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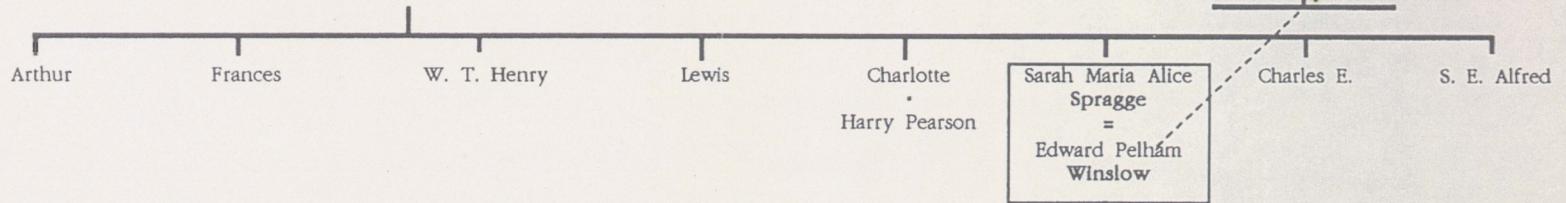
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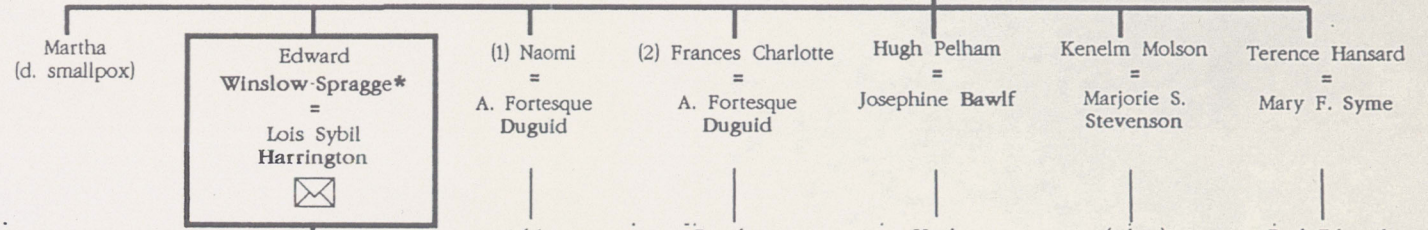
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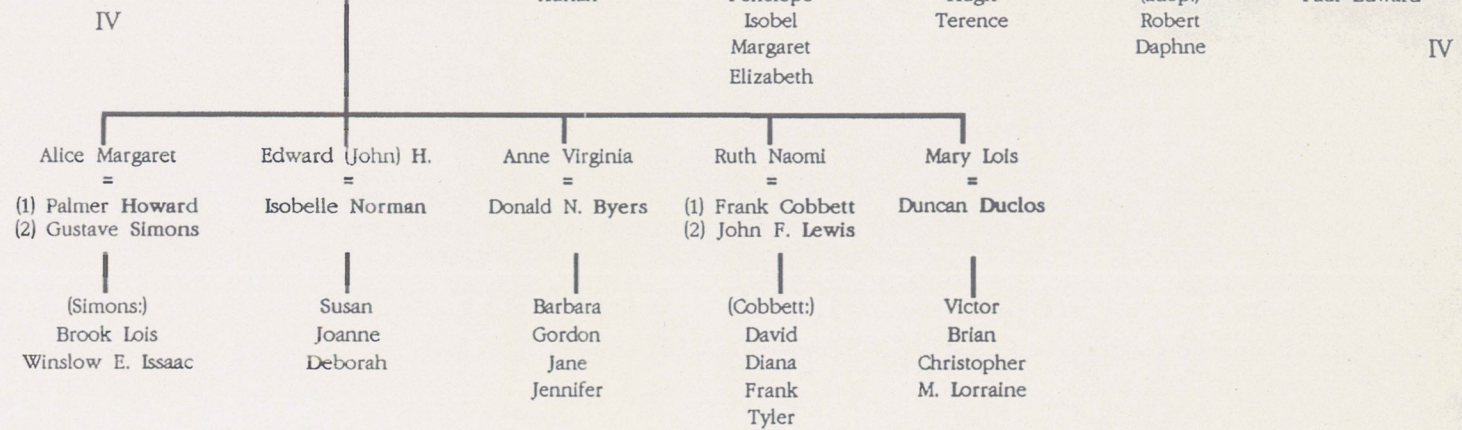
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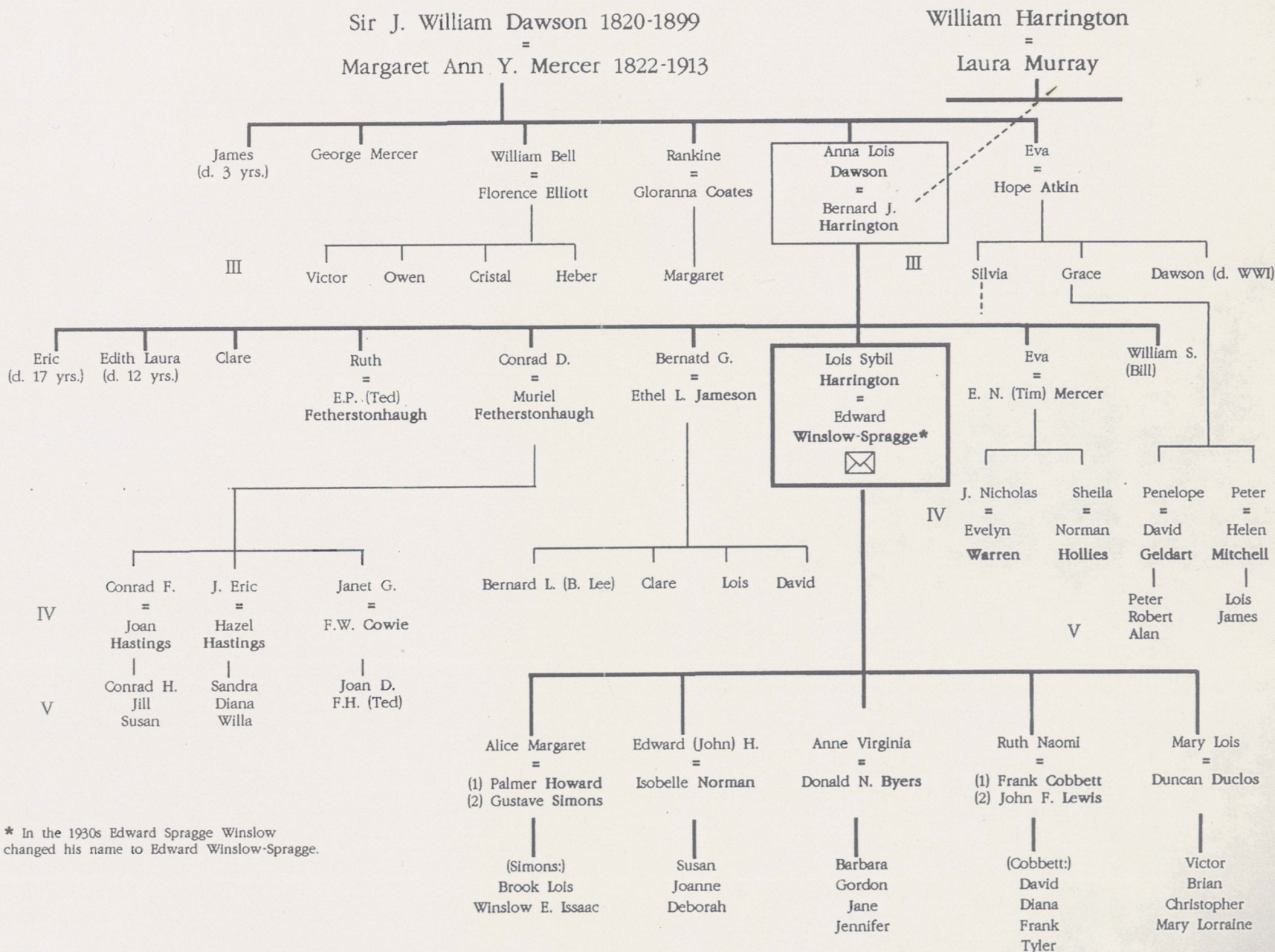
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*To Janet
Sister*

USA

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Oct. 12, 1968

Dear Barb & Don

Hi there! How are you 4 1/2?! Thanks a lot for your letter. I got it a few days ago. There's so much to do here, I find it hard to find time to write. The flight over here was very pleasant. Shelia and I bought 4 bottles of champagne! (Two of them, Shelia knocked on the floor among a few other things!) We didn't sleep on the plane so therefore we were quite tired to say the least. It's really beautiful here. Rougemont is a very ~~to~~ small village surrounded by mountains. There are three chalets belonging to the school. The kids sleep in all 3 and one of these is for meals, one for classes and the third is where Monsieur Jersin (the director) stays. I'm in this one also. All classes are in French and we have an average of two one hour periods of French each day. I also take cooking, sewing and Spanish. It's a gas learning Spanish in French! I've been here for two weeks now and as of today we must speak French all the time. The weather has been beautiful. I have never been swimming but the water is awfully cold! I'm having so much fun, no kidding. All the teacher's are nice and so far all the kids I have met are great and lots of fun to be with. The first weekend we were here we went mountain climbing to the top of the hill we will be going down this winter. What a climb! At the top of La Videmanette is a chalet where 20 girls can

spend a night during the winter. It should be
fun! The next day I was sooo stiff! We also
went to Les Diablonets. We went up three
gondolas and spent about 45 minutes looking
at the glacier and the skies. It was so
beautiful up there and, wow, what a ride
down! Last Saturday night we went to a horror
movie called "The Shuttered Room." It is the
scariest movie I have ever seen in my entire
life! The rest of the weekend was spent in the
sun and the pool! If I'm having this much
fun now, I can hardly wait for the snow!
The first week, I must confess, I found quite
lonely but now that I'm settled in and used
to my surroundings I'm having a blast! Every
afternoon from about 12:30 until 4 we have
free to do whatever we want. Very often about
4 of us go to Gstaad, another small town, which
is a ten minute train ride from here. We
buy out the stores and then return for 4
o'clock tea. The meals are really quite good.
I have enjoyed just about every meal except
the night we had mushrooms in a cream
sauce poured over bread! I had salad and
dessert for that meal! We're supposed
to be having a special Thanksgiving
dinner tonight but without turkey (because
it is expensive here) squash and pumpkin!
How's that for a traditional dinner!
Now I'll tell you a little about the girls
I hang around with. First, there are five

