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Dear Ruthe and Family:

It sure was good to hear from you, but actually it was my turn to write, it seems like I'm always owing someone a letter. Mom says I never answer your questions so this morning I've got your letter right here to make sure. First I wish you guys wouldn't send money, you've got enough problems worrying about your own kids, and then we can't do anything for anyone this year, it makes us feel kinda bad, but I guess Mom told you about the dirty deal we got on that Beautiful house. Ed has put a lein on the house, but I don't think it will do any good. Anyway no use worrying about it, we will make out OK. Julie will really be glad to get those doll clothes, we should have brought her big doll she has really missed. We are going to get some kind of doll over here. She plays with her babrie doll everyday so she will be thrilled. Tell Mom we recieved her box yesterday. and we were sure thrilled. Everything arrived in good shape, and it was like recieving a package from heaven. Honestly Ruth you just can't imagine the feeling of being so far away from home, especially in a forgein country, and when you get something from home its like a shot in the arm. Everything Mom sent was just what we need. The cake mix I'm going to save for Dale's birthday, and the "Thought for To-day" book is what I've wanted for a long time. Speaking about Dale's birthday, I can't get any levi's over for less than 6:50, I was wondering if you could take the rent money from Ewell's and get some stuff for me. First of all if they still haven't paid any let us know and Harry will write them a letter, or if Doug wouldn't mind maybe he could ask them for it. I know they have problems, but after all 35 dollars isn't much to pay for rent. If you could get 2 prs. levi size 14 the ones he wants are called "Levi". Then white boys shirts are 7 dollars over here, so if you could find one with button down collar and short sleeves, size 14., and some of those white socks that have colored stripes on the top, size 10. Now if there is any money left the girls could see use some suzy-long legs, black or red, and Kristie could use brassier size

34, "A" cup. Now under no condition are you suppose to get anything unless you get money for the rent, and be sure to save enough out of the 35 for the postage. When you send a package if you send it to Mrs. Norma Lundevall and your return address with Lundevall in it, and you put a gift on the outside of the package I won't have to pay so much. I only had to pay 90 pennies that is about 20 cents for a package, but at Xmas they don't bother much with duty. This is a way to send it faster, it goes like a letter, you can find out. Ed's package with the pills still hasn't come. I guess I've died a thousand times with a headache waiting for the darn things. Actually if Mom send them in the mail it would be better.

We are surely looking forward to receiving the money. With some of Dale's money we have bought him a projector we can hardly wait. We have taken some more pictures and are being developed now so we will send you some more. The kids looked so cute on the Thanksgiving pictures, and they have grown already.

No, I haven't got a sewing machine yet, maybe I'll get one, we can't really afford it, and while I'm living Sister Berg has one that belongs to the church that I can use. The only thing is she will be using it until Xmas, but the other ladies has one that I'm using. I haven't got one yet, but I'm going to to-day.

Yes, Harry is working every day now, there for a while it was so cold the ground was froze, but it has now thawed again so to-day they are going to do some more digging. I hope ever they won't do too much before the first of the year.

because he won't get his 4 labor missionaries until about the 4th of January. These will be young German boys that are called on missions like a prostolytin mission and they will work with Harry, and the assistants in the branch will feed and house them, then along with teaching them the carpentry work he had to teach them the gospel. It's a program, and Harry just loves his work, I hope I can get him home when our time is up.

We can't do too much for the kids this year for Xmas, but just a few warm clothes, and a doll or so. They know it, and the only one to complain is Kristie, but she will be ok. In fact it will do her good. Instead of giving gifts in the neighborhood we are all donating a small amount to some saints in the east zone. Actually there is ~~no~~ no communications allowed between the east and the west zone saints, the only ones that can go into there are the Mission President and his wife, and they can really tell some heart breaking and faith ~~pre-~~ promoting experiences. Tourist can go across the borders, but at there own risk, and at only certain places. Apostle Lee said that it seemed like a city that died. I would like to go over there once before we go home, there are lots of places right here in the West German zone where they have huge guns, or missiles perched on the hillsides aim aimed at the east zone, it really gives you a weird feeling. There for a while I thought we would be ~~coming~~ ^{coming} home, but I guess it has zimmered down for now.

We are all feeling fine, Julie was under the weather ~~for a couple of days, but is better again.~~ The kids are understanding german fairly well, but I sure hope they don't lose out on too much of there schooling. They still don't talk german to there german freinds, they are afraid to I guess, but slowly it will come. I can understand some, but I'm not in contact with the germans everyday like the kids are.

We are all invited to President Butons's home this Sunday eveing for a Xmas party. He is an assistant to the Tweleve Apostles, and is President of the ~~Eurepeic~~ European Mission. They have one teen-age boy, that Kristie has been out with once. Then we are all going to have a party in the neighborhood on the 21st. So I guess we won't have time to get too homesick. When I think of Xmas Eve at home I get goose-pimples, so I try not to think.

I have sent Xmas cards, but I don't think I'll get a letter written to you again before Xmas so would like to wish you all a very merry Xmas, and let you know how gratefull we are for all our family, and we pray for

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Your happiness and good health each day. We miss you all very much, especially your little kids. I'm so happy Linda has been so well, so far, and tell Pamela we are so proud of her, being baptized and confirmed a member of the church, this is one of the biggest day of her life, and as she grows older she will find that being a member of the church is the greatest blessing that can come to her. Then too, we hear that she is going to be Mrs. Santa Claus in school, my gosh Pamela, this is sure exciting. As for Brad, if we only had him over here to take care of Dale. He is home from school at noon, then he drives me crazy until 4:30 until the other boys come home. How about coming over Brad and visit us for a little awhile. You be sure and write and tell us what Santa brings you. Give Linda Lee a big squeeze from us, and we hope Santa is good to her too.

Well Kido, its time to quit, I've got to get to work. Tell your husband Hi, and don't get too fat on all that beef. I guess by now you have had them slaughtered.

Merry Xmas, and a prosperous New Year from us all

~~and be sure and write after Xmas.~~

Love Mom & Family

Dear Doug:

Could you do me a favor?— before we left a fellow took our motor - boot motor to try out but was not satisfied and did not buy it — but he still has it. Could you please pick it up when you get a chance. He has it at his shop — "Generator Supply Co" 1578 2nd West (Carl A Evans). Put it back in the garage (Barn). Use it if you like. And if you could get our tractor started it should be run once in a while. If you get a chance ask Thanks
for the farm rent.

Harry