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Hello, again!

Hopefully you can get this email today, but if not, oh, well! You'll get it next time.

I don't remember if I told you I got a packet of names for the temple from Leslie. All of the baptisms and confirmations are done, so Dad and I will do the initiatory and then work on the endowments. It's so nice to be able to do family names! I would like to work more on family history, too, to be able to find our own names. The next youth temple trip is on the 2nd of March (Bradford's birthday, also Oma's). I like going to those, and usually hand out towels. Usually there are more than enough sisters, but we'll see how it goes this time. I don't like to go and just sit around, but I like to help out in some way. Several of the youth will be out of town. I know Sadie Olsen (who is moving to TX, by the way, in August) is going on a cruise to Bermuda with her family (that sounds really fun to me!), and Garrett Hawkins is going to UT with his family. We're taking care of their new bunny and other pets, and shoveling their driveway if the need arises. Hopefully it won't arise :).

Your cousin, Ian, has his farewell this coming Sunday, the 20th of February. Then he leaves for the MTC on the 23rd, to learn to be a missionary and to learn Dutch. I told Deborah Carl about him, and she was excited because that is where she served her mission. I just checked Nick Anderson's Facebook page to see if he went directly to Brasil as planned or not (he was set apart on the 7th of February, so I'm assuming he entered the MTC on the 9th) but there is no word on that. I'll have to ask his Mom when I see her in the hallway at church. Missionary work is so wonderful!

I told you in the last email that I had gotten a letter from Karen Ogden. She asked about you, and said she can hardly wait to speak Portuguese with you! She wrote some really nice things, nice inspiring things about what she had been studying. And she included a picture of herself standing in front of a large sign with "LDM" on it, and she is holding a Book of Mormon. She said on the back, "Look, I found the Book of Mormon (o Livro de Mormon) on a wall! Of course I had to take a picture here . :)" This was in Vista Verde, my beloved second area. December 2010 . . . Christmas time here is extremely sunny & I'm no longer super-white as I have always been ! Lots of people think I'm Brazilian . . . it's funny! :)" And she looks quite tanned in the picture. Maybe I could have Dad scan it and send it with his next email. A funny

thing, to me, is that when we send letters, we need to put on a sticker of a Madonna or some other religious icon. Karen put a sticker on the front of the envelope of a frog, and on the back is one from the Disney movie, "Cars"!

I ran into Rachel's mother at the gym this morning, and she asked about you. I told her the information for the blog is on your FB page, and I'll also send her the information. It was really good to see her. Rachel is coming this weekend. I will pick her up tomorrow and she'll stay with us. We'll go to a play of "Cold Comfort Farm" on Saturday night that Bro. Nanto is directing. Heather and Bradford will also be coming with us. And we'll take Rachel back on Sunday night. Oh, and Jen Bisonette is getting baptized on Sunday evening! I told Rachel and she was very excited. She said Jen was often in her class.

Well, that's all I can think of for now. I hope you're doing well. I think about you all the time, and we pray for you daily. Take care, eat well (and to give you the same advice Julia and Sadie and Garrett give me when I drop them off in the morning: "Don't burn down the house, don't shave the cat, and remember who you are!"), and follow the Spirit!

I love you!

Love,
Mom