3) Canadians including men. They are all from Montreal and one of them knows Jennifer from Compton. There's one girl from California who is an absolute riot. She is the one who really cheers people up! Her room mate is English and she too is really funny. There are, I think, close to 10 Dutch, 2 or 3 Swedish one South African (although she wasn't born there) and the rest are English, Scottish, Irish. I find the Dutch rather pushy (no offense to you Dor!) but they are nice when there is one of them! We (all the girls from my chalet) always have fun at night. We usually go to one person's room and play records, tap to, talk or just fool around and smoke. The rules here are really bad. We can't smoke until after

4) dinner. We can't talk to any boys. We
have to stay in our own chatel directly after
dinner. ETC. ETC. OH, well. I'm slowly moving
out of things to say. This letter has taken
ages to write because I like to completely
fill one of these forms and get my money's
worth! Thanks a lot for your letter. Write
soon, keep well, be happy and whatever else
you can think of! OH yeah, I went to church
last Sunday. They have a service in English
at 5 in the afternoon. Bye for now. ~~Write~~
Will write when there is an accumulation of
things to say. "What if they gave a war
and nobody came." !! HA! HA! love ya, miss
YA. Lots of love, Janie Oxxo

(Jan. 1970)

Wednesday night
41 Boswell Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mum and Dad,

It was great talking to you tonight. I must admit that I felt a little teary-eyed and lonely on the train yesterday. I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful holiday you gave me. I think it was the best holiday I have ever spent. (Each year I seem to feel as if I have gained considerable ground. The joys of life, the beauties of nature, the kindness of people, the love and pride in having a family such as mine seem to grow a little deeper in me every day and thus the will to do good and to accomplish something worthwhile in my lifetime also becomes stronger. I feel closer to finding the answer to the individual's part in making

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this world an honest and good one and I pray that someday I will see all the wonderful qualities and attributes in myself that you both have. I have never been more proud to talk of my family, you in particular - when I need to talk of good people, I first speak of you. I can never thank God enough for allowing me to be a part of two such wonderful people. If I tried to write of all the moments I shan't forget of this Christmas, it would take pages - The ski house, the party, listening to music in the library, the Christmas Eve service, Christmas Day, talking - it was all so peaceful and relaxed for me. I think the thing that makes me happiest of all is seeing you so happy and more than anything (I

3.

hope I am not wrong) That you are happy with me. I feel that now I am sure of trust and confidence in myself, that you can feel it for me too. My future still seems quite vague - sometimes I wish it were as clear as your path to being a lawyer Dad. I only know that I am off to a good start in the right direction, that with a little time things will turn very clear, and that I have a good many years of hard work ahead of me. This, maybe, is enough right now. I feel certain that the rest will come.

I am very much enjoying staying with Aunt Lily - she is so wonderful to listen to with her endless store of knowledge and anecdotes.

It was good to be back at

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school today and to see all my friends again.

Well, it's 11 pm and I must get some sleep. Thank you again for a fabulous holiday.

Much love,

Jenn

xxoo

P.S. Love to Barbara, Derrick, Winkie, Janie, and Aida. I hope you're not feeding Derrick too much beer!

P.P.S. I accidentally threw out the article on the school in the Telegram but I think this one is quite good.

P.P.P.S. I thought the pictures of you at the convention in Ottawa were great Dad.

To Grannimoms:

1978

Yesterday my Granny died.
Today I see her for the last time.
They told me she would look peaceful
But, to me, she looks dead.

A person like no other,
She was the inspiration to us all
Her children, grandchildren + great grandchildren
A friend, a creator, a loved one
But, now, she lies dead.

Never will I feel her touch again
Her loving arms around me -
I must accept the changes.
I must accept the challenge.
But, still, it is so hard to bear.

I want to be alone, to think -
It is so cold and crisp.
The moon is out, the stars sparkle.
I walk, I look, I cry.

Viewing the dead, to me, is morbid.
I would rather see her alive.
Yes, even in her suffering
Because then, I can feel comfort in holding
her hand.
But now, I can do nothing.

I feel empty, drained -
It is incredible
This tremendous sense of loss.

March 23, 1978

(After
mastectomy)

Sun. nite.

Dear Mum,

I would rather save my tears until after you go + in order to do that, I must write, not say, what I'm feeling. Your visit here really took the sting out of this totally devastating experience.

You relieved my anxiety with regards to what would happen to everyone else at home. I knew you could take charge of running things while I was in the hospital + later convalescing.

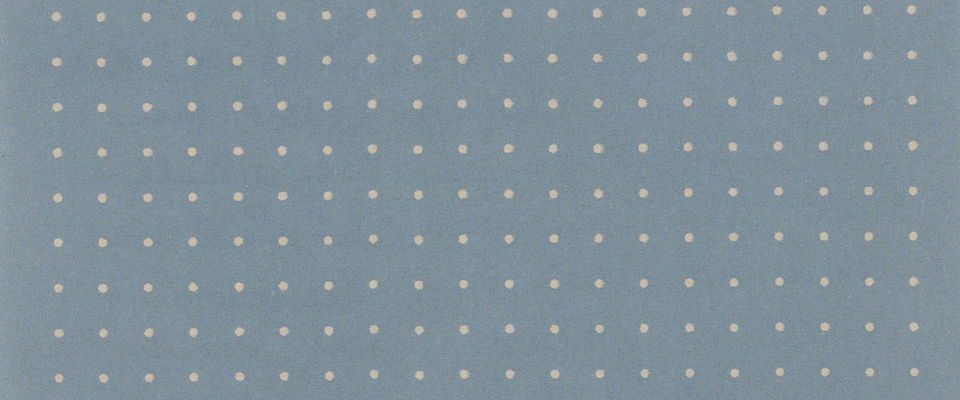
It was good knowing that Dad had your support + it was much easier for the kids not having to be farmed out every-time Dad came to visit me.

They seemed to be very relaxed about the whole thing + snuggled

with a minimum of trauma.

I really can't tell you how much I have appreciated your trip here. I know you must have done a lot of scrambling to get here so quickly + that you must have given up some things that you had planned to do. You gave me so much - the trips to the hospital, all our very candid talks, my nighties, my meals in bed, lots of embarrassing little details that only a Mother could have helped with + heaven knows how many sneaky little jobs that I haven't discovered yet! I have wanted + needed a Mother for the past 10 days + I got one with a capital "M!" Thank you for coming + for sharing, I think, the worst

crisis in my life. I have not been very satisfied with our relationship for a long while - have felt somewhat like I had regressed to my teenaged rebellious period. These recent three visits have, to my mind, greatly improved things between us + I hope that this will continue. I believe that everything happens for a reason, + someday I will understand why I had to go through this. As we shared the experience we both grew from it + I feel that we have developed a deeper love + understanding of each other because of it. At least I am starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel which is a dramatic change from 18 days ago. So don't worry about me, I'm over the worst, thanks to the support of my family, friends + even some people I don't even know + also because of the deconstruction. I would not have fared so well without that optim. Thanks to Dad for letting you go. Lots of love, Barbara



Mum

Seattle -

October 1986.

After Mastectomy

SOCIAL NEWS



(Photos By Coronet Studio Inc.)

MISS BARBARA ANNE BYERS, daughter of Mr. Donald N. Byers, Q.C., and Mrs. Byers, of Westmount, and **DR. DONALD VAN NIMWEGEN**, of Boston, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Garret Van Nimwegen, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., whose engagement is announced. The marriage has been arranged to take place on Saturday, October 22, in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal.

Barbara
→ mother

Seattle, Wash.

Wed. July 5/78.

Dear Mom.

It has been very quiet around here for the past 10 days. In some ways it has been nice to have a little more freedom but we really do miss Denise! I think Doris parents have been having a ball + I hope you will too. We have been trying to relax + do only fun things for the summer. The week-end after Denise left Michael went to spend the week-end at a friends!! It was amazing to see how much we could do. We went out to eat 3 times, saw 3 movies, went sailing, went canoeing, went jogging etc.

We are into the jogging rat-race. I have been doing it most days since I got back from Montreal. Things started looking up when I quit smoking 2 months ago + now I can ^{consistently} run over a mile + I finally ran 2 miles straight yesterday. Don is going crazy - he + a neighbor went into a race last Sat + they jogged 7.4 miles + are doing another one this Sat!! It's very good for Doris psyche! He thinks he is the most virile "young" man around. As for me, I have hit the "almost 40" crisis too - fortunately it is mostly over now. If I'm this bad now I hate to think of what I'll be like when I'm menopausal. I told Don the best thing would be for me to leave home till it was over. It

has been terribly hard to accept the fact that my life is half over. Worse than that, that my goals in life have all been attained - R.N., husband, my 2 kids etc. And worse than that, looking in the mirror + seeing that, in fact, all of a sudden ^(maybe not so suddenly!) you are older - my hair is full of grey, my skin is wrinkled, I have a bunion on my foot, I wet my pants every time I sneeze etc. And worse than that, you start hearing of other women ~~at~~ your age who are dying of breast cancer or men who are having heart attacks. I guess this sounds funny as hell to you but it is very real to me + frankly, I am scared. At the same time, I know I'll get through it but it ain't easy. At times like this I'd sure like to talk to my Mommy!

