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Dear Folks

I got Mother's wonderful letter during the week. It is sure good to hear what is going on at home and that everything is going so well. I would like to hear more of what goes on in the ward. I guess I have change my view of things because before I wasn't interested.

It was a interesting wonderful full week the past week. The members are really beginning to want to have group meetings or better "home meetings" and this branch is ready to explode with joy.

We had as I think I told you our first home meeting a week ago and at least two of those that attended are going to be baptised next Saturday. we baptised two more of the wonderful Romano family yesterday and the other are progressing rapidly.

And then today was the rearing of the crop. President Strong came to visit again but this time ~~only~~ with President Tuttle. What a wonderful man of God. He has been visiting the branches in the Southern part of the Mission the past couple of days and spoke here this morning. We had an article yesterday, today, and also for tomorrow a personal interview with someone from the local paper. All with photos.

There were fifteen investigators there and 3 I have never seen before.

President Strong & President Tuttle both talk on the same things, repentance, doing your best, home meetings, missions for construction.

I have heard President Tuttle three times since I have been down here and every time he has just hit to the bottom.

of the problem. He said this is the best branch he has visited this trip which really makes me proud but all the more humble because of the responsibility that we have have as missionaries to work with this potential.

After the meeting we went and ate with them and both him and Pres. Strong are so friendly, Takatua and etc whom they are relaxing but so powerful when speaking for their calling. It makes me so much more sure of the responsibility that I have to prepare myself to meet the Challenge here and wherever I am sent.

The Mission as a whole as really been suffering lately for baptisms even though the missionaries and every body have ~~been~~ been working so hard, but lately

here and I know in the whole
mission, things are ready to
explode. There is just something
in the air; the spirit the members
are receiving; the spirit in the
meetings. All add up to a
explosion that will blast
the Mission wide open and
up in baptisms etc.

Today I have my first
chance to translate in a meeting.
Ric. Thorp's younger son (19) came
with him and was ask to speak.
I have never been so scared in
all my life. I felt like I was
going to freeze up but I don't
why or how but I did it and
I guess it was the Spirit of God
and not me because everyone
told me that I had never spoken
better Spanish.

I hope that you can
read this letter; I am writing
pretty fast.

Tomorrow we are going to
San Diego again for a

Monthly missionary meeting
which is being started here in
the South. Which is really good.
One of the trouble down here is
that sometimes we as missionaries
feel all alone.

Give my love to everybody
and tell them that the
missionary here, there, everywhere
in the world is ready to people
but we as members have to do
the work.

Well I will close for
now.

Love always
Larry