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Dear Bell and Carmen, Clara in your last letter you said, "now that you are going to have a little rest spell". My dear darlings I am up to my eyes. We have five weeks left before we are on our way. I have this large house and yard to get under control. (I will have some help) All our things ready to go home. It is amazing how much stuff we have accumulated in three years. Especially when I want to bring a few memos from places I have been in Europe. Our missionary work goes on just the same, missionaries come and go. I have one sister staying with us and may have two from now until we leave. We are busy getting our trip under control. All the writing back and forth to our three children. Then when I think of all we have to do when we get home I get weak. I have been in bed most of two days with a dizzy spell, but am better and hope to keep well and have everything done by July 12th when our replacements come. We will spend 2 or 3 days with them and then on to our vacation. We have our bus and I am making curtains so that when we leave the car to look around we can close it up so no one can look in and see what is inside. In Italy they steel the gold out of your teeth when you open your mouth to eat. It is terrible.

We did enjoy the Brown's, but so sorry Max didn't feel good all the time they were here. We were so glad when we heard they had arrived home safe and sound. It was just wonderful to have them here for the wedding. Evie was such a big help. I love her to pieces. I love you all to PIECES. The bride and groom are as happy as larks. We had a fun week end with them. Wif had meetings in their area, so we drove to Kaiserslautern Sat afternoon and stayed all night with the newly weds. Sunday we drove to Heidelberg went to meetings then out to dinner. It was fun.

July 16th we pick up Kathie and Bill and drive to Luxembourg to pick up Michael. July 17th early morning we meet the other four at the Hook of Holland. (They have been seeing London) Then nine of us start our family trip together. We hope and pray we will all be safe, well and happy. I get so excited can hardly sleep. I got up this morning at 4:30. Oh me I hope I will be able to sleep better when we get home. Our plane tickets for home are for Sept 1st. Leaving from London. After the kids go home, Wif and I are going to Paris, London and up into Schtland if we aren't to tired of traveling.

I am so sorry that Kathryn is still having such a time. I surely hope things will clear up soon. Clara dear, it is so bad you aren't going to Honolulu with Jean and Al. We hope to go there again sometime. Clara Bell you come to L. A. and Evie and I will take you to find ASH Street OK? I have been looking for a Parssol for you, but I haven't been able to find anything I think you will like. I wish you had ask me last Fall, as that is the best time. Everyone get new ones for Christmas. I will keep looking and hope I can find at least one you might like. I gât me one with the pink shades, it is very lovely.

Carmen dear Hope all is well and happy with you and yours. I am thrilled that Barbara may come to Germany only sorry they weren't here while we were. It would be fun if they were sent to Kaiserslautern where Kathie and Bill are. Give everyone our love and hope to see most of them come Oct. It has been a long time since we got a letter from any of you, so get with it. You only have five more weeks to write to your sweet sister in Germany. After that you will have to address my letters to 2450 Catalina Los Angeles 90027 California U. S. A.

Love to all