I am so thrilled with my L.W.S. treasures. I am particularly pleased with "The Waterfall" which I can ~~now~~ look at the majority of the time now without hawking + the Doughouse. I spent almost a whole day last week unpacking + cleaning it - I washed the white curtains, kitchen towels + bedding. We got a look, + I had glass cut to replace the 2 broken windows. I've repaired most of the furniture + have added a few things of my own. + it hasn't looked so good for years! Although, I had great fun doing it I had many

moments of tears + wondering whether I would ever become accustomed to the idea of her death. The worst was when I found the tiny Gold family album under the mattress. Granny told me a couple of years ago that it was missing + she was so upset. So I have been looking for one to replace it since then. I kept wondering if she could see me + know that it was there. Hi.

we are having some friends over after the theater + I'll serve dessert on the blue plates. We just love them - I just love all the things I have + would have spent 10 times the amount for the wonderful warm feeling I have everytime I see one of them. Perhaps it sounds selfish of me to say this but if there is an A.W.S. floral pastel going begging I'd love it. The waterfall is one of her typical oils, the pastel by the R.V.H. is one of her last, + the floral pastels are also typical of her + for that reason I would like to have one of her pottery if there are extras. It means so much to me it really does.

I finally found someone to take classes in miniature building. My first one was last week + we learned how to make very realistic fruits + veg. out of modelling clay. We made a darling basket full of fresh veg. + a tiny strawberry basket. Class #2 is tomorrow nite. I've also heard of a small group that meets once a month

+ builds various pieces of miniature furniture. I'm going to try + join. I think perhaps, I ^{never} found a career for the second half of my life! I may do some kind of volunteer work related to nursing but I have no plans to get a job - my kids + my husband need of a mother + wife - not a career woman. That reminds me of why I went into my crisis in the first place - I was going to join the Junior League - it sounded like exactly what I was looking for - I talked to several people + decided to do it - then I found out I was too old - Did that ever hurt --- I guess the first is the worst.

Now about Gan. - Don said you were wondering about who to leave it to etc + etc - My suggestion is that the next time we are all together, we have Dad + you run a meeting to find out ~~to~~ everyone's feelings on the subject - from there - you + Dad do what you feel is right. My feelings on the subject for what it's worth are

- 1) It must be kept ~~it~~ in the family somehow - it is the heart in all of us -
- 2) Gordie + Jennifer + spouses are too immature and/or financially insecure to be left in charge - AT THE PRESENT TIME!
- 3) Don + I although completely sane + financially able - live too far away!!!

4) Put Janie in charge - (or leave the whole place to her) - with another as assistant. This was Dan's idea + I think a good one -

- she doesn't care what others think
- she's careful in decisions with money
- she's sensitive to the feelings of others
- she loves the island
- she's organized, efficient + would do a good job

5) The idea of a co-op with ~~some~~ sort of a contract + someone in charge is appealing to me - that way, we would all share the place + each would contribute according to his psychological +/or financial ability at the time -

6) I'm not crazy about sharing ownership either but I think it's better than leaving it all to one or other of us. So, put that in your pipe + smoke it.

Doubtless, this next will sound in- sane after the above but - - - - When we last spoke on the phone I mentioned building a cottage on the point - Have you thought anymore about it? Pending your approval, some more serious consideration on our part + an approximate idea of cost we might think about going ahead next spring. This is not an idea thought up in an idle moment - we have talked about it very seriously - pros + cons - the most negative con at the moment is that we would have to boat to mainland ~~to~~ for a daily

jos! The most important factors to OS is the incredible feeling of family closeness that the island gives to each of us + the closeness to nature. These two things we want our boys to know + learn the importance of. Maybe you will say - share the house - but let's be honest - you need your privacy + we need ours - I wouldn't feel right coming to Ban + stay in with you for the whole summer + after a whole summer you'd be glad to see the end of OS! The other thing is - we'd see more of Dru's parents + this is very important to OS - they are both over 75 now - time is going by - + we would like them to see more of the kids + OS - we've looked at land here + we always get cold feet - something is always missing - it's not the island - it's only the 5th of July + I am regretting not having planned to be there - I miss it + I miss all of you - I may be there ~~yet~~ ~~is~~ + yet it's 78!! especially after I become an auntie! As to type of cottage - something like the Streets - low ^{pre-fab} maintenance stained inside + out (no peeling paint for me) 3 small bedrooms - one double bed, one twin, + one bunk - living room + kitchen open to dining area - ~~at~~ screened in porch with deck in front (like Streets) oh yes - + inside plumbing. Would like to put in electricity in beginning so we could buy

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Replied Apr. 15/85

Written on Barbara's return from Almonte to Seattle
after her grandmother's death. Lois Winslow-Spragge -
Canada

Faded handwritten notes, possibly "Faded on return" and "on return -"

BC

Jan 1 - 1985.

Copy.

New Year's Day.

Dearest Barb -

It could not have been a nicer present than to have your nice long expensive pre Christmas telephone call the other night. I must say it does make me feel a teeny weeny bit jealous to know of all the fun you ~~would be~~ ^{are} having at Christmas time with D. & G., but we just can't be in two places at once and it does make me happy to know that at least you & the children have one set of grandparents to help the children grow roots and establish family traditions.

I think ~~so~~ ^{back so} often, at Christmas time, to my youth and to our own wonderful family parties - sometimes at my grandparents Winstan home where all the families assembled for an old fashioned Christmas, complete with long dresses, black tie and maids in starched aprons and caps. In later years it was always at my Mum and Dad's home where Winstan's & Harrington's, sometimes 40 strong, gathered. Of course, in those days, everyone lived in Montreal except the Ottawa Duguids. What I remember most was the huge long T shaped table and the magnificent decorations all down the center. Decorations were always special as

mother always managed to do something new and exciting each year. I remember the awe and wonder as each person looked for their place card.

It's fun ^{to think about} ~~for me now~~ what things I carried into our Byers family home and what things were added from Daddy - then to see what things our children have brought to their Christmas your gingerbread ^{house} for instance. I can't amuse me - they put their decorations up about Dec. and everything is festooned. They love their halloween, Valentine's Day and Easter too, and take great delight in doing them. No Christmas tree is too big for them.

It always amused me when you were travelling in your Camper when Tern was with you. Tern said at Easter breakfast in the camper you even had jelly beans on the table!

That's what's fun about marriage - new blood, new ideas, new traditions - How important it is to today's child to let these happy kinds of roots grow and to ~~hold~~ ^{hold} up onto one's family traditions -

My Mum and Dad were particularly good at growing roots and in helping us to grow roots too. Daddy was always abreast of what was going on in every branch of his

family and was very attentive to the needs of his parents, his brothers, sisters, even Mum's brother & sisters & to his own children - He was Matter to everyone - After he died Mum was fantastic not only trying to keep touch with all my Matter's family, but all her own Harrington and Dawson families ^{as well}. All of us could kick ourselves now for not being more receptive and appreciative of what she was trying to do. She realized the interest of the Winslow background and the Dawson & Harrington families.

I was at an exhibit at the McCord Museum recently & in three separate exhibition areas either George M. Dawson, a great grandfather Dawson were mentioned with either pictures, letters or with china. I sometimes think, as my mother probably did too, that scholars or the general public know more about our forebears than the family do.

Add to all the above there Grandfather Byers & Grandfather Byers and now ~~to~~ ~~don't~~ ~~to~~ the Van Nimwegen's Dutch background, Michael's Lebanese background & Carmen's French Canadian background. You and your children have a truly interesting heritage.

It's very hard to get children interested in their heritage - there's always something more pressing - it was the same way with all of us when Mum died there were so many things I wished I had asked her.

What I do now is to keep files on Dawson, Winstan, Byers and on each one of my children - You might find it a good idea for you as I think Derrick particularly may be interested later on.

etc.

Mum.

Anne V. Byers
to daughter, Barbara VAN Nimwegen
who lives in Seattle with husband
(Doctor Donald) and their 3 children.



December 1994

Dear Friends and Relations-

Best wishes for the Holiday Season. We hope you are in good health and spirits. Our family is doing well.

Our son Derrik has returned from abroad and is living on a sailboat in Lake Union, downtown Seattle, and working at Magnolia HiFi. He finished a year teaching English in Taipei, Taiwan last January and travelled through the Orient for the next nine months. He started in Bali and Indonesia, travelled north to Thailand and then into China. He continued across the breadth of China on the Silk Road to Pakistan and then finally home.

Our son Michael finished O'Dea High School with high honors and is now attending Wesleyan University in Connecticut. He ran varsity cross country this fall, competing in the All New England NCAA Class III meet in Boston. He has been somewhat set back by mononucleosis but seems to be recovering and getting his studies on track, too. He will be arriving home on Christmas Eve, the weather and airlines permitting.

Our daughter Kathryn is a sophomore at Franklin High School. She has had a busy fall as goalie for both her neighborhood and high school teams. She played clarinet in the Seattle All City Band last summer and now holds first chair in her high school marching and concert band. She was recently house manager for a high school play and is busy building the sets for the next production and preparing to be manager again. She is swimming freestyle on the high school swim team for the winter.

Barbara and Don took some great trips this year, taking advantage of Don's sabbatical. In February, we met son Derrik in Thailand for a three week tour including Elephant riding north of Chaing Mai, riding river ferries in Bangkok, and snorkelling off Pee Pee Island in the south. Then Don went on the Nha Trang, Vietnam for a two week medical mission with plastic and ENT surgeons.

