house is beginning to look like ours now.

Greg has spent as much time away from as at home this summer. He spent a week at scout camp, two days on the ward river trip, two weeks at Uncle David's house in Utah and just came back from an eight day, fifty mile hike with Marty and the scouts from the Cupertino Ward. Greg and Marty went way up in the Emigrant Wilderness in the High Sierras and ate only dehydrated food (except for the one can of soda pop they took) for a week. Marty says this was his last such hike. Greg would go again tomorrow.

We had an unfortunate accident on the 4th of July. We were going toward Moffett Field (Navy base) to watch the fireworks when we were broadsided by a woman who didn't see the red light. Fortunately, none of us was hurt, but our car was pretty well damaged and had to be towed away. It was Marty's company car, so we didn't have to worry about all the insurance and fix-it arrangements. It did shake us up quite a bit and made us feel a little more vulnerable to such incidents.

Erin and Emily have had allergy testing and are beginning shots. I'm still trying to locate a good violin teacher for Erin. Meanwhile, she's learning the piano with me. Emily and Greg have been playing well this summer. Emily is continuing with her gymnastics and is now facing the decision whether or not to begin competing and practicing four or five days a week.

We're going to be in Utah August 26th or 27th for four or five days. Our kids begin school September 8th.

Sounds like Mom and Dad had a wonderful vacation. Looks like Sherlene has some wonderful new opportunities coming her way and we hope Bryan is able to find suitable employment soon. Let's hear from yo'all.

Love,

Liz and Marty and Kids