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## Correspondence (no date)

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Letter

Big Creek Calif. Jan 15

Dear folks,

So glad to hear from you and for the clipping, tho it is a real sorrow for me to know my good friend Hannah Johnson is gone, Mrs. King wrote me too. I was concerned about her when I did not get the usual Christmas letter and had written Lucy to ask if she knew anything about her or Florences either, but hadn't heard from Lucy. Mrs. Johnson and Ella came to see me while I was sick in Sidney and it was such a privilege to see Ella again, hadn't seen her in many years. I did have several nice visits at Mrs. J's home while I was there, also lost another close friend, 87 years old, in Ellensburg just at Christmas time. I lived in her house last winter and we had been close friends since we were in Ellensburg. We are having our long looked for rain. Today and all last night rained hard, still "drizzly" and heavy clouds, which may mean rain for several days. Everyone happy about it too. Haven't heard if it went as far south as San Diego! Expect it may end in snow here, had a little back 5 wks. or so ago but it soon disappeared. Was glad to hear Betty and baby returned to England safely, am sure it was a big responsibility for her to go alone, and believe it will make her more content with her new life in our country when she's had this time "at home." She's a grand girl and am sure will make her adjustment when she's back, it is going to mean much to Laverne to be separated from them. I know and I wouldn't be surprised she'd be back before the 6 mo. Over. We had a good letter from Grace and a nice note from Mary too, all seem to see how much Grace has improved, tho in my letter she was troubled about not knowing more about Dorothy. Hadn't heard directly from Dorothy then but probably has since, told me you had card from her, but no writing!

We are busy folks here, with our little Timothy to give zest to every task. He is a darling and has made wonderful progress since we saw him first. He'll be 3 months old the 18<sup>th</sup> and weighs 14 lbs. now, begins to play with things – his rattle or ring – and responds to attention we give him, laughs aloud or in a little squeal. I'll see if I can find a snap to send you.

We get a weekly letter from Joan and George and we have had many pictures of little Lois, she is a month ahead of Timmy, but not much heavier, as is natural, being the girl. I think she is much prettier too, but that does not detract from Timmy either. Dean and Candice plan to go to Idaho or near Spokane area, in the Spring, so we are making the best of having the little baby at this time. Edna and Harold really revel in his daily doings, Joan and George are still taking instruction in the Portuguese language. George learning it from the beginning, Joan taking special training in meeting and acquiring friendly relations with natives here. They will be located for an area in the Spring and have the privilege of choosing locations in which to work. They are assigned for four years work this time. Ivan was in for three years before, George says it well in the first year, worked with another missionary who had been there some years before and possible. George in a school and is apt to talk English when at home I expect. Edna still works in Library – Candice and I wash, iron and do daily routine when Edna's away. I go to Red Cross Sewing Mtgs., am making myself a stole white nylon and wool yarn. Made a

couple baby blankets from scraps of baby flannel and just take it easy when nothing else to do.  
Have a good appetite and bit of back ache now and then so I don't get to gay and so day by day  
we are a normal busy family.

More next time.

Thank you for a letter

From Lotta

Greeting to all