Don visited Venice, California several times last year with various members of the family. He managed to be in town for both the earthquake and for OJs Bronco Ride. More importantly he attended his brother Derrik's



opening of "Tuscan Landscapes" at the Senior Eye Gallery and the exhibit of his Vietnam Memorial poem and paintings at the Sharon Truax Gallery. Derrik's computer market modelling business continues to grow, and he has several other business ventures coming to fruition.

Barbara visited her family in Ottawa in February for a landmark birthday of her mother's. It was a gala reunion with almost all the family in attendance. In the summer she returned with Kathryn to Gananoque for lots of swimming, waterskiing and fun with family members of all ages.

Don's mother, Dorothy, continues to do well at the Marianwood Nursing Home. She spends her days doing crossword puzzles and reading a little. She has an interesting roommate, Edna Gibson, and the two women quite enjoy each other's company. Dorothy will be 94 this April.

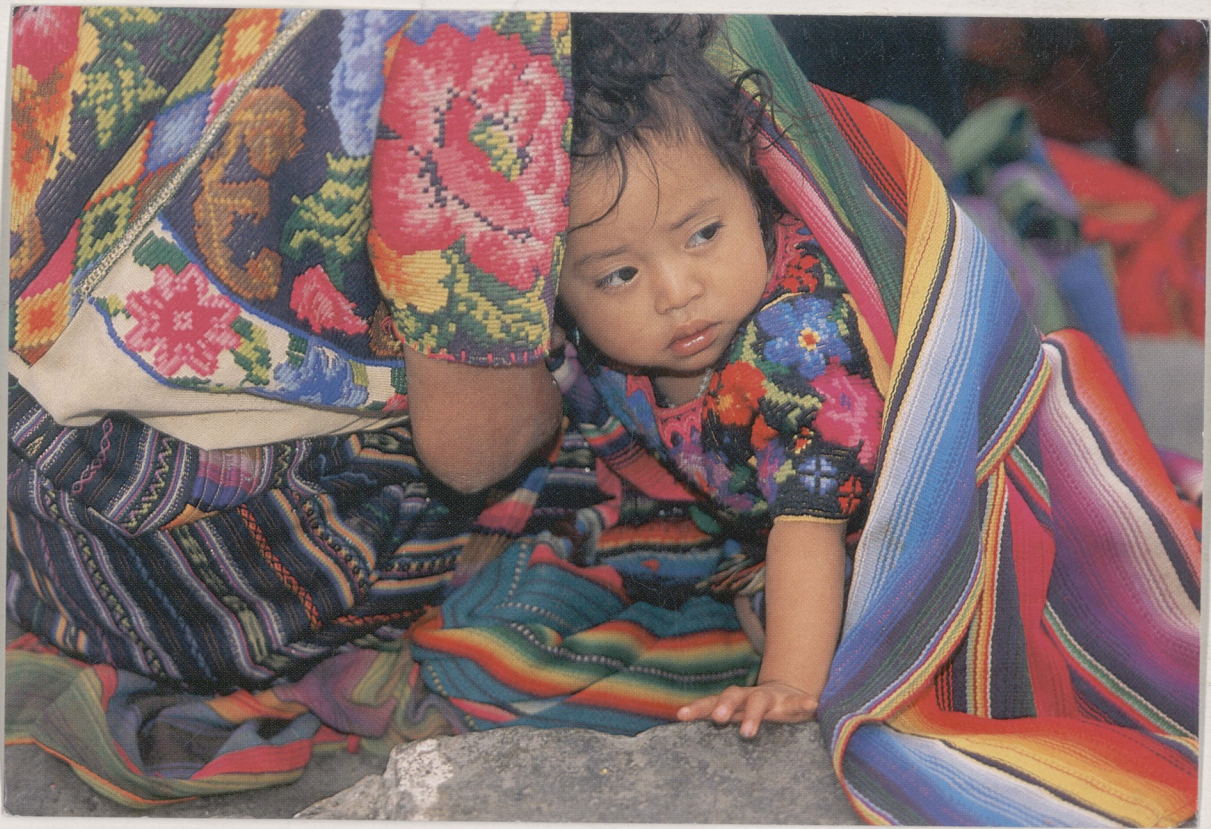
Don did a medical mission in October to Chitre, Panama with a large group of plastic surgeons, ophthalmologists and three other anesthesiologists. Following that Don met Barbara in New Jersey. We saw Gini, George, Jean, Joyce and Dick Bitner in Pennsylvania--but missed Carolyn by a day. We then moved on to Wesleyan to see Michael. We saw him run in Boston and at Amherst. We were happy to stay with Colby, Alice and John Andrus, especially since there were no hotel rooms in Boston that weekend. We then visited Mystic Seaport, Hancock Shaker Village and Deerfield to get a dose of New England history. We had a nice visit with Lew Rege before heading back west.

Finally, Don and Barbara went together to Palenque, Mexico on a medical mission. We spent a week doing general and urological surgery on Mayan Indians in a small hospital off in the jungle. We had a day to visit the magnificent ruins at Palenque before heading north.

Love to everyone. Good luck in the New Year.

Lots of love,
Barbara + Don.

VAN NIMWEGEN
SEATTLE, U.S.A.



CHICHICASTENANGO, Guatemala.

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This child is typical of the ones we operated on - most of them still wearing the native dress. There were no doctors in the village. The week we were there, so we did other surgeries than plastic surgery, the most exciting being a Caesarean Section. The plastic surgeon hadn't done one in 40 yrs!! The baby was stuck - the doc was pulling the baby through the abdomen & I had my whole foot in the vagina pushing the baby up, knowing that if we couldn't get the baby out, they would both die. But, all turned out well, thank heavens. Give our best to Alan. love to you too -
P.S. Save card
Barbara

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Russian and American Doctors Work Together to Save Boy's Life

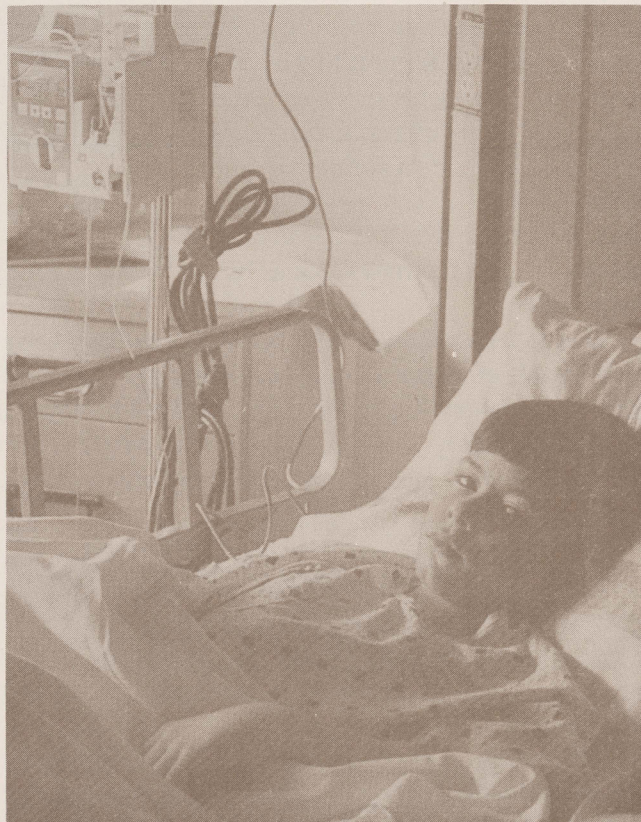
Dr. Richard Parker is a pediatric urologist in Seattle. Dr. Igor Valeryievich-Antonov is a physician in the small Russian town of Vostok. The distance between their homes alone is staggering, and yet these two men teamed up to save the life of a twelve-year-old boy.

Dr. Antonov has been giving young **Grigoriy Artemenko** (Grisha to his friends) treatments twice daily for some time, but he knew that Grisha needed a rare surgery that he could not perform. That is where Healing the Children came in. HTC contacted Dr. Parker, who has treated other children through the organization and is on the Advisory Council of HTC. He quickly volunteered his services, and **Swedish Medical Center** readily donated their services as well.

Dr. Parker was quoted in a February, 1997 article in the *Bellevue Journal* as saying, "This is a rare surgery; it's fun to do. Besides, if I didn't do it, Grisha certainly would die." And so, Grisha and his doctor were brought to the United States, to the home of **Steve and Sue Davis** in Redmond. They don't speak Russian, and Dr. Antonov doesn't speak enough English to interpret, so communication in the Davis house consists largely of hand motions and facial expressions.

Grisha is a quiet boy who enjoys watching TV and playing computer games while he recovers from the four and a half hour surgery on his urinary system. Meanwhile, the two doctors are working together on discovering the cause of the recurring kidney stones, and hope to have a treatment plan that "will succeed on all fronts."

Grisha's donating medical team also includes **Physicians Anesthesia Services** in Seattle; **Dynacare Laboratory of Pathology**, Seattle; **Radiologists APC**; **Seattle Nuclear Medicine Ultrasound Associates**; **Zaiga Phillips, MD**, pediatrician; and **Robert Ireton, MD**, assisting during the surgery. Many thanks to all of them!



Rick Schweinhart/Eastside Journal

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- Brings children from around the world to Oregon and Washington for urgently needed medical treatment that isn't available in their home country.
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Friendships Grow as Child Healed

Roger Gonzalez, sixteen, from Guatemala City, is back for his third visit to get a new prosthetic eye. Each time he has come, he has stayed with **John and Dottie Granger** and their youngest son, **Kevin**, of Issaquah, Washington.

Roger lost his eye to cancer as an infant. He had to wear a patch over his empty socket until he came to the US at age eleven. During his first stay of one year, he had three different operations to build up his eye socket with tissue from the inside of his mouth and from his hip. Then he was able to be fitted with an artificial eye. He has returned twice as he has grown to get new eye prosthesis.

