

Jan. 29, 1956

Dear Mom & Pop,

Excuse my forgetfulness,
Happy Birthday Father!
I didn't remember till after I
sent last letter. Hope you are
feeling fine, and everyone ~~make~~ make
your birthday a happy one! I for one
am the proudest of the tribe, for
being your first offspring and now
I'm still receiving help and care from
you both. I love you, and hope
to honor and obey your word, and
uphold my birthright property,
that "my days will be long". I feel
I'll never be able to repay what
you've done for my welfare and future.
I desire strongly though, to raise my
family as well and efficiently as you
most certainly have.

We do little tracing, for that only adds to ~~the~~^{the} amount of the money contacts we're now working with. It's been difficult to meet with each of them enough, and give efficient lessons and keep interest also. We can meet with most of them, only in the evenings.

Thank you so much for the camera Pop! I'll take good care of it. I'll sure be able to take good pictures with it. Looks like I'll have to learn about all the settings etc. first though. We have a ~~few~~^{stack} of camera magazine here, which have already explained a lot of my questions. (am wondering about the extra numbers above the shutter opening numbers at inside of lens) What significance do they have with set of settings? for instance above the f8 in the extra numbers that show ~~also~~ together the window 100, 50, 25.

Last Friday the District Pres.
 from Red Bluff and companion visited us.
 After a full day of talking over problems
 and doing missionary work with each
 other in our area, we went to Red Bluff.
 The Elders fixed me up at a Sis. M^{rs} Eldridge
 home for the night. Elders Poulton and I
 could hardly get ~~to~~ to sleep, the bed
 being so soft and lopsided.

Est. morning we all went to Redding
 and held report and testimonial meeting
 in the Chapel of the Wood house. 7th day
 Adventists were using the recreation hall
 for their "Sabbath" services. (They intended it
 till they finish building their own). We all
 met the new Elder replacing Elder Stebbins
 who is leaving today for Baltimore, Maryland.
 His ^{last} name is Stensel or Stenzel and is from
 Salt Lake. He says he's Charles's age and knows
 her fairly well, went to East High also.

Will be laboring in Redding
 with our new district president, Elder
 Solomon. I'll have more info. on him
 later. Just before we had lunch
 at the meeting there, we went outside
 and took some pictures of each other.
 It was clear and sunny all day, &
 really etc too! Had my breakfast, and
 have been eating unusually heavy lately.
 After Elder Stebbins visited with a few
 members, we went to Red Bluff and
 caught bus for Chico. Home at 7:45 P.M.

Before I forget, be sure to thank
 Uncle Virgil for sending the "Lecturer"
 I enjoyed his article and chart, has
 answered my question for me! The
 other Elders in district found it also.
 Enjoyed his poem in the "Improvement
 Era" too. Aunt Margaret sent a
 nice letter the other day. (Jensen)

I received a batch of picture-post cards last week that I ordered, ⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ I sent one to Charleen, and here's one for you all. We missionaries swap them as we work among each other in the districts etc. Also give them to members who wish a picture of me. We write our names and home addresses on the white strip at bottom of picture, and then give a few words of flattery and good wishes to the receiver on the back side. I'll be saving what pictures I have ^{of other Elders} for future reference. I'll be sending home a few pictures I take with my ^{own} camera, of course. Hope David and all the kids are well and healthy.

I'm feeling fine and am eating well. Can't seem to gain much weight though.
Love, Norman

Dr. H. H. H. H.
to Mr. H. H. H.
from H. H. H.
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