

April 5, 1967

Dear folks,

Well, I have let the time slip by again without writing again. I really have been busy. The day I wrote the last letter, I was told I was changing branches. The next day I packed and got on a bus and travel south for 19 hrs to a resort town on the coast in southern part of the Mission by the name of Necochan. That is where my branch is now. The town is of about 30,000 and its main industry is tourist. The branch is small around 80 with 70-75 active. My companion is the branch president. His name is William Ward from Hemington, California; just outside L.A. He is 29 and has 8 months left of his mission. He really is a wonderful guy and has a real testimony of the Gospel.

Well I just was getting to know the branch and the town (about around late) and one of the C. C. came down from Mar Del Plata to say that he was going to work with my companion for a week and I was to go to Mar Del Plata to work with his companion. Well that is where I am now. We work here Wed. Thurs & Friday. Tuesday night we took off to visit the branch and see how everything was going. We went to Tandil, Azul & Claveria which are North west of Mar Del Plata. They are about the same size branches as Necochan except Tandil which is larger. Also in the south there is branches at Piedras Blancas and Bahia Blanca. We are on the bus for around 12 hrs in total and stay one night at Claveria and one at Tandil.

The people down here are different than those on the

north. I can't explain the difference but there is one. The people are generally richer here than in the north and because of the tourist trade are more modern. For example. In the north hardly anyone has running hot water in every tap but here it is common and there are more cars here than in the north.

I saw my first mountains while I was traveling with the Z.C. over by Tandil. They remind me of some of those in Nevada. Except the whole land is wetter.

Mar Del Plata is a town of around 125,000 now but a month ago there was suppose to have been over a 1,000,000, but now it is fall and they have all left. Hotels, homes, business all have closed down with the change in weather.

I finally finish the roll of film I had in the camera. And when I get some money I will send it home to be developed. It is a 36 print roll and Kodak. They don't develop movie film down here.

The missionary work is coming a long fine. They were suppose to have baptize a man in Rio de Janeiro this week and there were baptism in two or three of the other branches in the south.

I sometimes wonder if I am doing something wrong or if I just haven't had the opportunity with baptisms yet. Because one of the clerics that came down with me has had six all ready and that means 12 before him and his companion.

I guess it is not for me to say but for the Lord to decide who is ready and who is not.

I haven't received any mail in quite a while because of the move and now me being up here and my mail in Necoschea so how is everybody? I hope that the kids are coming along and improving in school. I finally received a letter from Glenn & Terry but they are really busy I guess.

We heard part of Conference tonight in Spanish but the power went off before it was over so we didn't hear much. I guess we will have to wait till July or August when we will receive our fine Crisis to find out everything about Conference.

I am running out of things to say now so I will close for now, but maybe I can think of something else tomorrow before I mail it.

- April 6. Well I can't think of anything else to say so I will close really now.

Remember I love you all so very much and my prayers are always for your safety and health.

Love always

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