

DorleLettersK L0004 (English)

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Dear Umpkers, Today, on the second day of Christmas, I'm finally writing as well, and I want to thank you for everything you sent me. The package arrived back on the 14th, and this time it wasn't oily when I opened it. The shoes are wonderful, they'll surely last a few years and they fit like a glove. Thank you so much. And as you can probably imagine, I was especially happy to see your pictures. And often while on the road with those two, I've been working my way through the book "The World of Tears." I'm almost finished, and of course I found it very interesting. It's a bit strange when you've experienced it yourself at the beginning and then read books about it afterwards, and it's what was meant at the start, and the destroyers have all grown cold. Now you've read the book too, you probably wanted something different ??? I think the farmers have also recovered, 1930-37 were bad years. Or the German farmer from the east during the war, who now can be sent things in CARE packages. I have received my first \$50, with which I can do about as much as with 200 Marks in Germany. Tomorrow I'm buying myself a car! Don't worry, that was just a joke, because first I'm saving diligently until I've paid off the trip. Friends of Duggan's are driving to Florida over Christmas to go swimming. With a charter bus, it costs \$59 for the round trip. That should be affordable someday. It's not good to hear that Mr. Zauß is doing so poorly. I wish you for the new year that you find a few good workers. I'm glad that you liked Mr. Betzel. It's a miracle that he took the time for that. Last night we baked Christmas stollen with tons of candied lemon peel, so for me, it was no treat. But otherwise it seems to be a very good cake. Tomorrow we want to bake some more cookies. Santa Claus comes here on the night of the 24th to the 25th, as we told Dickie and Teddy. Now, have a lovely Christmas celebration and enjoy a cozy holiday. Best wishes? Dorle.

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