Due to his extensive stays, the Grangers have become good friends of Roger's family in Guatemala. Dottie was able to accompany Roger back home after his first stay and met all of his family. She corresponds regularly with Roger's mother, **Norma**. Norma and Dottie consider themselves



*John Granger and his two sons
with Roger Gonzalez*

sisters and Norma named her youngest daughter after Dottie. Little Dottie was born on Dottie Granger's fiftieth birthday, so Dottie G. is now Tia (Aunt) Dottie to little Dottie. Roger's mother, Norma, has taught herself English, according to Dottie, from a Spanish/English dictionary that Dottie left there on that first visit.

Dottie has high regard for Roger's family. She referred to Norma as "my Mother Teresa." Norma is the principal of a church school in Guatemala City that serves 180 children as well as being the mother of six children of her

own. Dottie says Norma's goal is introducing her students and their families to Christ.

Both the Granger and Gonzalez families' lives have been enriched through Roger's care through Healing the Children.

Roger's donating medical team includes: **Greg Sankey**, ophthalmologist; **Steven J. Laukaitis, MD**, plastic surgeon; **Randolph Lake, DDS**; **Zaiga Phillips, MD**, pediatrician.

The Old Fashioned Way

Seventeen year old **Rivelino Callejas** has completed his third trip to the United States for medical attention. He has, yet again, returned home to **Guatemala** with a new pair of leg braces.

The braces were constructed by **Dr. Don Hayhurst** at **Shriners Hospital** in Oregon. This construction was no easy task, either! Since Rivelino lives in Guatemala where more modern, plastic braces can't be repaired if they are broken, Hayhurst had to put together a special "old-fashioned" model of leg brace for Rivelino, made of metal, leather and laces. Some pieces had to be special ordered, but the leg braces were successfully constructed.

Rivelino stayed with host parents **Eric and Marcia Miller** through January and the early part of February. The Millers had the privilege of celebrating Rivelino's seventeenth birthday with him on January 25th, as well as the chance to share some special news coverage which Rivelino received from **NorthWest Cable News** during his stay.

This has been Rivelino's second stay in the Miller's home. Marcia Miller tells us that, "he's just like a part of the family now."

Our thanks go out to these additional providers: **Ivan Krajbick, MD**; **Lisa Reynolds, MD**; and **Scott Barrett, DDS**.



Phil Haeck, MD; Dana Middleton of NorthWest Cable News, MC for the Seattle benefit; Vidal Ducan from Honduras (being treated for electrical burns by Dr. Haeck); Foster Mom and Dad, Paul and Linda Jacobsen

MAY, 1997



Tim Baltz, MD, Anesthesiologist

Medical Teams: Preparation, Accomplishments, Needs . . .

Don

Dr. Van Nimwegen, Chief Anesthesiologist, reports that complex planning for medical team trips starts at least one year in advance. A scouting team visits the prospective area six months ahead to determine what medical needs are required, and connections with local medical and government people are commenced. State-side medical teams are formed. Supplies and equipment are donated by hospitals along the I-5 corridor and stored until required. Group Health facilities are used and Group Health volunteers prepare and sterilize instrument packs on weekends. Small gifts

are prepared for the children that will be seen. The entire process involves many people. Often up to two hundred nurses gather supplies and as many as twenty to thirty companies donate supplies.

Money from fund raising events, individual gifts, and employer matching funds offset necessary group costs and additional needed medical supplies. Each team member volunteers his/her time and pays his/her own transportation and personal costs.



Jane Phillips, Recovery Room Nurse

Wally Qual, Medical Team Director, **Carol O'Grady, RN**, Medical Team Coordinator, and **Jordon Miller, MD**, chief

plastic surgeon, have headed two consecutive plastics medical teams to **Antigua, Guatemala** from February 15-23 and February 23-March 2. They screened one hundred fifteen children; performed eighty-three surgeries; one hundred thirty-one procedures, were performed in sixteen days. Four children were referred stateside.

Team members were **Richard Baxter, MD** and **Karl Wustrack, MD**, plastic surgeons; **Estelle Connolly, ENT/plastic***; **Ronald Krueger, ENT**; **Tim Baltz, MD***, **Larry Becker, MD***, and **Donald Van Nimwegen, MD***, anesthesiologists; **Stephen Ross, MD**, family practitioner; nurses **Julia Carnahan, Arleen Dauwalter, Jennifer DeVault, Bojan Kuure***, **Barbara Larson, Roby Naimi, Jane Phillips, Elise Reay, Marilyn Santiago***, **Barbara Szejter, Susan Woodruff, Sherrill Spencer Vail, Barbara Van Nimwegen***; screening and records, **Ron Brown and Marietta Qual, MT***.

*both teams



NEEDED:

•**Medical Team Coordinator:**

Requires medical background and knowledge of surgical instruments and medicines. Interested in coordinating supplies and screening of records for medical teams abroad.

Medical Team NEEDS:

Donated Item(s) or Designated Funds

Defibrillator Life Pak 5		\$1,500
5 Suction Machine Vacu-aide	\$450 each	2,250
4 Cautery Valley Lab Surgistat	\$1,500 each	6,000
4-8 Resuscitation Bags	\$125 each	\$500-\$1,000
(2-4 each size; Adult, Infant/Child)		
4 VS Monitor Propac	\$10,000 each	\$40,000
2 Pulse Oximeter small size	\$350 each	\$700
12-24 LMA	\$220 each	\$2,640-\$5,280
486 Laptop Computer and small printer		approximately \$2,000
TOTAL		\$55,590-\$58,730

Heart Surgery Yields Dramatic Results

After spending two months with his host family in Hillsboro, Oregon, and undergoing successful heart surgery to replace his aortic valves, seventeen-year-old **Christian Fabrico** returned early this year, healthy and energetic, to his home in Honduras.

His host parents, **Ted and Brenda Whiteman**, along with their ten and twelve year old sons, **Kevin and Brandon**, report that Christian has experienced a dramatic increase in energy since his operation. "We used to go to the mall," Ted Whiteman says, "and after twenty minutes of walking around, Christian would be tired and need to stop and sit down. After the surgery we went back to the same mall and *he wore me out!*"

Since his departure, Christian has phoned his host family once to tell them he is doing well, and the Whitemans have sent him letters. The Whitemans will remember how, during his stay in the states, Christian saw both snow and the ocean for the first time in his life.

What meant the most to Christian about his time in the states, however, were his opportunities to do the normal, everyday things that a normal, everyday American family does; he enjoyed going to church and to the mall or grocery store.

Special thanks are extended to the Whiteman family, to **James Asaph, MD**, Christian's heart surgeon, and to all others who helped to make Christian's stay in the states a healing and memorable time. They include **Providence Portland Medical Center; Myles Standish, M.D.; Ronald Peterson, MD; and Mary K. Wagner, MD.**



Anna, Sue, Carl and Isabel Buchholz with Alex Aguirre at Holiday Park in Portland

Improving Spanish/English

Alex Aguirre, age seven, and from Bogota, Colombia, returned to the U.S. for his third arm prosthesis from **Shriners Hospital** in Portland. Alex was born missing part of his right arm. He came for his first prosthesis at age three; then for a second at age five. "He's really grown so much this time and he lost his baby look," reports foster mother, **Sue Buchholz** of Vancouver. He has stayed with the Buchholz family each time he has come. "It's been fun watching him grow up and seeing him mature. He is a wonderful boy from a very loving family. My children and I always look forward to his return. Our Spanish is improving and his English is definitely better than my Spanish."

Like many young boys, he loves playing cars and is good at Nintendo. "While Alex was here, our parish had Revealing of Secret Families. For most

of the past year, English speaking families were matched with a Spanish speaking family and we prayed for each other. At Revealing of Secret Families, we found that the person that had been praying for us was from Bogota. She spoke Spanish with "Alex's accent" and brought us Colombian treats. Alex was pleased. "It was a special blessing to us all," says Sue.

Alex's contributors include: **Shriners Hospital** in Portland, Oregon (**Don Helper**, prosthetist and **Christopher Achtermann, MD**); **Vancouver Clinic** (**Lawrence Mason, MD**, pediatrician); **Southwest Washington Medical Center** laboratory services; **Dennis Graham, DDS**; **Melissa Miller**, interpreter; and **Linda's Place Christian Day Care.**



Medical Teams – Guatemala

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Invest Time and Talents

Volunteer—Healing the Children NEEDS . . .

- **Board Members (3)** with expertise in one or more of the following areas: fundraising, and accounting. Call if you qualify or if you'd like to recommend someone who does.
- **Medical Correspondent** to write and send follow up thank you letters to donating physicians. Can you empathize with those needing help and those giving help? If so, you could be just the one to give the gift of written gratitude from HTC to donating doctors.
- **Direct Mailing** support to maintain the mailing list, send and possibly help write thank you letters to financial donors. An orderly mind, prompt habits and a computer are needed for this "at home" job.
- **Assessment Caseworker** to license foster homes and monitor children in the home. BA degree needed. If you are an encourager and problem solver this is a job for you.
- **Fundraising Director** to help set fundraising goals and find coordinators for each event. Vision, enthusiasm, and ability to delegate are needed. If you qualify but want to begin small, be a coordinator for one event.
- **Volunteer Recruitment Director** to help recruit and give orientations for volunteer staff. If you are excited about HTC, enjoy people and are well organized you are perfect for this job!
- **Newsletter Editor** to direct a talented group of writers and do some writing.
- **Fundraising Coordinator** needed to help coordinate next year's Seattle benefit.

Call Sharon Haug, 360-568-8694 or 1-800-347-3340 to volunteer, for more information, and for an upbeat "you can do it" attitude. Volunteers are also accepted for helping the above staff positions. If you're willing there is a place for you!

