

DorleLettersK L0006 (English)

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Dear Bärbel! Just a quick, short letter in a hurry before Christmas. I'm writing because I wanted to tell you all to check the radio program here for Dec. 21st, 22nd, or 23rd. That's when our children's gift-giving and celebration from the club and church will be broadcast in Germany. I just don't know exactly which station; it's being recorded by shortwave radio Montreal. At the hospital, we dietitians are making lots of things for the patients in our free time, and partly during work time too. We just made 600 snowmen out of cotton balls, with top hats, scarves, and red buttons. Then we have little Christmas trees made of cardboard, stars, and Santa Clauses.

I'm working on Christmas, which isn't so bad, I'm used to it. It's actually double the work then, because half the staff has the day off. I'll have 5 days off at New Year's, so I'll get to celebrate New Year's properly for a change. On Christmas Eve, after church, where I'll be singing, there will be a cozy Christmas party for single people, organized by the Protestant youth group. That will surely be nice. It's right across from us, in the church basement. Now, say a nice hello to everyone again. They shouldn't be mad at me if I don't write to everyone anymore. Liesl just received a letter, Michi too, I thank her for her Christmas letter. Christel hasn't written to me in half an eternity, and Ursel not for quite a while. No hard feelings. I've already written to Mother, but the pictures aren't ready yet.

Merry Christmas