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Dear folks

I received Mother's letter of the 29th of June during the ^{week} and it really sounded like she had a full schedule but still had time to see part of the Fair.

Also about the Fair, we finally received the Church News with the announcement and all about the Fair also the one with Mother's picture in it. The one with all the Sisters pictures at Cherry Chase.

Things here are really, really bad. I have been in bed sick with congested tube to my ears, inflamed throat with pus and every thing. I felt it coming but couldn't do any thing to stop it so I ended up in bed. I had to spend about 6-7 for medicine, antibiotics, Dristan, shots, etc.

I feel much better now but I don't know. I still feel pretty weak. I guess I better take better care of myself.

yesterday, since we couldn't go to Church, all the members missed us and about 15 or 16 came and visited us in the afternoon.

How are things coming there at home? Are all the kids well, and active. I bet it really is nice there in the hot sun.

Here it is cold, humid but no snow I think if I saw snow I would feel warm. I guess it is that I just never have been completely warm in so long I can't remember how it feels.

My study of the scripture goes up and down I don't know why but I read and even though the scripture are so very wonderful, I guess my heart not in it at that moment and they don't mean anything to me. Then other times I come across one that really, it's in to my toes and then I read and search with a determination that I have never known I had.

With the help of the Lord these last six months I have really found and am finding more out every

day of what I really am. How weak
and made up of emotions, worries
and fears.

When I know that I am doing
the Lord's work and have something to show
for my efforts, everything goes along smoothly.
But when I am working hard but not with
organization and assurance that it is the
right thing to be doing I feel insecure,
mixed up; I don't feel like I am ac-
complishing anything; I worry about every-
thing. - people, branch, money, things, concerns,
just everything. Things that I know I shouldn't
even be bothered with.

I know the Lord really is making
his work here on the earth. All the Elders
here that are in leadership positions and
such all have problems and all are
different, but they are doing the jobs that they
have been assigned.

There is another thing that is
making me think. We have been
told that Argentina is moving up, that
now is the time. Well the Lord must
know this to because the number of

of missionaries is increasing rapidly
and before the end of the year there will
be 180 missionaries in this mission. When
I came there was about 135-140. And
right now there are only 15 missionaries
above me or with more seniority that are
now senior companions. Also Elder Healt
who is 2nd counselor in the mission told us
that more and more companions are going
to be made seniors at 7 & 8 months and
then to me he said. He didn't want to
say when but I should be thinking
about it.

I really don't know if I am
ready or not as a senior but I
know I have the ability so I better
prepare even more because I am
here to save the world.

Tell the kids to study hard
even during the summer. There is
so much truth in this world to hear
and we as humans have so little
time to search and find this
truth.

May the Lord bless you all
write soon.
Love always
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