Invest Financially

Donations times two happens when employers match your gift. All HTC needs is your check, your company's current form with your signature. We'll do the rest with double gratitude for your help in healing children. Microsoft will also match product and securities gifts from their employees.

Contributions to **United Way**, **United Good Neighbors**, or **Washington State Combined Fund Drive** may be designated for HTC. Employers have forms so payroll deductions for these agencies may be part of your planned, directed giving. Specify **HEALING THE CHILDREN – Oregon and Western Washington Chapter**. Thank you, Thank you, from children around the world, their families, and the staff of HTC.



Left to Right: Richard Parker, MD; Timothy Steege, MD; Ted Wagner, MD; Jordan Miller, MD; Andrew Bennett, MD; Phil Haeck, MD; and Thomas Gillette, MD, accepting Certificates of Appreciation at Seattle Benefit presented by Chapter Director, Sharon Haug

Returning Home

Rolando Ortega Bruno had just passed his first birthday when he returned to Mexico in November, 1996. He had spent eight of these twelve months away from Mom, Dad and three brothers for cleft lip and palate surgery. Foster parents **Gene and Kathy Armstrong** took Rolando and a truck full of supplies to the Foundation for His Ministry in Baja California to be reunited with his family. The Brunos, Armstrongs and a translator spent a day together rejoicing in sharing Rolando's health, helping his transition, and thinking about another trip for final surgery in four years. Traveling north or south, Rolando is returning home to loving hearts. (See June '96 newsletter.)

During Rolando's stay with the Armstrongs they discovered he has a profound hearing loss. Thank you to **Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Speech and Hearing Clinic, Allen Paschall, MD,** and **Mary Bray,** Audiologist for donated services and their commitment to follow through when Rolando returns. During the next four years he will learn sign language.

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* Don VAN NIMWEGEN

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Seattle.

7/21/97

Dear Mom,

Thought I'd better send you one letter to Gananoque. It's always so exciting to receive mail here.

We have been busy as usual. Kathryn has two babysitting jobs - (one at \$5.00 per hour + the other for \$7.00 per hr!!) + she's working for the Mariners Baseball Club again. She is starting to get organized for Union + is very excited about it. Now she is waiting to hear which dorm she will be in and who her roommate will be. Michael has been enjoying N.Y.C. - he only has three weeks left. His internship hasn't been that great - not well organized but he has enjoyed the social life. He celebrated his 21st birthday in Connecticut at the home of one of his close friends. - besides them, there were 4 other school friends there ^{and} 4 Danish students. I can't imagine having 10 hulking teenagers staying with me for a week - and the food bill alone would be astronomical - ~~6~~ to say nothing of the beer bill. It's now ~~Aug~~ Aug. 14th - - - - - Deric + Shawna are mostly all moved into their house. They are very happy about it. They've done lots of

yardwork + Devrik has planted a big vegetable garden + made some huge planter boxes. It is wonderful to see him so relaxed + happy. With the U.P.S. strike the business where he works has had to cut way back + D. may not be working at all next week - busy timing. He had a job housepainting yesterday + he + a friend stained half of our new deck, late yesterday. He also filled in doing some odd jobs at the ceramic studio where he worked last year.

Don is working more getting paid less + enjoying it less. He is looking forward to cutting back to $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{3}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ time next April. His hosp. merged with another after about a year no one likes the arrangement at all. Now, Group Health has merged with Kaiser Permanente a nation wide prepaid medical plan - so now they're going to have to undergo another whole adjustment. Dan works at 3 different hospitals now + is chief anesthesiologist at one of them (the one where I work - it's in Tacoma - a 50 min. commute - leave at 6:30 am get home at 5:30 pm.) He has put in a tremendous number of hours organizing

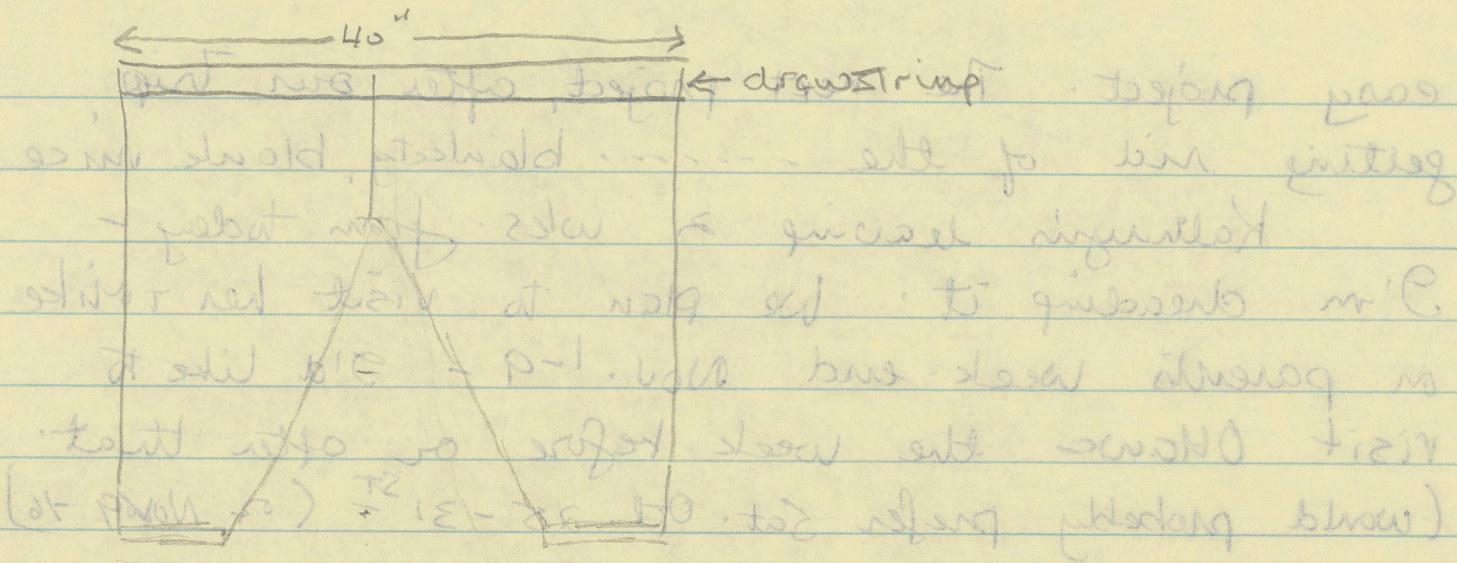
the preparations for our trip to Pakistan. Last week, 50 boxes of medical supplies (which we helped collect, pack + wrap) were shipped.

Hopefully, they will arrive intact before we arrive. That did not happen in Guatemala.

I have been working quite a bit, covering people's vacations. I enjoy it + I really like it when Don + I can carpool + I love working with him. I get to see a whole other side of him. He is an excellent doctor + highly respected by his peers.

Most of my spare time has been devoted to my major landscaping projects - back + front. We got rid of the grass - but Don confessed the other night that it was probably less trouble mowing that it is keeping it weeded! I really love the new deck - it's like having an extra

room off the kitchen - it's quite private + pleasantly cool in the evening. We eat outside most nites. I have bought + planted (mostly myself) a minimum of 200 plants - I had no idea that it would take so long - we still have a few things left to do - hopefully before Pakistan. We leave for Pakistan + India



Michael can't wait to see a picture of me dressed up like the locals. I decided I'm going native all the way + I am only bringing 1 American shirt for the plane!

We've had a few nice week-ends - one was a sailing trip - an auction item we bought from a friend to benefit Kathryn's Mexican trip. There was no wind, but the weather was glorious. We spent Fri. nite at a "bed + breakfast", met our friends at 8 am Sat. potted around, anchored in a lovely bay that nite + took the ferry home late Sun. afternoon after another lovely cruise. We've spent a couple of days at our cabin - had to fix the deck. There was so much snow on it last winter - that the supports were pushed several inches under ground. Luckily, it was a relatively

easy project. The next project, after our trip getting rid of the ----- blankety, blank nice.

Kathryn's leaving 2 wks. from today - I'm dreading it. We plan to visit her + Mike on parents week-end Nov. 1-9 - I'd like to visit Ottawa the week before or after that. (would probably prefer Sat. Oct. 25-31st (or Nov 9-16)

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All for now - hope I can find the photos to send with this.

Much love,

Barbara

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April 30, 1997

Wally Qual
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Dear Wally:

Thank you for putting together another good trip with such wonderful people. We should feel happy and proud that we were able to operate on 85 children while in Antigua, Guatemala in February 1997. The team worked together so well, especially in times of stress. We were thrilled to be a part of the effort. As usual it was the people at home who really made the trip work. The generous contributions of time, effort, supplies, equipment and money were overwhelming. We'd like to acknowledge some of the people who were key to our efforts:

Operating Room Staff at Swedish Hospital, Harbourview Hospital, Group Health Hospital, Group Health Tacoma ASU, and Group Health Home Health Care who collected surgical supplies.

Tricia Ashby of Johnson and Johnson who donated Surgical Gloves and Sterile Gown Packs.

Tim Baltz who sorted supplies and made up the majority of the Surgical Packs.

Jerry Bradley who gave us Pressure Gauges and a rail system to build anesthesia machines.

Linda Bradley of Group Health Cooperative who loaned us Cautery Machines and a Pulse Oximeter.

Dennis Caturia of Global Relief and Children's Services who loaned us a Microscope.

Brad Charleson of Gensia who donated LMAs.

John Donaldson who made adaptors for the anesthesia machines and cautery grounding plates.

Paul Embleton who donated two Laerdal breathing bags.

Don Giloolly who gave us an Oxygen Regulator.

J. Greenig of Cascade Airgas who was helpful in obtaining Oxygen Regulators.

The Staff of the Group Health TSC ASU who saved supplies, sterilized supplies and loaned instruments and supplies

Peter Haines of Halocarbon Laboratories who donated a case of Halothane. Members of Healing the Children Medical Teams who sorted suture and made up surgical packs.

Celeste Holmes and the staff of Group Health Hospital Central Supply who sterilized surgical packs and supplies.

Barbara Larson who organized the donation of a Pulse Oximeter.

Rosalinda Martelino of Group Health Pharmacy who collected drugs for us.

Dennis McMahon and Steve Rupp of Virginia Mason who loaned anesthesia vaporizers and donated an Hematocrit machine

Jean Robinson who loaned her Pulse Oximeter and who is responsible for organizing and coordinating the donation of medical supplies.

Jim Scott of Seattle Surgical Repair who was extremely generous with our buying of a Defibrillator and Suction Machine.

Sandy Winter of Protocol Systems who loaned us three Propac Monitors.

Thank you everyone for your support. We who get to go on these missions are truly blessed by the many people back home who make it possible.

Sincerely,

Barbara Van Nimwegen

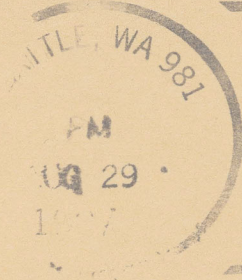
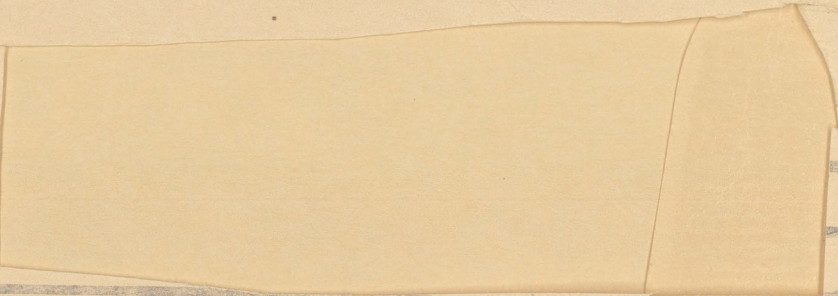
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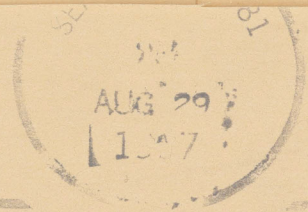
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Re Medical Missions
to 3rd World Countries that
daughter Barbara (Byers) and
her husband Dr. Donald
Van Nimwegen take part in

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Jan. 6/69

Dear Aunt Lily,

I thank you so very much for the cheque of \$25. you sent me for Christmas. I have already bought some things that I really wanted with some of the cheque and I am still looking for something typically Swiss.

I imagine you must be well up to date with my news which Dad sent you so I shall tell you what I did over the holidays. They started December 20 and the night before there was a special dinner for all the girls returning home for the holidays. Everyone left early the next morning and approximately 20 of us were left. We skied nearly every day and it was great having so few staying here so we had some ski classes. The conditions were good.

The girls in my chalet got a small Christmas tree and we decorated it with homemade decorations. We

Jane
Anne's
daughter

had it in our hall and put all our presents under it. On Christmas morning, I was awakened at 7:30 and we all sat around the tree on the floor and opened our presents. We had a Christmas record playing, also. After we had tidied our mess we ate bread, cheese and spaghetti and then had to go to the dining-room and try to eat a special dinner they gave us! To say the least, none of us ate very much! In the evening, Monsieur invited us to his apartment and we watched a circus show from London on television. Later he showed us some photographs of his wedding and others. It was a very enjoyable evening. On New Year's eve, we went to a place called the "Hi-Fi." We danced which was great fun not having danced with boys for three months! On January 2, we went to see some ski-jumping

which was exciting having only seen it before on television. The holidays ended on Jan. 6 when all the girls returned and classes started once again on Jan. 7. It was quite a let down getting back into the routine, for example, getting up at 7:30 instead of eleven as we did throughout the two weeks! The holidays weren't as much fun as at home but now I know how the Swiss celebrate Christmas, that being relatively quietly. Mum sent me a Christmas stocking and I had great fun opening that. I received many very nice gifts from the girls here and some from people at home as well. Monsieur et Madame Yersin gave everybody staying here for Christmas a photo album, something that I need very badly.

Mum and Dad are planning to come over here to spend my ^{20th} birthday with me in April so I am

looking forward to that. We might possibly be going to Paris.

I can't believe that I have been here three months already. The time seems to have flown by and I have less than three months now until I see Mum & Dad!

It really is a great school but, of course, we do have our ups and downs. We have some great girls here and we have lots of good times together. I am very fortunate with the girls because if it weren't for them I would probably be having a terrible time right now.

I think this letter brings my news up to date. I hope you had a very merry Christmas and I shall send my best wishes for the new year to you. Thank you again so much for the cheque you sent me.

lots of love

Janie

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Saturday September 2, 1989

Dear Mum and Dad,

I have been meaning to write you both to thank you for making it possible for my Family and I to attend the long weekend in Comeau recently. We all have landmarks in our lives and as the years pass we accumulate more and more of them. Hopefully, most are of a positive nature. The Family reunion in Comeau was a positive one for us and I don't think that I will ever forget it.

COMO, P.R.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote, not long ago, to the Duclos because it says what I wish to say. It starts with "Dear Aunt Mary and Uncle Duncan" but I ask you to substitute with "Dear Mum and Dad" for the letter is meant for you too. You're both great "Initiators" and have contributed in so many ways over the years to building family relationships. I think of Gananoque, of the many car trips we took a long time ago and I could go on for a long time and list many other events and things but that will have to await another letter maybe some day in the future.

Look after yourselves and thankyou for all you have done for us.

Love,

Gordie

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Summer 1989

Dear Aunt Mary & Uncle Duncan,

copy
P.Q.
We wish to thank you both very much for the wonderful weekend we all had in Comeau recently. We're still trying to imagine all the work and details you had to look after and I think you can both be very proud that everything came off so well.

The children loved your property with its freedom to run around as they felt like with little supervision. The golf course, soccer balls, baseballs and tree swing were all "great hits" with them. We all enjoyed the very informal and relaxed atmosphere throughout the weekend and when Kevin and Allan asked Carmen and I what we liked the best we had to say that we liked everything "the best."

I think it was a wonderful idea to have a family reunion. We tend to get so busy just getting through life that we often don't spend as much time with the family as we should. Building relationships to me means sharing life together and your bonfire, bar-b-q, meals and relaxation periods all helped to push us all a little further along the road to more meaningful family relationships. I could mention the information packages we received on arrival, the pencils, the family photographs, t-shirts and numerous other touches you came up with, but when everything was said and done it was the love you and your Family put into the weekend that impressed me the most. You all seemed to have really enjoyed putting this event together (although I'm sure there were times you wanted to pull your hair out) and I admire you all for taking the "bull by the horns" and doing it. Too often we say to each other, "Oh, we should do this or we should do that," but as you well know it never happens. It takes "initiators" and the Duclos Family sure set the example.

I wish to thank all the participants for the interest they showed in coming, for what's a family reunion without family. Without exception, everyone was sincerely interested in exploring and discovering the breadth and depth of this great Family. Everyone was himself/herself and no one was there to collect "social points" or to improve their "social standing." Everyone was natural, loving and caring.

We're all very fortunate in having this great Family and the freedom to enjoy it. We could well have been born as Blacks in the eighteenth century State of Georgia or as Jews in Nazi Germany or into any number of other terrible situations, and so giving thanks to God at Sunday worship and in our daily prayers is the least that we can do in appreciation for the many gifts that have been bestowed upon our Family. I thought it was great that

we could all go to Church together Sunday morning and later on in the day enjoy our Family dinner in a Church setting.

I drove past Comeau last week on my way to Montreal and on the way by I felt that "special feeling" we all had when we were together. When looking into myself, I know that in twenty, thirty or forty years, each time any one of us comes near Comeau, he will experience that "feeling" again. It's what God wants not only for our Family but for all families.

Thankyou for everything.

Love,

Gordie,
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Kevin
Allan.

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Letter in letter
Gordon Byers wrote to
Mary & Duncan after
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July 16, 1970.

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Dear Tom - A few jumbled thoughts and no time to set them out and rewrite in more orderly fashion -

What you do does not only involve yourself.

It involves you
your family
and society generally.

You have a responsibility to all these things.

What you do, not only matters to-day but tomorrow and all the tomorrows of your life.

~~Will you have no sense of responsibility?~~
~~Will you share the same sense of responsibility?~~

Will you be prepared to answer to your family, your parents and later on to your children for your actions? What moral standards will you teach them?

You are our own flesh and blood and you will be to your dying day. We brought you into the world we have loved and tried to guide you. Your first and foremost moral obligation is to us and to your family. Surely you know us well enough to have confidence in us. Surely the times we've lived have given us a little experience and wisdom that we can pass on to you. We don't have all

the answers, but we can guide you away from some of the pitfalls. We don't care if you follow our pattern letter by letter, every line of every day - we are not trying to thwart or strangle your ambitions - go ahead and do what you want - what you like, but with some modification ~~however~~, I urge you with every thing in my body not to close doors that you may want and even need desperately to go through later on -

I know you've thought things out for months and the time seems an eternity - It always does when your minds in a turmoil. You have become so absorbed with these thoughts and problems and uncertainties that things have become a little out of proportion -

If you remember all Barbara's problem (though slightly different they were basically the same) - three times she thought she had everything all figured out and the secret formula in front of her;

When she was engaged to Eli she thought it was the only thing on earth she wanted and within the year she found out herself it was completely wrong. The same thing happened with one or two other beaux, (~~then~~ ~~agains~~ ~~with~~ ~~me~~) and then with Patrick - we never felt from the start it was right, but we went along with it as the months went by and she began to waver we tried to stand by and guide her - Her decision was completely her own - Her life was a real mess at this point and she nearly collapsed over it - She was really scared of her future and was desperate to fall in love again - she kept saying "I was so sure - how will I ever be sure again," She now can admit she was wrong, but all these mistakes helped her mature to the truly wonderful girl she is to-day -

A: don't say you're wrong nor do I say you're right - I only say what I've said to Barbara a dozen times - Keep an open mind, get out, mingle, if need be - get away so you can re-evaluate the situation - Mark Time - If you can't find an answer - Be patient it will come, if you try all modes

formula & really think you can have
your cake and eat it -

I, after a year it has not
worked then think of something else -
Surely it is not too much for a
parent to ask you to take one year
out of your life just to mark time -
especially when we feel so very very
strongly that it is for your own
well being -

I've felt so at sea ^{myself} so many
many times in my life - yes I've
ever felt sometimes as though I couldn't
go on, or that it was all no use - I've
been frustrated - I've been afraid but every
time it's been either one member of my
wonderful family or another or ^{your} wonderful,
truly wonderful father whose got me
through - you see I know the depths
too, ~~but~~ someone once said you've never
really lived until you've experienced
not only the heights but the depths too -

We love you very much -
Try to believe some of the things
we are trying to put across to
you - Always
them.

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Tennyer -

July 16, 1970

from Les Mahes
A.V.B.

I've written this mainly to point out how much my family has meant to me - I'll let them, yours can be every bit as important to you ~~in~~ the years ahead but only if you leave the doors open. With all my love

Jennifer

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June 1970

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Shall I tell you what things in my life bring me the greatest pleasure? Will you believe me if I tell you that the following are the things that make me the happiest?

The greatest happiness of all is my shared happiness with Daddy. His love, understanding and his tender thoughtful ^{incomparable} ways - his consideration and his gentleness towards me - the little things he does - I could go on forever, but this is it in a nutshell.

My next greatest happiness comes from my children - the love we share - the fun we have together and the many unspoken pleasures that come each day - the satisfaction that comes from their accomplishments and the pride I feel when someone compliments me about my four children - Just so many joys I cannot begin to name - perhaps the greatest of all is the feeling ~~that~~ of love to friendships I feel they have for me - Each one I love for different reasons and I am very proud that we are a united happy family - My greatest hope is that we will ^{always} be as closely knit as my own

parents and family as. This was the ^{pattern} image I tried to copy - I hope one will be ^{part of} the image ^{that you} may strive for in bringing up ~~that~~ ^{your} own family.

No 3 - on my list of pleasures is the intense happiness I feel through every contact with my mother - I feel her love and the warmth of her personality constantly - even now that my father has gone I feel his love and I am happy that our relationship was always strong and happy - many of the things they taught me have served as my guide lines in bringing up my family. My parents give me strength they have stuck by me in everything I've ever done - I am proud of the example they set and of the wonderful set of values they lived by ~~and~~

Next I count among my greatest joys every contact with my sisters and brother and their families. They are my allies, my warmest and dearest friends - they have stood by me through every joy and all the shadows too - I could not have faced some of my problems without them - I know they will always be there - I know they love me and they know I'll return their love

to the end of my days -

Perhaps my next pleasure I would name is my love of nature and all God's beauties around me - Daddy & I share all these wonderful things together - To sit on the rocks at Gas. and listen to the sound of the wind and the waves and to watch the sun go down, made even more wonderful because I can share it all with Daddy & my family.

Next I'd say I enjoy my friends visiting me at Gas where I can enjoy them ^{in a leisurely manner} ~~properly~~ and in small numbers away from the confusion of city life -

Maybe next I'd say I love my home and the pride I feel when someone comes to our home and enjoys our friendships & hospitality -

Does it strike you as strange that everything I've mentioned so far cannot be bought with money and yet I are on my list of things I like best in life? I would be willing to bet they're on Daddy's list too -

Material things in my life are not as important as the other things I've mentioned but material things are necessary too ^{see p. 1.} ~~to~~ in last paragraph.



Jennifer

January 8, 1993.

Dearest Mum,

The cover of this card is the repose I have been striking most of this week!! This is just a little note to say thank you so very much for your lovely birthday and Christmas gifts - I do think of my Mum when I wake up to my pretty curtains.

I really wanted to tell you that this Christmas was the happiest I have ever had. Today I have everything I have dreamed of (and thought I would never get hold of) - I have such a wonderful husband and my beautiful boys and I am so happy in our new home here. What made it all ever more special was having you & Dad here to share it with us & being able to host a reunion with the rest of the family made me truly feel that all is right with the world. I do cherish my relationship

May your Christmas
be full of warmth and happiness





GORDON FRASER GF.

This greetings card has been made from the wood pulp of managed Scandinavian forests. For every tree cut down at least one more is replanted, thus replenishing the Earth's atmosphere.

with you - it's one we've both worked hard at & sticking to when the chips were down. I'm so very grateful for all the good things I have in my life today & you're certainly one of them. Lots of love & hugs, Jen xxx

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Gananogue -

July 5th 1970 -

Dear Terri,

I thought for one moment that what you are planning to do would bring you happiness and fulfillment and be an answer to your problems then perhaps I could persuade myself to be less fearful -

My intuitions tell me you are heading for immediate, temporary happiness, but ultimate desolation and disaster - The milieu in which you find yourself seems to be helping you, at the moment, because ~~they~~^{it} ~~are~~^{is} so different and seems what you want. I do not believe, however, nor will I ever be convinced, that you want this life forever, and that you are prepared to leave your family for it - you just want to prove that you are different and can stand alone -

Barbara did the same thing in a different way - She went through a period of 6 years when she nearly drove us nuts trying to prove her independence - She thought she was in love with Patrick so desperately that she could leave Canada to live in France. When the chips were down she realized she was very wrong and that she wanted more of life than Patrick & his immature ways - Her association with him, nevertheless, helped her immeasurably in many ways and helped her to know

what she didn't want. She had been so very sure she was in love with Eli then Patrick that she was afraid to fall in love again - "How will I ever be certain again?" She said to me one day - look at her now - Her mistakes helped build the sound foundation where she is to-day. You see one can ^{be} fooled - one can be wrong and one can be blind especially when they are looking desperately for something they cannot find. Fortunately Barbara realized in time she was wrong and wasn't afraid to admit it.

I cannot believe that you want to toss out so lightly and so completely all the ideals and all the principals that we have tried all your life to instill in you - principals that both my family and Daddy's family and that even Barbara, Don + Isaac, your own generation, believe in -

You are not being true to God, to your family or even yourself. You have not been faithful to Don, who you profess to love nor he to you. How then can you hope to build a healthy marriage and raise children where faithfulness and honor do not exist.

If I or loved you enough surely
he'd be proud of it and tell us of his
love - Instead he is not even man enough
to call you you at our house - we have
never given him any reason to hide around
corners ~~and~~ be deceitful - we have never
been inhospitable or unkind or even told
him not to take you out - If he feels
we reject him ~~do you not think it~~
possible ^{his} code of honour will not stand
up to ^{ours} - This will make you
jealous, I know but I must not leave
love card unreturned - I must do my
best to help you see from every angle -

Daddy & I have tried to live good
Christian lives; we have been honest
with each ^{other} and faithful to our families -
the last thing that Daddy & I
would ever do would be to walk
out on our families or on our
children - "From what you say in your
letter you might just as well have
told us "everything you gave me
everything you did for me, your love,
your ~~dearest~~ care, etc principles you
taught me are all rubbish - throw them
on the garbage heap. The only thing
I need is my body and you abuse
it if I like;"

God gave you a beautiful body, a good brain, perfect eyes, ears, strong arms and legs. He gave you parents who love you, grandparents, cousins and aunts, a brother and sisters. How can you ever contemplate that you owe no obligation to Him or to those who love you and have helped you - you must realize that what you do affects every member of the family. Surely you saw the havoc Janice's escapades caused every member of the family.

If you go through with your plans you will build a wall between you and us so deep that no matter how hard you try or we try it will be impossible to penetrate - you will be on the outside, looking in forever -

Where do you turn if suddenly you find your present friends are not as real and important as you thought. That's to think of the pit of desolation in which you'll find yourself. You see, my darling, I know you need a great deal of love and understanding - your emotional, physical and mental state need continued attention. You love us and need us just as we love you and need you. To cut yourself adrift would be like cutting yourself in two.

As I said before if I felt what you are planning was right or would bring you happiness even if I did not approve I would force myself to accept it and forget my own desolation. As I cannot believe that it will lead anywhere but to unhappiness I am trying to open your eyes and prevent you from taking a step that will ruin your life -

We urge you to keep an open mind and to re-think your plans. We feel basically you know where you're going but that you are a little confused about your future - at the moment -

We suggest you take one year completely away from all present associations to prove to yourself whether or not you can stand alone. You have much to offer - you owe this to yourself -

Sincerely

Mum -

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Tennier -

July 5, 1970

Letter from the mother -

Chère Mme Byers,

J'aimerais vous dire que votre fils et moi sommes avec vous en pensée, durant ces jours difficiles pour vous. Nous partageons votre peine et nous la comprenons. Mais nous savons aussi que c'est une grande consolation pour vous de savoir qu'elle ne souffre plus maintenant et qu'elle a eu une vie tellement riche et remplie de joie et d'amour.

Nous vous disons merci aussi pour tout ce que vous avez fait durant ces jours. C'était réellement réconfortant de sentir autour de nous tant de chaleur et d'amour.

Je dois vous dire aussi que je vous admire beaucoup. Malgré votre tristesse il se dégageait de vous tant de bonté et de courage!

Vos deux enfants vous embrassent bien fort.

Carmen & Gordon.

1978

On the death of my mother from
my daughter in law Carmen Byers